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320th Regt

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- 0245 - (Approx) - 2d Bn motor column closed into assembly area at LA PLANCK (669410), BELGIUM.
- 0300 - (Approx) - 3d Bn motor column closed into assembly area at MHEER (630440), HOLLAND.
- 0315 - (Approx) - Hq and Hq Co motor column closed into assembly area at MHEER (630440), HOLLAND. CP opened at MHEER. Distance of displacement - 199 miles. Route: N64 ST MIHIEL to VERDUN; N64 to STENAY to SEDAN; N77 to BOUILLON; N47 to road fork N47, N26-28; center road to PALISENT to MAISSIN to TELLIN to ROCHEFORT; N35 to MARCHE to LIEGE; N43 to VISE; thence NE to WARSAGE to NOORBEEK.
- 0330 - (Approx) - Cannon Co closed into assembly area at FOURON ST MARTIN (643406), BELGIUM.
- 0350 - Sv Co closed into assembly area at HOOGERUTS (665435), HOLLAND.
- 0400 - (Approx) - Antitank Co closed into assembly area at BERGENHAUZEN (645435), HOLLAND.
- 0410 - (Approx) - 1st Bn motor column closed into assembly area at NOORBEEK (641429), HOLLAND. (Reported to Div that motor column closed into respective areas at 0410).
- 1215 - Train #2 carrying personnel of Hq Co, Ser Co, AT Co, and Cn Co arrived at VISE, BELGIUM.
- 1615 - All personnel arriving on train #2 closed into the respective areas occupied by their units. (Div informed at 1620 hours).
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf (-foot elements 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns) remained in assembly areas as follows - 1st Bn (-) at NOORBEEK, HOLLAND, 2d Bn (-) at LA PLANCK, BELGIUM, 3d Bn (-) at MHEER, HOLLAND, Hq and Hq Co at MHEER, HOLLAND, Cannon Co at FOURON ST MARTIN, BELGIUM, Antitank Co at BERGENHAUZEN, HOLLAND, Service Co at HOOGERUTS, HOLLAND. Personnel on Trains #3 and #4 enroute to VISE, BELGIUM.

Extract from G-3 Report
300001A Jan 45 to 012400A Feb 45

320 Inf - Began move by motor and rail from Seventh Army sector to areas shown (overlay). Motor elms spent night 30-31 Jan in ST MIHIEL, FRANCE, and closed into new area 010410A. Elms of Special Units travelling by rail arrived afternoon 1 Feb; remainder of rail elms were still enroute at end of period.

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- 0030 - Lt Parish called from RR siding at VISE, BELGIUM that 1st Bn and 2d Bn have arrived and are now ready to entruck. Bns will proceed to respective areas. Lt Parish will return to CP and will pick up MP guides enroute.
- 0335 - Lt Parish returned to CP. 1st Bn closed into MOORBEEK at 0325. 2d Bn closed into LA PLANCK at 0310. Trucks not yet released. MP's will be picked up as soon as trucks get back to main highway. Railway Station will call as soon as they have any information on Train #4 (3d Bn). When train reaches LIEGE a call will be made for 3d Bn guide and sufficient time will be given to reach the station prior to arrival of troops. (Reported unit closing times to Div at 0333).
- 1300 - Msg from Div - CO report to War Room at Div CP for conference at 1630 hours.
- 1650 - Train #4 carrying 3d Bn troops arrived at VISE, BELGIUM.
- 1830 - 3d Bn troops closed into assembly area at MEER, HOLLAND.
- 2130 - Copy #5 FO #33, Hq 35 Inf Div, 022200A Feb 45 (Top Secret) was delivered to CP 320 Inf. Order follows - Hq 35 Inf Div, EKKELRADE (K6147), HOLLAND, 022000A Feb 1945, FO #33, Maps: GSGS 4041, 4414, Scale - 1:25,000, Sheets 48N, 48S, 4802, 4803, 4902, 5002, 5003.
1. a. See G-2 Periodic Report #200. b. XVI Corps (35 Inf Div; 8 Armd Div) relieves elms British XII Corps in present position beginning 4 Feb 45, continues defense. 102 Inf Div (XIII US Corps) defends on right (S) of 35 Inf Div; 7 Armd Div (Br) defends on left (N) of 35 Inf Div. 1146 Engr (C) Gp supports 35 Inf Div.
 2. 35 Inf Div, reinf, (w. 692 FA Bn and 17 Cav Rcn Sq /Mecz/ atchd) moves by motor fr present assembly area to sector of 52 Inf Div (br) 4-6 Feb 45, relieves 52 Inf Div (Br) in present position, and defends that position. Bdrys, present front line: overlay.
 3. a. 134 Inf move by mtr to assembly area occupied by 155 Bde (br) 6 Feb 45. Div Res. Overlay. b. 137 Inf (w/17 Cav Rcn Sq /Mecz/ atchd and Co B, 60 Engr (C) Bn and Co B, 654 TD Bn in direct support) move by mtr to assigned sector 5 Feb 45, relieve 156 Bde (Br) in present position, prior to 060600A Feb 45, defend that position. Overlay. c. 320 Inf (w/35 Cav Rcn Tr atchd and Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn and Co C, 654 TD Bn in direct support) move by mtr to assigned sector 4 Feb 45, relieve 157 Inf Bde (Br) in present position, prior to 050600A Feb 45, defend that position. Overlay. d. Div Arty: (1) 216 and 219 FA Bns - SOP. 151 FA Bn - Reinforce fires 216 FA Bn. 127 FA Bn - Gen support 692 FA Bn - Reinf fires 219 FA Bn. Bns move to new area same day as supported Regt. 127 FA Bn moves 5 Feb. (2) 654 TD Bn - Cos B and C direct support 137 Inf and 320 Inf, respectively. Bn (-) mobile res. Overlay. (3) 448 AAA (AW) Bn: SOP. e. 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz): Atchd 320 Inf 3 Feb 45, to relieve B Sq, 52 Rcn Regt (Br). f. 60 Engr (C) Bn: Cos B and C direct support 137 Inf and 320 Inf, respectively. Bn(-): Assist preparation of defensive positions. g. 17 Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz): Atchd 137 Inf 3 Feb 45, to relieve 52 Rcn Regt (Br). x. (1) EEI: (a) Report any enemy aggressive action, giving strength and composition. (b) Determine movement of any enemy forces into Div Z. (2) Unit commanders notify Div Hq when they are ready to assume responsibility for defense of respective sectors. (4) Inf units will occupy and defend same defensive positions now held by 52 Inf Div (br). No changes in these positions will be made without specific authority fr
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Div Hq. (5) Direct support missions for Engr and TD Cos effective 3 Feb 45. Direct support Cos move same day as supported regt. (6) Inf units submit detailed overlays of positions and fire plans to Div Hq by 061800 Feb 45. (7) Bumper markings and Div shoulder patches will be kept covered until further O's. (8) Detailed O's for movement of all Trs not specifically assigned a movement date above will be issued later.

4. a. Trks for movement of Inf Regts to assigned sectors will be furnished by G-4. b. See Adm O #23.

5. a. (1) Index 1-43 to SOI effective 040101A Feb 45. (2) Rad silence will be maintained until further O's. (3) Combination of red and yellow panels will be displayed on vehicles effective at once and until 050100A Feb 45. Thereafter as prescribed in SOI. b. CP's: See Overlay.

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn at NOORBEEK, HOLLAND; 2d Bn at LA PLANCK, BELGIUM; 3d Bn at MHEER, HOLLAND; Hq and Hq Co at MHEER, HOLLAND, Cannon Co at FOURON ST MARTIN, BELGIUM; Antitank Co at BERGENHAUZEN, HOLLAND; Service Co at HOOGERUTS, HOLLAND; 216 FA Bn at FOURON ST MARTIN, BELGIUM; Co C, 110 Med Bn, CADIER, HOLLAND; Co G, 60 Engr Bn, ST GEERTRUID, HOLLAND.

Extract from G-3 Report
020001-022400 Feb 45

320 Inf - 1st and 2d Bns arrived by rail and moved to NOORBEEK (K6443) and LA PLANCK (K6641) respectively, closing by 020325 A. 3d Bn arrived by rail and moved to MHEER (K6344), closing 021830A.

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- 0900 - CO, S-3, ea Bn comdr, AT and Cn Co comdrs departed to reconnoiter area occupied by 157 Bde (Br) vic DREMMEN, GERMANY preparatory to effecting relief 4 Feb 1945.
- 1545 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered following information concerning move to relieve 52 Inf Div (Br) 4 February 1945 - IP - WITHINS (580428). Route - N43 North to BERGERSTRAAT (588522) thence NE to BERG to VALKENBERG to HEERLEN to GEILENKIRCHEN thence NW and N into area. Convoy No - C-96 on all vehicles in soap or chalk. Speed - 20 mph. Atchmts for move - 35 Div Rcn Tr, Co C, 60 Engr Bn, Co C, 110 Med Bn. Co C, 654 TD Bn, 216 FA Bn and 161 FA Bn will move later. Unit provide own guides. No 320 markings. If IP or route is different Div must be notified in order to obtain clearance from Army Hq.
- 1930 - CO and S-3 returned from fwd area reconnaissance.
- 2200 - CO issued following order to all unit and atchd unit commanders orally. (Confirmed in writing in FO #32. 3 copies only were prepared) TOP SECRET. Hq 320 Inf, MHEER, HOLLAND, 032200A Feb 45, FO #32, MAPS: GSGS 4041, 4414,, Scale - 1:25,000, sheets 48N, 48S, 4802, 4803, 4902, 4903, 5002, 5003.
1. a. See G-2 Periodic Report. b. 35 Inf Div (reinf) relieves 52 Inf Div (Br) on present positions beginning 4 Feb 45, continue defense. 102 Inf Div (XIII US Corps) defends on right (S) of 35 Inf Div, 137 Inf defends on left (N) of 320 Inf. 216 FA Bn, Co C, 60 Engr Bn, Co C, 110 Med Bn, Co C, 654 TD Bn, support 320 Inf. 35 Cav Rcn Tr atchd 320 Inf.
2. 320 Inf (reinf) (w/35 Cav Rcn Tr /Mecz/ atchd) moves by mtr fr present assembly area to sector of 157 Inf Bde (Br) 4 Feb, relieves 157 Inf Bde (Br) in present position, and defends that position. IP: WITHINS, Route: N43 N to BERGERSTRAAT, NE to BERG to VALKENBERG, HEERLEN, and GEILENKIRCHEN, W to Bn and separate co areas. Bdrys, present front lines - overlay.
3. a. 2d Bn, w/1 plat AT Co atchd move by mtr to new area, cross IP 040930A Feb 45, relieve 1st Glasgow Highlanders in present position prior to 050600A Feb 45, defend that position. Overlay. b. 1st Bn, w/1 plat AT Co atchd move by mtr to new area, cross IP 041030A Feb 45, relieve 5th Highland Light Infantry in present position, overlay, prior to 050600A Feb 45, defend that position. c. 3d Bn, w/1 plat AT Co atchd move by mtr to new area, cross IP 041130A Feb 45, relieve 6th Highland Light Infantry in present position prior to 050600A Feb 45, defend that position. Overlay. d. AT Co atch 1 AT plat to each Inf Bn. Co (-) move by mtr to BIRGDEN. Cross IP 041410A Feb 45. e. Cn Co move to new area under control 216 FA Bn. Support Regt from new positions. f. Hq Co and Regt Med Det move by mtr to BIRGDEN. Cross IP 041400A Feb 45. g. Sv Co move by mtr to GILRATH. Cross IP 041500A Feb 45. h. Co C, 60 Engr Bn move by mtr to BIRGDEN. Cross IP 040700A Feb 45. Support operations of regiment. Priority of work: (1) Road and bridge repair and maintenance, (2) mine clearance. i. Co C, 110 Med Bn move by mtr to GANGEIT. Cross IP 041200A Feb 45. Normal support mission. j. Co C, 654 TD Bn move on order CO 654 TD Bn. k. 216 FA Bn move under control of CG 35 Div Arty to position areas in support this regiment. l. 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz) move to new area by mtr, cross IP 040900A Feb 45, relieve "B" Sqdn, 52 Rcn Regt (Br), continue their mission. x. (1) EEI: (a) Report any enemy aggressive action, giving strength and composition. (b) Determine movement of any enemy forces into regt Z. (2) Unit comdrs notify this Hq when they are ready to

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assume responsibility for defense of respective sectors. (3) Inf units will occupy and defend same defensive positions now held by units of 157 Inf Bde (Br). No changes in these positions will be made without specific approval of this Hq. (4) Units submit detailed overlay of positions and fire plans to this hq by 051800A Feb 45. (5) Bumper markings and Div shoulder patches will be kept covered until further orders. Camouflage installations and conceal vehicles to prevent detection of change of units in area. (6) Div and Corps control traffic. Regt MP's mark route.

4. a. Convoy number: C-96. b. Convoy number will be marked on windshield of each vehicle in soap or chalk. c. Use convoy march unit signs. Lead and tail vehicle of each unit will carry a large "C-96" sign. d. Bn MTO's will report to Regt MTO at HOOGERUTS (sv Co CP) at 040700A Feb 45 to receive trucks. Release trucks to Regt MTO only, vic GEILENKIRCHEN. e. Bn's draw 1/3 "K" ration for use 04 Feb. 5. a. (1) Index 1-43 to SOI in effect from 040101A Feb 45. (2) Rad silence will be maintained until further orders. (3) Combination red and yellow panels will be displayed on vehicles effective at once and until 050100A Feb 45. Thereafter as prescribed in SOI. b. CP's: overlay. Regt CP opens new location 041300A Feb 45.

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to occupy positions in assembly area as follows - 1st Bn at NOORBEEK, HOLLAND, 2d Bn at LA PLANCK, BELGIUM, 3d Bn at MHEER, HOLLAND. Hq and Hq Co at MHEER, HOLLAND. Cn Co at FOURON ST MARTIN, BELGIUM, AT Co at BERGENHAUZEN, HOLLAND, 216 FA Bn at FOURON ST MARTIN, BELGIUM, Ser Co at HOOGERUTS, HOLLAND, Co C, 110 Med Bn - CADIER, HOLLAND, Co C, 60 Engr Bn - ST GEETRUID, HOLLAND.

Extract from G-3 Report
030001A Feb 45 to 032400A Feb 45

320 Inf - Engaged in rehabilitation throughout period.

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- 1100 - Co C, 60 Engr Bn closed in at BIRGDEN, GERMANY and began road clearance and maintenance and mine clearing operations in regtl zone of action.
- 1245 - 35th Rcn Troop completed relief of B Sqdn, 52d Rcn Regt (Br) in right of regtl zone.
- 1315 - CP opened at BIRGDEN, GERMANY. Distance of displacement - 31.7 miles. Route - MHEER, ST GEERTRUID, N43 to BERGERSTRAAT, BERG, VALKENBERG, HEERLEN, GILLENKIRCHEN, GILLRATH, GANGELT, BIRGDEN.
- 1540 - CO 216 FA Bn reports that unit is in position and ready to fire.
- 1855 - Capt Tobin, S-3, 2d Bn, reports relief of 1st Glasgow Highlanders completed at 1600. A report could not be made earlier due to comm lines being out.
- 2020 - CO, 3d Bn, reports relief of 6th Highland Light Infantry completed as of 1920 hours (approx).
- 2115 - CO 1st Bn reports relief of 5th Highland Light Infantry complete as of 2115 hours.
- 2125 - S-3 reported to Div C of S that comdrs are mutually agreed and that responsibility for sector was accepted as of 2115 hours.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf command installations were disposed as follows - Hq and Hq Co; AT Co; Co C, 60 Engr Bn - BIRGDEN. Co C, 110 Med Bn - GANGELT; Service Co - GILLRATH; 3d Bn - SCHEIFENDUHL; 2d Bn - UETTERATH; 1st Bn - STRAETEN; Cannon Co - UETTERATH; 216 FA Bn - TRIPSRAH. For troop dispositions see 2400 entry 5 Feb 45.

Extract from G-3 Report
040001A Feb 45 to 042400A Feb 45

320 Inf - (w/35 Cav Rcn Tr atchd) - Moved by mtr to locations shown (Overlay) closing 041600A. Relieved 157 Bde (Br) in position and took command of sector 042115A.

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- 1800 - Lt O'Brien delivered oral order from CG that all Div patches, vehicle markings and identification signs be removed and not displayed until further notice.
- 1925 - Upon request of 137 Inf on left, 3d Bn was directed to send contact patrol from Co L in GREBBEN NW along road to HEINSBERG to establish physical contact with their right (S) elements.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf w/35 Rcn Tr atchd occupied defensive positions as follows - 3d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co K and Co M - SCHEIFENDUHL; Co L - SCHALHAUSEN; Co I - DANSELEN; 2d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co E and Co H - UETTERATH; Co G - BAUMEN; Co F - KRANDORF; 1st Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co D and Co A - STRAETEN; Co B - GREBBEN; Co C - DREMMEN. Regtl Hq and Hq Co and AT Co (-) and Co C 60 Engr Bn - BIRGDEN. Co C, 110 Med Bn - GANGELT. 216 FA Bn - TRIPSRAETH. Two plats 35 Cav Rcn Tr - HOIST; one plat 35 Cav Rcn Tr at RANDERATH. Cannon Co - UETTERATH. All units improved defensive positions and outposted the foregoing inhabited places. Engrs continued road repair and mine clearance operations. Active patrolling was conducted (see current patrol reports).

Extract from G-3 Report
050001A Feb 45 to 052400A Feb 45

320 Inf - (w/35 Cav Rcn Tr atchd) - Held and improved defensive positions throughout period.

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Patrol # 2:

3rd Bn patrol (#2) left at 1830, returned at 2200. Patrol went through town OBERBRUCH (8874). Stayed in listening post there for 3/4 of an hour. Did not observe any enemy activity.

Patrol # 6:

"G" Co patrol left at 2300, returned at 0500. Patrol consisting of 3 men with rifles went to 895723 and saw from there at 0130 2 orange flares at 895740. Patrol proceeded into FORSELEN and before crossing creek at 904724 saw enemy patrol consisting of 10 men moving South to a point 200 yards North of RR tracks. Our patrol withdrew, enemy patrol continued to move towards our patrol as they moved into DRENNEN. Contact with enemy patrol was lost South of FORSELEN. At 0330, while in DRENNEN, 2 enemy MGs were heard coming from 895740 and tracers were seen NW. While in FORSELEN 2 planes were heard and 2 parachute flares were dropped by planes near river 2000 yards to North.

Patrol # 4:

"E" Co patrol, 3 men, left at 2400 and returned at 0430. Patrol went to 891735 and heard 2 enemy MGs vic 895740 at 0130, also small arms fire. Patrol waited there until 0330, then went South up to 200 yards of 1st Bn CP. Patrol waited outside buildings until 0350 before returning. At 0145 2 orange flares were seen coming from vic OBERBRUCH and landed vic 8974. At 0330 another MG was heard at 895740, firing SW using tracers and firing very high.

G-2 Summary:

0700: 137th reports: Our patrols reported THEBARATH(852772) clear, MG was firing 100 yards North of town. Single vehicle was heard moving out of KEMPEN(8578) last night. Light flare activity reported during night.

102nd Div: reports scattered arty and mortar fire on their forward elements, also light flare activity during night.

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2400 - Disposition of units 320 Inf were at end of period unchanged. See 2400 entry 5 February 45. Units continued to improve defensive positions. Engrs continued mine clearance and road maintenance. Active patrolling was conducted by front line units (see current patrol reports).

Extract from G-3 Report
060001A Feb 45 to 062400A Feb 45

320 Inf - (w/35 Cav Ren Tr atchd) - Continued to hold and improve ^{DEFENSIVE} positions throughout period.

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Patrol Journal 2345A 6 Feb 45 to 030800A Feb 45

- 0002 - 3d Bn reports patrol of 1 O and 3 EM went out to establish listening post, went to 884754 and listened for three hours, returning 2340. They got close enough to hear talking, coughing and a lot of individual movement, just movement of men moving about, not moving in force. Just before they arrived at the listening post one flare went off in front of the patrol. They could also see MG fire and flares coming from vic PBERBRUCH.
- 0005 - Reported above to G-2
- 0200 - Reported neg to G-2
- 0205 - Maj Leach, 3d Bn, reports all quiet. L Co made contact w/B Co on right and 137 on left. Listening Post #2 observed white flare approx 1/4 mile to their front at 0145.
- 0215 - B Co receiving parachute flares to R front at intervals of 15 - 20 minutes. They also observed three bursts of MG fire 60 degrees from their OP. A and C Cos negative. Report from 1st Bn
- 0255 - 1st Bn reports that four flares were dropped in front of B Co (see 0215 entry) in two hours. All quiet since then.
- 0400 - Reported 0205, 0215, 0255 entries to G-2.
- 0720 - G-2 summary: 137 patrols in early part of night reported rifle fire vic 835796 and two enemy believed manning an OP at 827796 at about 2200. 15 man enemy patrol vic 847774 about 2200. Small arms fire reported vic 865760 and 865754. Buildings burning at TEMPEN (8578) last night. Scattered flare activity reported. Miscellaneous - Domino (right) reports scattered mortar and arty fire and one enemy patrol encountered vic 925712.
- 0725 - Called 2d and 3d Bns to ask for Patrol Reports due 0600 and not yet in.
- 0730 - Maj Leach informed us that all his patrols are in.
- 0730 - 1st Bn patrol report - 2A and 4A reported negative. 2A still out, not found. Combat patrol out now continuing search.

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PATROL REPORTS FROM 060900 to 070900 FEBRUARY 1945

Patrol # 1A
3rd Bn

"L" Co patrol left LP #2 (866747) at 1910 and proceeded as shown on regtl. overlay. (See patrol report #1 060900 February 1945) . Patrol consisting of 3 BM and 1 O halted at 873749 for 10 minutes, but moved on reaching a point near UNTERBRUGH (874754) . Crossing the first stream, a yellow flare was shot out of the town (875756) but went over their heads. All men froze in position. Upon reaching 874754 they dispersed and listened for 3 hours, hearing coughing, loud German talking and movement in and around the town. They saw and heard an fire about 1200 yards to their right rear, also saw several flares there. Roads, Mines, see patrol report of 060900 February 1945, report # 1. Patrol returned at 2340.

Patrol # 2A:
1st Bn

Negative.

Patrol # 4A:
1st Bn

Negative.

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Patrol Report - from 060900 February to 070900 February 1945

Patrol #3
1st Bn

No report has been received from this patrol at this time (062300 Feb 45).

Patrol #4
1st Bn

G Co patrol left CP vic of 888724 at 1500 and returned at 1845. Route - main road from Dremmen to Forselen, then N to edge of town along main road.

No enemy encountered in Forselen.

The stream which runs through Forselen has no bridge, but is very shallow and easily fordable. Patrol continued N on road to a point 150 yds beyond the town where three foxholes were found on left side of road and one on right side of road. Between the holes, in the road, were two mines (?), wooden-type, not previously seen by members of patrol. One mine was exposed, one partially buried. Patrol continued to Schanz (906735). Bridge blown. Patrol then turned left on trail leading to Bleckden. At a point (905734) patrol drew heavy rifle fire from a position below Kivit, vic of 905738. Patrol moved back into Schanz and N to the last house on the right side of road. Rifle fire continued from same position. Patrol moved South to the last house on left side of the road and remained there 45 minutes. Rifle fire continued intermittently from same position. Patrol moved South on road back to Forselen and half-way back received fire from two burp guns located (91157310). Patrol continued on the double and fire continued until they crossed RR tracks in Forselen. Patrol drew an estimated 1000 rounds of fire and believed burp gunners were sent from position near Kivit to await their return from the flank. Also believed that burp gunners moved from position in woods at (91157310) and chased patrol by movement and fire through Forselen.

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PATROL REPORT

From 060900 to 070900 FEBRUARY 1945.

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Patrol # 1: 3rd Bn

"L" Co patrol (10 and 6 EM) proceeded as shown on Regtl. overlay. Road from 856746 extending to 873749 very muddy. Patrol continued on to stream (874754) and there observed movement of men around buildings (874756) wearing lighter colored clothing than Americans. One person - unidentified - riding on bicycle (875756). Patrol of opinion it was a civilian. Patrol moved on up to stream line and observed no more movement for 10 minutes. Then moved up to second stream 75 yards N of first stream. Dispersing at this point, patrol leader and one man crossed the bridge - wood, passable - to investigate dug-out 25 yards on other side; found it empty. Remainder of patrol observed a mortar position at 874757. After coming out of the dug-out the patrol leader and man were motioned to come back to the rest of the patrol. They started across the bridge, the EM making it, when they were opened up on with rifle and burp-gun fire from vicinity 876756. This fire caused the patrol to have to crawl back for 300 yards and stay off road. While crawling back between the two streams, fire opened up on them from 872757, a small hedge row. This fire (rifle) was coming very close knocking one rifle out of a man's hand and disabling the rifle. They were fired upon until they reached 8775 where the patrol reorganized.

Remarks:

- 1) Patrol observed about 15 enemy running around as if getting into position on line 870756 extending to 876755.
- 2) Roads very muddy - field marshy.
- 3) No mines contacted.
- 4) Enemy can observe for 800-1000 yards from town at 876755.
- 5) Believed civilian on bicycle.
- 6) No wounded in patrol.

Patrol #2: 1st Bn

"B" Co patrol left CP vic 879738 at 1400 and proceeded NE along main road to RJ at 887748, returned by same route to CP, arriving at 1545. Report as follows:- Bridge over canal (35 foot span) at 88257440 is in tact. Bridge over stream at 88307451 has been blown, passable to foot troops but not vehicles. Two (2) abandoned CP's (evidence by wire leads) located vicinity of 883744 and 883742. Road is not blocked and no mines were observed. No enemy activity noted.

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- 0915 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered following written order from Div - Hq 35 Inf Div, 070800A Feb 45
1. 134 Inf relieve 1st Bn, 406 Inf (102 Inf Div) and elms 320 Inf (including 35 Ren Tr) in new Z night 7-8 Feb. Complete relief by 080400. 2. 35 Ren Tr, on being relieved by 134 Inf, revert to Div control. Move to GANGELT. 3. 134 Inf take over front line positions with one (1) Inf Bn, keeping two (2) Bns in reserve. 4. 134 Inf (w/atchd QM trks) move to new sector afternoon 7 Feb. 5. Co A, 60 Engr (C) Bn direct support 134 Inf at once. 161 FA Bn direct support effective 072400A Feb.
- OFFICIAL: RENFROE G-3 BAADE
- 1750 - The following units were directed to furnish details to assist Engrs in road construction work: AT Co - 15 EM; 2d Bn - 25 EM; and 3d Bn 25 EM. Men will be picked up 080900 at respective unit CP's.
- 1752 - Maj Allen, Asst Div G-3, called and directed that Co F be moved from KRANDORF into regtl zone as outlined by new boundary by 080900 to allow 2d Bn, 134 Inf to occupy that town which is in their sector. (S-3, 2d Bn 320 Inf notified of the foregoing order and directed to comply prior to 080900, by moving Co F into UETTERATH).
- 1757 - S-3 directed 1st Bn to send contact patrol from Co C at DREMMEN to establish contact with 1st Bn 134 Inf in HORST at 2400 tonight. Arrange between units to, thereafter, alternate the patrols.
- 2020 - 35 Ren Tr (atchd to 320 Inf) was relieved by 1st Bn 134 Inf at 1830 hours and upon being relieved reverted to control of 35 Inf Div and moved to GANGELT.
- 2035 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered Opns Memo as follows - (Classification Top Secret) Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGELT, (K7767) GERMANY, 071800A Feb 1945, Opns Memo #16 (Confirmation of Verbal O's)
1. 134 Inf relieve 1st Bn 406 Inf (102 Inf Div) and elms 320 Inf (including 35 Cav Ren Tr) in new sector night 7-8 Feb 45. Occupy front line positions in sector w/one (1) Inf Bn. Move to new sector by mtr (atchd QM trks) afternoon 7 Feb, leaving one (1) Bn in BOCKET. This Bn atchd to 137 Inf effective 071500A Feb 45. Bn move out by mtr prior to 081200A Feb 45, to rejoin 134 Inf in new Regtl sector. Atchmt to 137 Inf ceases when Bn clears BOCKET.
 2. 134 Inf complete relief of 1st Bn 406 Inf by 080400A Feb; complete relief of 320 Inf (including 35 Cav Ren Tr) by 080700A Feb. Organize and defend Regtl sector.
 3. 35 Cav Ren Tr (Mecz), on being relieved by 134 Inf, relieved from atchmt to 320 Inf. Revert to Div Res. Move to assembly area vic GANGELT.
 4. Co A, 60 Engr (C) Bn: Direct support 134 Inf, effective at once.
 5. 161 FA Bn: Direct support 134 Inf, effective 072400A Feb.
 6. 137 Inf (w/17 Cav Ren Sq atchd) will be relieved in present sector by CCB, 8 Armd Div, by elms 7 Armd Div (Br) and by elms 320 Inf night 8-9 Feb. Details of relief as mutually agreed on by comdrs concerned. 7 Armd Div and 8 Armd Div to complete relief in respective sectors by 090400A Feb.
 7. 137 Inf, on completion of relief, move by mtr to assembly area S and SE of GANGELT (overlay). Div Res. Route to be arranged for through G-4. G-4 to furnish trks for move.
 8. 17 Cav Ren Sq (Mecz) on being rel'd by 7 Armd Div (Br) rel'd from atchmt to 137 Inf. Revert to Div Res. Move to assembly area to be

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assigned later. Route to be arranged for through G-4.

9. Co B 60 Engr Bn, on relief of 137 Inf, revert to Bn control. Direct support mission ceases.

10. 219 FA Bn and 692 FA Bn reinf fires 161 FA Bn and 216 FA Bn as ordered by Div Arty Comdr.

11. 320 Inf relieve elms 137 Inf now holding sector between new and old left (N) boundaries of 320 Inf by 090700A Feb 45.

12. 784 TK Bn move to GEILENKIRCHEN - GILRATH area night 7-8 Feb.
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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to occupy defensive positions. Disposition of units unchanged except as follows - 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz) relieved from atchmt to 320 Inf at 1830 hours and moved from HORST and RANDERATH to GANGELT. Div Res. Engrs w/Inf assistance continued road repair and mine clearance. Front line units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports).

Extract from G-3 Report
070001A Feb 45 to 072400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions shown throughout period. 35 Cav Rcn Tr relieved from atchmt 071830A. Elms of 2d Bn relieved by 134 Inf by 072130.

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PATROL REPORT

for night 07 February to 08 February 45

Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 0030, returned at 0328. Heard coughing in vic of 883743. Patrol went through town of Oberbruch. Observed and remained at RJ (888751) for approximately one hour and twenty minutes. Heard Germans talking. 6 or 8 were in immediate vicinity, probably more further away.

Patrol #2A
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1800 and returned at 2020. Patrol heard enemy MG firing NE and E, vic of 88707507. As patrol moved E on road the enemy MG opened fire at them (89107501) from vic of 88707507. The patrol attempted to cross open ground to river (G-2 plan, Zone #5) vic of 89157500 but marshy grounds were impassable - mud was hip deep. Observed fresh wagon and horse tracks vic 890750.

Patrol #3A
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 2400, returned at 1000. Patrol went to "Y" fork at 895740 and observed from there 15 enemy at 895744 and 6 enemy at 897741 with MG. Patrol was unable to advance further.

Patrol #4A
35 Rec Troops

Cancelled

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PATROL REPORT

From 070900 to 080900 FEBRUARY 1945

Patrol # 1:
3rd Bn

"L" Co patrol left CP at 1230 and proceeded as shown on Regt'l overlay. Passing through B Co out-post and proceeded to bridge blown at 883743. Bridge not passable to vehicular traffic. Patrol proceeded to Oberbruch, finding it deserted. Turning left at 885747 patrol went through street to 884750, where they stopped and observed 30 min. Road, leading NE from this point is passable. Leaving this point, patrol proceeded to 880753, stopping there and observing for 30 min. Road leading NW is hard surface. Road leading E is dirt but passable. At 887753, there is a large bomb crater in road. Old tracks indicate that vehicles have bypassed the crater by going to the right. Patrol then proceeded to objective (880756). At this point, two men were sent to the following points to observe. (~~XXXXX~~) (878756) (880757) (8805-7565). While going through the street of the town, the patrol saw a civilian walking from house to house in E end of town. Patrol captured civilian at 878-756 (last house, left side of street leading W out of town. Civilian was not armed. There are from fifteen (15) to twenty (20) houses in the town. The patrol searched these houses, finding evidence that they had been occupied, but not lately. At 1710 patrol heard dogs barking at 875756. At 1720 one (1) rifle shot was heard at 879761. Shot was not aimed at patrol. Patrol returned with civilian at 1850. REMARKS: (1) Civilian was very surprised and scared. (2) No mines encountered. (3) Fields very open and boggy. (4) Observed no enemy activity.

Patrol # 2:
1st Bn

Left 0900 and returned 1255. Patrol covered entire route and picked up no evidences of German movement or activity. Three (3) bridges along patrol route examined and were cleared of any wires or other evidences of tampering- bridges in good shape. Fresh horse tracks observed along route, but no vehicle tracks or footprints seen. On return to CP patrol heard SA fire on ~~thick~~ left edge of town of OBERBRUCH (vic of 885751). Patrol did not investigate as it could not definitely identify weapons as German (or American) and was of the opinion that it might be a decoy for a trap.

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Patrol # 3:
2nd Bn

No report has been received from this patrol at this time (080100) Feb 45.

Patrol # 4:
35th Ron Trps

Patrol left at 0900 and returned at 1230. Route taken as shown on overlay. Road cratered at 905718 - Bypass doubtful due to soft ground. On right side of road, 906718, -30 yds tank ditch. At vic of 906728, both side of field are marshy. Bridge out, not fordable by vehicle, vic 90587324. At bridge, patrol received burp gun fire from buildings vic 905736. Observed smoke coming from several buildings in Bleckden (903735). Also observed one (1) small vehicle moving NW from Killich (923742).

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- 1300 - Overlay of positions 1st Bn, 137 Inf dispatched to 3d Bn 320 Inf by Lt Donovan together with the following written instructions -
1. 3d Bn 320 Inf relieve Co A 137 Inf on present positions 08 Feb 45.
 2. CO 3d Bn report to this Hq when relief is complete and when prepared to assume responsibility for new zone.
 3. Submit overlay of new positions by 091600A Feb 45.
 4. Make no changes in positions now occupied by 137 Inf without prior approval this hq.
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- BYRNE
- 1405 - S-3 2d Bn reports Co F moved from KRAUDORF to UETTERATH (8770) closing approx 1100 hours, the responsibility for their positions having been assumed by 134 Inf 072130A Feb 45.
- 1430 - CO reported to Div and received FO #34 081200 Feb 45. Order follows - (Classification TOP SECRET) Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGEIT (K7767), GERMANY, 081200A Feb 1945. FO #34 Maps: GSGS 4040, 4507, Scale 1:50,000, Sheets 48, 8, 19.
1. a. Annex 1 - Intelligence. b. (1) XVI Corps atks NE 100530A Feb 45, advances to ROER R w/CCB, 8 Armd Div on left (N) and 35 Inf Div on right (S) clearing out remaining enemy forces S and W of ROER R, and executes demonstration and R crossing feint to assist crossing of XIII Corps on right; prepared to cross R on O. CCB, 8 Armd Div executes R crossing feint between ORSBECK (K8877) and KEMPEN (K8578). 7 Armd Div (Br), XVI Corps, holds on present line on ROER R. (2) 84 Inf Div, XIII Corps, operates on right (S) of 35 Inf Div, crosses ROER R 100530A Feb 45. (3) XXIX TAC flies armed rcn, night intruder and air atk missions in support of atk. (4) 1153 Engr (C) Gp supports 35 Inf Div.
 2. 35 Inf Div (w/following atchmts: 654 TD Bn, 448 AAA AW Bn, 784 Tk Bn, 15 Cav Rcn Gp, 692 FA Bn) atks NE in Z 100530A Feb 45, clears out remaining enemy pockets S and W of ROER R, advances to ROER R; executes demonstration to assist crossing of XIII Corps, prepares to cross ROER R on Corps O and advance NE and N. 134 Inf on right, 320 Inf on left. Boundaries, LD, Obj: Overlay.
 3. a. 134 Inf (w/Co A, 60 Engr (C) Bn atchd) atk in Z 100530A Feb 45, clear out enemy S and W of ROER R, advance to and prepare to cross ROER R. Maintain contact w/84 Inf Div on right and 320 Inf on left. Protect Div right flank. Overlay. Demonstrations: Annex 2. b. 320 Inf (w.Co G, 60 Engr (C) Bn atchd) atk in Z 100530A Feb 45, clear out enemy S and W of ROER R, advance to and prepare to cross ROER R. Maintain contact w/CCB, 8 Armd Div on left. Protect Div left flank. Prepare to be relieved in left (N) portion of Regtl Z, after reaching ROER R, by 15 Cav Gp. Overlay. Demonstrations: Annex 2. c. 137 Inf: Div Res. Overlay. Prepare to follow either 134 or 320 Inf across ROER R. d. 35 Div Arty - (1) Support atk w/following orgn for combat: 161 FA Bn and 216 FA Bn - SOP. 692 FA Bn reinf fires 161 FA Bn. 219 FA Bn reinf fires 216 FA Bn. 127 FA Bn gen support, reinf fires 161 FA Bn. (2) 654 TD Bn: Mobile Res, present positions. (3) 448 AAA (AW) Bn: SOP. e. 15 Cav Rcn Gp initially in Div Res, prepare to relieve 320 Inf on Div O in left (N) portion of 320 Inf Regtl Z. f. 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz) initially in Div Res, prepare to: (1) Maintain contact w/84 Inf Div; (2) Be atchd to 17 Cav Rcn Sq. (If remainder of 15 Cav Gp does not arrive in time for opn). g. 60 Engr (C) Bn support atk as follows: (1) Cos A and C atchd 134 and 320 Inf respectively, effective 090800A Feb 45. (2) Bn (-): Facilitate adv of Div, special attention to road repair and removal of mines. Reconnoiter banks of

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ROER R and approaches thereto, prepared to assist crossing of Inf units. Div Engr coordinates rcn and crossing plans w/CO 1153 Engr (C) Gp. h. 784 Tk Bn: Div Res, present positions. Executes demonstrations as indicated in Annex 2. x. (1) EEI: Annex 1 - Intelligence. (2) Advance to ROER R will be executed rapidly. Inf units initiate rcn of R banks and approaches at once, prepared to cross R and continue atk on Div O. (3) Units will execute demonstrations as indicated in Annex 2. (4) All unit comdrs will make a special check to insure that vehicles of their respective units are displaying panels as prescribed in current SOI. (5) No unit symbols, insignia, or numbers will be worn or displayed until further O's.

4. Adm details later.

5. a. (1) Index 1-43 to SOI in effect. (2) Maintain rad silence until further O's. b. CP's: Overlay.

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- 1900 - Based upon FO #34, 35 Inf Div 081200A, CO issued following fragmentary attack order: 320 Inf (w/Co C 60 Engr (C) Bn atchd) atks in Z 100530A Feb 45, 1st Bn on right, 3d Bn on left, 2d Bn in res, to clear out enemy S and W of ROER R, advance to and prepare to cross ROER R. LD - RR from HEINSBURG (8575) to PORSELEN (9072). 3d Bn maintain contact with CGB 8 Armd Div on left, protect regtl left flank. Prepare to be relieved in left (N) portion of regtl Z after reaching ROER R by 15 Co Gp. 1st Bn maintain contact with 134 Inf on right (S). 1st Bn main effort will be made on left (N) of Bn Z of action. One plat AT Co atchd 3d Bn; one plat AT Co atchd to 1st Bn; and one plat AT Co in mobile res UETTERATH. Initial CP's - present CP's, thereafter select and report. Radio silence in effect until further orders.
- 1915 - 2d Bn 320 Inf directed to furnish 15 EM to assist Co C 60 Engr Bn on road repair missions beginning 090900 Feb 45.
- 1950 - Opns Sgt 3d Bn reports one plat Co I w/one sec LMG's and one sec HMG's moved and occupied positions in sector Co A 137 Inf, closing approx 1600. Remainder of company will move to that sector 09 Feb 45.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied defensive positions as follows - 3d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co K and Co M - SCHEIFENDUHL; Co L - SCHALHAUSEN; Co I (- one plat) - DONSELEN; One plat Co I - SE portion HEINSBURG. 2d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co E, Co F, and Co H - UETTERATH; Co G - BAUMEN. 1st Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co D and Co A - STRAETEN; Co B - GREBBEN; Co C - DREMMEN. Regtl Hq and Hq Co, AT Co (-), Co C 60 Engr (C) Bn - BIRGDEN. Co C 110 Med Bn - GANGLT. 216 FA Bn - TRIPSRATH; Cannon Co - UETTE-RATH. Units continued to improve defensive positions and conducted active patrolling to front. Engrs continued mine clearance and road maintenance work.

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320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. 3d Bn began relief of right elms of 137 Inf.

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proceeded to the "Y" at 895740 at 0630 without detection. At daylight they moved NE on the road, were fired on by MG from a haystack vic 897742. They took cover in a house and from there observed the following.

Three men were at MG that fired at them. One man came from a house without a helmet or rifle, probably to relieve himself. 6 men were seen at different times rushing between the buildings at KRANZES. 5 men observed in hastily prepared defenses in the open field NE of road at vic 895743. 3 men were seen running between the houses in the town of UNTERSTE HAAG. 2 MGs fired from town of BLECKDEN, but not at the patrol. MG fired at 0815. The houses between the forks at 895740 and the house at 894742 show signs of recent occupation, probably last night. CP in house at 894739. It has commanding view of road running clear into BREMMEN. Tree felled across the road at 897741. - The bombs from planes that fell on PORSELEN set off a mine at 894739. The patrol started out and received 10 rounds of mortar fire at vic 893738. Two sniper shots were fired from Bleckden at same location at about the same time. Patrol returned at 1345.

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of 6 men left BREMMEN at 1310, proceeded E to RJ at 903721. No enemy seen or encountered. Patrol proceeded N to PORSELEN. This town was empty, no life. Patrol headed N to creek at 905733. Boards have been thrown over the creek which is possibly passable for vehicles. Evidence of mines and booby traps are there - loose wires laying about. The houses in town of SCHANZ are empty. Patrol waited and watched the town of BLECKDEN for 30 minutes and saw no activity. RJ (905736 shows no evidence of traffic and does not appear to be mined. Patrol proceeded to vic 905737. There they received small arms fire from their front from vic 913740. All rifle fire, no automatic weapons. No activity was seen in house near RJ (904739). Unable to advance further, patrol returned at 1735. Road conditions were fair all the way through.

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1st Bn Patrol

Patrol left at 0900 and returned at 1345. For route, see overlay. Patrol moved along route shown to point 885747 and heard enemy MG fire from vic 887750. Patrol leader thought he had gone too far and returned to 885744. Patrol leader with 3 men then proceeded to check Wurm River along route (shown on overlay). At 884739 they ran into "E" Co patrol and learnt that "E" Co patrol was engaged with enemy vic of KRANK (898740). Returned to 885744 and with remainder of patrol returned to SP "B" Co. No enemy or entrenchments noted along Wurm River.

3rd Bn Patrol

L Co patrol left at 1400, cleared through "B" Co OP and proceeded on route as shown on regtl overlay. At RJ (887748) a house blown and rubble on the street makes it unpassable to vehicles. Patrol proceeded to RJ (88807505), from there taking left fork, proceeded down road. Road around this RJ and forward 300 yds is 14 in. deep in water. Patrol proceeded to 887752 where they saw a concrete pillbox about 300 yds to their front. A German standing in front of the pillbox fired four shots at the patrol leader, CAUSING THE PATROL TO DISPERSE on either side of road and behind hedge on right side of road. From a point on the left side of the road five pillboxes (concrete, above ground) could be seen. The German who had fired ran into one of the pillboxes. The patrol stayed at their point. At 1550 two Germans came out of pillbox #4 (887754) and crossed road. They did not carry a weapon nor were they in a hurry. The same two men returned at 1557 but went into pillbox #3 (88647538). At 1620 three Germans came out of the same pillbox and entered pillbox #1 (88607534). At 1627 one German came out of pillbox #4 but reentered. At 1630, 2 HMGs fired missing the patrol. 2 men of the patrol crossed the road and were going into a house further back down the street. The MGs fired to the W of the patrol; they were firing from portholes in pillboxes #3 and #4. Slots in east of pillboxes - #2 (88547534), #5 (88577542) and #6 (88607534) did not contain weapons. Patrol returned at 1855.

Remarks: 1) Field "Hackenfeld" is completely covered with water about 14 in. deep. 2) No mines encountered. 3) Coordinates of pillboxes are only approximate.

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(Night patrols 08-09 February)

G Co patrol Patrol left at 1830, advanced over the same route as this afternoon except it by-passed the town of PORSELEN because of a large fire believed to be in the center of the town. Patrol hit the road at N edge of town and advanced to vic of the town of SCHANZ where it received heavy caliber MG and burp-gun fire. MG fire came from estimated range of 400 yds, azimuth 45 degrees.- Patrol returned at 2130.

L Co Patrol Negative

B Co Patrol Negative

Reason for negative reports:
Due to terrain patrols could not reach river objective.

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Patrol Reports from 1800 08 February to 1800 09 February

Patrol # 1:
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 0650, returned at 1225.
Patrol went as shown on regtl. overlay to
vic 885756; there patrol found unoccupied
pillbox; at 888756 patrol found unoccupied
dug-out. Patrol observed 10 enemy at 887756
and 8 enemy at 880756. The 8 enemy joined the
10 enemy at 887756 and went together Eastwards
in single file.-

Patrol # 2:
1st Bn

Patrol # 2(1400-1800) proceeded along main
road to last house on right side of road
vic 891747. There they established an OP
in the top of the house. Officer in charge
with fieldglasses observed the following:
5 pillboxes estimated to be at least 20x20 feet
in dimension. They were concrete structures
with thick piles of dirt on top.
Location of pillboxes: #1: 67 degrees, range
600 yds (89567492). #2: 58 degrees, range 750 yds
(89687510). #3: 45 degrees, range 1200 yds.
(89867550). #4: 35 degrees, range 750 yds.
(89487530). #5: 15 degrees, range 1100 degrees,
(89347568).
Pillboxes #2, #3 and #5 were all observed to be
manned. At least 4 men observed at each of
these 3 pillboxes at various times. They
did not see anybody at the other 2 pillboxes.
At about 893747 3 bunkers were observed.
Patrol could not see whether these were manned.
Also at 895747 (adjacent to cemetery) are 3 more
bunkers. Terrain between that OP and river
very muddy, appears to get a little better to
right flank (SE).

Patrol # 3:
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 0700, returned at 1300. Patrol
went as shown on regtl. overlay. Bridge blown
out at 904723, also at 906732. Evidences of
AP mines, loose wires and some debris on road
vic 906732. No signs of enemy in SCHANZ(906734)
or BLECKDEN(903735).- At 905736, patrol drew small
arms fire from NE, grid square 9174.

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- 0800 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/following Opns Memo (Classified TOP SECRET). Opns Memo #17 follows - Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGELT (K7767), GERMANY, 082100A Feb 45. Opns Memo #17.
1. Reference FO #34, this Hq, dated 081200A Feb 45, all references to demonstrations to be executed by XVI Corps and by 35 Inf Div are rescinded. No such demonstrations will take place. Units will maintain normal activity prior to H-Hour. Every effort will be made to preserve the utmost secrecy in movement of trs and in bringing up bridging equipment and other supplies which would indicate measures preparatory to an atk. 2. All references in FO #34 to Annex 2 (Demonstrations) are rescinded. No such annex will be published. 3. 137 Inf (w/17 Cav Rcn Sq atchd) will be relieved in present Z by elms 7 Armd Div (Br) and by CCB, 8 Armd Div night 9-10 Feb 45. Relief to be completed by 100400A Feb 45, at which time relieving units assume responsibility for defense of respective sectors. Each Bn, 137 Inf, leave one (1) min rifle co in position as covering force until passed through by atk of CCB, 8 Armd Div morning 10 Feb. 4. Units of 137 Inf, on being relieved, move to assigned assembly area SE of GANGELT. On completion of its relief by 7 Armd Div (Br). 17 Cav Rcn Sq is relieved fr atchmt to 137 Inf. Sq move to assembly area vic BRUNSSUM. 5. Rad silence for all organic Div units except Div Arty will be lifted 100530A Feb 45. Div Arty lift rad silence 100510A Feb 45. 17 Cav Rcn Sq and 784 Tk Bn maintain rad silence until further O's. 6. Atk of 10 Feb will be preceded by arty preparation fr 0510A until 0530A.
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- 0945 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, reports Co I has now completed move from DONSELEN into SE portion of HEINSBERG. Co A 137 Inf rel'd of responsibility for sector.
- 1800 - Capt Tobin, 2d Bn, reports one plat Co F occupied PORSELEN at approx 0745 and one plat Co E occupied former position of right plat Co I vic DONSELEN closing approx 1230.
- 1815 - Lt O'Brien delivered following verbal order from Div - Atk postponed 24 hours. Relief of 137 Inf and 17 Cav Sq by CCB 8 Armd Div and by 7 Armd Div will take place night 10-11 Feb and be completed by 110400 Feb. Due to amt of water in ROER R dams and possibility of flooding areas, all units will take precautions to protect equipment and be prepared to defend present positions under conditions of flooding and water-logged roads.
- 1926 - Msg from Div - Left boundary is changed to exclude town of UNTERBRUCH from 320 Inf sector and put in Z of 8 Armd Div.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to occupy defensive positions as follows - 3d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co K and Co M - SCHEIFENDUHL; Co L - SCHALHAUSEN; Co I - SE portion HEINSBERG. 2d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co E (-), Co F (-), Co H - UETTERATH. One plat Co F - PORSELEN; one plat Co E vic DONSELEN. Co G - BAUMEN. 1st Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co D and Co A - STRAETEN. Co B - GREBBEN; Co C - DREMMEN. Regtl Hq and Hq Co, AT Co (-), Co C, 60 Engr Bn - BIRGDEN. Co C, 110 Med Bn - GANGELT. 216 FA Bn - TRIPSRAETH; Cannon Co - UETTERATH. Units continue to improve defensive positions and conducted active patrolling to the front. Engrs continued mine clearance and road repair work.

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320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Co I completed relief of Co A, 137 Inf 090945A.

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Patrol reports

091800 February 1945 - 101800 February 1945
part #1. nightpatrols

Patrol 2A:
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1800, returned at 2200. When patrol reached vic 86787503, they were fired upon and forced to withdraw. Weapons deployed by enemy were automatic.

Patrol 1A:
3rd Bn

"L" Co patrol left at 2300 with 18 EM, 10. They went by "L" Co LP#2, crossed RR and took small road to highway. Patrol went SE on highway to 873745 and North on that road to 874755. Patrol leader and Sgt. went to 875755, remaining there until 0215. Patrol returned on same route at 0325.

Enemy activity noted: 1) At 873753, lots of water on both sides of road. (Branches and brush piles used by patrol to cross). Entire road muddy and boggy, and pools of water on both sides of road. 2) At 874755, patrol observed 3 MGs firing tracer ammunition from 877756. From same point small arms fired by estimated 12 squad of enemy. MG's and small arms were both firing to right of patrol, in direction of OBERBRUCH. 3) Estimated 4 MGs fired from 893758, firing tracer towards OBERBRUCH. Pump-gun and small arms fire also fired from same area (893758). 4) 6 rounds of enemy mortar fire fell at 888754 between 0130 and 0200. 5) 1 MG at 884761 fired long range to right of patrol, falling short of OBERBRUCH. 6) Patrol leader says, all MG's fired tracers.

Patrol 3A:
2nd Bn

2nd Bn Patrol left at 2300, returned at 0130. Patrol crossed stream at bridge at 90507325. Tried to capture 1 enemy there. Enemy ran back to BLECKDEN; patrol turned back.

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- 1445 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered overlay showing new bdry (left) with instructions as follows - (TOP SECRET) - Hq 35 Inf Div, 101200A Feb 45, Prospective boundary between 35 Inf Div (320 Inf) and CCB 8 Armd Div. Effective upon relief of 137 Inf by CCB 8 Armd Div.
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- 1515 - CO 1st Bn reports an unidentified plane crashed in front of Co C's position (E of DREMMEN). A party is being sent to investigate.
- 1532 - CO 1st Bn reports investigating party found plane to be B-26. Four (?) men parachuted from the plane and are believed to have fallen in enemy lines. A patrol will be sent to try and rescue them if they are W of ROER R.
- 1640 - Telephone msg from G-3 to S-3 - Operations postponed an additional 24 hours (until 120530 A Feb 45).
- 1725 - Arty Ln plane rescued pilot of B-26 which crashed in regtl zone (see 1515 and 1532 entries).
- 2400 - Disposition of units 320 Inf, were, at end of period, unchanged (see 2400 entry 9 Feb 45). Units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports). Engrs continued mine clearance and road repair missions.

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100001A Feb 45 to 102400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period.

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Patrol Reports from 101600 to 111600 Feb 45

At 0815 the remainder of the patrol (8 EM) proceeded to fallen church. Water was present in that vicinity. Patrol crossed the water and established another OP at 887748. From this OP patrol observed area due E under water. Road at point 889751 is on high ground and is not covered by water. Pillboxes were surrounded by water but smoke was observed coming from one of the pillboxes. Azimuth to 3 pillboxes from point 887748 were computed to be 43, 72, 100 degrees respectively. From same OP they observed a man guarding the doorway of a barn 600-700 yards distance at an az of 119 degrees. Later, the man ran from barn towards pillboxes. Another man was seen walking in and out of barn. These men were identified as Germans with field glasses (they wore long overcoats and caps). The first OP (4 EM) rejoined the remainder of patrol at 2nd OP. Patrol leader with another man then walked up the street toward boardwalk. Part of walk had been washed away and water in the street was at least knee deep. These two men returned to OP. Then entire patrol proceeded to point 88657493 for better observation. This OP was a radio tower. Four men went up in the tower to observe. Buildings in Unterbruch can be partially observed. No activity was seen. The aforementioned barn was again observed with the one German still guarding doorway. The azimuth from this point to the barn was 95 degrees. Patrol went into at least 5 bldgs in Oberbruch to see if anyone was hiding there. Buildings did not indicate recent occupation. In the radio tower were uniforms (5 blouses, blue), 3 steel helmets, 1 swastika flag, belts and armbands, 1 field phone, 7 cases of lung inhalators (for children). Patrol remained in this tower until 0945. Seeing that area in grid square 8875 was covered with water patrol started back to Co OP. One of the buildings investigated was thought to be a headquarters building. All doors with one exception were locked. Patrol returned to L Co OP at 1130.

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Patrol reports from 101600 - 111600 February 1945

Patrol # 1:
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 1600 and returned at 2130, for route see regtl. overlay. 3 dug-outs built for tanks vicinity 875754. One (1) dug-out built with logs vicinity 874753. One (1) at vicinity of 876755 well camouflaged. Patrol moved to 875755 and observed an unidentified person vicinity 876754. Patrol remained in observation 4 rounds of mortar fire fell vicinity 875756. 15 minutes later, 9 more rounds of mortar fire fell in same vicinity. At 1900 machine gun fired from vicinity 880757. 1930 observed light in building vicinity 876755. Also noises but too dark to observe anyone.

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Patrol #2
1st Bn

Patrol was out 2200-0150. Used same route as patrol #2 early yesterday. Received MG fire vic 200 yds up left fork of "Y" (RJ 88647482) same as other patrol did. Moved up right fork. Reached #4 OP without further incident. Checked Wurm River which has risen perceptibly. On return, patrol noticed small arms coming from right front B Co. Greater volume than usual. Harassing fire landing between houses in B Co area coming from some place between OP #4 and Kranzes. Patrol returned safely. Remarks. Activity of enemy appears to get stronger during darkness hours. Think enemy's good observation allows them to leave skeleton crews during the day. At night they are afraid of surprises.

Patrol #2A
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1200 and returned at 1500. Patrol moved along the road N to RJ (887748), then E to OP (house at 89107474) and remained in observation. Movement around pillboxes 89687510, 89867550, 89487530, 89347568. Patrol reports Roer River has risen to about 100 yds in places. No enemy activity or firing encountered on patrol.

Patrol #3A
2nd Bn

F Co patrol left at 8810. At (906736) they found a strong-point. Moved on to approx (90697362) where they observed two men moving N. Patrol reached the river at 90697395, found trenches, observed 3 men in the area. Patrol was fired on at 90607395. It was rifle and automatic fire which they believe came from vic of 917743. The area around 897742 is swampy, also around 91757498.- Patrol returned at 0945.

Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

Patrol (1 Sgt and 11 EM) started on patrol at 0500. Patrol was fired on at 882742 by MG coming from az. of 75 degrees. This fire came from one MG. Patrol proceeded up the road for 100 yds and was again fired on by one MG coming from az of 76 degrees. Patrol continued and came to point (884745) (Factory located at that point and water in street). Patrol then proceeded to 886748 and remained there for one hour. It was still dark. Patrol found that water from river had risen up to that intersection. At 0730 patrol sent four men in a building for purpose of establishing an OP. They were to observe to their front. No signs of activity were observed in the buildings to their front in that vic of the town. Buildings in Unterbruch could also be seen and no activity was observed there. The OP was located at 886748, until 0915. Water was observed in grid square 8875. Water seems to be deep in some places. Water was one foot deep in vic of OP.

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from 101600 February 1945 to 111600 February 1945.

Patrol # 3:
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 1600 and returned at 2200. Patrol proceeded along road East out of DREHMEN, to PORSELEN, then along road North out of PORSELEN. At 906732, patrol heard sounds of movement on North bank of WURM river. Patrol remained in observation then moved across stream. At 2130 upon crossing stream patrol drew Machine Gun fire from 2 machine guns and 4-5 rifles, which they believed were firing from vicinity of BLECKDEN (903736). This fire confirmed patrol's belief that enemy had a listening post at the stream, which was forced to withdraw upon patrol's arrival, and warned occupants of BLECKDEN. Patrol reported WURM river to be 40 feet wide vicinity of 90607324 at 2130.

Patrol # 2:
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1600 and returned at 1945.
1. Patrol moved along main route to #1(RJ 88647482) where it drew machine gun fire from left flank fork of "Y" about 200 yards from intersection. (89247446)
2. Proceeded to point #2, then left down road road to last house (894745), observed cemetery flooded with water from river beyond.
3. Moved back to #4 (8917474) (OP used yesterday) where observation is better. Moved 3 men out towards river, balance of patrol remained at #4. 3 men reached point #5 (895749) less than 100 yards from river and drew fire from one (1) machine gun from house (not shown on map but visible on photo-map: coordinates 899750.) Observed that river is flooded and no banks are visible. River is 75 to 100 yards wide at this point. Terrain very soft and muddy. 3 men returned to #4.
4. Pill boxes (reported Feb 9) change guard or serve chow at 1745. Activity noted at that time.
5. Small boat observed vicinity 898748 with 2 men observed floating down river at 1750 - 1800 from right to left, could not tell whether they were civilians or soldiers (#7)
6. Patrol left OP #4 89107474 at 1900. Nothing observed or heard from 1800 to 1900.
7. Upon leaving OP one (1) rifle shot was fired from vicinity 8975 (apparently signal) 2 machine guns then opened up from across river (vicinity pillboxes) Long range harassing fire continued until patrol reached #1 (88647482).

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PATROL REPORTS
from 091800 February to 101800 February 45

Part #2 - Daylight patrols

Patrol #2 Patrol left at 0430 and went to vic 887747 and received
1st Bn MG fire from vic W of 887747. However, patrol could not
pin-point the MG location. Patrol returned at 1000.

Patrol #1 F Co patrol left at 1200. Proceeded down the road past
3rd Bn CP #2 to RJ (876755). Searched about 10 houses in that town.
Did not find anything. Turning right, they went to RJ
(880756), searched 8 houses in that town, did not find
anything either. Patrol then came back through the town
they had just searched proceeded W and at 873758 they
saw trip wires across the road. Also found trip wires
in the field at 872757. From there they observed 5 men,
unidentified, going NW on road vic 867761. Then they went
to RJ (872762) and observed there for about 30 minutes.
Did not see anything. They then turned right and went
to RJ (873763) from where they observed the end of town.
Saw 7 enemy at 875764. They also saw that all buildings
in Unterbruch had the shutters closed. Patrol then came back
on road to Unterbruch. There is a minefield at 861758 (3 ft
mines stretched across road) and another minefield 50 yds
towards Heinsberg. Patrol then came back across creek at
866757 and hit the road at about 873753 and came SE on
that road coming back onto the highway at about 868747.
They then went W to Heinsberg. I Co patrol returned at 1630.

Special Patrol L Co patrol that went out to look for aviators went to
873745. There they went up to top story of a house but could
not see aviators. They saw I Co's patrol but could not
contact them as they were too far away. They then went to
871746 and again went up to the top story of a house.
From there they observed 12 enemy coming out of woods at
868748 to unimproved road at 869747. 2 men had rifles, 10
had burp guns. They just missed I Co's patrol, and L Co patrol
believed that they did not see each other. The enemy went
in groups of four, each group about 50 yds apart. They went
back to Unterbruch and L Co patrol lost sight of them at
about 873749.

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- 0815 - 3d Bn reports one member of crew of B-26 which crashed 10 Feb 45 reported to one of their outposts. He is being sent to CP.
- 1030 - Lt W C Harden, AC, reported to CP and was sent to Div for return to his base.
- 1200 - CO received oral msg from Div that the pending operation has been suspended until further orders.
- 1408 - Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn reld from direct support 320 Inf and reverts to Bn control. Still available for priority missions.
- 1730 - K Co began move from SCHEIFENDUHL to SCHALHAUSEN to relieve Co L.
- 1930 - K Co closed at SCHALHAUSEN. L Co closed at SCHEIFENDUHL.
- 1935 - Reported above change to Div.
- 2400 - Disposition of units 320 Inf were at end of period unchanged (see 2400 entry 9 Feb 45) with exceptions as follows - K Co moved to SCHALHAUSEN relieving L Co which moved to SCHEIFENDUHL. During the day, Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn was reld f atchmt to 320 Inf and reverted to Bn control, remaining available for priority missions. Units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports).

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110001A Feb 45 to 112400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Cos K and L exchanged positions, completing movement 111930A.

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111600 Feb 45 - 121600 Feb 45
Patrol Reports

Patrol # 2:
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1600 and returned at 2135. Same route taken as in the afternoon. (1200-1600). No enemy or fire encountered on route. Established OP in house (89107474) and remained in observation. Water level of the Rour R. seemed the same as was this afternoon. Enemy movement was observed vicinity of pillboxes 89687510, 89867550, 89487530 & 89347568.

Patrol #1:
3rd Bn

"I" Co patrol left at 2000, returned at 0225. They passed through OP#2 and proceeded to 873753. At that point, they found the creek to be between 50 & 60 yds wide, 12 inches deep, running very swift. Patrol tried crossing above and below the road, but all points were flooded.

Patrol # 3:
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 2230, and returned at 0300. Visibility very poor all the way. Heard someone moving around vicinity of strong point already reported. Heard two (2) or more men in vicinity of 9074 (approx) KRANZES. Enough movement led patrol to believe that the town was occupied. On returning, at 0230, heard vehicle moving from E to W (only available information-not a tracked vehicle) on main road leading to PORSELEN. No information on condition of river, due to poor visibility. Stream swollen.

Patrol # 2A:
1st Bn

Patrol left at 0403, returned at 1200. Patrol proceed along road North to RJ 887748, then East to OP (house at 89107474) and remained in observation. No enemy movement was observed around pillboxes (reported previously in patrol report of 12 Feb 45.) Patrol reports rise of river to approx. vicinity 892748, running short of rear of cemetery (895746). Also a rise of 14" at 88707492.

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Patrol Reports 111600 Feb to 121600 Feb 1945

Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 1200 and returned at 1525, going along the same route as yesterday. Patrol went to 873755. There heard MI firing to the West from approx 874757 at 1405. Patrol also reports the stream via 874754 to be flooded 40-70 yds in width. Otherwise patrol reported negative.

Patrol #3A
2nd Bn

Patrol went up to 1st house on road leading N out of Borselen (90607287) and established an OP. There they observed the following:
At an azimuth 15 degrees, range 300 yds (coord 90877365) smoke coming from that appears to be a haystack.
At 18 degrees, range 750 yds (coord 90867364) MI firing off and on for last 2 hours, believed to be a camouflaged pillbox. - Az 345 degrees, range 650 yds (coord 90487348) dugouts and trenches. At last location one enemy observed at 1540. - At 1605 MI and rifle fire at az 84 degrees, range 950 yds (coord 91547298) - At 1630 rifle fire across the river from az 45 degrees. - At 1640 at az 18 degrees one camp gun.

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- 1415 - Overlay received from 3d Bn showing new disposition of I Co. Co now holds line from (850746) to (855745).
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied following defensive positions - 3d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co L and Co M - SCHEIFENDUHL; Co K - SCHALHAUSEN; Co I SE portion HEINSBURG on line from (850746) to (855745). 2d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co E (-), Co F (-), Co H - UETTERATH. One plat Co F - PORSELEN; one plat Co E vic DORSELEN. Co G - BAUMEN. 1st Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co D and Co A - STRAETEN. Co B - GREBBEN; Co C - DREMMEN. Regtl Hq and Hq Co, AT Co (-) - BIRGDEN. Co C, 110 Med Bn - ~~REBEL~~ ^{CANSELT} ~~REBEL~~; Cannon Co - UETTERATH.
- Units continued to improve defensive positions and conducted active patrolling to the front (see current patrol reports)

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320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period.

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PATROL REPORTS
from 121600 February to 131600 February 1945

Patrol #1
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 1615, returned at 2010. Route as per overlay. After they crossed RR tracks and highway they came to RJ at 87307495. Area to E is flooded. They then proceeded up the road N to first little stream. It has a brush bottom, passable to foot troops and light vehicles. They continued up the road, part of which is under water. They do not think vehicles can use road right now. Next bridge at (87317509) is still above water. They proceeded down the road to RJ in town of Unterbruch, turned left and to buildings in the far end of town (874757). In last building on right side of road they found empty cartridge cases lying on floor by window. One part of patrol who had inspected this building previously said they were not there before. Right across the street from this building is a new shellhole. Door of house is blown out. It looks like shell came from enemy. They then went down the road and as they approached the next group of buildings they observed trip wires across road vic 873758 (previously reported). They did not go further than trip wires, but remained in vicinity in observation for about 30 minutes. At W end of first group of buildings is a culvert across road. Vehicles cannot get across, but one can jump across. Patrol returned by same route. No enemy were seen.

Patrol 1A:
3rd Bn

3rd Bn patrol left at 0500 and returned at 0910. Patrol proceeded along route 86567470, 86847472, 87267496 to 87547552 when the patrol observed German sentry vicinity of edge of town. Sentry ran off into town upon patrol arrival. Remaining in observation, patrol heard rifle shots vicinity of UNTERBRUCH and saw flares. Patrol also reports hearing dogs in town. Flood across 2 streams (87387540) appears to have gone down slightly.

Patrol #2:
3rd Bn

Patrol followed main route to OP. Visibility was good and it was noted the water level was about the same, approximately 100 yards from OP. No enemy activity was encountered along the route. German MG fire, estimated 1 gun, heard to right front, estimated to be vicinity of KIVIT. WURM R level same as reported this afternoon. Could note no perceptible rise since that time. Patrol left at 2300 and returned at 0230.

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Patrol Reports 121600 - 131600 February 1945

Patrol 2A:
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1200 on same route as usual to Or at 89107474 and observed the following: Water level is about the same; no appreciable change.- All pillboxes previously reported are definitely manned. Saw enemy sitting on top of them shooting ducks. Near previously reported farmhouse (899750) they saw a lot of entrenchments around the building. Also a band of concertina wire as far up and down as they could see between pillboxes and river- WURM R - no appreciable change either. No other indication of enemy activity. No enemy fire encountered. Patrol returned at 1600.

Patrol reports 131600 - 141600 February 1945.

Patrol # 2:
1st Bn

1st Bn "B" Co patrol # 2 left at 1600, returned at 2150. Patrol proceeded along main route. No evidence of enemy activity observed in OBERBRUCH. Patrol moved on to OP (89107474). At 1730 patrol observed 1 enemy MG at 899750. (2 men were running out of farmhouse with MG and fired estimated 300 rounds at cemetery (896746).) 2 boats were seen carrying each 2 enemy, using poles to move boats along vicinity the 5 pillboxes previously reported (895755). Boats believed to be used as transportation to pillboxes. Water level of ROER R and WURM R are unchanged.

Patrol #1:
3rd Bn

"I" Co patrol consisting of 2 O's and 6 EM left at 2300 and returned at 0400. Patrol went South through SCHAFHAUSEN and North through "K" Co's LP, across RR to road and then to triple RJ and N to S edge of UNTERBRUCH. Heard some noise of enemy movement in town, enemy using illuminating flares and 1 orange signal flare. Patrol remained in S part of town for 30 minutes. Saw tracer firing into OBERBRUCH from across the river. Roads into UNTERBRUCH are impassable but lower water level (1 foot) than it was 2 nights ago. Water in road.

patrol #3:
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 2300, returned at 0300. Patrol went on route as shown on regtl. overlay and reached 1st bridge when they heard commotion in t

buildings in town of SCHANZ (This town unoccupied during daylight but occupied by night by enemy.) Patrol went cross stream and reached S part of SCHANZ. Enemy kept throwing flares all night which made it difficult to advance any further. 9 rounds of mortar fire fell in vicinity of "F" Co OP during night.

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Patrol # 3:
2nd Bn

Patrol was out all night. Patrol left at 1800, went to bridge(906732) North of PORSELEN. Patrol remained on this side in listening to see if they could hear any activity. At 2100 a burp gun fired 2 or 3 bursts from approx. 905739. A couple of minutes later 8 rounds of 120mm mortar landed on PORSELEN. At 2200 patrol went North about 200 yards North of bridge. Heard approx. 6 men moving West to East probably on trail from BLECKDEN. Went across road to East, sounded like men were maybe carrying MG's or ammunition boxes, thought to go into position approx 907736. 1 enemy returned at 2200 from East, went toward BLECKDEN. A MG opened up fire across the river with probaly harrassing fire about 300 yards North of patrol. A flash was seen at approx 906736 but no action could be heard. Patrol returned to a building North of creek in SOHANZ and remained there as a listening post. Patrol returned at 0730.

at 2300 and returned at 0400. Patrol went South through SOHANZ and North through "K" Co's LP across RP to road and then to bridge Rf and K to S side of UNTERBRUCH. Heard some noise of enemy movement in town enemy using illuminating flare and 1 orange signal flare. Patrol remained in S part of town for 20 minutes saw tracer firing into UNTERBRUCH from across the river. Roads into UNTERBRUCH are impassable but I was water level. I thought when it was 2 nights ago. Water in road.

Patrol left at 2500, returned at 0500. Patrol went on route as shown on regtl. overlay and reached 1st bridge when they heard commotion in buildings in town of SOHANZ. This town was occupied during daylight but occupied by night by enemy. Patrol went across stream and reached S part of SOHANZ. Enemy kept throwing flares all night which made it difficult to advance any further. A mortar fire fell in vicinity of "P" Co at night.

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- 1155 - G-3 called CO and approved 1st Bn plan to mine positions to which the enemy has been infiltrating and setting up MG's at night.
- 1200 - CO granted 2d Bn permission to give two plats assault boat training w/engrs. Tng approved by Div.
- 1210 - Called Co C, 60 Engr and informed Lt Stracken to have a representative report to 1st Bn CP at 1400 to arrange to lay booby traps.
- 1430 - Capt Miller, 1st Bn S-3 called to inform us that A Co will relieve C Co at twilight tonight.
Because of this change and lack of Engr equipment on hand, it is doubted that plan to mine enemy MG positions can be carried out until tomorrow.
- 1900 - Capt Miller reported change completed. A Co closed in DREMMEN. C Co closed in STRAETEN. (Div notified).
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to occupy defensive positions which remained unchanged (see 2400 entry 12 Feb 45) with exceptions as follows - A Co relieved C Co. A Co now occupies positions in northern portion of DREMMEN; Co C in northern portion of STRAETEN.
During the day elms 2d Bn conducted assault boat training w/engrs. Unit continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports) and improving defensive positions.

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130001A Feb 45 to 132400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Co A relieved Co C, completing relief 131900A.

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PATROL REPORTS
from 131600 to 141600 February 1945

Patrol #2A
1st Bn

B Co patrol left at 0530, returned at 1200. They found two new pillboxes. The first one was at an az of 48 degrees, distance 800 yds from OP (89107474) - 89327528. The second one was at an az of 25 degrees, 600 yds distance - 89707534. Both were under water. The second one is camouflaged to look like a shed.

Patrol #3A
~~XXXXXXXX~~
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 1200, returned at 1430. They went to 911730 where they were pinned down by MG fire for 2 hours. ~~XXXX~~ Several MGs fired from an azimuth of 38 degrees. The foot bridge at 911730 is intact.

Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

I Co patrol left at 1205 and went to OP #2 (86557464). 3 men of patrol went route as shown on regtl overlay, 6 men went through Oberbruch through factory to 882750. They saw mines at 881752, 880752, 879753. They turned left on road leading NW and met remainder of patrol at 876755. Patrol finding town here unoccupied found boxmines and booby-traps at 874757. Patrol then proceeded NW. They cut trip wires at 873758. They proceeded to Unterbruch, turned right at 872762 and proceeded to 877765. From there they saw one enemy cross the road at 878767 and abt 50 yds behind him 3 more men at 10 yds interval. The enemy turned N to 884769. Patrol were afraid they had been seen, although they were not fired upon and did not go further in fear of trap. - Wurm River is no longer over the road between big and small Unterbruch. Bridge is blown at 87357570. Fields on either side of road are still covered with water and are muddy. Patrol returned by same route as shown on regtl overlay and returned at 1735.

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- 300 - Lt O'Brien reported to GP w/Opns Memo #18. Opns Memo #18 follows -
Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGLT (K7767), GERMANY, 141000A Feb 45. Opns Memo #18
Defense of Division Sector
1. Div continues defense of present sector until further O's, improve positions, prepares plans for counteratk. General trace of MLR, RRL, Switch Position, Second Defensive Position: Overlay.
 2. Regtl comdrs submit to Div Hq by 151800A Feb 45 recommendations for changes in present MLR so as to conform to general trace indicated on overlay, and recommendations for position of OPLR within respective regtl sectors.
 3. Mine fields and wire will be placed in front of MLR as ordered by Regtl comdrs. All such mine fields will be laid and recorded by 60 Engr (C) Bn only. NO OTHER WIRE OR MINE FIELDS WILL BE INSTALLED EXCEPT BY SPECIFIC ORDER OF DIV COMDR. Rd blocks will be installed at vital points as ordered by Regtl Comdrs.
 4. Bns indicated on overlay will be prepared for demolition. In case of necessity, bns will be blown by trs of 60 Engr (C) Bn on written authority of Regtl Comdr concerned. Overlay.
 5. Regtl comdrs reconnoiter portions of indicated Switch Position and Second Defensive Position within respective sectors. Lay out defensive positions in conjunction w/Div Engr. Div Engr, w/support of 1153 Engr (C) Gp, prepare individual and AW emplacements on positions indicated by Regtl comdrs. Plans for laying of mine fields and wire at these positions will be made, but no installation of mines or wire will be accomplished without specific order from Div Comdr. Submit plan of orgn to CG by 151800A Feb 45. Overlay
 6. Regtl Comdrs submit by 151800A Feb 45 plans for counteratk against possible enemy penetrations into defensive position, using local reserve available.
 7. Co Comdrs of 654 TD Bn contact Regtl Comdrs of Regts which they usually support (SOP), make plans for use of TD's in respective Regtl sectors, reconnoiter for positions. TD Cos remain present positions. Move fwd to assume direct support mission on Div O only.
 8. CO, 784 Tk Bn make plans for employment of "Task Force Dalia" to counteratk enemy penetrations marked A to E, incl. Composition of TF: 784 Tk Bn, 2d Bn 134 Inf, one (1) plat 60 Engr Bn. Lt Col Dalia coordinate reconnaissance and planning of all comdrs concerned. TF Dalia effective only on Div O. Submit plans for counteratks by 161200A Feb 45.
 9. CO, 15 Cav Rcn Gp (Mecz), on arrival in Div Sector, reconnoiter entire sector for possible counteratk mission. 17 Cav Rcn Sq remain atchd 137 Inf.
 10. Div Arty Comdr furnish Ln O to Lt Col Dalia for preparation of Arty plans for counteratk mission. Ln detail to be atchd to TF Dalia when TF becomes effective.
- OFFICIAL: RENFROE
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- 1945 - Capt Rennis, Co C, 60 Engrs, reported that a 30 ft treadway bridge is now in at DREMMEN (8872).
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to occupy and improve defensive (see 2400 entry 13 Feb 45) positions. All units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports). 2d Bn continued assault boat tng.

Extract from G-3 Report
140001A Feb 45 to 142400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period.

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PATROL REPORTS

from 141600 February to 151600 February 1945

Patrol #3
2nd Bn

Patrol left Porselen at 2045. They were kept from leaving town for 45 minutes because of MG fire. They moved along trail to vic of foot bridge (911730) where they were fired upon from left by MGs. Fire came from town 300 yds to left. Patrol returned at 2330.

Patrol #2
1st Bn

Patrol left at 2200, returned at 0250.
Patrol reported negative.

Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 0500. went as prescribed by regtl overlay until they got to 874754. There they turned left, proceeded down improved road between two streams. Coming into Unterbruch at 872672, patrol turned right, went to RJ (877766). They stayed there to observe but saw nothing other than a few flares (not near them). Heard some MG fire to their ~~right~~ left. Otherwise report negative.

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G-2 SUMMARY 0730 14 FEBRUARY 1945.

134th Infantry: All Negative during night.

137th Infantry: Strong enemy patrol engaged in fire fight
vicinity of 832771 at about 2350.
Friendly patrol reports small enemy outpost
vicinity of 832794. Our patrol to buildings
at 847777 contacted 15 - 20 man enemy patrol.
Fire fight followed and our patrol withdrew.
Artillery is being placed on buildings.
Patrol to 836810 contacted 5 man enemy patrol,
also group of nine (9) men going into house
vicinity 832808. Scattered flare activity was
reported across our sector during night.
Patrol contacted small number of enemy at 858769.

XVI CORPS: Negative throughout the night.

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1500 - Ltr "Defense of Regimental Sector" published at Hq 320 Inf with Annex A and B atchd. Ltr follows - Hq 320 Inf, BIRGDEN, GERMANY, 151500A Feb 45. Subject: Defense of Regimental Sector. To: CG, 35 Inf Div.
1. Recommend that MLR and OPLR within this sector be as indicated on attached overlay, Annex A. OPLR to be occupied when present flood conditions have subsided sufficiently to permit troop movement.
2. Recommend that Switch Position and Second Defensive Position be organized as indicated on attached overlay (Annex A).
3. Counterattack plans are attached herewith as Annex B.
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Annex "B" follows -

Hq 320 Inf, BIRGDEN, GERMANY, 151500A Feb 45, Annex "B" to Ltr "Defense of Regimental Sector", 15 Feb 45

Plans for Counterattack

1. Enemy penetration from N through HEINSBERG (8575) area: a. Troops: Reserve Co, 3d Bn; 2d Bn (-1 Co); Co C, 654 TD Bn. b. Employment: Reserve company, 3d Bn contain atk from present positions. 2d Bn (-1 Co) move NW from present area along GEILENKIRCHEN - HEINSBERG Road to ERPEN (849715) area, counterattack N. Co C, 654 TD Bn prepared to move from GEILENKIRCHEN NW on call.

2. Enemy penetration from N through OBERBRUCH (862747) area: a. Troops: Reserve Co, 1st Bn; 2d Bn (-1 plat); Co C 654 TD Bn. b. Employment: Reserve Co 1st Bn move to contain enemy from positions vic SCHLEIDEN (856725). 2d Bn move to DREMMEN (888725) area, counterattack enemy to NW and W. Area of departure: DREMMEN. Co C, 654 TD Bn prepared to move from GEILENKIRCHEN to UETTERATH and DREMMEN areas on call.

3. Enemy penetration from N in DREMMEN area: a. Troops: Reserve co, 1st Bn; 2d Bn (-1 plat); Co C, 654 TD Bn. b. Employment: Reserve co, 1st Bn move to contain right flank of enemy penetration from positions vic BOVERATH (872720). 2d Bn counterattack to N from present positions Area of departure: UETTERATH (875705). Co C, 654 TD Bn prepared to move to UETTERATH area on call.

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to hold and improve defensive positions as follows - 3d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co L and Co M - SCHEIFENDUHL. Co I - SE portion HEINSBERG on line from (850746) to (855745); Co K - SCHALHAUSEN. 2d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co E(-), Co F(-), Co H - UETTERATH. One plat Co F - PORSELEN; One plat Co E vic DORSELEN; Co G - BAUMEN. 1st Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co C, Co D - STRAETEN. Co B - GREBBEN; Co A - DREMMEN. Regtl Hq and Hq Co - BIRGDEN; AT Co (-) - BIRGDEN. Co C, 110 Med Bn - TRIPSATH. Cn Co - UETTERATH. Ser Co - GILLRATH. All Bns continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports). 2d Bn continued assault boat tng. Elms 3d Bn recd tng in Aircraft Recognition

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150001A Feb 45 to 152400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Rcn made and plans submitted in accordance w/Opns Memo #18, this Hq.

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Patrol Reports

PATROL REPORTS
from 151600 to 161600 February 1945

PICKS - leave unit there
Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

Patrol of "I" Co left at 1200. It proceeded as shown on regtl overlay to little Unterbruch (876755). At that point part of the patrol went N to big part of Unterbruch. And a group went to Kuppen. The men that went to Kuppen then turned N and proceeded to the town of Baowen (878763). They went to far northern end of town and stopped. The other men turning to big Unterbruch turned right at first RJ, proceeded to 2nd RJ and went behind church at 874763. About three minutes after they went into position there, artillery was thrown at them, believed to be 105s. It actually hit the church behind which they were hiding-1320. At about 1340 one German came out of 873768 heading south coming across highway at 876765 and came towards patrol on left. At the same time more artillery came in and hit very close. They ran across the street and went into a house opposite the church and at the same time two more rounds hit very close. At about the same time the patrol on the right was fired on by some automatic weapon, believed to have been a BAR and firing from approx 878767. Also rifles were fired, aimed at patrol. About this time two more Germans came out of same place (873768) and opened fire on patrol in Unterbruch. Knowing that their presence was detected they withdrew on signal from the officer, and as the patrol on the right was coming back, mortar fire was dropped on them at 878762 (9 rounds). Patrol on left, when withdrawing, received two rounds of artillery at 872760. ~~XXXX~~ Patrol returned at 1725. No casualties.

Patrol #2A
1st Bn

Patrol left 1200 and returned at 1545. Patrol proceeded the same route to the CP, house 89107474 and remained in observation. Due to poor visibility, the patrol was unable to observe the Roer R. Although, patrol reports the flood area as receding slightly. No enemy encountered on route.

Patrol #3A
2nd Bn

No report, from the 2nd Bn, of their patrol, has been received at this time-160315 Feb. 45.

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Patrol Reports

Patrol #1
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 2200 and returned at 2415. Followed prescribed route to 872758. At that point they were fired upon by machine gun. One Mg fire came from approx 873759, and the other from 876756. Both positions indefinite. At 869747, they received 5 or 6 rounds of 88 fire. No other information available.

Patrol #2
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1600 and returned at 2145. Patrol proceeded along same route, as previously reported to OP, house 89117474, and remained in observation. Due to poor visibility, the patrol was unable to observe the Roer R. Although, the patrol reports the flood area receding some but not to any appreciable degree. No enemy encountered on route.

Patrol #3
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 2200 and returned at 0300. Crossed first bridge, and set up listening post. Reported enemy ~~XXXXXX~~ activity in Schanz. Except for MG fire to their right, nothing unusual occurred.

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- 1515 - Lt O'Brien called to inform us that no known pillboxes are available for training in assault of fortified positions (as prescribed in Tng Memorandum No 2, Hq 35 Inf Div, 15 Feb 45) to be conducted by this regiment. Training will have to be theoretical.
- 1800 - S-3, 654 TD Bn called to inform us that one plat of Co C, 654 TD Bn will be available to us for training purposes.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to hold and improve defensive positions (see 2400 entry 15 Feb 45). During the day elms 2d Bn, under supervision of 280 Engrs, conducted assault boat training. Elms 1st Bn received training in Aircraft Recognition. All units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports).

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160001A Feb 45 to 162400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout the period.

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- 0930 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/overlay showing OPLR 320 Inf and following written instructions - Hq 35 Inf Div, 170930A Feb 45
1. Defense plan 320 Inf approved, w/following exception: continue to occupy southern part of PORSELEN as part of MLR.
 2. Occupy recommended OPLR as soon as flood conditions permit.
 3. Bend back left flank of OPLR so as to tie in w/137 Inf at indicated LP.
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- 1005 - Sgt Quested, 2d Bn, called to inform us that F Co (-) closed at HERB. One plat F Co at PORSELEN.
- 1300 - S-3, 1st, 2d, 3d Bns, 280 Engr(C) Bn, Co Cn Co, CO AT Co, CO Co C 60 Engr(C) Bn reported to CP to receive oral instructions for proposed training program (see Notes on Tng Program filed with this journal).
- 1840 - Col Botchin, 60 Engr(C) Bn, called to inform us that the 202 Engr (C) Bn will assist us in work on our second line. A representative of the organization will contact us tomorrow.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to occupy and improve defensive positions as follows - 1st Bn Hq and Hq Co, D Co - STRAETEN; C Co - N of STRAETEN. B Co - GREBBEN; A Co - DREMMEN. 2d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co H, Co E (-) - UETTERATH. One plat Co E - vic DONSELEN. Co G - vic E and S of UETTERATH. Co F (-) - HERB. One plat Co F - PORSELEN. 3d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co M, Co L - SCHEIFENDUHL. Co K - SCHALHAUSEN; Co I - SE portion HEINSBERG. Regtl Hq and Hq Co, AT Co (-) - BIRGDEN. Regtl Med Det - BIRGDEN. Cn Vo - UETTERATH; Ser Co - GILLRATH. During the day elms 2d Bn received training in aircraft recognition. Units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports). F Co (-) moved from UETTERATH to HERB. 2d Bn continued Assault Boat Tng.

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170001A Feb 45 to 172400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Continued assault boat training w/280 Engrs Bn on MEUSE R.

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3rd Bn: #1 "I" Co patrol left at 1200, cleared through OP#2 and proceeded to little UNTERBRUCH (876755). At that point turned left and proceeded towards big UNTERBRUCH. Another group "B" turned right to KUPPEN. In KUPPEN group "B" turned W and went to 877764. They remained there while group "A" worked up through big UNTERBRUCH to 873764. At that point the officer in charge and 1 man proceeded forward on left side of road reaching a house at 874764. At that point they were fired upon by rifle and burp gun fire wounding the officer, forcing the group "A" to withdraw - time 1630. Group "B" stayed in position and saw 1 enemy coming out of 878769, coming down the road. At the same time 3 more enemy came out of the same direction and waited behind building at 877767. Group "B" stayed in position until 1810. At that time they received what they believed to be 88mm fire, coming very close. So they withdrew by same route as they came up, were fired upon again at 879759, by what they believed to be direct 88mm fire. They withdrew to KUPPEN where they received 3 more rounds of the same kind of fire. From there they withdrew to CR in little UNTERBRUCH where they were to meet group "A". "A" left 2 men in that town and withdrew the rest to where they started from. 2 men had instructions to wait for "B" until 1830. Since "B" did not get there until that time, the 2 suspected that something had gone wrong and went back also. "B" reached little UNTERBRUCH at 1850 and were waiting for "A", not knowing that they had gone earlier. At the same time a German patrol of 5 men came out of big UNTERBRUCH heading towards little UNTERBRUCH, at 872759. Seeing that enemy patrol was coming towards them they started to withdraw to "I" Co OP. Patrol returned at 2200.

3rd Bn: #1A Patrol left at 0500 and proceeded to KUPPEN (879756). Heard small arms fire (considerable) from vicinity ROLLAID (877769) and 883762. Could not determine the source of it. Proceeded to 886756 which is under water. Also observed the Reser R. which is flooded on both banks. Returned to 878764 and remained in observation. No signs of enemy activity due to poor visibility. Patrol returned at 0950.

1st Bn: #2: "B" Co patrol took main route to OP (891748) at 2200. Heard rifle fire from across the river. Also heard MG fire from across river but not coming in their direction. Patrol returned at 0150.

2nd Bn: #3: Patrol left at 0300, proceeded towards bridge (906732) N North of FORSELEN. Before arriving at the bridge they could hear planks being moved about, which sounded like the enemy was building bridge. Patrol returned at 0615.

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to hold and improve defensive positions (see 2400 entry 17 Feb 45). During the day elms 1st and 3d Bns received assault boat training in conjunction w/280 Engr Bn. Elms 2d Bn received Infantry-Tank Team Training and training in assault of fortified positions. All mits were instructed in methods of coordination with the Air Forces. Units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports).

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180001A Feb 45 to 182400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Conducted Inf*Tk training w/784 Tk Bn.

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PATROL REPORTS
from 171600 to 181600 February 1945

Patrol #2A
1st Bn

Patrol left at 0530 and returned at 1205. Patrol proceeded along the main route to OP (89107474) where they remained in observation. Due to poor visibility the patrol was unable to observe any activity. Water still on road 150 yds from OP. No enemy fire encountered en route.

Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

I Co patrol left at 0500, cleared through OP #2 (867746), proceeded as shown on regtl overlay. Upon reaching a point (873754) they were fired on by one MG from 877754, dug in position. Patrol was pinned down for 10-15 minutes. They then maneuvered up to the creek and came back on highway at 873757. They turned SE at that point, coming back into little Unterbruch and came to RJ at 876756. They turned E there and went to Kuppen. In Kuppen they turned left and went N to a point (879760) where the patrol halted and 4 men went to end of town at 879761. 4 men set up an OP there while rest of patrol turned right to group of houses. Upon reaching last house in that group at 88017601 they were fired on by 3 MGs in dug in positions at 882761, 883762, and 883763. They stayed in houses and observed all day. At 1130 one man tore off part of roof to observe and MG at 883762 fired on him again. At 1300 9 mortar rounds hit very close, also house they were in, coming from vic 883762. They identified two mortars in that town. At 1350 one motor vehicle was heard coming into same vicinity, but patrol could not see it. They could observe the river. Both banks seemed very wet and marshy, but river apparently was not out of its bed. They could observe to the N, but did not observe any activity. At 1610 they received 3 rounds of 105s. They could not hear the gun go off, but it hit very close. They then started withdrawing. They came back the same route and after picking up the 4 men that guarded the rear five rounds of very heavy caliber artillery hit behind them on the road. When they hit RJ in Kuppen before turning right 2 rounds of mortar came in. They came back through Unterbruch (876756) and investigated the MG position at 877754 where they saw heavy cal MG shells laying about, but MG itself had been removed. No enemy were observed there. Patrol returned at 1715.

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Patrol #1A
3rd Bn

K Co Patrol left at 0500, returned at 0955. They used prescribed route and reached a point (882757). Their passage from there on was blocked by water. They remained there in observation and listening. Heard burp gun firing to their right, seemed to come from between the river and the town of Oberbruch. No further activity was observed. Patrol returned by the same route.

Patrol #2A
1st Bn

Patrol left at 1200 and returned at 1555. Patrol proceeded along route to OP (89107474) and remained there in observation. Patrol reports again enemy shooting at ducks vic of pillboxes. Also observed enemy activity vic farmhouse (899750). Water has receded since last report but water was observed vic of pillboxes (895735). No enemy encountered on route.

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Patrol #2

B Co left at 2200, returned 0040. They moved out along main route to RJ 887748. Here they drew scattered rifle and AW (LMG or bump gun) fire from vic right flank road. Patrol leader believes fire to be directed by noise of movement rather than by sight. Patrol attempted to skirt fire, but drew more, so they returned. They drew no fire returning, but could hear fire continuing in same place.

Patrol #3

Patrol went N out of DRENNEN at 1600, reached point 892736 where they received fire from two (2) MG's firing across road in front of patrol. They also received six (6) or seven (7) rounds 50mm mortar from 893744. Patrol, unable to advance any further, returned at 2230.

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to hold and improve same defensive positions (see 2400 entry 17 Feb 45). During the day elms 1st Bn received assault boat training under supervision of 280 Engr (C) Bn. Elms 2d Bn continued training in assault of fortified positions and technique of Infantry-Tank Teams. All nits conducted instruction in methods of coordination with the Air Forces. Units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports).

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190001A Feb 45 to 192400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Conducted assault boat training on WURM R vic (K877652) and Inf-Tk training.

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G-2 Report 190700A Feb 45:

137 reports small enemy patrols were encountered vic THEBERATH (8577) about 2100, vic HORGDEN (8376) about 2330 and vic 842772 about 2245.

134 reports hearing wheeled vehicles in grid square 9472 and 9570 about 2145.

XVI Corps reports very quiet in sectors to our North and South during night.

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- 1530 - Col Renfro, Div G-3, visited CP and delivered Opns Memo #19 which follows - (TOP SECRET) - Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGLT (K7767), GERMANY, 201200A Feb 45 Opns Memo #19, Maps: GSGS 4040, 4507, Scale 1:50,000, Sheets 48, 8, and 19.
1. 137 Inf (w/17 Cav Rcn Sq atchd) will be relieved in present position night 22-23 Feb by 314 Inf (79 Inf Div). Relief to be completed by 230200A Feb 45, at which time CO, 314 Inf assumes responsibility for defense of sector. Details of relief by mutual arrangement between Regtl Comdrs concerned.
 2. Units of 137 Inf, on being relieved, move to assigned assembly area S and SE of GANGLT. On completion of relief, 17 Cav Rcn Sq is relieved from atchmt to 137 Inf and reverts to control of CO, 15 Cav Rcn Gp. Sq move to assembly area vic BRUNSSUM.
 3. All provisions of Opns Memo #16 and 17, this Hq, which conflict with pars 1 and 2 above are rescinded.
 4. Reference FO #34, this Hq, dated 081200A Feb 45, XIII Corps, XVI Corps and 35 Inf Div atk 230330A Feb 45. 314 Inf operates on left (W) of 35 Inf Div.
 5. 134 Inf (w/Co A, 60 Engr(C) Bn atchd) hold present positions. Send strong combat patrols to HOLFARTH and to farm at (K923729), starting at 230330A Feb 45, to determine location and strength of enemy defenses. Assist adv of 320 Inf by fire. Maintain contact w/84 Inf Div on right. Protect Div right (E) flank.
 6. 320 Inf (w/Co C 60 Engr(C) Bn atchd) atk on Z 230330A Feb 45, clear out enemy S and W of ROER R, advance to and prepare to cross ROER R. Maintain contact w/314 Inf on left. Protect Div left (W) flank.
 7. Div Arty fire 45 minute preparation from 230245A to 230330A.
 8. No demonstrations will be conducted by 35 Inf Div. All units maintain normal activity prior to 230330A Feb 45 (except arty preparation). Every effort will be made to preserve the utmost secrecy in movement of troops, in bringing up bridging equipment and other sups which would indicate measures preparatory to an atk.
 9. All provisions of FO #34 which conflict with pars 4-8 incl, above, are rescinded. All other provisions of FO #34 remain in effect.
- OFFICIAL: RENFROE
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- 1800 - Ltr dispatched to CG, 35 Inf Div on report of training accomplished. Ltr follows - Hq 320 Inf, APO 35, 20 Feb 45. Subject: Report of Training Accomplished. To: CG, 35 Inf Div (thru G-3)
1. In compliance with par 9, TM #2, Hq 35 Inf Div, dated 15 Feb 45 the following report is submitted. a. Assault Boat Training: The lettered companies of the 1st and 2d Bns have completed training with assault boats as of this date. The 3d Bn is scheduled to complete this training on 22 Feb. b. Assault training: Two rifle companies of the 2d Bn have completed the prescribed training in the assault of fortified positions as of this date, and that battalion will complete this type training on 21 Feb. The 1st Bn is scheduled to complete this training by 23 Feb, and the 3d Bn by 26 Feb. c. Infantry-Tk Team Training: Two rifle companies of the 3d Bn have completed the prescribed infantry-tk team training as of this date, and the remaining rifle companies of the regiment are scheduled to complete this training by 26 Feb. d. Coordination with Air Forces: Training in coordination with Air Forces is being conducted by all organizations in conjunction with other training, and is approximately one-third completed. All organizations are equipped with devices for signalling to aircraft. e. Additional Infantry Training: (1) No training has

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as yet been conducted in "Marching Fire" due to the heavy schedule in other types of training. (2) Mortar and machine gun crews are receiving continuous instruction in technique of fire in present gun positions. (3) Battalion A&P platoons are at present training with Bangalore Torpedoes for destruction of wire entanglements. (4) A continuous program of training officers and certain non-commissioned officers in methods of adjusting artillery fire is being conducted at Bn and Co OP's under the supervision of 216 FA Bn Liaison Officers. f. Disciplinary Training: Daily instruction to all units in military courtesy and discipline is being conducted, although no units have been able to conduct any close order drill due to adverse ground conditions throughout the sector.

For the Commanding Officer:
Thomas P McElroy
Major, Inf
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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to hold and improve same positions (see 2400 entry 17 Feb 45). During the day 1st Bn completed training in assault boats; 2d Bn completed training in assault of fortified positions; elms 3d Bn received Inf-Tk Team and Assault Boat Training. All units conducted instruction in coordination with Air Forces and continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports)

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200001A Feb 45 to 202400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Continued assault boat training on WURM R vic (K877652) and Inf-Tk training.

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Patrol Reports 19-20 February

Patrol #1
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 2200 and returned at 0125. Followed route prescribed on regtl overlay, to rail junction between Schalhausen and Oberbruch. Then went East to 8874. Then walked North to 8876. Remained in observation approx a half hour. Returned and picked up the two men left at RJ879739. Patrol did not hear or see any enemy activity.

Patrol #2
1st Bn

Left at 1600 and returned at 2140. Proceeded along main route to OP (house 89107474) and remained in observation. No enemy activity reported. On the way back the patrol received 15 rounds of light artillery fire via RJ88667482.

Patrol #3
2nd Bn

Patrol left at 2300 and proceeded up road to 91007295. Heard activity near vic of 91057310, patrol waited till 0100. Could not determine nature of activity, they could only hear voices. Patrol returned to unit at 0215.

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- 1030 - CO's 1st, 2d, 3d Bns visited CP to confer w/CO on future operations.
- 1530 - Gen Sebree visited CP. L-507
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to hold defensive positions which remained unchanged (see 2400 entry 17 Feb 45). During the day elms 3d Bn trained in assault boats; elms 1st Bn trained in assault of fortified positions; and 2d Bn completed Inf-Tk Team Training. All units conducted training in coordination with Air Forces and additional infantry training in conjunction with other training. Units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports).

Extract from G-3 Report
210001A Feb 45 to 212400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Conducted assault boat training on WURM R vic (K877652), Inf-Tk training and training in assault of fortified position.

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21 February 45

Patrol Reports 20-21 February

Patrol # 2A
1st Bn

Patrol left at 0500 and returned at 1050. Proceeded along route to OP (house at 89107474). Remained in observation but reported negative. No enemy encountered enroute.

Patrol # 1A
3rd Bn

Patrol left at 0440. Proceeded as shown on regt'l overlay to little Unterbruch (876756). They turned right there and went to Kuppen. In Kuppen patrol turned left and proceeded to RJ in Rooven (878764). They turned right there and proceeded down road. They got clearly through the town when a MG from end of town opened fire on them. So they dispersed and went back to RJ (878764). When they got back two enemy came down the road via 877766. Our patrol thought that the Germans were trying to cut them off, so they opened fire. The 2 enemy jumped on other side of road and ran away. Patrol then set up defensive position. At 0900 3 rounds of heavy artillery came in via RJ (878764). At about 1100 four enemy came down the road at same place (via 877766). Our patrol tried to capture them. At this time MG mentioned above opened up again. At about 1350 about 5 rounds of heavy mortar fire came in. Patrol turned back down the road at about 1415 and withdrew to RJ at 879763. Road on right of this RJ is still under water. Patrol did not observe any enemy in that vicinity. They then withdrew to Kuppen, remained there a while and returned at 1630. They observed about 10-15 enemy in town at 894 770. One MG fired over their heads from 883768, as they started to withdraw. Hackerfeld (8875) is still must and very muddy. No mines or booby traps were encountered.

Patrol # 2
1st Bn

Patrol left at 2230 and returned at 0100. Main route to forward OP (891748) where they remained in observation for approx. 30 minutes. Saw MG fire come across river. It may have been from pillboxes to their right front. No other signs of enemy activity.

Patrol # 3
2nd Bn

Patrol went to bridge at 906733 at 2300 and stayed until 0220. Picked up no sounds of enemy in towns of Bleicken or Schanz, but could hear undistinguishable sounds of movement 100 yards W of above mentioned bridge. Patrol was not fired at and saw no enemy fire.

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- 1330 - Lt Col Botchin, CO, 60 Engr (C) Bn, visited CP to discuss future operations with CO.
- 1450 - Maj Gen Baade and ADC visited CP.
- 1515 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered "Plan of 35 Inf Div (Reing) For Crossing of ROER RIVER" and Annex I to above (classified TOP SECRET). Plan follows - Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGLT (K7767), GERMANY, 221100A Feb 45.
- Plan of 35 Inf Div For Crossing ROER RIVER
1. x x x x x
 2. To have the 35 Inf Div (Reinf) cross the ROER R D-Day, H-Hour, w/in Z; seize successive Objs. 134 Inf (Reinf) on right (E), 320 Inf on left (N). Overlay.
 3. a. To have the 134 Inf (w/CoA, 654 TD Bn; Co A, 784 Tk Bn; Co A, 60 Engr (C) Bn; Co A, 110 Med Bn atchd and 161 FA Bn and 202 Engr (C) Bn in direct support): Advance on HILFARTH on Div O, cross ROER R D-Day, H-Hour within Z, seize 1st and 2d Objs; be prepared to advance on 3d Obj on Div O; maintain contact w/84 Inf Div on right; construct Cl 40 br at HILFARTH. b. To have the 320 Inf (w/Co C, 654 TD Bn, Co C, 784 Tk Bn; Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn, Co C, 110 Med Bn atchd and 216 FA Bn and 280 Engr (C) Bn in direct support): Cross ROER R within Z D-Day, H-Hour; seize 1st and 2d Objs; prepared to advance to 3d Obj on Div O; protect Div left flank; construct Cl 40 br at crossing S of RATHEIM. c. To have the 137 Inf initially in Div Res; prepared to cross ROER R and exploit bridgehead in Z of 134 or 320 Inf. d. To have the Div Arty in direct support of crossings; organization - SOP; all Bns able to mass along line 1st and 2d Objs. Supporting arty to be grouped by CG, Div Arty so as to facilitate the main effort on the right of the Div. e. To have the 348 AAA AW Bn protect Div FA w/at least one (1) plat ea able to protect Cl 40 hrs at HILFARTH and across ROER R S of RATHEIM. f. To have the 654 TD Bn: Co A atchd 134 Inf; Co C atchd 320 Inf; Bn (-) Div Res present location, prepared to cross ROER R on Div O. g. To have the 15 Cav Rcn Gp (Mecz) (w/35 Rcn Tr (mec) atchd) relieve 320 Inf along line of ROER R (overlay) on night of D-1 - D and to hold this line until further O's. Maintain contact w/314 Inf on left (N) W of ROER R. Be prepared to cross ROER R on Div O in order to exploit or execute distant Cav Rcn missions. Execute smoke missions in Div Z on O (Annex I). h. (1) To have the 60 Engr (C) Bn atch Co A to 134 Inf; Co C to 320 Inf, for Engr assistance on far (N) side of ROER R. Bn (-) Direct support of Div; facilitate advance of Div on far (N) side of ROER R. (2) To have the 202 Engr (C) Bn in direct support of the atk of 134 Inf in the crossing of ROER R and construct Cl 40 br at HILFARTH. (3) To have the 280 Engr (C) Bn in direct support of the atk of 320 Inf in the crossing of ROER R and construct Cl 40 br across ROER R S of RATHEIM. i. To have the 784 Tk Bn atch Co A to 134 Inf, Co C to 137 Inf. Bn (-): Div Res present location prepared to cross ROER R on Div O. x. (1) To have the front line units reconnoiter R within Z without delay for crossing sites. Location of most suitable sites without rcn (overlay). (2) Utmost secrecy in all rcn and movement to the R line. Div will smoke ROER VALLEY. See Annex I. (3) To have the Div Military Police take over Cl 40 hrs upon completion and control traffic over same in following order of priority. (a) Inf regts w/atchmts; (b) Arty, (c) 654 TD Bn (-), (d) 784 Tk Bn (-), (e) Div Hq (Fwd Ech), (f) 110 Med Bn (-), (g) 15 Cav Rcn Gp (Mecz). (4) Div smoke plan for ROER VALLEY (Annex I). 5. CG, Div FA, CO, ea Inf Regt, and CO, 15 Cav Gp (Mecz) will submit their plan based upon this plan by 231200A Feb

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Assault Inf Regts will omit final crossing points until rcn of R line is made. (134 Inf to conduct vigorous patrol action to determine suitable assault crossing points prior to D-Day). (6) D-Day, H-Hour in this plan can be expected to be announced at any time after the capture of HILFARTH by 134 Inf.

4. See Adm O 24.

5. a. CP's to be reported. b. Current SOI in effect.

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Annex I follows - (Classification TOP SECRET) - Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGELT (K7767), GERMANY, 221100A Feb 45. Annex I (To Accompany 35 Inf Div Plan for Crossing ROER R) Smoke Plan For Operation Grenade, Maps: 1:50,000, GSGS 4040, Sheet 48; GSGS 4507, Sheets 8 and 19.

1. The br building operation on the ROER R will be smoked using the M-4 floating smoke pot and the British M-24 smoke pot, from dawn - 30 Mins to darkness on the day the br building starts. If the situation demands, the area will be screened on succeeding days.

2. The basic plan is to begin at dawn - 30 mins, dropping pots into the WURM and TEICH R's at Sites (1), (2) and (3) - one pot per Min. The prevailing winds in this area are fr the W and SW. A westerly wind would set up smoke haze over the ROER VALLEY and deny the enemy fr adjusting on the brs.

3. The 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz), w/six (6) QM trucks atchd, is designated as Div Smoke Trs.

4. The 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz) will dump three hundred sixty (360) M-4 pots at sites (1), (2) and (3) each, during the night preceeding the br building. Three (3) 2½ T trks, loaded w/M-4 pots, will be held in readiness to move to any one or more of Points (4) to (9).

5. A rad will be operated at each of sites (1), (2), and (3) and one rad will operate w/the rolling reserve of smoke pots.

6. The order to make smoke and all subsequent orders will be issued by this Hq through the Tr Ln O, at Div Hq.

7. One thousand five hundred (1500) M-4 smoke pots are available at the Engr Dump in GEILENKIRCHEN. That dump will be maintained by the Div Cml O.

8. The CO, 35 Cav Rcn Tr and Plat Offs will meet at the call of the Div Cml O to discuss detailed plans.

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1700 - Bn Comdrs visited CP to confer with CO on operations.

2100 - Plan of 320 Inf for Crossing ROER R published at Hq 320 Inf (classification TOP SECRET). Plan follows - Hq 320 Inf, BIRGDEN, GERMANY, 222100A Feb 45. Plan of 320 Inf (Reinf) for Crossing ROER RIVER.

1. x x x x

2. To have the 320 Inf (Reinf) cross the ROER R D-Day, H-Hour within Z; seize successive Objs. 1st Bn on left (W), 2d Bn on right (E). Overlay.

3. a. 1st Bn w/1st Plat AT Co: Cross ROER R w/in Z D-Day, H-Hour; seize 1st Obj; prepared to adv and seize 2d Obj on O. Protect Regtl left flank. b. 2d Bn, w/2d Plat AT Co: Cross ROER R w/in Z D-Day, H-Hour; seize 1st Obj; prepared to adv and seize 2d Obj on order. Maintain contact w/134 Inf on right. c. 3d Bn: Remain in regt res (overlay). Prepare to cross ROER R on order in Z of either assault Bn and prepared to pass through either Bn. d. AT Co: Attach one (1) AT plat to 1st and 2d Bns. Co (-) regtl Resvic DREMMEN.

e. Cn Co: Support adv of regt by fire from positions to be selected by CO Cn Co. f. Co C, 654 TD Bn (SP): Initially support by direct fire, from W side of ROER R, adv of regt. Prepared to cross ROER R on order. g. Co C, 784 Tk Bn: Regt Res present location. Be prepared to cross ROER R on order. h. Co C, 60 Engr(C) Bn: Attach rcn personnel to 1st and 2d Bns. Co (-) facilitate adv of regt on far (N) side of ROER R. i. 280 Engr (C) Bn: Support crossing of regt. Construct Cl 40 br across ROER R S of RATHEIM. j. 216 FA Bn - SOP.k. Co C, 110 Med Bn - SOP x. (1) Assault Bns reconnoiter R w/in Z without delay for crossing sites. Most suitable unreconnoitered sites (overlay).. (2) Maximum secrecy in all rcn and movement to R line. (3) Assault Bns emplace 57mm AT guns in positions on W side of ROER R to engage profitable targets of opportunity during assault. (4) Vehicular crossing priority: (a) Assault Bn and Regt command vehicles. (b) Bn and atchd Regt AT guns. (c) Bn ammo resupply vehicles. (d) Medical evacuation vehicles (rear-bound loaded vehicles have priority over all other vehicles) (e) Assault Bn's organic transportation. (f) Co C, 654 TD Bn (SP). (g) AT Co (-). (h) Cn Co. (i) Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn. (j) 216 FA Bn. (k) Res Bn vehicles. (l) Hq Co. (m) Sv Co (n) Co C, 110 Med Bn. (5) S-4 furnish officer representative at crossing site to assist Div MP's in control of vehicles. Regt MP's control traffic to br site and keep traffic flowing on far bank. Div MP's will control traffic at bridge.

4. Later

5. a. Regt CP: HULHOVEN; Bns: Report, b. Current SOI in effect. Coordinate Code Word: EARLY NIGHT

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to hold unchanged defensive positions (see 2400 entry 17 Feb) prepared to atk 230330A Feb. During the day 3d Bn completed training assault boats; 1st Bn continued training in assault of fortified positions; 2d conducted night training in assault boats for E Co. Units continued active patrolling (see current patrol reports).

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320 Inf - Continued to hold defensive positions throughout period. Conducted assault boat training on WURM R vic (K877652).

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PATROL REPORTS

3rd Bn Patrol Patrol left at 0700 and returned at 1445. Patrol proceeded along route to RJ (876756) - to RJ (880756) - N to RJ (87807636) - to RJ (88147640) - to RJ (881765). At 88207656, patrol received MG fire from vic 890771 and withdrew to a house vic 880757 where they remained in observation. No enemy activity or movement observed.

1st Bn Patrol Patrol left at 1200 and returned at 1525. Patrol proceeded along main route to CP (89107474) and remained in observation. No enemy activity in vic of pillboxes (895755) or farmhouse (899750). No enemy encountered in Oberbruch.

2nd Bn Patrol Patrol left at 1800. They went through Porselen and got to first bridge at 906733. They stopped and established a listening post at the bridge. They heard a dog barking in Schanz, also some noises in last house on right. A vehicle moved into the town. The dog kept barking, but finally stopped. Patrol remained in observation but noticed no further activities. Patrol returned at 2325.

1st Bn Patrol B Co patrol left at 1830. They took usual route to CP (89107474) but observed no activity at all. Patrol returned at 2335

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Patrol Reports
211400 Feb 45- 221400 Feb 45.

2nd Bn:

"K" Co patrol left at 1410 and proceeded as shown on regt'l overlay. They went to little UNTERBRUCH, turned right to KUPPER, and went North from KUPPER to 879760. There they turned right, went to RJ 883762, and then proceeded North to 883766. At that point they stopped and set up an CP in the house. They observed 6 pillboxes across the river via 890771, 890772 & 890773. They saw movement in 1 pillbox at 890771, where they saw 3 Germans. They observed ROERHOF (883770) but did not see any enemy there. They proceeded from CP across the field and got to 883766, when they were fired upon by a MG from vic 890771. This MG fire disorganized the patrol, but they reorganized again at 883762. From there they went back to CP at 1905. Patrol observed little puddle of water on fields on West side of ROER River.-

2nd Bn:

Patrol left at 2000 and returned at 2310. Patrol went to 897737. Saw enemy outpost at footbridge moving about and smoking freely. No other enemy activity observed.

1st Bn:

Patrol left at 1600 and returned at 2230. Patrol reached its objective and reported negative.

3rd Bn:

Patrol left at 0001 and went to vic 884762. There patrol noticed trail leading off behind building. Trail seemed to have been in use frequently. At 883759, patrol saw wire. In same vicinity is a rather large pond of water. Patrol made a 3/4 mile detour around pond and stayed in town of KUPPER for about 15 minutes. Patrol returned at 0420. No enemy activity was observed.

1st Bn:

"E" Co patrol left at 0300 and returned at 0530. They went to CP(891748) and stayed there 1/2 hour. Observed no activity. On their way back patrol heard small arms fire and saw a flare right afterwards. This was believed to have occurred vicinity of "K" Co's front at approx. 0515. Otherwise patrol reported negative.-

2nd Bn:

Patrol left approx 2400, went out of PORSELEN on trail to vic 9173. Communication trenches there were found unoccupied. Also trenches near SCHANZ were found empty. Patrol stayed vic SCHANZ as a listening post. They heard noise made by 1 enemy who was believed a wounded.

Another patrol left PORSELEN at 0100 went on road leading North for about 500 yards (907734) and remained there in observation. Patrol returned at 0300 and reported negative

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- 0340 - Col Alexander called to report that 3d Bn is on its Obj. Bn holds town of KUPPEN (876756) and ground to North and East overlooking the river. They have also established contact w/314 Inf (79 Inf Div) on left. (Div notified).
- 0345 - Capt Miller, 1st Bn S-3, called to report that 1st Bn jumped off on time. (Div notified)
- 0420 - Sgt Quested, 2d Bn, called to report that F Co has units beyond check point P2 (907732).
- 0440 - Capt Miller, 1st Bn S-3, reported that B Co holds their Obj, OBERBRUCH and has contact w/A Co. B Co received some harassing MG fire from other side of ROER R.
- 0450 - Sgt Quested reports units of F Co are N of (907732) and receiving some MG fire from across the river. They are responding w/mortar and expect to clear out SCHANZ (906734) soon.
- 0520 - Col Walton, CO 1st Bn, reports A Co at E edge of KRANZES (898741) receiving some automatic weapons fire from town.
- 0550 - Col Walton reports A Co has BLECKDEN (905735) and is moving on KIVIT. They are having some trouble in E edge of KRANZES, but have the situation in hand.
- 0705 - Col Walton called to report that A Co is still having trouble in E edge of KRANZES. Enemy is resisting in houses.
- 0710 - Sgt Quested called to report that F Co holds positions from (906729) to (906734) and have encountered a considerable number of mines and booby traps vic SCHANZ.
- 0720 - Capt Rennis, CO, Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn, called to report that bridge in OBERBRUCH has been completed.
- 0810 - Sgt Quested called to report that part of F Co is being held up this side of the stream (at 906732) with opposition coming from SCHANZ (905734). Buildings in SCHANZ heavily booby-trapped. F Co now firing mortars into SCHANZ w/opposition consisting mainly of small arms and some MG.
- 0917 - 1st Bn S-3 reports B Co called arty on pillbox across ROER R and scored a direct hit, chasing enemy to barn farther E at 899750. Arty directed to that point.
- 0920 - Capt Tobin, S-3 2d Bn, reported approx 10 rds enemy smoke landed between SCHANZ and PORSELEN at about 0910.
- 0950 - Capt Miller, 1st Bn S-3, reported that B Co observed a horse drawn 88mm gun and is calling arty fire on it.
- 1030 - Maj Gen Anderson, CG XVI Corps, ad ADC visited CP.
- 1405 - Col Walton reported A Co now has KRANZES. Arty and mortar still coming in from across the ROER R and a few enemy trs are still in the town, but it is ours.

1810 - Capt Tobin, 2d Bn G-3, called to report that F Co has SCHANZ.

1900 - Maj Allen, Asst G-3, called to inform us that one plat Co C, 654 TD Bn is now in direct support of 320 Inf.

2400 - During period 320 Inf atkd in Z w/3 Bns abreast - 3d, 1st, 2d from left to right. Prior to H-Hour (0330A) 3d Bn sent out strong combat patrols and by 0345A the Bn had gained their Obj (UNTERBRUCH) and held line running from (880766) to (884760) and (879758) to (882754). Bn atkd w/K Co on left, I Co on right and L Co in res. 2d Bn atkd w/F Co on regtl right flank. F Co took SCHANZ (906734) at 1800 after encountering sumerous booby-traps and mines and small arms and MG fire from enemy in the town. 1st Bn atkd in Z at 0330A w/B Co on left and A Co on right. B Co advanced against light resistance, receiving MG fire from across ROER R and took its Obj, OBERBRUCH, at 0440. A Co (-) advanced on KRANZES and cleared it house by house by 1400A. One plat A Co advanced and took BLECKDEN by 0550A. At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn occupied and outposted OBERBRUCH w/B Co; KRANZES w/A Co (-); BLECKDEN w/one plat A Co. C Co remained in res in DREMMEN. 2d Bn occupied and outposted SCHANZ w/F Co. Co E and Co G remained in res vic UETTERATH. 3d Bn occupied and outposted KUPPEN (880755) w/I Co. K Co occupied line from (880766) to (884760). L Co remained in res in SCHALHAUSEN. 1st Bn Hq in GREBBEN. 2d Bn Hq in DREMMEN. 3d Bn Hq in SCHALHAUSEN. Regtl CP in BIRGDEN.

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230001A Feb 45 to 232400A

320 Inf (w/Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn atchd) - Atkd 230330A w/three (3) Bns abreast to reach positions overlooking ROER R. 3d Bn reached Obj, that portion of UNTERBRUCH (K8775) in its Z, by 230345A; established contact w/314 Inf (79 Inf Div) on left. 1st Bn, receiving harassing MG fire from E side of ROER R advanced and seized part of its Obj, OBERBRUCH (K8874), 230440A; one (1) Plat took BLECKDEN (K9073) 230550A; Co A fought from house to house in KRANZES (K8974), captured town by 231400A. 2d Bn found approaches to SCHANZ (K9073) heavily mined and boob-trapped; secured town by 231810A. All Bns occupying and outposting positions shown (overlay) at end of period. Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn atchd 230330A.

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- 1000 - CP displaced from BIRGDEN to HULHOVEN. Route - BIRGDEN, WALDENRATH, STRAETEN, UETTERATH, DREMMEN, HULHOVEN, Distance of displacement - 8.3 miles.
- 1200 - E And G Cos closed in DREMMEN.
- 1400 - Bn comdrs and CO, Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn met with CO at CP to confer on plans for crossing ROER R.
- 2130 - E Co relieved A Co in KRANZES and BLECKDEN. A Co moved to GREBBEN.
- 2215 - Col Hannum reported that 2d Bn has a five (5) man patrol w/telephone in KIVIT (905739). Town is occupied only by our patrol. Because it affords no cover, patrol will return before morning and town will be covered by fire. Patrol will return every night until D-Day.
- 2315 - A Co closed in GREBBEN.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn Hq, Co A at GREBBEN; Co C at DREMMEN; B Co at OBERBRUCH. 2d Bn Hq, Co G at DREMMEN; Co F at SCHANZ; Co E (-) at KRANZES; one plat Co E at BLECKDEN. 3d Bn Hq, Co L at SCHALHAUSEN; Co I at KUPPEN; Co K occupying line from (880766) to (884760). During the night F Co sent a five (5) man patrol to KIVIT. RJ (859714) and road going NE was interdicted throughout the day by enemy arty fire.

Extract from G-3 Report
240001A Feb 45 to 242400A

320 Inf - (w/Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn atchd) - Patrol occupied KIVIT (K9073)
242100A. No enemy in town. Remainder of Regt - nochange.

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BRIEFING NOTES

21st ARMY GROUP - 210600 Feb 15

9th US Army - The attack continues with 28 bns across river BORN. Enemy resistance remains light to moderate. 1200 PWs were taken by 9th Army on 23 Feb.

XIX Corps - 30th Div made gains up to 3 1/2 miles to the S; 119th Regt has captured HAMBACH (F 0956); 120th Inf captured NIEDERZIMMER (F1055); 7 other towns were taken. 29th Div made gains from 1 to 1 1/2 miles along entire Div front. The town of JULICH (F0359) is being mopped up. 115th Inf took town of BROICH (F0162). 2 Broadway bridges and 1 heavy pontoon bridge are in operation in 29th Div zone. 2 Armd Div CCB is now on N outskirts of AACHEN (K8043).

XIII Corps - Enemy air knocked out 2 of the Broadway bridges at LIEBACH during night of 23-24 Feb, 1 by direct bomb hit and other strafed with 8 pontoons hit. They had another Broadway bridge at BORDONF (K9764). 102d Div has practically all inf elements across river. 102d Div made gains of 2 to 2 3/4 miles and took BOSLER (F0164) on S, GERSHORN (K9966) in center and GLEIBACH (K9867) on N. 405th and 407th Regts repulsed 6 counterattacks between 232230 and 240537. Germans used tank and SP guns in these attacks. 8th Div has 334th and 335th across. 334th crossed to S and veered to N and advanced up to 4 miles taking KORNHILF (K9767) and BAAL (K9771).

2d Br Army (210600) - No change.

1st Cdn Army (210600) - XIX Corps, 53d Div advanced 3 1 mile toward WIESE (B9337). Guards Armd took over sector to left of 15th Inf Div. Cds Armd have sector from BUCHHEIT (B9513) to HALVENBROOK (B9515). 53d Div is to attack 24 and capture WIESE (B9337). II Cdn Corps - Road from TILL (B9752) to MOYLAND (B9651) has been cleared by 2d Inf Div. 4th Cdn Armd Div has concentrated from W of NIJMEGEN (K7062) to FORST GLEVE (B9219).

1st US Army - V Corps - No change in front line. 9th Armd Div assigned to 1st Army effective 22 Feb; not yet attached to any corps. 9th Armd Div CP at SPRINGTOWN (K5113).

3d US Army - (232140 Feb) - Since 29 Jan 13,831 PWs have been taken by 3d Army troops.

VIII Corps - In the break thru this corps has destroyed 930 pillboxes (2/3 by 4th & 90th Divs). VIII Corps took 500 PWs on the 22 Feb. 90th Div report no organized resistance in their sector. They advanced up to 4 miles to the S and SE, took more than 12 towns, EISELSDORF (P9462) and UPPERSHAUSEN (P9762) and are now fighting in KIMMERSBORG (L0069) on W bank of FRUM R. 6th Armd Div advanced 1/2 to 2 miles on 3 mile front against light resistance. They took JUCKEN (P9262) and OLSCHIED (P9363). 6th Cav Gp advanced N 3 miles and captured BERNHARD and now are fighting in ROBERSHAUSEN (P8955).

XII Corps - 80th Div w/CCB 4th Armd Div atchd gained 1/2 mile to N and took SINSPELT (P9853) and woods just N of there. Report very heavy resistance. 5th and 76th Divs no change in their front. Their intentions are to cross FRUM RIVER and seize BITBURG (L1154); 5th Div is only 5 miles from BITBURG.

XI Corps - 10th Armd Div crossed SAAR R and took OCKFEN (L1614) with their attached inf elements. No reports received of any tks crossing river yet; elements advanced 1/2 mile beyond town where pillboxes were encountered. 94th Div made little progress yesterday (23d Feb). 5th Ranger Bn is attached to 94th Div. Only a foot bridge in for use of 94th Div. 26th Div made slight gains in their bridgehead. XI Corps has mission of taking TRIER (L2129) and occupying bridgehead S of SAAR R from PFALZEL (L2532), N of TRIER, S along RUWER R to town of HAHN (L 1808).

6th Army Group - 231900 Feb

7th US Army - Now busy between XXI & XV Corps. XXI Corps operational again as of 22 Feb. XXI Corps, 70th Div continues atk to N after repelling 2 counterattacks and cleared woods and is just S of outskirts of SAARBRUCKEN (Q1671). FORBACH still not clear - some lingering resistance. XV Corps - No changes. VI Corps - 36th Div has been relieved by 3d Alg. and is now in turn relieving 101st A/B Div. 101 A/B in process of leaving area.

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0800 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered Opns Memo #20 which follows - Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGLT (K7767), GERMANY, 250100A Feb 45, Opns Memo #20, Maps: GSGS 4040, 4507, Scale: 1:50,000, Sheets 48, 8 and 19. Plans for Crossing ROER R (Supersedes Plan dated 221100A Feb 45)

1. Plan A (Purple): a. 134 Inf (w/following units atchd: Co A, 60 Engr (C) Bn; Co A, 784 Tk Bn; Co A, 654 TD Bn; Co A, 110 Med Bn) atk and seize bridgehead (Obj A), prepared to advance N on Div O. Overlay. b. 137 Inf (w/following units atchd: Co B, 60 Engr (C) Bn, Co B, 784 Tk Bn; Co B, 654 TD Bn; Co B, 110 Med Bn) cross ROER R at HILFARTH on Div O, after 34 Inf has seized bridgehead; relieve elms of 134 Inf on left (SW) portion of Obj A; advance N on left of 134 Inf on Div O. c. 320 Inf hold present positions, assist atk of 134 Inf by fire. d. 15 Cav Gp remain present location, prepared to relieve entire 320 Inf or to cross ROER R behind 137 Inf and exploit. e. 35 Cav Rcn Tr: Prepared to execute smoke plan. See Annex I to 35 Div Plan dated 221100A Feb 45. f. 784 Tk Bn (-) and 654 TD Bn (-): Initially Div Res, present positions.

2. Plan B (Blue): a. 134 Inf (w/following units atchd: Co A, 60 Engr (C) Bn; Co A, 784 Tk Bn; Co A, 654 TD Bn; Co A, 110 Med Bn) atk and seize HILFARTH 252000A Feb; cross ROER R 260600A Feb and capture portion of Obj in Regtl Z, prepared to continue advance NW on Div O. Overlay. b. 137 Inf (w/following units atchd: Co B, 60 Engr (C) Bn; Co B, 654 TD Bn; Co B, 110 Med Bn) move by motor to KORRENTZIG (K9868) and thence by foot to DOVEREN (K9573) and to LD. Atk 260600A Feb, capture portion of Obj B in Regtl Z, prepared to continue advance N on Div O. Overlay. c. 320 Inf hold present positions, assist atk of 134 Inf by fire. d. 15 Cav Gp remain present location, prepared to relieve entire 320 Inf or to cross ROER R and exploit. e. 35 Cav Rcn Tr: Same as Plan A. f. 784 Tk Bn (-) and 654 TD Bn (-): Initially Div Res, present positions.

3. General: a. CO, 137 Inf initiate rcn at once to execute either plan. b. Motors for movement of 137 Inf to be arranged for by G-4. c. Route for 137 Inf motor move, Plan B: GEILENKIRCHEN - PUFFENDORF (K9261) - LINNICH (K9765) - KORRENTZIG (K9868). Estimated time required Motor move: Five (5) hours. Foot march and deployment: Four (4) hours. Total: Nine (9) hours.

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1600 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/FO #35 which follows - Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGLT (K7767), GERMANY, 251500A Feb 45. FO #35. Maps: GSGS 4040, 4057, Scale: 1:50,000, Sheets 48, 8 and 19.

1. a. See current G-2 Periodic Report. b. 84 Inf Div continues atk to N on right (E) of 35 Inf Div. 314 Inf executes feint R crossing NW of ORSBECK (K8977) at 260600A Feb. XXIX TAC supports atk. 1153 Engr (C) Gp supports 35 Inf Div, constructs two (2) Cl 40 Bns vic HILFARTH.

2. 35 Inf Div (Reinf) atks and seizes HILFARTH 252000A Feb w/one (1) Regt, continues atk at 260600A Feb w/one (1) Regt, forcing crossing of ROER R vic HILFARTH and one (1) Regt crossing in Z 84 Inf Div, atking to NW fr vic HUCKELHOVEN on right. Boundaries, Obj, LD, Crossing Sites: Overlay.

3. a. 134 Inf (w/following units atchd: Co A, 60 Engr (C) Bn, Co A, 784 Tk Bn, Co A, 654 TD Bn; Co A 110 Med Bn) atk and seize HILFARTH 252000A Feb; cross ROER R 260600A Feb and capture portion of Obj in Regtl Z, prepare to continue advance NW on Div O. Construct two (2)

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Cl 40 Bns at HILFARTH. Overlay. b. 137 Inf (w/following units atchd: Co B, 60 Engr (C) Bn, Co B, 784 Tk Bn; Co B, 654 TD Bn; Co B, 110 Med Bn) move by motor night 25-26 Feb to KORRENZIG (K9868) and thence by foot to DOVEREN (K9573) and to LD. Atk 260600A Feb, capture portion of Obj in Regtl Z, prepare to continue advance N on Div O. Overlay. Routes for motor move and IP time to be announced.

c. 320 Inf hold present positions, assist atk of 134 Inf by fire. d. Div Arty: (1) 161 FA Bn, 216 FA Bn, and 219 FA Bn - SOP. 275 FA Bn and 127 FA Bn reinf fires 161 FA Bn. 692 FA Bn and 754 FA Bn reinf fires 219 FA Bn. (2) 654 TD Bn: Cos A and B atchd 134 Inf and 137 Inf, respectively. Co C direct support 320 Inf until further O's. (3) 448 AAA AW Bn: SOP. Protect brs at HILFARTH w/at least one (1) Plat. One (1) Plat accompany 137 Inf on motor move, direct support, protect column. Revert to Btry control at 260600A Feb. e. 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz), atchd to 15 Cav Gp. Prepare to execute smoke mission at any time after 260600A Feb on Div O. Annex #1 - Div Smoke Plan. f. 15 Cav Gp (w/35 Cav Rcn Tr /Mecz/ atchd): Div Res, present location, prepared to relieve entire 320 Inf or to cross ROER R vic HILFARTH and exploit. g. 60 Engr (C) Bn: Cos A and B atchd 134 Inf and 137 Inf, respectively. Bn (-) facilitate advance of Div w/main effort on far shore. Div Engr coordinate operations of 1153 Engr (C) Gp. h. 784 Tk Bn: Cos A and B atchd 134 Inf and 137 Inf, respectively. Bn (-): Div Res, present location, prepared to cross ROER R vic HILFARTH on Div O. x. (1) EEI: (a) Determine in what strength the enemy will defend fr prepared defensive positions on the E bank of ROER R in Div Z. (b) Determine at earliest possible moment, movement of reserves into Div Z of advance fr N and E w/particular attention to armor. (c) Determine and report location of mine fields, rd blocks and obstacles in Div Z of advance. (2) All atchmts effective at once. (3) ROER VALLEY will be smoked on Div O, if necessary, to cover br construction. Annex #1 - Div Smoke Plan. (4) On completion of Cl 40 Bns vic HILFARTH, Div Provost Marshall will take over traffic control at br sites. Priority of crossing: (a) Essential organic vehicles of Inf Bns and atchd Med sections, 134 Inf. (b) Regtl AT guns, 134 Inf, (c) Essential Engr vehicles, (d) Atchd TD's, 134 Inf, (e) Ambulances, (f) Atchd Tks, 134 Inf, (g) Other regtl vehicles. (h) FA Bns, (i) 654 TD Bn (-), (j) 784 Tk Bn (-), (k) Div Hq (Fwd Ech), (l) 110 Med Bn (-), (m) 15 Cav Gp.

4. a. See Adm O 24. b. Trks for motor move of 137 Inf to be furnished by G-4. Routes to be announced.

5. a. (1) Current SOI in effect. (2) Sig O install telephone at Cl 40 Br Sites vic HILFARTH as soon as construction is started. A ch one (1) additional SCR 193 Rad to 137 Inf. b. CP's: Regts - Report, Div - Overlay.

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Annex I follows - Hq 35 Inf Div, GANGELT (K7767), GERMANY, 251400A Feb 45, Div Smoke Plan, Maps: 1:50,000, GSGS 4040, Sheet 48, @SGS 4507, Sheets 8 and 19.

1. The br building operation on the ROER R will be smoked using the M-4 floating smoke pot and the British M-24 smoke pot, on Div O, on the day the br building starts. If the situation demands, the area will be screened on succeeding days.

2. The plan is to drop the pots into the WURM and TEICH R's at Sites (1), (2) and (3) - one per min. The prevailing winds in this area fr the W and SW. A westerly wind would set up a smoke haze over the

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ROER VALLEY and deny the enemy fr adjusting on the brs.

3. The 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz), w/six (6) QM Trks atchd, is designated as Div Smoke Trs.

4. The 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz) will dump three hundred sixty (360) M-4 pots at Sites (1), (2), and (3) each, during the night preseding the br building. Three (3) 2½ T Trks, loaded w/M-4 pots, will be held in readiness to move to any one or more of Points (4) to (9).

5. A rad will be operated at each of Sites (1), (2) and (3) and one rad will operate w/the rolling reserve of smoke pots.

6. The order to make smoke and all subsequent orders will be issued by this Hq through the Tr Ln O, at Div Hq.

7. One thousand five hundred (1500) M-4 smoke pots are available at the Engr Dump in GEILENKIRCHEN. That dump will be maintained by the Div Cml O.

8. The CO, 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz) and Plat Offs will meet at the call of the Div Cml O to discuss detailed plans.

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied unchanged positions (see 2400 entry 24 Feb 45). All units were prepared to assist adv of 134 Inf by fire, starting 260600A Feb. E Co sent a five (5) man patrol to KIVIT during the night to establish a listening post.

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320 Inf - Held positions shown (overlay); made preparations to assist atk of 134 Inf 260600A by fire. Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn relieved from atchmt 251400A.

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21ST ARMY GROUP

9th US Army (250600A Feb 45)

XIX Corps - 30th Inf Div gained up to 2 1/2 miles on the 24th attacking E & NE. All three regts as well as TD Bn, Tk Bn and 4 FA Bns are across the ROER R. 120th Inf captured WEIDENHOF (F1154); 119th Inf advancing through JULICH (F0359) and have reached NE edge of forest. 30th Div has 2 footbridges and 3 trdw bridges in operation. 29th Inf Div: Made gains up to 1 1/2 miles. 175th Regt captured STERNICH (F0659) at 250515A. Div atkd toward MERSCH (F0463) and WELLDORF (F0762). 116th Regt has relieved 175th Regt on div rt and 330th Regt (83d Div) has relieved 115th Regt on div left. 29th Div has 12 Bn Inf plus a bn (-) of TDs, and a Bn (-) of tks. 29th Div has 5 bridges in operation: 1 hvy pontoon, 1 inf support, 1 trdw, and 2 footbridges.

XIII Corps: 102d Div made gains of about 2 1/4 miles and captured 5 towns including RALSHOVEN (F0368), HOTTORF (F0267) and DINGBOCHOF (F0069). 102d has all three regts across plus 1 TD Bn, 3 Tk Cos and 3 Bn FA. 6 Bridges are in operation in 102d zone; 2 footbridges, 2 inf support and 2 trdw. 84th Inf Div advanced 2 miles NW of BAAL (K9771). 335th Inf captured DOVEREN (K9573) 242400. The enemy launched a heavy counterattack from the N and NW. It was finally beaten off at 0400. 20 PWs were taken during this counterattack. 84th Div has 3 bridges in operation: 1 hvy pontoon and 2 footbridges.

XVI Corps: 35th Div: Demonstration by 134th Inf against HILFORTH (K9372) met strong enemy resistance from SA and MG fire. 320th Inf occupied KIVET (K9074) without opposition. 314th Inf took HED (K8480) after hard fighting. GCB 8th Armd Div advanced N 1/2 mile in vicinity ST ODILIENBERG (K7984).

2d British Army (250600A Feb 45)

3d Br Inf Div is moving from area NE of BRUSSELS to the Canadian area.

1st Cdn Army (250600A Feb 45) - 250 PWs were taken on the 24 Feb by XXX & II Corps. Total for the operation 11,850. XXX Br Corps, 53d Br Inf Div attacked through 15th Div and advanced 1 1/2 miles S toward WEEZE (E9337). They took HOST (E9340) and ROTRUM (E 9339). Leading elements just over 1 mile N of WEEZE. Good size pocket being cleared by 53d Div. No change in 52d, 51st, 15th Inf Divs or Gds Armd Div. II Cdn Corps: 2d Cdn Inf Div is relieving 3d Cdn Inf Div. Patrols reached outskirts of CALGAR (A0050) and met by hvy enemy reaction. 43d Inf Div is protecting the flank as far E and S as CALGAR. 11th Armd Div now assembled in vicinity of CHONSBECK (E7555).

12th Army Group

1st US Army - VII Corps - 104th Div gained 1 to 2 miles along its front. 416th Inf took OBERZEIR (F1152) and is fighting in ELLEN (F1251) and ARNOLDSWELLER (F1249); 413th Regt is fighting in MERZENICH (F1446); 104th has 4 bridges in operation: 1 Bailey, 1 trdw and 2 inf support. 8th Inf Div: Advanced 1/2 mi with the town of DURN (F1146) practically clear. Expect to complete clearing it by 252400. This Div has had the most difficulty with its bridging operations. They are using ferries and assault boats.

III Corps: No Change. Expected to attack sometime today.

V Corps: 28th Div has taken over S portion of 2d Inf Div, otherwise no change.

3d US Army (242000A Feb 45) - VIII Corps: 2 enemy pockets were reported cut off W of PRUM R. 90th Div attacked E and advanced 2 miles on a 4 mile front. They took 5 towns including NEDER PIERSCHIED (L0364). They reached PRUM R as far S as Corps bdry. 6th Armd Div: GCA advanced S 1 mile to town of CARLSHAUSEN (P9259); GCB advanced 4 miles SE of CARLSHAUSEN to contact 6 Cav Gp who advanced 2 miles to N thereby cutting off a pocket of the enemy. Strength of enemy in pocket unknown.

XII Corps: GCB 4th Armd Div gained 1 1/2 mi to NE and took OUTSEID (L0156). 76th and 5th Inf Divs, no change in front lines yesterday, however, during night 5th Div established 2 bridgeheads across PRUM R. They now have 2 footbridges in operation. Their mission is to seize high ground 2 to 3 miles E of PRUM R.

XX Corps: 94th Div advanced E to enlarge its SAAR R bridgehead. 10th Armd Div has all three Inf Bns across SAAR. They are continuing to build up their strength on the E Bank.

6th Army Group: (241630A Feb 45)

7th US Army - XXI Corps - 70th Div still clearing FORBACH (Q3965); 63d Div advanced 2 mi, took BLIESRANBACH and BILBINGEN, otherwise no change on this front.

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- 0430 - Maj Carroll, S-3, 134 Inf, called to request that we start our support of that unit by fire at 0500 instead of 0600. Request granted by Maj McElroy, S-3. (2d Bn notified)
- 0455 - Sgt Quested, 2d Bn, called to inform us that 2d Bn is prepared to support 134 Inf by fire starting 0500.
- 0512 - Msg fr Capt Kuh - H Co is working.
- 1120 - Maj Gen Baade and ADC visited CP.
- 2250 - 2d Bn S-2 called to report that three enemy troops infiltrated into KRANZES and a fire fight is now going on.
- 2330 - 2d Bn S-2 called to report that the three enemy troops are in a barn across stream running through KRANZES. E Co will wait until daylight to get them.
- 2400 - At end of period, 320 Inf occupied unchanged positions (see 2400 entry 24 Feb 45). During the day, 2d Bn supported adv of 134 Inf by fire.

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320 Inf - Assisted the atk of 134 Inf by fire. Regt continued to hold position shown W of ROER R.

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- 0710 - Lt Hull, 134, called to inform us that their troops are at MILLICH. Their 2d Bn requests that we cease all fires in their Z. (All Bns notified to cease fire unless actually atkd by an enemy force).
- 0800 - Maj Gen Baade called and informed CO that 320 Inf is to reconnoiter to KIVIT and make plans for building a bridge at that point.
- 1300 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/following oral msg - 320 Inf be prepared to assemble in Bns successively as elms of 134 cross their front. Div O will be given to assemble Bns. 320 make plans to move by mtr w/75 atchd trks, crossing ~~XX~~ R either at HILSFARTH or KIVIT. Possibility of using both. Also be prepared to march to E side of R using br at KIVIT when constructed.
- 1530 - Order received fr Div to assemble Bns.
- 1730 - Msg fr Div - 134 and 137 stop atk 1800. Report position. Orders later.
2d Bn all closed in at DREMMEN.
- 1830 - 3d Bn all closed in at SCHALHAUSEN with the exception of L Co which closed at ESCHWEILER.
- 2230 - CO, Ex O, S-3 ordered to report to Div CP at once.
- 2240 - CO, Ex O, S-3 departed for Div CP.
- 2330 - CO, Ex O, S-3 returned fr Div CP.
- 2345 - CO, 1st Bn, CO, 2d Bn, CO 3d Bn, CO, 216 FA Bn, CO, 784 Tk Bn met with CO at CP.
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf was assembled as follows - 3d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co I, Co K - SCHALHAUSEN. Co L - ESCHWEILER. 2d Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co E, Co F, Co G - DREMMEN. 1st Bn Hq and Hq Co, Co A, Co C GREBBEN. Co B - OBERBRUCH. Regtl Hq and Hq Co, AT Co - HULHOVEN. Cn Co - HERB. All units were prepared to move out in the morning to atk towards VENLO, HOLLAND.

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320 Inf - 1st Bn remained in positions shown throughout period. 2d Bn assembled in DREMMEN (K8872). 3d Bn (-Co L) assembled in SCHAFHAUSEN (K8673). Co L is in ESCHWEILER (K8773).

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- 0715 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/ OPNS MEMO #21 which follows - Hq 35 Inf Div OBERBRUCH (K8874), GERMANY, 280100A Feb 45, OPNS MEMO #21.
1. 134 Inf atk 280700A Feb, seize Objs 6, 14, 15, 16. Assemble Regt less one (1) Bn on Div O, form CT 134 (w/Co A, 784 Tk Bn, Co A, 654 TD Bn; and 127 FA Bn atchd) follow CT 137 by marching, same route. Leave one (1) Bn to hold area of Objs 14, 15, and 16 until relieved by Div O. Relieve rd blocks established by TF BYRNE. Protect Div left flank and rear. Overlay.
 2. 137 Inf atk 280600A Feb, seize Objs 9, 12, and 13, assemble Regt on Div O, form CT 137 (w/Co B, 654 TD Bn and 692 FA Bn atchd), follow TF BYRNE, same route. Maintain contact w/TF BYRNE. Overlay.
 3. Task Force BYRNE: Composition: 320 Inf (Mtz), 216 FA Bn, 275 FA Bn, 784 Tk Bn (-Co A), Co C, 654 TD Bn, Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn, Co C, 110 Med Bn. Advance to N by mtr at H-Hour 28 Feb, establish rd blocks to protect Div left (W) flank, seize obj. Route, phase lines, Obj: Overlay. TF BYRNE effective at once. Co B, 784 Tk Bn remain atchd to 137 Inf until Div O to join TF. Ex O, Div Arty, will command Arty Bns of TF.
 4. 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz) remain present location, Div Rs, until further O's.
 5. G-4 will furnish Trks for mtrization of 320 Inf.
 6. H-Hour will be announced later.
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- 1000 - FO #33 published and distributed at CP 320 Inf. FO #33 follows - Hq 320 Inf, HULHOVEN, GERMANY, 281000A Feb 45, FO #33
1. a. See current G-2 Summary. b. 35 Inf Div continues adv to N w/8 Armd Div on right (E).
 2. TF BYRNE adv by mtr fr present area at H-Hour, 28 Feb to obj vic VENLO. Destroy enemy. Route - ARSBECK, NIEDER KRUCHEN, ELMPT, BRUGGEN, BRACHT, VENLO. IP, bdrys, obj, route, phase lines - overlay. Composition of TF BYRNE - 320 Inf (Mtz), 216 FA Bn, 275 FA Bn, 784 Tk Bn (-Co A), Co C, 654 TD Bn, Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn, Co C, 110 Med Bn.
 3. a. 3d Bn, w/784 Tk Bn (-Co A), 1 plat Co C, 654 TD Bn (SP), 1 plat Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn, 1 btry 275 Armd FA Bn atchd, adv on route, destroy enemy encountered, establish contact w/2d Br Army forces vic VENLO, assemble and defend area: overlay. b. 2d Bn, w/1 Plat and Rcn Plat Co C, 654 TD Bn and 2 Plats AT Co atchd, adv on route, follow 3d Bn at 15 minutes, establish road blocks at all usable roads leading left (W) of route of adv; assemble in and defend assembly area indicated. c. Regt Hq w/1 section HMG fr Co D atchd, follow 2d Bn. d. Co C, 654 TD Bn (-) follow Regt Hq at 5 minutes. e. Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn (-) follow Co C, 654 TD Bn at 5 minutes. f. AT Co (-) follow Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn (-) at 5 minutes. g. 1st Bn follow AT Co (-) at 5 minutes. Assemble in area indicated in Regt Res. h. 275 Armd FA Bn (-) follow 1st Bn at 5 minutes. i. Cn Co follow 275 Armd FA Bn (-) at 5 minutes. j. Hq Co follow Cn Co at 5 minutes. k. 216 FA Bn follow Hq Co at 5 minutes. l. Co C, 110 Med Bn follow 216 FA Bn at 5 minutes. x. Regt MP's move at tail of 3d Bn and mark route.
 4. S-4 will furnish trks to units on call.
 5. a. See current SOI. b. Display combination red and yellow panels on all vehicles over 3/4 T. c. CP's: on march w/2d Bn. Bns: report. Coordinate Code Word EARLY NIGHT.
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- 1145 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/following information - IP time - 1300. IP to be at concrete bridge at HILFARTH. Route fr present area to HILFARTH via KIVIT, thence br at HILFARTH to left hand road leaving br to MILLICH to BUSCH to GENDORF to mine on left side of road to MHYL and thence on prescribed route. Div MP's regulate traffic to MHYL.
- 1307 - 3d Bn crossed IP.
- 1330 - CP began displacement fr HULHOVEN.
- 1410 - Msg fr G-3 (via rad) to Ex O - Did you cross IP OK? Ans - Affirmative plus 7. G-3 inquired - Do you have position of the head of your column? Ans - No. I got my answer indirectly (fr CO).
- 2000 - TF BYRNE ordered to stop for night (leading elms at MHYL).
- 2115 - CP closed vic MHYL. Distance of displacement - 9 miles. Route - HULHOVEN, KIVIT, HILFARTH, MILLICH, BUSCH, GENDORF, MHYL,.
- 2340 - Representatives of all units TF BYRNE reported to CP to confer with CO on plans for the next day. Mission unchanged. IP's - 3d Bn (Reinf) - present location - 0700 - I&R precede. 2d Bn, present location, 0730, do not move until 275 FA clears. Hq, present area, follow 2d Bn w/out interval. AT (-), present area, follow Hq at 5 minutes. Co C, 654 TD (-), present location, follow 2d Bn at 15 mins. Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn, present area, follow TD's at 5 minutes. 275 FA Bn (-), present area, 0630, move to vic MHYL and clear road, await orders. 1st Bn, present area, 0800. Cn Co, present area, follow 1st Bn at 5 minutes. 216 FA Bn, present area, 0830. Co C, 110 Med Bn, present area, follow 216 FA Bn at 5 minutes. Hq Co, present location, follow Cn Co at 5 minutes. MP's guide fr MILLICH to RODGE. I&R guide fr RODGE to Jet w/main highway. Route: MILLICH, BUSCH, GENDORF, RJ (896785), RJ (918791), RJ (908795), RJ (923810), N to RODGE, follow I&R guides to RJ at (932851).
- 2400 - At end of period 320 Inf held the following positions, prepared to attack N in the morning - 1st Bn, Co C, 654 TD Bn, Cn Co, Co C, 110 Med Bn - BUSCH; Hq, 3d Bn, AT Co, 784 Tk Bn (-Co A) - MHYL; 2d Bn - GENDORF; 216 FABn, 275 FA Bn - MILLICH; Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn at KRICKELBERG. During the period TF BYRNE had contact only with friendly trs. 3d Bn crossed IP on time but was misguided by 8 Armd MP's at RJ 939787 to HUCKELHOVEN. CO caught column, rerouted it back on right road. Column stopped again by crater in road at 914762. CO made rcn for new route, found one via KLEINE GLADBACH and GERDERATH. CG refused permission to use route because of armor on it. By time CO returned to column, bridge was in over crater. Column continued and was halted by CG 35 Inf Div at 2000A for the night.

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TF BYRNE - (consisting of - 320 Inf (Mtzd); 216 FA Bn, 275 FA Bn, 784 Tkb (-Co A), Co C, 654 TD Bn, Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn, Co C, 110 Med Bn) - Moved afternoon 28 Feb across ROER R and through 137 Inf sector to locations shown (overlay); prepared to continue to N 010700A Mar. TF formed effective 28 0100A consisting of units listed above. Co C, 784 Tk Bn attached to TF 28 1300. Regt CP closed HULHOVEN 281300A and opened (K908796) 281950A.