

FROM: 210130 JAN 45
 TO: 211450 JAN 45

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TIME	SER.	Action
IN	OUT NO.	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS, ETC. Taken
	0150	S-3 TO G-3 ~ 3RD BN. PATROL PATROLLED TO (817908) AND MET SMALL ARMS FIRE AT THAT POINT AND WITHDREW. RET'D AT 0115
	0915	3d BN line out
1000		One Div line in
1000	①	Overlay disp tps 30TH Div and 7TH Armored.
1000	②	Overlay 75TH Div disp tps
1050		G-3 notified S-3 that 3 tanks and 100 inf are counterattacking 170TH pos on our left flank.
7100		G-3 to S-3 counterattack turned out to be en trying to get out of 170TH pocket.
1145		Col Johnson to Col Stephens. Our 118TH 118TH FA. has walked the shell reps and fire weapon shooting into Recht plots in obj "U"
1150		Col Johnson instructs 105 Engr LNO to have Engrs sweep road from Recht thru obj "P" up to Regt'l boundary.
1310		Col Johnson out to 3d BN O.P. G-3 notified S-3 that our "C" Co contacted "K" Co of 119TH on our right flank.
1450		1 and R plat in process of setting up OP. This AM ran into 6-man en patrol. Took one PW, and killed three.
1450		2d BN Lt to S-2 2d BN patrol met no en on patrol up road from Recht thru obj "P" to Regt'l boundary. Also located en ammo dump at (813-900) and en digging in

FROM: 21/1455 JAN 45

TO: 21/2400 JAN 45

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IN	OUT NO.	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS, ETC. Taken
1455		Gen Hobbs in CP
	1505	Gen Hobbs out.
1645		Col Johnson in CP.
1650		Gr-3 notified Col Johnson that 117th 2nd BN ^{2nd BN} will have as their obj's "W" and "V"
1700		2d BN line in.
	1715	Col Johnson to 1st BN 6 your BN's obj will be "W" tomorrow.
	1725	Col Johnson to 1st BN 5 your BN's obj will be "V" tomorrow.
	1735	Col Johnson to 2d BN 6, 1st BN will follow 2d BN into "U"
	1800	Col Johnson out to 2d BN 1st BN
1830	(3)	Overlay disp AT guns 117th
1930		Service Co line in
2110		Col Johnson back in CP
2330	(4)	DIV. LETTER OF INSTRUCTION #12 AND ACCOMPANYING OVERLAY.
2330	(5)	117th INF. LETTER OF INSTRUCTION #3 & ACCOMPANYING OVERLAY
2345		COL. JOHNSON TO 2d BN. 2 - GIVES INSTRUCTIONS ON COMBAT PATROLS AND TELLS 2d BN 2 TO BE SURE COMBAT PATROL OF PLATOON STRENGTH CLEANS OUT EN, IN AREA ON 1ST BN'S LEFT FLANK.
2350	(6)	OVERLAY - 3d BN. TARGET AREAS FOR 81 MM MORTAR BATT.
2350	(7)	ROUTES CLEARED BY 105th ENGR. BN.
2400	(8)	119th INF. LETTER OF INSTRUCTION #4.

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 FROM: 0820 U 7 1945
 TO: 22140 UAN 1945

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TIME	SER.	Action
IN	OUT NO.	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS, ETC. Taken
	0820	Col JOHNSON OUT TO O.P.
0835	RAD	2d BN 3 to S-3 2d BN jumped off at 0830
0840	0840	S-3 notified G-3 of above.
0840		Gen Hobbs in CP
0845		Gen Hobbs out.
0850		CLOSED OLD CP IN PONT
0855		2d BN 3 to S-3 7 Cos of 2d BN are now in obj "V"
0910		OPENED NEW CP IN RECHT, BELGIUM (798-946)
0920		3d BN 3 to S-3 ear 3d BN patrolled to obj "W" and reported no en between 3d BN pos and obj "W"
0930	①	30TH DIV AT def pos overlay
1000		G-3 to S-3 we will probably jump off for obj "W" at 1500. 120TH will jump for "W" at same time.
1005	RADIO	S-3 notified Col Johnson of above.
1010	RAD	S-3 notified 1st BN 3 of above.
1015		Gen Hobbs in CP.
1020	②	Overlay proposed fire plan for obj "W"
1030	RADIO	Gen Hobbs was told when he inquired of Col Johnson that 1st BN could jump off for "W" at 1400
1032		Gen Hobbs out.
1040		2d BN to S-3 one en SP gun was knocked out with a bazooka in "V" and now consolidating pos.
1130		G-3 asks S-3 for situation report. S-3 tells G-3 that 2d BN is consolidating in obj "V"
1140		2d BN 3 to S-3 2d BN has completed

FROM: 221195 JAN 45
TO: 221500 JAN 45

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IN	OUT	C.	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS, ETC. Taken
			cleaning out of obj "V" (town of Rodt) and are consolidating.
	1145		S-3 notified G-3 of above info.
1200			GEN HOBBS IN CP SAID CALL DIV HQ AND TELL THEM I AM ON THE WAY BACK.
	1205		GEN HOBBS OUT
1325			1st BN to S-3 on inf. and SP gun at (8V3 900) and request plenty of arty.
	1330		S-3 to Col Johnson arty is firing but a greater quantity can't be placed unless our troops ^{3d BN units} are pulled back
1350			2d BN line in
1355			Col Purdue to S-3 120TH will not be able to jump at 1400 due to mix up with their tracks. 120TH patrol into "U" found no en in "U"
	1400		S-3 notified Col Johnson of above
1410			Col Johnson to S-3. 1st BN jumped off for obj "W" at 1400
	1410		Div lines out
1430			Col Johnson to S-3 1st BN on PL "Dime" moving S with no opposition
1435			Div line in
	1440		S-3 informs G-3 of 1st BN's pos moving S beyond PL "Dime"
1450		RADIO	Col Johnson to S-3 call Div and tell them that P. 47 are flying over our pos and to check them from hitting our pos
	1455		S-3 notified G-3 of above.
1500		(3)	Overlay pos of 30TH and 7 Armored.
	1500		Col Johnson to S-3 1st BN is now below PL "Quarter"

FROM: VV1505 JAN 45
TO: 221713 JAN 45

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TIME	SER.	Action
IN	OUT NO.	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS, ETC. Taken
	1505	S-3 notified G-3 of above info about 1st BN being on N edge of obj "W"
	1515	S-3 to Col Johnson P-47's have an air strike near St. Vith and if any planes come near our pos to notify Div immediately
	1525	RADIO S-3 notifies 3rd BN that 120TH on their left flank jumped off at 1515 and moving on "L"
	1540	RADIO S-3 informed by Capt Nielsen that 1st BN is at PL "six bits" and arty is falling near PL "dollar" and to have arty lifted
	1545	S-3 to 118TH FA Arty at (824-897) is falling and to tell Div arty to check their fires.
	1545	RADIO Col Johnson to S-3 Tell 2d BN Co. to withdraw his patrols from woods leading to obj "W" as soon as 1st BN passes thru
	1550	S-3 relayed above info to 3d BN Co.
	1550	RADIO Col Johnson to S-3 request 118 FA to fire one round of smoke and then adj on an tank at (840-905)
	1555	S-3 notified 118 FA of above.
	1555	1st BN 5 to S-3 1st BN is now on "Jackpot" on obj "W"
	1557	S-3 notified G-3 of above.
	1600	RADIO S-3 to Col Johnson Arty (smoke) is on the way for mission on an tank. "400 short" "Adj fire on the way" "One air burst requested on the way"
	1610	1st BN to S-3 1st BN has made contact with 2d BN on their right.
	1710	G-3 to S-3 117TH will patrol to obj "Steel" and 120TH will patrol to 117TH in "W"

FROM: 22/1700 JAN 75
 TO : 222230 JAN 75

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IN	OUT NO.	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS, ETC. Taken
1720		Col Johnson back in C.P.
1725		S-3 to 1st BN 5 that 1st BN will patrol to obj "Steele" and 120TH will patrol into "W".
1800		S-2 to G-2 "No advance" line for our pos is (823-873) to (898-885)
1810		Col Johnson to G-3 contact point with 7th Armd will be R-1 (899-897) Recd permission to withdraw 3d BN from their present pos. Also one BN will atk tomorrow to Naundorf
1815		Col Johnson to 3d BN 6, start withdrawal of 3d BN back to Recht now.
1820		Col Johnson to 2d BN 6. You will atk with 2d BN to Naundorf tomorrow.
1830	RADIO	Col Johnson to 1st BN 6 2d BN will atk Naundorf tomorrow and 1st BN will send patrols to that point tonight.
1855		S-3 to 1st BN 3 do not send out any patrols to (839-892) until further notice.
1900	(4)	Overlay AT gun pos
2150		S-5 to 1st BN 3 ~ PLANS CHANGED. YOU WILL CONTACT 7TH ARMD ON OUR LEFT BETWEEN 2200 AND 2400 AND EVERY TWO HOURS AFTERWARDS.
2215	(5)	117TH INF. DIV. LETTER OF INSTRUCTION #13 AND ACCOMPANYING OVERLAY.
2215	(6)	3120 BN. REPORTS CLOSING INTO NEW AREA - DIVISION INFO. OVERLAY.
2230	(7)	BOUNDARIES - 30TH DIV, 75TH DIV, 7TH ARMD.
2230	(8)	117TH INF. LETTER OF INSTRUCTION & ACCOMPANYING OVERLAY.

FROM: 230200 JAN 45
 TO: 231050 JAN 45

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TIME	SFR. NO.	Action
IN	OUT	INCIDENTS, MSGS, ORDERS, ETC. Taken
	0200	S-3 TELLS G-3 1ST BN PATROL HAS NOT YET CONTACTED UNIT FROM 7TH ARMD.
0415		G-3 TO S-3 ~ 7TH ARMD REPORT THEY CONTACTED US. THIS INFO NOT CONFIRMED BY OUR PATROL IS NOW RELIEVED PATROL.
0630		G-2 TO S-3 ~ REINFORCED CO OF 7TH ARMD ENTERED ST. VITHT AT 0430 AND FOUND TOWN UNSCPIED.
0700		G-3 INFORMED S-3 THAT 7TH ARMD CONTACTED 110TH INF AND NOT OUR REGT. AT 0400.
0800	0845	BOTH DIV. LINES OUT.
0850		G-3 NOTIFIES S-3 JUMPFEE TIME IS 1000.
0950	①	119TH INF. LETTER OF INSTRUCTION AND ACCOMPANYING OVERLAP.
	0900	COL. JOHNSON OUT TO 2ND. BN.
0920		BOTH DIV. LINES IN.
0930		1ST BN 3 TO S-3 our patrol contacted 7TH Armd at (844-849) about 0830
	0935	S-3 notified G-3 of above.
1025		2d BN 5 TO S-3 2d BN jumped off at 1000 for obj "Abner"
	1030	S-3 notified G-3 of above msg.
	1035	1st BN line out
	1045	1st BN line in
1045	1045	2d BN 3 TO S-3 119TH IS USING SAME ROAD AS OUR BN AND CAUSING SOME MIX UP
	1050	S-3 TO 119TH S-3 ABOVE INFO GIVEN AND S-3 OF 119TH SAYS HE WILL TRY TO CORRECT SITUATION.

FROM: 23 1120
TO : 23 1530

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1120		2d BN 5 to S-3 leading elements (patrol) of BN have reached RR tracks and "F" and "G" Cos have moved out.
1130		S-3 to 2d BN 5 119TH on your right rpt they are on PL "moonbeam".
1130	(2)	Overlay AT gun pos 30TH DIV
1210		2d BN 3 to S-3 our units are now between PL "pappy" and "yokum"
1215		2d BN line out
1240		S-3 to 2d BN 6. 2d BN reached Neurndorf at 1225. S-3 informs 2d BN 6 that there are no friendly troops in St Uith.
1245		S-3 tells G-3 that our 2d BN is moving up on obj "Abner" now and had town of Neurndorf at 1225.
1335	RADIO	Col Johnson to S-3 2d BN getting fire from (8450-8529) get fires on it.
1340		S-3 requested of 118FA fires on above coordinates
1355		S-3 to 2d BN 5 after pos is consolidated set up strong OP at (843-858)
1400	RADIO	S-3 gives above info to Col Johnson
1440	RADIO	S-3 to 2d BN 5. Div wants a roadblock at limiting point ^{in 1057 flank} after BN is consolidated.
1455	RADIO	Col Johnson to S-3 that we are receiving fire from 7TH Armd area.
1500		S-3 notifies G-3 of above and G-3 says he will check into it.
1500	(3)	105 Engrs Road Clearance Rpt No. 72
1530		Two planes strafed near Regt/CP. Identity appeared to be F4U's P-51's or Spitfires

FROM: 231545 JAN 45
 TO : 232300 JAN 45

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	1545	Rapid S-3 notified Col Johnson that 7th Arm'd has passed thru St. Vith.
	1555	S-3 notified 2d BN 5 of above info.
1600		Div No 2 line in.
	1615	118TH FA line checked out
	1715	S-3 notified 2d BN 5 that as soon as St Vith falls 7th Arm'd will contact your BN at RB at limiting point.
	1720	1st BN line out.
1720		1st BN line in
1820		2d BN 5 to S-3 2d BN is in W part of Naurndorf and working on cleaning out E part now.
	1825	S-3 notified 119TH S-3 of above and also that we would send out patrols starting at 2000 to contact them.
1930		Col Johnson back in C.P.
	2000	S-3 to 1st BN 3 withdraw the plat of "C" Co which was on the OP
	2000	Div lines out.
2005		Div line in
2030	(4)	Overlay 30th Div assembly area.
2045	(5)	Overlay disp AT guns 117TH Inf
	2120	S-3 TELLS 2ND BN. 3 TO SEND OUT PATROL AFTER THEY TAKE HILL
2130		2ND BN. REPORTS MAKING CONTACT WITH 119TH INF. AT 2000.
	2300	SOL. JOHNSON TO G-3 ~ ETM. DUG IN ON HILL STILL HOLDING UP 2ND BN. WILL PUT MORE ARTY ON HILL

FROM: 232310 JAN 45
 TO : 232330 JAN 45

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			AGAIN	IT IN
			AND ATTEMPT TO TAKE HILL	REMAINING
2310			COL JOHNSON TO 2ND BN. 3 RD TULL	
			YOUR C.O. TO STAY OFF HILL	
			UNTIL MORNING AND I WILL	
			HAVE HILL RAISED WITH ARTY FIRE	
			ALL NIGHT	
2320			COL JOHNSON GIVES DIV. ARTY FOLLOWING	
			COORDINATES TO ADJUST ARTY	
			CONCENTRATIONS ON HILL TONIGHT:	
			(8374-8648) (8392-8651) (8361-8654)	
			(8390-8668) (8408-8670) (8426-8608)	
			(8378-8633)	
2330			11TH F.A. BN. LN. 9 GIVES ABOVE	
			COORDINATES TO HIS UNIT AND	
			ASICS FOR HARASSING FIRE ON	
			TARGETS DURING NIGHT	
0530			COL JOHNSON TO 2ND BN. 6TH ADVANCES	
			ON HILL. ARTY IS AT YOUR COMMAND.	
			CHECK WITH ARTY BEFORE ADVANCING TO	
			SEE IF THEY HAVE STOPPED FIRING.	
			CONCENTRATIONS	