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1.	1435	Opened new C.P. LOCATION - 565.109	
2.	1450	CUSTER-3 to CURVE, cupboard, cuff-33 - Send over top of your disposition ON the 1/25,000 MAP. will send your lia officers to get them.	
3.	1530	CURVE-6 to CUSTER-2 Saw some parachutes dropped to over Right flank. There were no men in the parachutes, probably supplies. Am sending out a patrol to investigate.	
4.	1545	CUPBOARD - CUSTER-3 Having trouble w/ civilians moving through lines to Germans (Reply - Don't let them go through if you have to use force.)	
5.	1545	CUSTOM LIA to CUSTER-3: Curve to move, have rd clearance at 1800. from present position to Romagny into Notre Dame to point 629.993. Will have a <sup>one platoon</sup> <del>platoon</del> of medium tanks.	Curve. Barrington
6.	1610	C.P. & area <sup>one platoon</sup> <del>platoon</del> bombed & strafed by flight of En. planes. (8 planes)	
7.	1614	CUFF - Reports we were not hit by planes.	

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8.	1650	Custer 3 to Curve 3 = (Love note) you will relieve Task Force X. They are on the positions in the town. All arty support will come through Crow.	
9.	1652	Copboard to Custer 2 One man injured from car attack.	
10.	1632	Custer-3 to CN CO. via MSB = You are to release H, & 1 ton trucks to Curve for transportation.	
11.	1637	Custer 3 to Curve = Report position in yds, if stopped, from where you cross the hard surfaced rd coming out of Martins quarry to the S.W.	
12.	1653	Custer 3 to cuff - C. Co is over w/ cuff Bn. I want a wire run from the cuff to C. Co.	
13.	1712	Custer 6 - Lift our radio silence.	
14.	1714	Custer 2 to Custer Crow reports an enemy kitchen at 611.169 & a Co. of Inf at 616.106.	
15.	1715	File - overlay of CURVE	

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16.	1715	file - Overlay No 1. Cupboard 06/1520.	
17.	1716	CROW to gives trucks for Curve's move & have them escorted on way back.	
18.	1730	CUSTER 1A to CUSTER 3 Time of move changed to 2000. 4th Cavalry will be on your right flank.	Curve.
19	1735	CUSTER 6 to Cuff - Get as many vehicles out of town as possible & be sure other people have protection (allied) tanks. Last night they had 50 casualties & lost some vehicles.	
20.	1800	file - over lay A-823 Gun Positions.	
21.	1800	CUSTER 6 to I & R = You are to report to Curve & act as advance party for their money. After you have done that you are released. CUSTER 5 to Curve - The Recon will not stay but you may have the I & R.	Curve.
22.	1820	Relief of Decoy completed at 1730	

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23.	1820	file - overlay of C.P. security.	
24.	1832	Major Sines to Custer 3. Wonder if engns could help put out a fire in the town.	
25	1843	Custer 5 to Maj Sines - Only thing Engns have is regular fire extinguishers as you have in your vehs. They could blast	
26	1845	Custer 2 to Curve - We will send one squad of engns in 30 mins. to go with you on your move.	
27	1906	S6-S2- <del>EN</del> <sup>MAJOR</sup> HNFUS - TO SEND A JEEP & STRETCHER TO HELP BURY 7 WOMEN IN OUR AREA.	
28	1910	LT FOENIER (20 BN IN 2) - S3 (LT ANDRIDGE) - OK OF 20 BN POSITIONS IN MORTAIN	
29	1915	CAPTAIN WELCH - S6-S3 - ALL UNITS HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED ON LISTING RADIO SILENCE. RID HAV DIVISION BY WIRE.	
30	1920	CUFF 3-S3 (LT ANDRIDGE) - ① MISSION ARTY FIRED - 41119. OP REPORTS SEVERAL DEAD GERMANS AS RESULT. TARGET HAS BEEN VEH'S & PRCS. ② Two Houses Vic 428076 ABOUT 150 GERMANS THERE AT BAKERY. THIS REPORTED TO CO 411 CAVALRY. ③ FRENCH CIVILIANS TODAY. RE-DELAYED TO CUFF 6 BY CO 412 CAVALRY AT 1920 TODAY - FIRE MISSION TO BE FIRED	

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31 1947 53 (WALDRIDGE) - SC - ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE FOR BURIAL OF WOODMAN (MSG 53) 0500 TOMORROW IF POST WILL BE THERE IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

32 1948 CUFF 6-53: 53 - ADVISE WORD OF 3RD BN MOVING TO BARENTON THROUGH 20 BNS POST REAR

33 1948 I & K Co. left area at 1940 heading for Barenton

34 2000 We are being strafed & bombed by rockets by a flight of German Planes.

35 2015 Cupboard 3 - fired two rockets & strafed, 5 or 6 ME 190's.

36 2016 Runner said they hit one str. tank truck loaded w/ men (Curve) Curve called for ambulances.

37 2020 By radio - Mustangs have not arrived yet (Curve).

38 2030 Our A Co is to contact F Co of Claydon every two hrs. Is made at C. P. of A. Co.

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39	2050	Hill - Lost <sup>Custer 5</sup> of trucks, 20 men injured from stepping tanker with us. Can we get air cover. 5 Dead.	Custom
40	2050	Eyer Lion - Stepping got my comd car. Killed one man.	
41	2055	Custer 5 - Air cover has been requested from Custom. Custer 2 6.16.086 is possible arty position given by a civilian.	now Custom
42	2140	Cof C Co to Custer-3 C Co. has completely closed into new area.	
43	2145	Curve to Custer-3 All cleared Curve area at 2140	
44	2150	file - Custer C.P. 062200 "B" Aug 44	
45	2150	file - Route of March (6 Aug 44) Overlay.	
46	"	file - Custom FO #19. 050500 B Aug 44	
47	"	file - Overlay Custer C.P. 060940 Aug 44	
48	"	file - Overlay Custer C.P. 061230 Aug 44	

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49	2217	Custom 3 to Custer 6 - The Buffet in the town has reported 10 tanks & some reinforcements & they are attacking tonight. Col. McCullum will be Senior Officer, Task Force X to remain is one Co of tanks, one Co of Infantry & one Co of 105 Self Propelled. The enemy is coming from the NW into the town. They are between us & Barentons. (to Cuff - get recon out & TD placed. (to get body reports in on time) (Custo Phone every 30 mins).	
50	2225	file - S-3 Unit Report	
51	2225	file - AT fire plans	
52	2230	Custom 3 to Custer 3 - Tell Col. McCullum that Task Force X has been pushed out of town just to the South. A portion of the 4th Cavalry troops are between us & the trouble.	
53	2230	file - S-3 Unit Report (Capt Anthony)	

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54 2300 Crow lia to Crow - There is a threat to the rd out here. Is there a plan of defensive fire on that rd? Reply = there are 2 Bns that can reach it. One med & 2 light Bns.

55 2315 Cuff - All Quiet

56 2315 Plane w/ magnesium bombs taking pictures around C.P. or lighting up area preparatory to bombing. Customs

57 2325 Custom to Custer 3 - Can you verify whether tanks are coming from or going to the N.W. (Contacted Ottawa & they do not know)

58 2335 Cupboard - Custer 3 - B Co. is receiving mortar fire coming from about 500 yds. Have not made contact w/ F Co yet. 100 yds west of A Co is where Croyden ties in.

59 2345 En Planes are dropping Mag. bombs & taking pictures or lighting up for bombing. G-2  
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60 2352 Custer 3 to Custom 3 - Our Rd block to the SE of Mortain can



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600	cont'd	hear rifle fire & it sounds like it is coming from Cavalry Rd block at Bion. G-3 says Ottawa reported that our advance elements contacted them at 12310 at Barenten	
tot 17			
1. 0000		En planes overhead since 0005. Bombing in rear of Custer.	
2. 0000		Curve - Receiving small arms fire on K Co's flank. Seems to be one man w/a bazooka. Put another platoon at Rd block, from F Co.	G-3
3. 0025		Cupboard - Left flank ties in with Croyden <sup>at 0030</sup> & F Co of Croyden to contact at A Co's C.P. every 2 hrs.	
4. 0100		Cuff-3 to Custer nothing going on except small arms fire to our South.	
5. 0105		Crow observes msg. Curve to wants to place fire on targets takes front. Will decide coordinates & let you know.	

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6	0105	Custer 5 to Custer 3 - Curve made contact w/ 2nd outfit S. of town.	
7	0109	German planes overhead for second time tonight.	
8	0115	Custer 3 to C Co. Make a report by phone every hour.	
9	0125	Cuff reports small arms fire about 1500 yds from then that would be in front of A Co.	
10	0127	Curve 6 to Custer 3. Armor never got into town. Heard tanks moving in town tonight so Curve 6 placed blocks on roads & will clean out town tomorrow in the morning.	G-3
11	0150	CWP-53 (LT ALD RIDGE) - CUFF "CHARLIE" NEGATIVE REPORT	
12	0200	S3 - COP - NEGATIVE REPORT	
13	0205	S3 - SW - CUFF LINE SHORTED OUT.	
14	0209	1st Lt FRANKLIN - S3 - GAVE HIS REPORT OF 3RD BN ACTIVITY. TANK FORCE "X" IS COMPOSED OF 17 TKS, 100 A INE MEN, 1 Co ENGNS, 1 PT/FA, & 1 Co TD'S. LT FRANKLIN IS SENDING A VEH ON PAT BACK ACROSS TO CURVE AT 0330.	
15	0216	CURVE (RADIO) - S3 - EVERYTHING QUIET. THROWING HWY IN + PROCEEDING ACCORDING TO PLAN BROUGHT DOWN BY LN O. - 0214	

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6	0216	TAS-53- NEGATIVE REPORT	
17	0220	CUP-53- Co "B" REPORTS FIRING TO THEIR EXTREME RT FRONT - ABOUT 3000 YDS. OUR PLANES ARE STRAFING THE TOWN	
		53-CUP- ALERT Co "B" FOR COUNTERATTACK IN 20 BN AREA	
18	0220	CUFF6-53 - IN BAD SHAPE - GETTING A COUNTERATTACK = 2 PENETRATION RIGHT THRU THE CENTER OF 20 BN. BY INF ONLY. SOME PLATOONS (4WCO) ARE ENTIRELY CUT OFF & SURROUNDED. 1 PLATOON KNOCKED OUT. WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A Co IN SUPPORT OF THIS COUNTERATTACK.	1st BU JHT, Co "C" "D"
19	0235	S6- 2T SMITH Co "C" - ALERT YOUR Co & BE READY TO MOVE UP & STOP COUNTERATTACK. WILL TAKE 40 MINUTES. Co "C" WILL BE ATTACHED. S6- G3- HAVE CALLED FOR ALL THE ARTY DEFENSIVE FIRES AVAILABLE	SUP6 G3
20	0250	S6- CUFF6- SEND CAPTAIN ANTHONY DOWN TO PICK UP Co. LEFT PLATOON OF Co "B" GOING DOWN TO ATTACK THAT VALLEY. ARE NOW FIRING IN FRONT OF Co "K". AN EN TANK IN FRONT OF Co "E". WE STILL HOLD THE HEIGHTS BY Co "E". 1 OF OUR AT GUNS KNOCKED OUT	G3

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21	0256	56-63- CALLED G3 & GAVE PRESENT SITUATION.	
22	0310	S3- LT SMITH (Co "C") GAVE PICTURE OF EN PENETRATION IN MICHIEUX.	
23	0312	WE CAN HEAR OUR ARTY FIRING AN EN THAT PENETRATED.	
24	0320	S3- COFF 6- WILL HAVE SOME BODY-FR 117TH (2 BN) TO HELP YOU IN CASE YOU NEED THEM.	
25	0326	CAPTAIN ANTHONY & LT SMITH ARE GETTING ORIENTED BY COLLECT RIFLES	
26	0330	CORVE- S3- <sup>(RADIO)</sup> NEGATIVE REPORT- GAVE MSG OF EN PENETRATION. M56 CLEARED	034
27	0330	COFF 6-56- SITUATION SEEMS TO BE WELL IN HAND.	
28	0333	G3- S3- 20 BN-117TH INF (CREW) LESS G"6" ATTACHED TO US. ARE NOW IN VICINITY OF LA DIKANIEU (56-13)	
29	0345	56-63- SITUATION SEEMS TO HAVE CLEARED UP.	
30	0356	COLONEL KRUEGER (20 BN-117TH INF) S6- REPORTED IN, 56 GAVE HIM PRESENT SITUATION, WILL BE OUR RESERVE. ALSO G3 RECEIVED	
		WORD THAT CORPS EXPECTS A COUNTER ATTACK IN THE MORNING	
31	0420	CORVE- S3- NEGATIVE REPORT	
32	0440	COP- S3- ABLE CO REPORTS TKS TO THEIR RT FRONT. APPROXIMATELY 800 YDS.	COP

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33	0445	CUMP-53 - <del>THAT</del> <sup>IS</sup> SO CLOSE YOU CAN HEAR THE JERRIES TALKING ARE GOING AFTER THE TH NOW. TH IS NE OF G "K"	S3-CUP-52
34	0446	AT CURTIS (DIV IN) - S3 - BROUGHT CUSTOM FC & OIL & PASSED	-
35	0500	CUFF RADIO INTERCEPTS (JERRY). TAKE RT RD TO N. TAKE WAGON TO N. TAKE RT WHEN YOU GET TO STREET. MAKE <del>THE</del> <sup>CROSSING</sup> STREET SAFE FOR	CUP-53 G2 116475. 52
36	0500	A MAN CAME IN & STATED HE HEARD SOME ONE SAY THE JERRIES WERE AT THE END OF THIS RD THAT LEADS TO MOUNTAIN. CAN HEAR SOMEONE YELLING FOR HELP (S6)	
37	0530	Colonel (20 DIV 117th) GUIDE FOR Colonel (20 DIV 117th) WAS HT. DON'T KNOW BY WHO.	
38	0535	S6 - Lt Colonel (20 DIV 117th Int) - WITH CALL HIS MOVING HIS TRUCK TO OUR AREA PLAN "H"	
39	0550	HR-S2 - ARE THIS SIDE OF THE FIRST TOWN. THEY HAVE US SURROUNDED.	0545 56-63
40	0555	HR-S2 - THS ARE COMING TOWARD US. 0555	56-53
41	0620	CREW 6-S6 - 1 MG HAS INFILTRATED TO OUR LEFT. S6 LEAVE "G" G TO TAKE CARE OF IT. GO THROUGH WITH PLAN "A" CREW 6: AM STARTING NOW	

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42	0633	CUFF 6-53 - 17 Column of TKS ARE REPORTED COMING TO Co "A"'S (A) FRONT, APPARENTLY ON THE GRADE 4 ROAD	8, MUST GET TO GRADE 4 ROAD
43	0610	HR-52 - CAN'T TALK - SEND HELP.	56-93
44	0640	Co P-52 - 2 TKS IN FRONT OF Co "A" & 2 TKS IN FRONT OF Co "B" IN Co "B" CP	62
45	0640	CURVE 6-56 - JUMPED OFF ON TIME - PROGRESS SLOW - WILL GIVE MORE DETAILS LATER.	52-53
46	0645	Co P-53 - SEVERAL TKS IN <del>FIELD</del> FIELD NEXT TO Co "E". SENDING MEN WITH RIFLE GRENADES - MIGHT NOT BE ABLE TO HANDLE IT.	
47	0650	HR-STEIBERG - WENT DOWN INTO THE TOWN OF MARIIGNY PATTERSON WAS FIRED ON. WE STOPPED & DEPLOYED ALONG THE HEDGE ROWS. WE CAPT'D 2 PW'S. WE COULD HEAR TALKING ALL AROUND US. SOMEONE THREW A HAND GRENADE AMONG US. GARRETT WAS WOUNDED & ONE OTHER MAN. I THEN CRAWLED BACK.	
48	0700	CRACKER-53 - IS IT ALL RIGHT TO FIRE ON P15 (5815-1310) & (5830-1350) S3 SAYS IT'S ALL RIGHT.	
49	0705	CUFF 6-53 - INF (EN) COMING INTO THE TOWN FROM OUR LEFT & REAR. IT IS INCREASING IN THE REAR NOW.	93

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50	0706	CRPW 6-53- ARE STARTING TO MOVE NOW.	53
51	0712	14R (PVT KEITH) REPORTED IN. STATES THAT HE HAD TO LEAVE 3 PW'S. BUT BEFORE HE LEFT HE QUESTIONED A <sup>WOUNDED</sup> JERRY. THE PW STATES THAT THEY WERE NOTORIZED & THAT TH. WE WERE A LOT OF THEM.	52
52	0730	Cubbard-52- B Co is stopping EN. advance - A is <sup>w/drawing</sup> a little	
53	0743	56-55. Have rd block at head of route leading to CP and take Tanks down to Ramigny and take the town	
54	0745	Cubbard-53- Everything seems to be under control. <sup>would like to</sup> know situation	
55	0752	Cuff-53. Have done what we had planned to do. Recommended either Crisis or Croydon.	
56	0804	Cuff-53- Can't go to Mortain because of <sup>Huv</sup> small arm fire. Cuff6 wants Ruster 6 immediately. EN is pushing in on right, center and left. Would like Croydon recommended.	
57	0808	56-Cuff. we are sending a Co of men and 4 tanks	
59	0810	56- <sup>Lt Col</sup> "7 - going to take rest of his bn and 4 tanks and some hvy stuff to take Ramigny and relieve 2nd Bn.	

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59	0817	Crow-SS - see tanks at 565-125. want to fire it.	
60	0820	G2 Periodic Report #46 - Consolidation Interrogation Report on PW's 2300Z Aug 44 to 2200Z Aug 44.	
61	0823	G2 Periodic Report #47 - 0500TB Aug 44 - 052400B Aug 44	
62	0830	Tos6 - Oman from TD reported F Co was cut off from the rest but they finally pulled back to 2nd Platoon	
63	0835	Muller-tos2 - PW said there are at least 1000 en. from Linst & Fick - He was only man used as infantry man. Have 6 guns in Div. They were to counter attack but morale is so low it affected the aggressiveness. This morn 1700 in 1755 attach to Dos reich. They are using one of our tanks. Would rather fight in Russia. The Leibstandarte will be thrown in.	
64	0850	Arty tos3 - would like to fire on road between 5658-1250 and 5634-1300.	



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65	0854	Cubbard-53- want CIC	
66	0900	Crow-53- want clearance to fire 570 121 N 126 (reply) Contact 1st bn observer.	
67	0905	S3. Crow3- You can fire 5815-1310 - 5830-1350.	
68	0920	Crow3- have fired at 569-122	
69	0922	Hooper-55- Paulz will be moving in 7 minutes	
70	0926	Curve-56- ENTanks going between you & St. Petre- <sup>request</sup> request Treaser join us if possible - Notify - Anti Tank	
71	0935	<sup>TD</sup> A <del>TD</del> behind B Co is pinned down - w/ plat of men he can get his TD's to fire.	
72	0935	56-Cubbard- Prepare all-around defense and fight off any attack.	Can. AT 14
73	0957	Curve-53- Our front lines are at 661-048- 665-047	
74	0005	Cubbard-52- Report 3en vehicles knocked out by arty. Other vehicles were scattered.	

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75 1007 Crow 6-Custer 6- Lee says he is still firing missions.

76 1013 Koehler-Custer 6- Had contacted F Co. Lt Eichen is there. One platoon is at its original location and 1 plat moved back a little after fog lifted. Also F Co & AT knocked out 5 medium <sup>TANKS</sup> one off's car. one half track, <sup>(Have some road blocks out)</sup> one squad car, 2 motor cycles and probably a lot more.

77 1025 Cubbard-53- Charlie wanted to know what was going on around there. We are investigating and will call again.

78 1030 Cubbard-53- Charlie is now where Cuff old CP was at 5845-1035.

79 1035 Cubbard-53- Charlie said he doesn't think Cuff is any more.

80 1047 G3-55- En has been contacted at 550-583- 562-053

81 1050 Artty. 82- Artty. just knocked out 2 tanks in front of B Co.

82 1055 <sup>TD</sup> IN.O.-53- 2 half tracks knocked out of F Co red block. one was hit by TD's and one by reg'tl AT attached to F Co.

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83	1056	Capt Williamson - 56. Road to the town is clear. I did go into the town.	
84	1020	Towers - 53. 2 BN of 119 is coming from our right flank to tie in w/ our right flank. Jayhawk says EN has several of their vehicles.	
85	1127	Krueger - 52. As far as I know K Co is still in position where they were first. (heard them over radio)	
86	1145	G3-55. Crovdon CP reports en in the vicinity of their CP at 555-137.	
87	1152	Cubbard - Custer 3 Ju 88 flying over heading west.	
88	1155	Sr. G3. Curve has reached obj. They want permission to keep X. They hit few tanks and lot of mines.	
89	1156	AT-53. TD's report Tiger tanks, number unknown, supported by INF moving W. along main road from Barthelmy	
90	1215	OFF FROM TD TO REAR of 800 - Reports 400 tanks knocked out by them. The situation is relieved somewhat.	
91	1220	Cubbard - 52. Ju 88 <sup>2</sup> flying over our position. (Request air support) Custer (Our planes are supposedly in air.) Custom Custer C.P. received 300 H/arty shells (75's)?	

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92	1230	CROW <sup>observed</sup> to Custer-3 We broke up a big counterattack in front of 2nd Bn.	G-2
93	1235	Curve - Tank Co w/ Curve wants maintenance crew down to do some work.	
94	1240	Custer to Custer. Counterattack developed in front of Cuff. Our party followed the attack in for 1200 yds. Attack broke + ran + party adjuted as they ran. Can see a number of casualties. Am still firing on 3 tanks.	
95	1245	En planes again over head.	
96	1250	Custer to Curve - We have definite orders that from Japank that	
<del>97</del>	<del>1255</del>	Tank force X will remain with you.	
98	1255	Curve is cut off - Ambulance <sup>look P. Pinesney,</sup> coming back was stopped by enemy who took slightly wounded ones + left seriously wounded go on.	Custer

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98	1258	En planes overhead again	
99	1300	Custom is getting bombed.	
100	1305	Crack has Corp arty set to fire any machine sent in Custer to Custom How about our mission to Curve who are cut off by enemy column.	
101	1310	En planes still overhead. Our planes strafing the enemy.	
102	1312	Cuff msg to Custer: F is cut off, still in same position. Reply Relief crew w/ tanks is <sup>in column</sup> <del>in column</del> Hold position, send patrol to contact relief. Is Series w/ you. if not you go under Crews control.	
103	1315	Custer to Custom = Ambulance left Curve at Barenten at 0730, returned 1155, Contacted enemy at crossroad N of Notre Dame Column of Infantry & light tanks.	
104	1317	Custer to Curve - Hold position & prepare all around defense.	
105	1325	Tanks are moving into Romagny. Do not think we need arty.	

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106	1350	Eng. Rd block reports fire - heard in Custer C.P., sounds like some mortar fire also. Rd block receiving small arms fire + alot of mortar fire.	
107	1355	<sup>Custom of Custer</sup> Civilian reports 52 tanks to our left rear <sup>See Maxwell</sup> (5216) North of <sup>early this morning</sup> Jurgens. Other reports tanks in same area but not in such strength.	
108	1355	Our planes strafed us in the town.	
109	1405	C.P. is being shelled by (mortars?) hvq arty.	
110	1415	Custer to Custer Our tanks report our air force is still strafing them - Also German planes over us now <sup>arty deep was hit by counterbattery.</sup>	
111	1417	Eng. Plot leader says it sounds like our 30 firing back from rd. block - was sent back to check again	
112	1423	C. Co. is being hit bad by tanks + infantry at 583, 107 that is in Mortain.	

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113	1435	C. P. is being <del>hit</del> <sup>hit</sup> by enemy again. Probably 88 planes overhead. Several wounded in C. P. Plane's directing force.	
114	1445	FCo = 9 tanks moving from Bouanton Martin S.E. w/Inf.	
115	1450	En planes En. Plane strafing & bombing. They are friendly plane bombing us. Also tanks report same. Also rd block report same. Msg cleared to Custer.	
116	1500	To Custer = Strafing here at Custer Fort Martin & Romagny.	
117	1503	Custer to: Lt McCullen to take command of Iron Co. Capt. Tynes to come forward.	
118	1507	Rumer to S-2 Ran into <sup>an</sup> tank about 300 yds from C. P. opened up with MG.	
119	1515	Ball 2 Ven tanks coming toward them. FCo rd 1/4	
120	1523	German Planes bombing & strafing	

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121	1530	to Custer - Friendly planes overhead & bombing & strafing us.	
122	1535	to Custer - Friendly planes overhead & at same time in planes bombing & strafing us.	
123	1540	Verify - An Inf. Officer has seen the en th & is leading our tanks against them.	
124	1545	Ball to says planes are strafing & bombing his position & we have to do something about it.	
125	1550	Subalt-3 Contact Crew on channel 18. If you are out of touch w/ Cuff to report to Crew your position & hold at all costs.	
126	1550	Tanks from Custer 5 - Have tanks from F Co. Come to rear & investigate en tanks to F Co's rear.	
127	1536	to G-2 - One PW 583108 from 3 Battery 1st Bn, Div Arty of Adolf Hitler states Div arrived few hrs ago. 1536	



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		128	1550	Custom Lia - They are going to have air reconnaissance planes out	5-2
		129	1559	E, Part of F + G + K are on ridge + have contact w/ each other	
		130	1604	Custom to Curve 5 - We have been bombed + strafed + not too good communication. New Doo PW in sector. Friendly tanks coming in your direction. Arrived E in infiltration throughout area.	
		131	1609	Custom to Tanks - You are to contact our inf. unit (Cuff) in Martain.	
		132	1615	German tanks quit 700 yds up the rd from C.P. knocked one of our tanks out. Other Amer. tank about 100 yds interval tanks from 1st tank do not know where it is.	
		133	1625	Curve - 9th is bombing our town, Barenton.	Custom
		134	1627	Cupboard - Friendly planes practically annihilated our rd (road). B + C have been receiving alot of arty from left rear.	
		135	1629	Cuff is in same position as Custom gave Cup. (Radio)	

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1710

Shiptey to Custer - v Went up with a boy from engns + took a boy + 3 rds. Our tent pulled around in a woods. Went + fired one shot + missed. fired again that the little tent. Engns boy was killed. Went back + told tent man to fire on big one but it had headed North. He did hit the little one several times. Time was about 1745.

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1725

May Phillips to Custer - 5 The Column moving from the West has arrived at the town down to our South. But F Co. has not moved in there yet. They keep yelling for arty fire but we could not give it because of this Column.

138

1735

British typhoon planes overhead.

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1750

C.P. Being bomb + stopped by British planes again, told Custom. PH7 along w/ typhoons.

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1752

Cn Co. asked to put out panels, Yes.

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141	1755	May Phillips to Custer's use your influence to stop planes, they have knocked out 2 of my vehicles.	
142	1805	0300 2nd Bn. Reason says they have had no rations or water all day. Would like to evacuate wounded.	
143	1805	Capt Kruger - when we put out panels they bombed us.	
144	1810	Our own planes are strafing A+B Co.	Custer-3
145	1823	Custer & to Co - Curve completely cut off. Has 2 PW from Ber. Fuehrer says one Bn here & no tanks. 2 PW from SS Von Berlichien. Curve needs blood plasma, bandages, food & water.	
146	1823	Sgt from C Co - at 0300 2nd Bn guide took Co C to 2nd Bn area via Martin. Cuff deployed C as follows: 3rd Plat w/Co F, 1st plat rd block British of town, 2nd Plat Bn reserve via Cuff C.P. Front lines of Cuff at that time east of C.P. Co. w/reserve	

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Plat on high ground west outskirts of town. At daylight Cuff to moved plat fwd to C P for defense measures. At this time Plat was surrounded, could not leave area. En in greater strength than our force. closed in + Plat ~~was~~ occupied one house but split into other groups as fire become more intense. En closed in on house. Of Co Hqs finally setting it on fire. En had many casualties some near as 10 yds from house. Casualties in house C.P. amounted to 2 off killed, 6 wounded KM 3 not wounded. En fire automated weapons was directed down rd directly in front of house which was only ave. of escape. Because house was on fire evacuation was necessary. Wounded + non-casualties left + by fire + movement out directly to the B Co.

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1855

Reported to Cn. Co. to tell Cn. Co. to quit displaying panels & stop firing.

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148	1957	SS-743TKS - Hurlong is now attached to us. try & get in touch with them.	SL
149	1931	COP-53 - COP STATES FIRE TO THEIR REAR. CHECKED WITH CHANNON & GROW & THEY REPORT THEY ARE NOT FIRING IN THAT AREA.	
150	1930	SS - EN GROUP AT COORDINATES 5486-1405.	
151	1945	CP-CAN BAT BEING SHELLED. AT NEEDS STRETCHER BEARERS.	
152	1955	Co F "SS" - REPORTS THEY HAVE CONTACTED HURLONG; BUT THAT'S ALL.	
153	2000	LT KOENIG - 56 - JUST CAME BACK FROM CREW & REPORTS THEY ARE IN BAD SHAPE. WILL TRY TO RE GROUP & CONTINUE ON MISSION. HAVE ONLY 50 MEN LEFT OF A GROUP (ORIGINAL <sup>CO "E"</sup> 32 + 20 (52) <del>NO UNDOWN</del> )	
154	2005	56 - CAPTAIN SMOTHERS - SENDING FOOD & AMMO TO YOUR MINE LAYING PLATFORM.	
155	2015	56-CREW 3 - Co "E" (17TH INF) - Co's "E" & "D" (120TH INF) IN THE TOWN. Co "D" HAS LOST EVERY GUN EXCEPT 1 81 MM - 160 & LMG, 56-CREW 3: DON'T MAKE ANY EFFORT TO GO FWD THROUGH THE TOWN - TRY TO ESTABLISH RD BKS WITH TN CANS & MEN.	

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156	2030	G3-56 - 35TH INF IS DRAWING UP TO THE N. FROM THE S	
157	2030	S3-CP - TRAIL AT 542-079 HAS BEEN CUT BY AN EN PENETRATION	
158		WILL HAVE TO PUT A BLK AT RT 277	
159	2055	Crow - SGT Cox - 10 JERRIES REPORTED AT 530-122. REPORTED BY CIVILIANS NEAR CHARLIE BATTERY, CO. IS SENDING MEN OUT TO INVESTIGATE.	
160	2105	G3-56 - SENDING 2 STAFF-PRO PELLER TO CO'S (24 GUNS) WILL GO RIGHT BY OUR CP.	
161	2125	S6-63 - Co "E" 11TH INF STATES THE CURS PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO MAKE INTO MORTAIN TONIGHT.	
162	2145	SGT Cox (CROW ARTY) - 52-53 - CUFF 6 IS IN THE CHURCH AT MORTAIN.	
163	2145	LT Curtis (DIV LNO) - Sgt. Coming into MORTAIN (MOTORIZED) ANOTHER CT GOING INTO BARNETON	56
164	2155	CURE HAS TAKEN RETIREMENT - S6	
165	2215	CREW 3-58 - CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH CUFF SHOULD PLACE CAPTAIN FRICHSON IN CHARGE AT THE HILL.	

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166	2219	CAN GET IN TOUCH WITH CREW 6 BY CALLING BALL 6	
167	2220	S2-S3- TD'S (24 GUNS) ARE BEING HELD UP AT BREC/ - DIR'S FACE SENDING THEM THEM.	
168	2225	CUFF-53- C/F RD BIX REPORTS EV DIGGING IN 400 YDS W/ OF RR TRACKS. GERMAN VEHICLES ARE ASSEMBLING IN THAT AREA. 6 TKS & 13 VEHICLES WERE KNOCKED OUT. CREW WILL FIRE ON <sup>Now</sup> <del>THEM</del> - CREW	
169	2230	S2- JOURNAL CLK (SM) FILED <sup>CUP</sup> S2 UNIT REPORT	SI
170	2230	S2- JOURNAL CLK (SM) FILED S2 UNIT REPORT NO 52 & 1 PW REPT	SI
171	2325	LT TOWERS (DIV/NO) - S3- BROUGHT O/L & MAPS & DOCUMENTS.	-
172	2335	C/1st BN - 1190W INF - <del>NO</del> PLAN 10 MIN ARTY BARRAGE & THEN INTERMITTENT FIRE FOR 3 HOURS - ON MAIN RD TO YOUR REAR FROM (+556486) TO (+576997) DO YOU APPROVE ? CAN WE FIRE ARTY TO CLEAR OUT YOUR LEFT FLANK? IF SO, SEND COORDINATES. C/30TH INF DIV - <sup>M55</sup> CLEAR	
173	2400	S2- JOURNAL CLK (SM) - FILED 62 IN INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY	SI
174	2400	S3- JOURNAL CLK (SM) - FILED 170TH DISPOSITIONS AS OF LG45	SI
175	2400	S3- JOURNAL CLK (SM) - FILED S3 UNIT REPORT W/ O/L	SI