

25 March 1945.

HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
1900	Set up 1 pyramidal tent for Bn Fwd Cp.	
2000	Lt Col KNAPP & Maj FERRY in CP. Phones installed. Message Center up. Flares over the river. Lt LUNDE in place. Capt STEPHENS to Co "B" CP where loading. Capt HAMILTON fr 7th Army arrived.	
2015	Lt JANECEK & Capt SAVITSKA in CP.	
2017	Lt Col from 165th Engrs in to see Lt Col KNAPP. Going to work roads with R-4 and D-7.	
2020	Lt HOCH in. Co A, 2833 in new bivouac area: Grunstadt 1:25,000 Sh 6414 Q 230039.	
2045	Lt Col SCHILLING from 165th Engrs left after talking to Lt Col KNAPP.	
2047	Maj FERRY called Baker White and talked to Capt STEPHENS in regards to Lt HOCH's report. - (See attached report)	
2050	Lt from 41st FA stopped in to find out how they would be notified when to send Dukws across for crossing.	
2103	Lt Col KNAPP called Caustic and asked for line to 830th Dukw, no line but Caustic White has line to them.	
2105	Lt from 41st FA left. Lt Col KNAPP had call fr Cobra stating time as correct as 2105.	
2108	Maj FERRY called Baker White & talked to Capt STEPHENS Nothing has arrived at assembly area as yet. Sent T/5 Lessard and Lt HOCH to check why the holdup.	
2120	Capt HAMILTON had call from Capt ROBYCEK in regard to picking up cameraman, etc.	
2147	Lt Col KNAPP had call from Lt THOMPSON and is starting to unload.	
2150	Lt JANECEK arrived with distribution.	
2155	Major FERRY had call from Capt STEPHENS in regard to unloading of boats.	
2200	S/Sgt Verna & Cpl Beckrest guided 3 #M and 1 Off down to unloading area to pick an OP site by river. Lt BOND & Lt EVANS from 830th Dukw arrived.	
2204	Lt fr 69th Chem came in.	
2212	Lt left.	
2313	Lt HOCH in.	
2219	Call to Maj FERRY from Group. Wanted transportation for distribution. Cpl O'Neill went.	
2221	Lt LUNDE in. Wants telephone at OP. Lt THOMPSON in.	
2224	Lt HOCH, Lt THOMPSON, Lt LUNDE out.	
2225	Unidentified aircraft overhead.	
2235	Heavy friendly artillery barrage.	
2240	Major FERRY had call from Capt HARDEMAN who wanted to know the situation on boats.	
2245	Lt Col MANNING arrived.	
2247	Maj FERRY had call from Capt STEPHENS reporting that boats were starting to move around end on right flank	
2250	Lt SPARKS of Caustic arrived and tried to get Wagon, but line out.	
2255	Lt Col MANNING called Caustic 6 and talked to Major	

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Lt HOCH'S REPORT:

850 gallons of water

1 water point (loaded on 1-ton trailer)

275 "C" rations

1500 gallons of V-80 mixed gas

1000 gallons of mixed gas (500 gal of 50 HP & 500 gallons of 22 HP)

150 gallons of 1100 Non-Detergent Oil

135 gallons of SAE 30 Oil

The above loaded on 5 trucks and 1 trailer

Oil mixing equipment and personnel on truck with WP trailer.

3 Weasels.

All of equipment and supplies are in the old area at the Bn CP.

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	LOONEY and gave him the situation to date.	
2302	Maj FERRY checked with Caustic White and there is no phone to flank.	
2304	T/5 O'Neill brought distribution from Group.	
2305	Phone call for Lt FOX. No Lt FOX here.	
2310	Lt HOCH brought more gas and oil to Bn CP. Maj FERRY notified Lt THOMPSON.	
2315	Friendly artillery barrage.	
2324	Capt STEPHENS called Maj FERRY. Reported 88mm fire (airbursts) in his sector.	
2327	Maj FERRY called Inf to report boats and 88mm fire.	
2335	Lt JONES Co "B", 2832 in to CP.	
2337	Capt STEPHENS Called. Reported casualties.	
2339	Lt JANECEK returned from Gp CP. Lt JONES out.	
2340	Capt stephens called. Reported casualties. Has sent Dr down to right flank. 10 boats over at last count.	
2342	Sgt Edminsten left to go down to Lt LUNDE'S post to check on boats across.	
2343	Lt JANECEK called Capt FARRELL. Couldn't get him.	
2350	85th Engrs tied in. Call themselves "Wagon".	
2400	S/Sgt Verma reported enemy barrage at 2300 on left flank.	

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0002	Unidentified aircraft overhead.	
0004	Maj FERRY called Casutic 3.	
0006	Maj FERRY calling Concord 3. 4 men were injured on right flank. Shells landing at house on right flank and road. Seems to be airbursts and HE.	
0007	Sgt Edminsten back. 16 boats down at present on left flank.	
0008	Maj FERRY calling Cuastic 3. Cant get 3. Got Caustic 5. Reported casualties. Co "C", 2833 has casulaties from motoar fire.	
0014	Lt JANECEK called Capt FARRELL about Dukws.	
0020	1 casualty reported dead.	
0025	Heavy barrage, in and out.	
0026	Lt Col MANNING called Lt Col KNAPP and gave him the situation on beach.	
0030	Enemy planes overhead.	
0032	Lt THOMPSON came in and said Lt GAVANAUGH of the AA was the casualty that died.	
0035	Lt RIVET from Trans Corps talked to Lt JANECEK about his communications. All storm boats in on left flank, starting assault boats now.	
0042	Capt STEPHENS called Maj FERRY in regard to casualties. Possibly more casualties.	
0048	Maj LEWIS called Maj FERRY in regards to cable for tankers.	
0049	I Inf Off killed. 2 Co "B" 2833 E EM WIA 1 Co "C" 2832 E EM WIA (All in previous 88mm warrage)	
0055	Lt Col MANNING called Lt Col KNAPP about boat situation	
0057	Maj FERRY Called Baker White. Talked to Capt STEPHENS about situation and told him H-Hour remained the same regardless of number of boats across.	
0105	Enemy planes overhead.	
0110	Capt STEPHENS called Maj FERRY, also talked to Lt LUNDE who has just come in. Said that on left flank we now have 24 storm boats and 1 assault boat in.	
0112	Capt GREER called Maj FERRY and gave him the latest details. We have 35 assault and storm boats at right flank.	
0120	Blue Inf called Maj FERRY and wanted to know when 1st boats are to hit water.	
0125	Enemy planes overhead.	
0126	One enemy plane shot down south of here.	
0127	Lt from "Smoke" arrived.	
0128	7 assaults in on left side from Capt STEPHENS	
0130	More enemy planes overhead.	
0145	Maj FERRY called Capt STEPHENS, then called Concord 3. Nine short on left. Probably will make it. No info on right.	
0146	Maj FERRY called Capt HARDEMAN and gave him above info.	

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0150	Capt STEPHENS says 6 to go on left.	
0151 E	Enemy planes overhead.	
0155	Heavy friendly artillery barrage.	
0120	Blue 6 Inf called. Wanted his man.	
0203	3 short on left. 1 short on right.	
0204	Maj FERRY called Caustic 3 and gave the above information. Also called Concord 3.	
0210	Capt HARDEMAN called. Said Sgt Sommers injured. Probably lost both legs. Also nine other casualties.	
0229	Three boats started already on left flank. One boat over and coming. Two more boats on far shore.	
0239	No small arms fire. Machine guns on both sides. 4 more boats across. All but two started. Another boat across. Our machine guns firing.	
0233	Artillery fairly quiet now. Those still firing have raised their fire.	
0234	More friendly machine gun fire.	
0235	Called caustic 5 and gave them story.	
0235	Assault boats are now being launched.	
0237	Lt Col KNAPP called Concord Red and gave them dope that they were going to assembly area.	
0238	Planes overhead.	
0242	Friendly machine gun fire.	
0242	Maj FERRY called Capt STEPHENS trying to get the D-7 to start Dukw ramp.	
0243	Practically all through on right flank.	
0245	Enemy and friendly machine gun fire.	
0247	Radio communication with Group and 85th Engrs.	
0250	Practically all of the Inf across.	
0250	Capt IRWIN reported in.	
0251	Lt ZWIRBLIS reported in.	
0251	Lt EVANS of Dukws reported in. They are now trying to get Dukw entrance ready.	
0250	Lt Col KNAPP said to Capt IRWIN to start heavy ponton raft.	
0305	Maj FERRY called Caustic 3.	
0306	Maj FERRY called left flank.	
0308	Lt Col SCHILLING left to get his Engineering work lined up. Lt from 10th Engrs reported in to get orientated.	
0309	Call for Capt PORTER. No such person here.	
0310	Radio communication with Gp and 85th Engrs back again.	
0315	Very quiet.	
0317	Col MARVIN arrived to inquire about situation.	
0322	Maj FERRY called Concord. Couldn't get.	
0323	Capt HARDEMAN called Col MARVIN here.	
0326	Capt GREER, 30th Inf called. Said light opposition. # POW so far.	
0335	Capt STEPHENS called. Possible one Med Off and crew in boat sunk. Receiving mortar fire on right flank.	

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0342	Lt THOMPSON called from river. We have 8 or 9 POWS	
0345	Capt STEPHENS came in to CP.	
0350	Brig Gen YOUNG called and wanted to know the situation	
0352	Called left flank to get info.	
0400	Enemy planes overhead.	
0401	Lt LUNDE reported in.	
0405	Maj FERRY called Capt GREER to try to eliminate mortar and 88mm fire.	
0416	Lt fr Dukws inquired as to when the Dukw sites will be ready.	
0420	Col MARVIN called Capt HARDEMAN to try and get arty fire eliminated.	
0425	Lt JONES called Maj FERRY.	
0430	Lt THOMPSON called. Nothing new.	
0437	Lt Col SCHILLING left to get D-7 for us to start the Dukw sites.	
0450	Capt COOPER stopped in to see if we need any engine maintenance.	
0500	Capt HARDEMAN called about bull-dozer and Dukw site.	
0509	Maj FERRY called right flank.	
0520	Maj FERRY called Inf to try to stop direct 88mm fire.	
0530	Maj FERRY called Baker CP and made arrangements for boats.	
0550	Col MARVIN called and Lt Col KNAPP talked to him.	
0600	Friendly planes overhead.	
0615	Col MARVIN called in regard to situation.	
0620	165 Engr Plat (mine) across river.	
0621	Capt STEPHENS called Maj FERRY with situation.	
0625	Friendly planes overhead.	
0635	Heavy Ponton Rafting unloading.	
0637	Bukw cable broke.	
0645	Capt IRWIN called and said Hvy Pon Raft cable will be finished by approximately 0745 hrs.	
0655	Lt JONES called. Everything at a standstill because of small arms fire.	
0715	Maj FERRY called Capt PERKINS at Concord 3. "K" Co 30th Inf supposedly pinned down without radio commun.	
0730	Capt STEPHENS called. Claims the situation is not so good.	
0732	Smoke having trouble with variable winds.	
0735	Col MARVIN arrived.	
0800	Called Caustic 3. 1 Inf support raft ready without cable.	
0805	Capt STEPHENS called. Five Engineers got to rafting site, but no operators.	
0810	Both Inf support rafts ready. Treadway bridge under construction.	
0825	Capt IRWIN called and said total casualties at raft site is 2.	
0830	Maj FERRY called Concord to give them information about sniping.	

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0835	Lt Col KNAPP left for beach.	
0840	Capt JOHNSTON of 165th Engrs looking for Lt Col SCHILLING.	
0845	Lt THOMPSON called and said he had most of 15th Inf across river.	
0850	Maj FERRY called Caustic 3 and talked to Capt HARDEMAN We have two Inf support rafts, but no cables, and one heavy ponton raft with cable ready. Leave assault boats along side, pull storms in river harbor. Also contacted Lt THOMPSON on above instructions.	
0840	One DD tank got across river. Second tank tried to go across without the cable and sank about 12' from shore. Not bothering with Dukw cable at present. Dukws doing OK.	
0855	Capt HARDEMAN talked to Lt ROAN of "Smoke"	
0900	Crane of 163rd Engrs knocked out at treadway site. Replaced by crane fr Co "A", 2832. Capt IRWIN replaced the crane with his. Capt HARDEMAN said to send five double assault boats and 8 storm motors and operators to 2832 Engrs. Conveyed message to Lt THOMPSON.	
0910	Lt Col KNAPP returned from tour of the beach.	
0925	Maj FERRY called Caustic 3 for overlay for traffic control.	
0930	Took 15 cans of 22 HP gas.	
1000	First load taken across on Inf boat raft.	
1000	Sending Baker's trucks to haul boats and motors to 2832 Engrs.	
1012	T/5 Pagini and Lt HOCH, Lt RANKIN and Mr Ervin reported in with detail.	
1020	Four 88's - 400 POW's taken. Everything OK with Inf companies. They have taken their objectives.	
1032	Capt PERKINS called. No mines or bridges out on far bank.	
1038	Lt GUNNING reported in. Got another DD tank across.	
1045	Treadway bridge 1/2 across river. Capt IRWIN called and said the heavy ponton was about finished.	
1047	Maj FERRY called Caustic 3 and asked for new heavy ponton equipment.	
1055	Group says that Lt GUNNING is to remain here and maintain cable and continue work.	
1060	Bailey of "Smoke" called. Capt LEWIS told him that 60 crates of smoke pots were going across with generator.	
1101	Maj FERRY called Concord. Couldn't get.	
1102	Got Concord. Called Capt PERKINS. Couldn't get. Left message about new heavy ponton raft coming up.	
1115	Capt LEWIS called Group S-4. Checked with Maj BROWN about gas and oil. Is in Grunstadt. Has 3000 gallons down there. Smoke men get 1000 gallons of it.	

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1 120	Convoy from H&S Co arrived.	
1128	Lt RANKIN in. Maj SMITH in to get information about casualties.	
1135	Tents being set up for H&S Co.	
1142	Maj FERRY calling Capt STEPHENS. Couldn't get him. Got Lt LUNDE. Checked on operations.	
1142	Got 5 more pontoons for raft. Throwing in more shells by treadway (88mm). 3 more Inf companies over.	
1150	Capt STEPHENS in CP.	
1200	22 HP's finished on left.	
1204	Lt Col MANNING called Lt Col KNAPP. KNAPP gave him report on progress of Inf crossing. Treadway people want something to help them shove treadway into place.	
1215	Maj FERRY called Baker White. Left flank. Got Sgt Graham. Dukws loaded with ammo. Someone is stopping them from going across because too heavily loaded.	
1220	Mr Ervin in. Capt STEPHENS told him to check with motor sergeants to get info on destroyed equipment. Also check on motors.	
1227	Lt THOMPSON called Maj FERRY.	
1228	Maj FERRY called Capt IRWIN. THOMPSON has no boats, but was going to get 2 and send them up. Has 5 operating taking last of Inf over now. Mr Ervin to go to 469th with non-operating motors and try to get results.	
1305	Received Ferry Report from Co A, 2832nd.	
1310	Lt Col KNAPP called Col MARVIN about treadway.	
1315	Heavy ponton better than 1/2 completed. will be ready by about 1530 today.	
1345	HPR in operation again. Also cable is in.	
1418	Lt Col MANNING arriver.	
1447	Lt Col KNAPP had call from Lt THOMPSON about remainder of boats and rafts.	
1515	Lt GUNNING called Capt IRWIN. Col KNAPP, Maj FERRY, and others have gone to chow.	
1529	Lt JANECEK calling Caustic. Capt HARDEMAN called Lt ROSENFELD of "Smoke"	
1532	Lt Col MANNING left.	
1545	Heavy Ponton Bridge Complete. Treadway complete except for approach.	
1547	Lt JONES reported in.	
1620	Maj FERRY gave Capt SAVITSKA new communications diagram.	
1630	Raft report in from Co A, 2832 Engrs.	
1720	3 EM fr 1051st Engrs reported in to maintain cables. Sent by Army.	
1740	9 hours and 12 minutes for constructing 1020 feet of Heavy Ponton Bridge, constructed by 85th Engrs and Co "A", 2833 Engr C Bn.	
1800	Mr Ervin reported on motors. Got 10 back from 469th Engrs.	

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1801 1900	1 Inf support raft out. Capt STEPHENS to Baker CP. Lt JANECEK to Hvy Pon Br site.	
1900	Light friendly arty barrage.	
1920	Lt NESBITT called here to Lt CAIRNS. Lt CAIRNS out.	
1930	Maj BARKER fr 838 AA in. Called Fido. Told some Col to go to Gp to see Col KNAPP. The Maj wants a dozer to dig in some radar.	
1937	Treadway bridge working.	
1942	Major BROWN in. Maj BARKER out.	
1945	Lt JONES in. Maj FERRY told him to put in cable in the morning because he would have too much trouble tonight.	
1950	Lt JONES out.	
2000	Caustic line out. Lt ROSENFELD in.	
2006	Lt CAIRNS out.	
2011	Maj FERRY called Baker White. Alerted them for possibility of a loose mine. Said it might float down and hit bridge. They are to shoot at anything that looks like a mine.	
2014	Lt Col KNAPP back from Gp.	
2016	Maj BROWN out.	
2018	Lt ZACHARIA called Maj FERRY to get information on floating mine possibility.	
2020	LT JANECEK in. Unable to get carts because convoy has trucks cut off.	
2045	Reports from Co B came in. Unsuitable.	
2055	S/Sgt Verna reported 32 carts found.	
2100	Capt STEPHENS in.	
2114	Maj BARKER fr AA in. Came to see about bull dozer. There is a dozer at Baker White, but no operator.	
2125	Capt STEPHENS called Capt IRWIN to see if he has operator.	
2140	Capt STEPHENS called Traffic Control. Found Traffic Control and Provost Marshal gone. Wants to know how to get Smoke through MP's to river.	
2200	Capt STEPHENS still trying to find out who is Chief of Traffic Control.	
2206	Capt STEPHENS called Capt HARDEMAN to see if he can get contact with Traffic Control Chief.	
2215	Control Post No. 3 is going to get clearance for Chem truck.	
2230	S/Sgt Verna went out with 69th Chem officer to see about clearance for servicing truck.	
2300	Worked on reports for group.	
2400	Completed bringing reports up to date.	

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0330	Completed digging hole for radar system at 461148.	
0500	Gp S-3 requested one air compressor to fill 5 floats on treadway bridge.	
0630	Lt ZWIRBLIS started filling floats.	
0820	" " reports pontoons filled. Relieved by Lt of 157 E.	
0830	Caustic 3 requests 15 trucks for hauling supplies.	
0835	Dukw reported loose and floating downstream, between 2832 and 2833 sites.	
0836	Water point at 460156 - Map Ref: Ger 1:25,000 Sh 14	
0900	No one has shown up to maintain treadway bridge yet.	
0908	Lt CAIRNS had call.	
0925	Four more engines in running condition.	
1015	Capt GAVURA, Capt CLIFFORD, Lt COUSINEAU stopped in.	
1115	Ferry reports in.	
1130	A major came in looking for smoke officers. Lt ROSENFELD was here.	
1300	Maj FERRY back. Says cable is in on angle. Capt STEPHENS and Lt LUNDE are to go out to check.	
1335	Capt STEPHENS and Lt LUNDE out to cable site.	
1340	85th Engr line is in again.	
1350	Lt HOCH out to check Water Point.	
1357	Father Flanagan in.	
1400	Lt RANKIN and Maj FERRY out to look at new area. Capt SAVITSKA in.	
1437	Ferry reports in.	
1540	Ferry reports in.	
1600	Capt SAVITSKA in.	
1610	Lt Col KNAPP to river.	
1645	Lt Col KNAPP returned from river.	
1730	Medics and personnel section reported in new area.	
1800	Capt LEWIS requested 5 trucks at 0600 to haul fog oil	
1955	Maj BROWN called. All in excess of T/O&E pole trailers will be turned in to dump 213.	

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