320 Inf Apdx

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0620 - 2d Bn reports F Co heard heavy stuff (tracked vehicles) moving from HARLANGE towards NE.

1000 - Msg from Div G-3 - Resume atk in Z 1230. Arty preparation 1200 to 1230.

1010 - Msg from Div G-3 - Status of 1st Bn remains unchanged. (Bn may not be committed without approval of CG 35 Div)

1115 - CO issued following fragmentary order to 2d and 3d Bn CO's, and representative of 1st Bn CO - 26 Inf Div on right resumed atk this morning. 6 Armd Div continues atk on left 35 Div and may by their direction of atk (NE) give some local assistance to 134 and 137 Infs. 320 Inf atks 1230. Remainder of Div atks 1330. 30 minute arty preparation (1200 - 1230) precedes our atk. 2d Bn right elements secure FME FUHRMAN and continue to NW to HARLANGE. 3d Bn clear woods area E and NE of HARLANGE and secure positions from which to atk the town. TD's support action of 2d Bn firing assault fire missions. When FME FUHRMAN is clear, move TD's fwd to support action of 3d Bn.

1140 - Sgt Manning, 3d Bn, reports Co K receiving MG and mortar fire and unable to move.

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1145 - Gen Sebree visited CP.

1305 - CO 3d Bn reports Co K receiving MG fire on right and coming from draw at 634494.

1355 - Co G reports approx 1 plat enemy Inf in woods to right flank and immediately SW of FME FUHRMAN. They are defending SE and it is believed that they do not know of Co G's position. Co will attempt to envelop the rear and take them out.

1405 - Msg from CG - Alert 1st Bn to move on one hour notice to assembly area 5647 to assist 137 Inf if required. Lt Peterson, S-2 1st Bn, given above msg and directed to make route rcn at once and to call at 137 CP and get situation in their sector.

1432 - S-3 informed 1st Bn that in view of probable employment the personnel at following road blocks are relieved - Co C plat at 632481, Co B plat at 617472, Co A squad at 602466. Three bazooka teams AT Co will continue to cover block at 632481.

1445 - CG ordered 1st Bn tomove at once to assembly area 5647 and report to CP 137 for instructions. No immediate employment foreseen. (1st Bn notified to proceed at once) 35 Div Rcn Tr will screen and block right flank of regt and div.

1615 - Ex O, 1st Bn, reports 1st Bn foot elements will move 1630. Further communication will be through 137 Inf.

1630 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/following msg - From CG III Corps to CG 35 Inf Div - Effective immediately, no - repeat - no antiaircraft weapons except those manned by antiaircraft troops will be fired at any aircraft unless the personnel manning the weapons are

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attacked. Immediate steps will be taken to emphasize instructions par 18b (1) (b) OPNS MEMO #14 THIRD US ARMY that decision to open fire must be made by commander of each gun position based on his own recognition and the fact that another position engaged does not relieve him from responsibility for making own decision. Close observance of rules for engaging aircraft will be enforced. Instruction will be given all AAA personnel in recognition of aircraft with special emphasis on difference in distinguishing features of the ME-109 and P51 and the FW190 and P47 aircrafts.

1805 - Msg from Div - Halt adv for night. Dig, mine, patrol. Keep contact on flanks. Resume atk 020800.

2125 - L Co reports plane drooped one bomb in front of (N) their position (621491).

2158 - Col Walton reports 1st Bn closed in at area SE of HONVILLE (559475). En route, one blanket truck hit a friendly mine in 137 sector, seriously wounding 2 O and 1 EM. Capt Kullmar, Ex O and Capt Vignes, S-1 wounded.

2205 - CO called Col Murray, CO 137 Inf who already knew of 1st Bn casualties, and requested that he investigate Capt Kullmar's condition.

2220 - Col Murray reported both Capt Kullmar and Capt Vignes only slightly wounded.

2223 - Cn Co reports arty ln plane overhead. Arty reports no friendly piloted ln planes up. Cn Co ordered not to fire cannons or anything else while plane is in vicinity because it may be enemy flown.

2230 - C of S gave CO permission to fire on Ln plane (see 2223 entry). Cn Co, AT Co, 216 FA notified to fire on plane.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf (-1st Bn) occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn occupied N portion of woods (6049), Co F on left, Co G on right. Co E disposed in depth behind Cos F and G in reserve with mission of protecting Bn left (West) flank. 3d Bn on right disposed as follows - Co I abreast of Co G and SE of FME FUHRMAN vic 615489; Co L occupied positions vic 618491 to 620493; Co K south of clearing and at approx 624488. Atk throughout afternoon, due to heavy resistance, was limited to only local adjustment of positions. 216 FA Bn fired approx 2000 rounds in support of the day's action, as follows - 21 interdiction missions; 12 harassing mission; 16 neutralization missions, 16 targets of known locations were fired during the preparation from 1200 to 1230 hours. The 219 FA, 179 FA, and 320 Inf Cn Co and 3d Cml Bn also supported the atk. HARLANGE received a large amt of the arty fire. Most observed targets were Inf and MG's dug in vic FME FUHRMAN and wooded areas to NE.

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311200A Dec 44 to 011200A Jan 45

320 Inf - 1st Bn remained in Regtl Res SE of SURRE and improved defensive positions. 2d Bn continued atk to N afternoon 31 Dec toward HARLANGE, meeting hvy enemy resistance and making only slight gains. 3d Bn improved positons vic farm (P613492) making local atk. All Bns dug in and improved defensive positions during morning 1 Jan.

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III CORPS: 26th Div: After counterattack on 3d Bn, 101 Inf, yesterday morning, 2d Bn, 101 Inf, attacked approximately 1400 meters to the east and northeast against enemy flank. Remainder of division front remained without change.

35th Inf Div: Elements 1st Bn, 134 Inf, in LUTREBOIS. 3d Bn, 134, attacking north towards LUTREBOIS to cut off enemy in woods just to the south of that town. Attacking to the east against this same enemy force were elements of 10 Armd Inf Bn (only elements of 4 Armd Div committed). At VILLERS-LA-BONNE-EAU, where two companies of 137 Inf had been surrounded for two days, the remainder of the 137 Inf was engaged in attacking from west, south, and southeast to relieve the situation. Although elements reached the town, it is unknown as to whether the two companies were relieved.

6TH ARMD DIV: CCA reached position to attack at approximately 0900, but were held up awaiting arrival of CCB. When CCB did not arrive, attack of CCA jumped off at 1230 with two task forces abreast. The objective was limited to the high ground just west of NEFFE on the north and just each of WARDIN on the south. Attack progressed rapidly against relatively light enemy resistance. CCB, becoming embroiled in traffic, was held up with practically no movement until after 10 o'clock in the morning. Yesterday afternoon CCB closed in assembly area near CLOCHIMONT and last night moved to assembly areas northeast of BASTOGNE in preparation for attack this morning.

6TH CAV GP: Moved from HABAY-LA-NEUVE to TINTANGE yesterday afternoon, closing that area last night.

XX CORPS: Elements 95 Div took two city blocks SAARLAUTERN in limited objective attack. 86th Inf Bn and Tk Plat moved to area XV Corps to resist enemy in that area.

XII CORPS: Continued to occupy defensive positions.

VIII CORPS: Elms 11th Armd Div advanced nearly 2 miles on line directly W of BASTOGNE.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY: I British Corps: Considerable enemy ptrl activity rptd along MAAS in sector of Polish Armd Div. Enemy outpost, est strength 2 companies, active in area ED949 (S MEEUWEN).

SECOND BRITISH ARMY: XXX Corps: ROCHEFORT now clear of enemy. 6 AB Div securing line 9695-0488-0579-0071-9175 (E GIVET-DINANT).

NINTH ARMY: Ninth Army G-3 states that ROER R is now fordable by inf in many places along the whole army front.

FIRST ARMY: Very quiet along front during period. Four armd divs are now completely out of line and in res - the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th Armd Divs. XVIII Corps: 7 Armd Div has moved to assembly area N line K5306-5400-5904 (15 km W STAVELOT). VII Corps: CCB/3 Armd Div mvg to K2702 (E HAVELANGE). 83 Div took over 3 Armd Div sector. CCA/2 Armd Div conc P1996 (NE CIMNEY).

SEVENTH ARMY: XV Corps: 2 MB now being reld in First French Army zone, will come under comd XV Corps upon arrival in corps area. TF/63 Div mvg to general area Q5843 (NW SAAR-UNION). VI Corps: TF of 42 and 70 Divs now hold line on RHINE R W0185 (S STRASSBURG) - R3125 (E H AGENAU). 14 Armd Div (minus CCA and elms in line) mvg to area BUCHSWEILER (Q8125).

FIRST FRENCH ARMY: I French Corps: Elms 3 Div within 4 mi of COLMAR.

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0125 - Div called to inform 320 that 137 reported friendly MG fire going into HARLANGE.

0135 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, reports friendly MG fire to right (E). Also a few bursts of enemy fire. Fire believed to be in 26 Fiv sector.

0145 - Div reports 6 Armd Div received counterattack 0055 by Inf. Broken up.

0205 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, corrected 0135 call. MG fire (friendly) came from Co K but the enemy fire was not in Co K sector. No report as to why Co K MG fired.

0850 - G-3 called to inquire if we jumped off at 0800 as planned. Prior check with 3d Bn fwd CP showed that they did move on time, but no further information was available. 2d Bn reports sector quiet.

0945 - Co G reports through 2d Bn that fire is being received from tank or SP gun from the N. Exact location cannot be determined.

1132 - S-3 reported to Div that no major change has yet been made in our positions. Co L is reported to have advanced approx 200 yds to NW toward road leading E from FME FUHRMAN.

1730 - Msg from Div - Halt advance. Resume atk in Z 030800.

2400 - Due to nature of terrain over which troops operated and the inaccuracy of maps from which progress reports are normally made Bn comdrs made no reports through the day out submitted the following summary at end of days operation - Co F and Co G continued to clear woods (6049) then moved right (E) in front of positions occupied by Co I at approx 614489 securing road leading from FME FUHRMAN S to FLEBOUR. Co L occupied positions N ofclearing at 620487 and Co K S of the clearing. Co K atkd W thence NE and joined right flank of Co L. Companies then atkd NW, Co L on left, Co K on right and at end of period secured positions S of road and extending from 618491 to 620493 there being held up by enemy positions from 618493 to 619495. 1st Bn remained atchd to 137 Inf. 216 FA Bn fired following missions in support of day's action -

TYPE	NO	Rds	Kind of Observation
Interdiction	24	1412	Unobserved
Harassing	27	414	4 gound obsn; 1 air obsn
Neutralization	2	23	1 ground obsn; 1 air obsn
Registration	2	29	Air obsn
Checking concentration	2	6	Ground obsn
Preparation	6	144	Unobserved

Extract from G-3 Report
011200A Jan 45 to 021200A

320 Inf - (-1st Bn)At 011230A, 2d and 3d Bns atkd to N and W vic farm at (P613492) making slight gains against stubborn resistance. 1st Bn moved to assembly area vic (P5647), closing 012158A, and was atchd to 137 Inf upon arrival; Bn to be committed only on Div order.

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BRIEFING NOTES — HEADQUARTERS III CORPS — 2 Jan 1945

Yesterday both the 26th and 35th Divisions fought off counterattacks with little or no change in positions. No ground was lost, and early today the 3d Bn, 134th Inf, captured LUTZKOLS. Otherwise no change.

Both CCA and CCB of the 6th Armd Div attacked yesterday, and by last night were occupying RIZORY and MACHERET. CCR of the 6th Armd Div moved from its assembly area at HARAY LA VIEILLE to a new area in the vicinity of REMOIVILLE. The 6th Cav Sq is now patrolling in the zone of the 35th Div and the 28th Cav Sq has been placed between the 134th and 137th Inf Regts, 26th Div.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY: I British Corps: Increased enemy air activity during morning 1 Jan. Enemy patrolling S of MAAS, concentrating fresh troops on SCHOONEN.
II Canadian Corps: 2 Cdn Div Hq and 6 Cdn Brig are alerted to move at 12 hours notice to sector of I British Corps; one Brig of 2d has already moved to this sector.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY: XXX Corps: Patrols 29 Armd Brig (attached to 6 A/B Div) found TELLIN (F2065) clear of enemy, but some enemy in BURG (F2368) and to the north. Patrols of 53 Inf Div operating to HOMME RIVER S and NE of ROCHEFORT found area free of enemy.

NINTH ARMY: Some enemy air and arty activity.

FIRST ARMY: Second British Army is taking over sector from First U S Army up to HOTTON (F3787) incl by night 2/3 Jan. Elms 53 Br Inf Div will take over present sector of 84 Inf Div. 6 A/B Div will relieve elms of 53 Br Inf Div when 53d sidesteps to E. V Corps: Ptrl activity continued during day. One Co from 9th Inf Div captured enemy strong point (R9511) (S KALTENBORN). XVIII Corps: Elms 84 Inf relieved by XXX Corps. VII Corps: Two co attack in S of 75 Inf Div (approx 10 kms NE LANACHE) repulsed.

SEVENTH U S ARMY: Enemy attacked approx 312400A. Main effort of 3 Inf Divs has been against 7/12 Armd Div; heavy pressure against 14 Inf Div has been successfully held. Few enemy tanks in action, but 40-60 observed in 14 Inf Div area.
VI Corps: Enemy attack against 45 Inf Div reach Q9114 (approx 2 km S DAMBACH). 7/12 Armd Div was fighting back heavy enemy thrusts in BARENTHAL (8042).
XV Corps: Limited enemy attack S of BITCHE made small progress against 100 Inf Div. In 14 Inf Div zone, 6 enemy attempts to cross river during morning 1 Jan failed; by 0120004, no enemy crossing had succeeded. New attack of Bn strength started in area 06356 (SE ESCHINGEN) at 2150A.

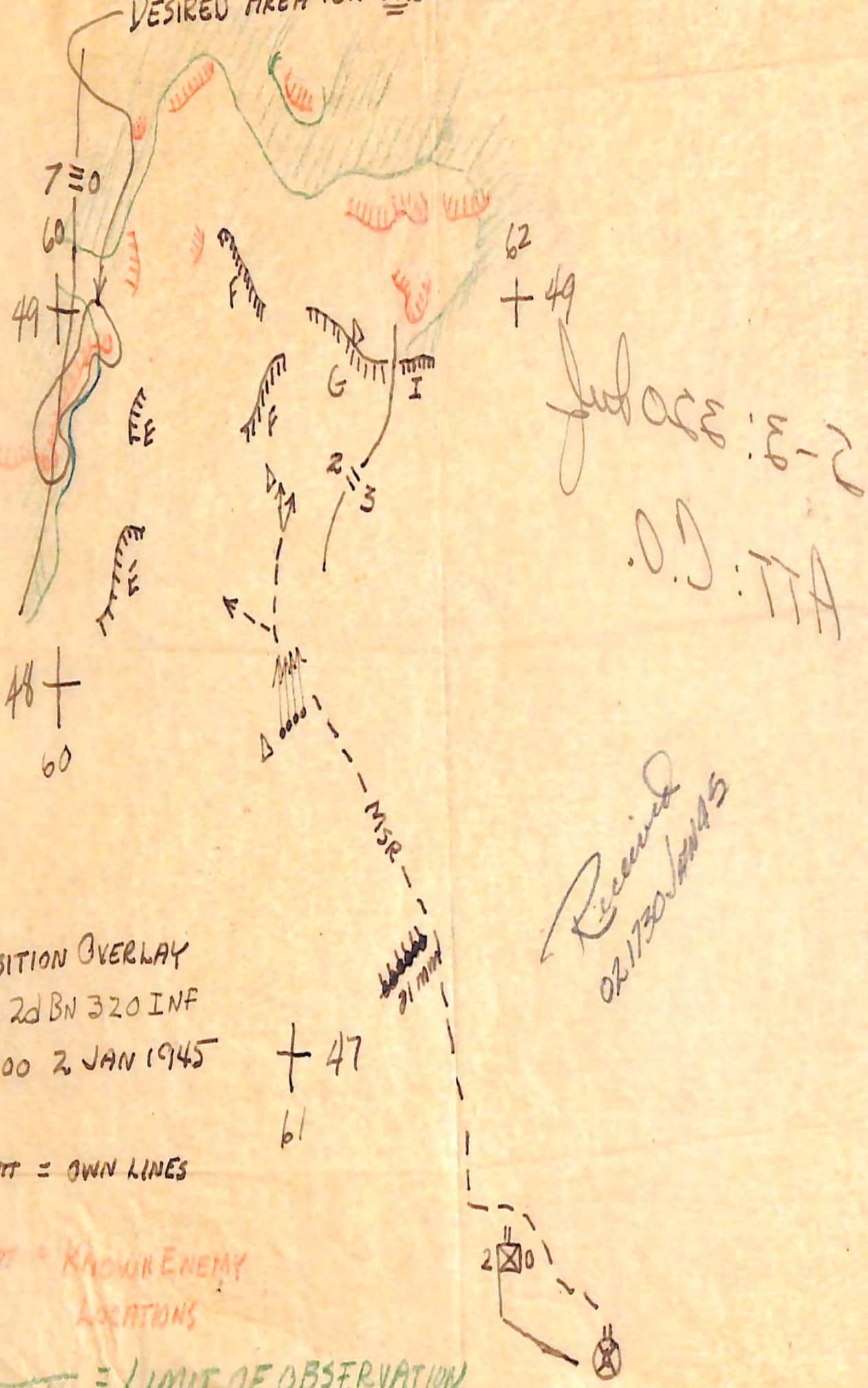
FIRST FRENCH ARMY: I French Corps: 1 DMI has started to close in ERSTEIN V9500 and has relieved 2nd Fr Armd Div in the N portion of Corps zone.

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DESIRED AREA FOR UNOBSERVED ARTY CONCENTRATION



POSITION OVERLAY
HQ 2d BN 320 INF
1700 2 JAN 1945

TTTT = OWN LINES

TTTT = KNOWN ENEMY LOCATIONS

TTTT = LIMIT OF OBSERVATION (GROUND LEVEL) APPROX.

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ATT: C.O.

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0010 - 2d Bn reports heavy movement of vehicles from W to E North of their positions. Possibly in vic of TARCHAMPS. Some are tracked vehicles.

0020 - S-2 216 FA Bn reports one Bn of Med Arty fired on all exits from TARCHAMPS.

0030 - 3d Bn reports 35 Div Rcn Tr has made contact with their Bn.

0245 - Co G reports that they are receiving direct fire from vic of 617495. Can also hear tracked vehicles moving around to the N. TD's have been alerted for possible enemy tank atk.

0530 - I&R outpost reports that 2 or 3 tanks (previously reported by Co G 0245) are still moving about.

0845 - 2d Bn reports that 10 PW's are being sent to the rear. Some are wounded.

1100 - Div C of S and Div G-3 visited CP.

1158 - Div called and directed that a representative be sent to BAVIGNE (26 Div sector) to guide tank company now atchd to 320 Inf into sector. 9 tanks of the company are reported to be operational.

1300 - Lt Clark, Ln O, after visiting CO of tank co at BAVIGNE reported that tank comdr stated that his tanks were widely disposed and that it would be approx 1600 hours before they could be assembled and moved into 320 sector. Lt Clark was again dispatched to BAVIGNE with instructions for CO of the tank co to report to CP as soon as possible and to bring at least one plat of tanks with him if at all practicable.

1445 - CO 2d Bn reports Co G has now cleared small patch of woods at 615493 (see aerial photograph) and is now in position from which to atk FME FUHRMAN. (Div notified - Maj Allen)

1510 - Lt Butler, Co C 735 Tk Bn and 1st plat ldr reported to CP. Reported one plat tks now closing into CR at 617472.

1515 - Co G reports a counterattack is being launched against Co G positions in small woods (aerial photo), map coordinates 615493 supported by a tank or tanks. Strength yet undetermined due to visibility. Direct fire is being received. Arty directed to place heavy fire on woods to N.

1530 - Sgt Manning reports four (4) rounds heavy arty or mortar and several smoke shells landed SW of farm area and vic 613492.

1535 - Lt Butler reports entire tank co assembled vic CR at 617472. 9 tanks and 1 SP 105 gun operational.

1705 - Msg from Div - Halt, post security, keep contact with enemy. Dig in, use mines, patrol, resume atk 040800.

1800 - CO called Col Alexander, 3d Bn, who reported positions of Co L and and Co K to be as follows - Line extending along high ground immediately N of road from coordinates 616491 to 620493 overlooking the deep draw to front (NW).

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1845 - Msg from Div G-2 - Rcn will send additional platoon to roadblock all roads N of BAVIGNE. Will contact your roadblock and also your right company on road W of BAVIGNE.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn remained atchd to 137 Inf Regt. Co F on left 2d Bn at woods edge 612489; Co G w/one plat at 616494 and remainder of company in position at 615492; and Co E in blocking positions vic 601485 and 601489. 3d Bn (Cos.K and L) occupied positions from which they drove the enemy and extending from 616491 to 620493 and North of the road. Co I occupied positions giving depth to the Bn in vic 618490. Total number of rounds fired by arty 2538.

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021200A Jan 45 to 031200A

320 Inf (-1st Bn) - 2d and 3d Bns continued atk to N and NW against strongly defended enemy positi ns S, SE, and E of HARLANGE, receiving heavy automatic fire and mortar fire and made slight gains. 1st Bn remained atchd to 137 Inf in assembly area shown (overlay).

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BRIEFING NOTES — III CORPS — 3 January 1945

26th Inf Div resumed attack 0600, 2 Jan, and gained up to 1000 yds at some points during day of heavy fighting.

35th Inf Div made only very slight gains during day.

6th Armd Div gained up to one mile in zone of CCB against very stiff resistance. Met by fairly heavy counterattack vicinity MICHAMPS during afternoon. Situation stabilized with no ground lost at darkness.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY: Increased air activity over entire sector. First Cdn Army Hq opens TORNHOUT (BO505) at 0h2200A. I British Corps: Hq opens BARLE HAASEN (BO419) at 0311.00A. 4 Cdn Armd Div has moved from BOXTEL area (BE335) to area BO532 (10 km E TILBURG).

SECOND BRITISH ARMY: Considerable air activity morning 2 Jan, but ground activity slight. XXX Corps: Elms 53 Div relieving elms VII Corps. Bdry XXX-VII Corps is line of OURTHE RIVER (FL282-3691-3594). Bdry XXX-VIII Corps is FL975-3969-0909-0074 (BOLSSON-CHAMPLON-WELLIN-BEAURING).

NINTH ARMY: Some enemy air and artillery activity.

SEVENTH ARMY: Enemy continued very heavy pressure on L flank of VI Corps and S of BITSCH (W7750), and had considerable success with infiltration tactics. A few enemy tanks in this sector. Main pressure is along roads leading SE. 6 GS Mt Div ident in area vic DAMBACH (W91A6). Heavy pressure against 44th Inf Div yesterday. XV Corps: 2 AB, Combat Command B and Combat Command V, close in XV area tonight. VI Corps: 45th Div has taken over sector to Corps L bdry. TF 14 Armd Div has withdrawn, Div now in corps in res in VI Corps area.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY: Nothing to report.

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0630 - 3d Bn moving to NW to gain enemy positions prior to daylight.

0845 - 2d Bn and tanks now moving. Poor visibility, due to heavy snow, prevented them from moving earlier.

0900 - Msg from 3d Bn - During jump off and initial advance a column of 18 enemy Inf were killed with small arms and automatic rifle fire as they moved across the front at approx 617493. Four prisoners were captured at approx 0800.

0935 - Sgt Quested reports that Co G and one plat tanks now advancing into woods, heading for line (61454934) to (61554935).

0940 - 3d Bn reports approx 50 prisoners. Request 2½ ton truck to send them in.

0950 - CO 216 FA Bn reports Co F and one plat tanks now into FME FUHRMAN. Four prisoners have been taken. Some SP fire from N vic TARCHAMPS. A corps TOT will be fired on TARCHAMPS at 1000.

1020 - Sgt Quested reports F Co now near phase line JK (61054940) (61354955), cleaning out woods.

1125 - Sgt O'Kelly, 2d Bn, reports F Co still clearing woods vic (61054940) - (61354955), receiving small arms fire from NW. Co G vic (61454934) - (61554935), in contact with 3d Bn, receiving heavy mortar fire and some arty fire.

1145 - Sgt Quested, 2d Bn, reports Co F receiving counteratk at (61053940) coming from HARLANGE. Heavy small arms fire and automatic fire. Further details later.

1155 - C of S reports two additional tanks, two trucks, and a tank retriever belonging to Co C 735 Tk Bn is now in vic Div CP and moving up to join the co.

1240 - 2d Bn reports F Co and G Co have contact with each other and are in the vicinity of (61054940) and (61284929) and receiving MG and mortar fire from HARLANGE and mortar fire from TARCHAMPS.

1415 - Sgt Quested, 2d Bn, reports that one plat of G Co is being moved from (61454934) to (61354955) to give right flank protection to Co F. 3d Bn has been contacted by telephone and reports increased small arms fire on right flank from the N.

1500 - Cn Co directed fire 6 rounds propaganda leaflets into enemy positions along road vic 618501. Arty to fire 5 rounds of propaganda into HARLANGE.

1520 - CG visited CP.

1600 - 2d Bn reports two plats Co E have entered first four houses in E edge of HARLANGE after a stiff fight. 10 prisonerscaptured.

1640 - Msg from Div - Resume atk 0800.

1640 - Sgt O'Kelly, 2d Bn, reports road mined at (61284929).

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1730 - Col Hannum reports 2 plats Co E in eastern edge of HARLANGE receiving counteratk by a force which includes tanks (Arty and tks notified)

1820 - The two plats of E Co which were in Eastern edge of HARLANGE withdrew to a difensive position W of FME FUHRMAN (613493) where they can cover road and draw going into town by fire. They placed mines to their immediate front across road and covered them by fire. The rest of E Co joined F Co vic 613494.

2130 - TD plat reported inposition behind E Co.

2352 - CO 2d Bn reports that F Co observed houses burning in Eastern part of HARLANGE. Enemy running through town with lights or torches. Our arty firing. Our arty believed to have started the fire.

2400 - At end of period positions occupied by 320 Inf were as follows - Co F and Co G occupied line extending from 610496 to 614497. After receiving a limited counterattack Co E withdrew from E edge of HARLANGE to occupy defensive positions at 607493 and 612493. 3d Bn advancing to NW overran, during the day's action, 10 MG positions, 1 mortar position, destroying them, captured 88 PW's, killed approx 80 and wounded 100 more of the enemy. Final positions at end of period - line extending from 618494 to 620496. The entire action of 3d Bn consisted of clearing a heavily wooded area against enemy occupying previously prepared positions. Visibility during the entire period was extremely limited.

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031200A Jan 45 to 041200A

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FIRST CANADIAN ARMY: Nothing to report.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY: Elms 53 Div in area HOTTON (P3788) - MARCHE (P2983) - P2891. Elms 6 AB Div concentrating general area HUMAIN (P2381) - ROCHEFORT (P2076), and P1077-0580 (Vic WANLIN). 29 Armd Bde attacked and captd BURE (P2368) and WAVREVILLE (P2272), after meeting heavy opposition.

NINTH ARMY: XIII Corps: Enemy artillery shelled GERRONSWEILER (K9363) and LINDERN (K9367). XIX Corps: Ptrl activity only.

FIRST ARMY: V Corps: Strong ptrls have moved out as much as 2 miles with little or no contact. XVIII Corps: No rpt received. VII Corps: Opposition along front is mainly dug in tks, inf, AT guns. Visibility poor, and going is bad off the roads. CCA/2 Armd Div cleared BEFFE (P4285) and is attacking CONSY (P4384). CCB/2 Armd Div attacking ODEIGNE (P5386). Elms 3 Armd Div advanced approx 3 km, reaching P6089 (Pt W LIERNEUX); otherwise the division made local advances against heavy opposition.

SEVENTH ARMY: Very heavy enemy pressure continuous in BITCHE sector. Fighting in area REIPERTSWEILER (Q8037) heavy and confused. Enemy inf, strength unknown, infiltrated to Q7735 (about 2 km SW REIPERTSWEILER), now digging in. Estimated 200 inf infiltrated ab out 3 km, reaching WINGEN (Q7235). XV Corps: Elms 2 DB have counterattacked, regaining GROS REDERCHING (Q6252). 106 Cav Gp relieved E of GRANDE ROSELLE (Q3567) by elms of 103 Inf Div.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY: I French Corps: 3 DIA now in I Corps. II French Corps: Mixed TF has taken over previous 3 DIA sector V4845-5845 (approx 7 km N MUNSTER). Situation quiet; arty and ptrl activity only.

MISCELLANEOUS: 66 Inf Div took over operational control from 94th Inf Div in LORIENT-ST NAZAIRE area 2 Jan. 94th expected to close in Rheims area 5 Jan.

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Capt, Inf.
In Sec, III Corps

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SECOND BRITISH ARMY: Elms 53 Div in area HOTTON (P3788) - MARCHE (P2983) - P2891. Elms 6 AB Div concentrating general area HUMAIN (P2381) - ROCHEFORT (P2076), and P1077-0580 (Vic WANLIN). 29 Armd Bde attacked and captd BURE (P2368) and WAVREVILLE (P2272), after meeting heavy opposition.

NINTH ARMY: XIII Corps: Enemy artillery shelled GERRONSWEILER (K9363) and LINDERN (K9367). XIX Corps: Ptrl activity only.

FIRST ARMY: V Corps: Strong ptrls have moved out as much as 2 miles with little or no contact. XVIII Corps: No rpt received. VII Corps: Opposition along front is mainly dug in tks, inf, AT guns. Visibility poor, and going is bad off the roads. CCA/2 Armd Div cleared BEFFE (P4285) and is attacking CONSY (P4384). CCB/2 Armd Div attacking ODEIGNE (P5386). Elms 3 Armd Div advanced approx 3 km, reaching P6089 (Pt W LIERNEUX); otherwise the division made local advances against heavy opposition.

SEVENTH ARMY: Very heavy enemy pressure continuous in BITCHE sector. Fighting in area REIPERTSWEILER (Q8037) heavy and confused. Enemy inf, strength unknown, infiltrated to Q7735 (about 2 km SW REIPERTSWEILER), now digging in. Estimated 200 inf infiltrated ab out 3 km, reaching WINGEN (Q7235). XV Corps: Elms 2 DB have counterattacked, regaining GROS REDERCHING (Q6252). 106 Cav Gp relieved E of GRANDE ROSELLE (Q3567) by elms of 103 Inf Div.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY: I French Corps: 3 DIA now in I Corps. II French Corps: Mixed TF has taken over previous 3 DIA sector V4845-5845 (approx 7 km N MUNSTER). Situation quiet; arty and ptrl activity only.

MISCELLANEOUS: 66 Inf Div took over operational control from 94th Inf Div in LORIENT-ST NAZAIRE area 2 Jan. 94th expected to close in Rheims area 5 Jan.

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0830 - 2d Bn reports an atk by 3 enemy tanks and one half-track carrying some inf in F and G Cos areas. Arty is firing defensive fires N of F and G Cos fronts to break up the atk and anything that might follow.

0945 - Maj Gen Brown visited CP (departed at 1010 for 2d Bn w/Lt Donavan as guide)

1015 - 2d Bn reports clearing N and NE of FME FUHRMAN is being swept by enemy fire from buildings in eastern edge of HARLANGE and from woods at 616492. Our tanks have moved into position behind F and G Cos but have no target as yet.

1025 - 2d Bn reports tanks moving vic W edge of woods (611495) towards HARLANGE. The tanks forced F Co to move from woods edge back into the woods. (TD's ordered to notify plat vic E Co)

1045 - Col Hannum, 2d Bn CO, reports F and G Cos have withdrawn approx 30 yards from woods edge into the woods, but they still control woods edg He believes that the enemy ~~are~~ is bringing up more inf.

1158 - TD's report vehicular movement inwoods at 625505. S-3 instructed them to fire on target.

1208 - TD's report that there is inf, no vehicles, in woods at 625505. Arty is shooting on the place.

1230 - CO 2d Bn reports the enemy inf which accompanied the German tanks and half track this morning in F Co's old holes in the edge of the woods.

1310 - Col Alexander reports 3d Bn now has 615496 with a strong combat patrol. Fighting continues. Two prisoners taken, one of which is a Lt.

1350 - 35 Rcn reports that they have made contact with our L Co at 623493. Reconnaissance run along road E and W between 623493 and 635494.

1425 - Msg from Div - 1st Bn detached from 137 Inf and atchd to 134 Inf, effective at once.

1540 - CO 3d Bn reports K Co gained approx 100 yds and have run into more enemy dug in.

1650 - Lt Clark reports that 3d Bn 134 Inf received an inf counteratk by Germans wearing American overcoats and helmets.

1830 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/following order - 134 Inf, w/1st Bn 320 Inf atchd, atk 060700, sieze HILL 550 (582538), be prepared to continue atk to the E on Div Order. Maintain contact w/6 Armd on left w/28 Cav Sqdn on right. 137 Inf maintain pressure on enemy, patrol vigorously, follow closely if attempt to withdraw, maintain contact w/28 Cav Sqdn and 320 Inf. 320 Inf minus 1st Bn plus Co C 735 Tk Bn atchd maintain pressure on enemy, patrol vigorously, follow closely if enemy attempts to withdraw, maintain contact w/137 Inf and 35 Rcn Tr. New bdry between 134 and 137 effective at once.

2000 - Sgt Manning, 3d Bn reports L Co has reached the S edge of clearing at (60754975)

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - after an early morning counterattack of a local nature against the positions of Co F and Co G, they withdrew 30 to 50 yards into the woods and to rear of their former line (610496 - 614497) remaining there to and including end of period, prepared to counter further atks launched by the enemy. Positions of Co E were unchanged (see 2400 entry 4 Jan). 3d Bn continued woods clearing operation throughout the period against stubborn enemy resistance to gain positions extending from 617497 to 619498. 1st Bn reld from atchmt to 137 Inf 051425 Jan and atchd to 134 Inf. Arty fired 1675 rounds.

Extract from G-3 Report
041200A Jan 45 to 051200A

320 Inf - (-1st Bn)(w/Co C 735 Tk Co atchd) 2d and 3d Bns continued atk to N into woods E of HARLANGE against moderate resistance, reaching positions shown (overlay). Co E entered E edge of HARLANGE 041600A, but was forced to withdraw to SE by enemy counteratk at 041730A. 1st Bn remained atchd to 137Inf in assembly area.

NOTE: All of the foregoing journal entries described by map coordinates are correct only insofar as the map is correct. Aerial photographs prepared and dated 25 Dec show prominent terrain features on the map, such as wooded areas, to be, in some instances, as much as 500 meters in error. Photograph used for planning and peration is filed with this journal.

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0730 - F and G Cos received five rounds of direct arty fire from the N.

0900 - F and G Cos have jumped off to clear N edge of woods.

0940 - F and G Cos have reached N edge of woods (610496 - 614497).

1000 - Maj Gen Brown visited CP and departed to visit 3d Bn OP.

1030 - CO 2d Bn reports Cos F+G now up into the former positions of Co F and Co G and have obsn to N, NE and NW.

1145 - Maj Stewart, 6 Cav Gp, reported to CP and informed us that they are prpared to relieve us today, but have no orders as yet. S-3 gave him our positions and situation.

1155 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/verbal msg that a CT of 90th Div is expected to arrive in this area (S of BOULAIDE), but a previous plan for it effecting a relief of CT 320 has been cancelled. No information of the relief by 6 Cav Gp is available, but believe this plan has also been cancelled.

1205 - 2d Bn reports Co F receiving long range hvy arty fire.

1310 - Maj Stewart, 6 Cav Gp, called and informed us that CG III Corps would not make any decision as to relief in this sector before 1600 today and, except for emergency, no relief would take place tonight. Units of 90th Div will close in assembly area generally S of 26 Div beginning this evening.

1315 - Col Scott, CO 101st Inf, 26 Div, visited CP. Maj Stewart, 6 Cav Gp, called and reported that they may relieve us sometime tomorrow, (7 Jan)using part of one squadron to relieve E Co and 1st Bn 101 Inf relieve remainder of our troops (2d Bn (-) and 3d Bn)

1555 - Gen Baade called directing us to alert one Bn to move right away and that the remaining Bn and special units would move mtzd shortly afterwards. Detailed orders follow.

1612 - Maj Stewart called stating that 1st Bn 101 Inf will relieve one Bn 320 tonight. Our Bn will go to 6 Armd Div.

1615 - Col Northam called 3d Bn telling them to send a staff officer or Col Alexander to our CP for orders.

1637 - 1st Bn 101 Inf begin movement by motor to our area approx 1700. Will detruck vic 620463.

1640 - Lt O'Brien delivered following msg from Div - 1st Bn/101 Inf (mtzd) to relieve one Bn 320 Inf tonight. Trucks to be turned over to 320 Inf. This Bn 320 move toassy area vic BASTOGNE. Other Bn 320 Inf to be reld tomorrow night. 6 Cav Sqdn to extend lines to include Co G 137 Inf.

1700 - Msg from Div G-3 - 1st Bn 101 Inf will be under control 320 Inf after relieving 3d Bn. Trucks will return to 6 Cav Gp after moving our 3d Bn.

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1725 - CO directed that Maj Leach, Ex O 3d Bn, report to Col Reed, CCB 6 Armd Div, at BASTOGNE to receive route of march and assembly area for 3d Bn.

1745 - Maj Leach reported to CP and was given details available concerning move and told to report to Col Reed, CCB 6 Armd Div. He departed immediately.

1900 - Maj Graham, CO 1st Bn 101 Inf, reported to CP. CO gave him our positions and situation, including enemy situation to our front.

1910 - CO Cml (4.2 mortar) Co informed CO that his unit is now being withdrawn from sector 320 Inf (1 plat Co D, 3d Cml Bn fired supporting missions but was not atchd by order).

1920 - Co C 735 Tk Bn reld from atchmt to 320 Inf and atchd to 137 Inf effective 070900. (Msg from G-3)

2245 - Maj Leach reported to CP on his way back from CCB 6 Armd. 3d Bn will be reld tonight, stay in BASCHLEIDEN, leave at 0830 (?) tomorrow and arrive at destination 1000.

2255 - 1st elements of 1st Bn 101st Inf arrived at 3d Bn 320.

2325 - G-3 informed Maj McElroy that our 3d Bn must close in new area by 0730. 3d Bn notified.

2400 - At end of period 320 continued to occupy positions of 5 Jan 45 and patrolled to front and flanks keeping continuous contact with the enemy. Beginning 062255 Jan 1st Bn 101 Inf arrived in 320 Inf sector and began effecting relief of 3d Bn that unit. Upon being relieved 3d Bn units assembled in BASCHLEIDEN, preparatory to moving by motor to BASTOGNE, BELGIUM to join CCB 6 Armd Div. During the day supporting arty fired 2313 rounds. Missions were primarily interdiction, harassing and neutralization.

Extract from G-3 Report
051200A Jan 45 to 061200A

320 Inf - (-1st Bn) (w/Co C, 735 Tk Bn atchd) - 2d Bn repelled counteratk consisting of three (3) tks and Inf afternoon 5 Jan and reorganized positions atkd morning 6 Jan and reached N edge of woods (P6049). 3d Bn continued atk to N in woods E of HARLANGE against increasing enemy resistance; pushed fwd during morning 6 Jan to gain contact w/2d Bn. 1st Bn relieved from atchmt to 137 Inf and atchd 134 Inf 051425A.

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FIRST CANADIAN ARMY: Move of I British Corps Hq to BARLE HAASEN (3019) and of First Cdn Army to TURNHOUT (3505) has been indefinitely postponed. I British AB Div arriving on continent to take over sector of N and S BEVELAND and WALCHEREN ISLAND.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY: XXX Corps: 53 Div attack 4 Jan met considerable opposition including tanks and mines. Elms of 53 Div have advanced approx 3 km beyond HARSENS and MEIL, reaching P3683. Attack held up by bad country and by enemy counterattacks with inf and tks. Elms of 6 AB holding HAVRENVILLE (P2271) and BURE (P2368) in spite of enemy counterattacks by inf and tks.

NINTH ARMY: Nothing to report.

FIRST ARMY: XVIII Corps: 82 AB has met enemy in well dug-in positions. PW states that his unit has been ordered to hold line all winter. 82 Div has adv about 1 km beyond ARBRE-FONTAINE. Line of fwd trs of XVIII Corps is P6897-6894-6893-6791-6590-6490-6390 (vic ARBREFONTAINE-STAVELOT-IVERNEUX).

VII Corps: Very bad visibility again hindered both armd divs. CCA/3 Armd Div clearing LIERNEUX (P6289); CCB little change; elms CCR adv about 1 km (S HALEMPRE) and reached P5686. CCB/2 Armd Div captured GONDENS (P5186); elms CCA advancing on COMBY (P4384).

SEVENTH ARMY: Enemy believed to be regrouping for further attack; little new development except for enemy raid on RHINE sector. XV Corps: 44 Div rpts situation GROS REDERCHING Q6252 confused, town last rptd in enemy hands. 36 Inf Div has taken over sector from P7447 (SW BITSCH) to Corps boundary. VI Corps: 45 Div made small advances against heavy opposition in area Q7936 (vic REIPERTSWILLER), and hold most of PHILIPSBURG (Q8742). Enemy est approx 1 bn strength crossed RHINE and now hold general area GAMBSHEIM (R1110) - HERRSHEIM (R1213). G-2 estimate this is a raid in force since no bridging equipment observed. 3 DIA take over RHINE sector N to R1309 (N STRASBOURG), and sector passes to cond of First French Army.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY: Nothing to report.

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0200 - Sgt Manning, 3d Bn, called and stated that progress of relief was slow.

0430 - Capt Trossem, 3d Bn, called and reported that AT plat and M Co are relieved. I Co being relieved.

0700 - Maj Leach, 3d Bn, called and reported that relief is complete. Bn IP time - 0715.

1135 - Msg from Div - Prepare plans for relief. Contact CO 101st Inf. Detailed orders later.

1605 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with information that upon being relieved to join 6 Armd Div CT ceases. Tentative plan is for elms 6 Cav Gp to relieve Co E only. The remainder of 2d Bn to be reld by a Bn or elms of a Bn 101 Inf, 26 Inf Div. It is believed it will be 3d Bn 101st Inf.

1645 - Lt Col Peale, 3d Bn, 101st Inf, 26 Inf Div, reported to CP stating that his troops will arrive in sector 320 Inf sometime after midnight (7-8Jan 45). Col Scott, Regtl CO, 101st Inf Regt also called to receive the mutual plan of relief.

1735 - Lt Col Day, 28 Cav Sqdn, 6 Cav Gp, called at the CP and was given position of and situation to front of Co E, 320 Inf, the unit the Cav is to relieve.

2100 - Capt Satterfield, Troop A, 28 Cav Sqdn, 6 Cav Gp, reported to Lt Col Day at 320 Inf CP and upon being made aware of his mission and the location of Co E 320 Inf, departed immediately to begin the relief.

2155 - The following msg was received and relayed to Capt Satterfield - Troop A has been delayed due to traffic and there is no estimate as to when it will arrive.

2220 - G-3 called directing that a Ln O be sent to 6 Armd Div at COBREVILLE (475483) to report to G-3 6 Armd Div at about 080800 for orders. (Lt Silverman directed to perform the mission and depart from BOULAIDE 080630).

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn remained atchd to 134 Inf, 35 Inf Div. 3d Bn atchd to CCB 6 Armd Div, assembled in BASTOGNE, BELGIUM. 2d Bn continued to hold positions to SE and E of HARLANGE prepared to be relieved by Troop A, 28 Cav Sqdn, 6 Cav Gp and by 3d Bn 101st Inf Regt, 26 Inf Div.

3d Bn 320 Inf Operations Summary
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This Bn was fully relieved by the 101st Inf, 26 Inf Div, at 0545. Bn crossed IP at BOULAIDE at 0645 for movement by trucks to vic BASTOGNE (5558). Cleared into assembly area at BASTOGNE at 0920. At 1000, the Bn CO reported to Hq CCB for orders. This Bn was atchd to CCB. At 1500 staff and Co Comdrs went fwd to reconnoiter positions held by the 50th Inf, 6 Armd Div. At 1900 Bn was alerted for movement as enemy was atkg positions around

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BIZARY (589597). Bn did not move as atk was beaten off.

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061200A Jan 45 to 071200 A Jan

134 Inf - (w/ 1st Bn 320 Inf and Co C, 3d Cml Bn atchd) - 1st Bn contd to occupy positions shown (overlay), prepared to atk to NE when 1st Bn, 320 Inf came abreast. 2d Bn continued to hold positions shown after an unsuccessful attempt to seize positions astride LUTREBOIS - LUTREMANGE road at 070730A. 3d Bn continued to occupy positions vic LUTREBOIS, prepared to follow 1st Bn 320 Inf. 1st Bn, 320 Inf atkd to SE meeting very strong resistance, and reached positions shown by end of period. Co B, 320 Inf cleared and occupied woods vic (P567539) during afternoon 6 Jan.

320 Inf - (-1st Bn)(w/1st Bn 101st Inf atchd) - 2d Bn held and improved positions throughout period, maintaining contact w/enemy. 3d Bn relieved in positions by 1st Bn, 101 Inf by 070700A, and, at end of period, was moving by motor to assembly area vic BASTOGNE to be atchd to 6 Armd Div upon arrival. 1st Bn remained atchd to 134 Inf. 1st Bn, 101 Inf (26 Inf Div) atchd to Regt upon arrivalin Z 062255A. Co C, 735 Tk Bn relieved from atchmt 070900A.

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FIRST CANADIAN ARMY: I British Corps: 1 Polish Armd Div cont ptrls across MAAS RIVER vic HEUSDEN (8205). Light enemy action rptd, but approaches well covered by fire. Enemy pocket still remains in Div area at 8919 (NE HAARSDAMSVEER).

SECOND BRITISH ARMY: XXX Corps: Regrouping. Elms 53 Inf Div have reached P3182-3181-2780 (approx 3 km SE HAMME). DUNE (P2368) evacuated by friendly trs (elms 6 AB), who now hold TELLIN (P2067) - HAVRINNES (P2271).

NINTH ARMY: Nothing to report.

FIRST ARMY: V Corps: Situation quiet. XVIII Corps: 30 Div, no change. 82 AB have adv SE about 1 km on approx 6 km front, reaching P6897-6894-6893-6791-6599-6490-6390-7098-6997. VII Corps: Good progress rptd. Resistance against 3 Armd Div very light. CCA P6189-6288 (approx 1 km SE LIERNEUX). CCB P6087-5886 (vic FRAITURE). Elms CCR P5786 (vic FRAITURE). CCB/2 Armd Div had advanced approx 2 km beyond ODRIMONT, reaching P5685-5585 and 5185-5085. CCA/2 Armd Div has penetrated another 2 km, reaching LAID FRAIPONT (P4683) and DEVANTAVE (P4184); above 2 towns not yet rptd clear. Elms 75 Div P4586-4285 (vic B SFFE).

SEVENTH ARMY: XV Corps: 44 Div has repelled 3 enemy counterattacks N of GROS REDERCHING (0625?), approx co strength. VI Corps: 45 Inf Div attack making slow progress N against hvy resistance, clearing enemy from REIPERTSWILLER (0837). 14 Armd Div ptrling vic 0839-8935 (NW KIRRWILLER). 3 counterattacks against PHILIPSBURG (0742) repelled by elms 45 Inf Div.

FIRST FRENCH ARMY: Nothing to report.

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0030 - Maj Stuart, S-3, 6th Cav Gp, called that Troop A was now N of BOULAIDE and on the way to replace Co E, 320 Inf. (Duty Officer informed 2d Bn)

0240 - 2d Bn reports reliefs were effected at following times - Co F 080023; Co G 080115; Co E 080230. All of the troops which have been relieved are assembling in BASCHLEIDEN and are about all closed in.

0305 - Maj Stuart, S-3, 6th Cav Gp, called and stated that the relief of Co E, 320 Inf is now complete insofar as his unit is concerned.

0315 - Duty Officer called G-3 35 Inf Div and informed him of 0305 entry and that all AT units would be relieved in the morning at approx 080800.

0940 - CO called CG and reported relief of 2d Bn and special units now entirely completed, Col Scott, CO 101st Inf, having assumed full responsibility for the sector.

0945 - Lt Silverman called from 6 Armd Div CP and stated that he is awaiting instructions. Will probably be there several hours. 320 Inf (-1st Bn and 3d Bn) remain inplace and await orders.

0948 - Capt Rennis, Co C, 60 Engr Bn, reports that his Engr troops at Road Block CR 617472 have now been relieved by elms 101 Inf.

1020 - Brig Gen Harkness, Asst Div Comdr, 26 Inf Div and Col Scott, CO, 101 Inf Regt visited CP.

1250 - Following information received from 6 Armd Div - 2d Bn and Cn Co, 320 Inf atchd to CCA, 6 Armd Div and are to move to assembly area under direction of Col Hines. Column will be met at 548520 and will be led to the area. Regtl Hq Co, AT Co and Co C 110 Med Bn assemble in ASSENOIS. Route - BOULAIDE, BIGONVILLE, MARTELANGE, CR 548520, thence NW to destination.

1300 - Div Fwd CP closes station at 081405A and opens the same time at (5244) STRAINCHAMPS.

1357 - AT Co began movement to ASSENOIS, moving independently.

1405 - G-3 called to inform Ex O that investigation discloses that ASSENOIS will not accommodate any more troops and that WARNACH or some other town is being considered as assembly area.

1550 - CP began displacement from BOULAIDE, LUXEMBOURG.

1700 - Msg received from Div G-3 (enroute) - If you have not left old area, remain there. Ex O immediately notified Div that column is now approaching destination and inquired if the old area is to be reoccupied. Received reply that column will continue to destination (WARNACH)

1725 - Upon arriving in MARTELANGE S-1 320 Inf, having made prior rcn of WARNACH, halted the column and suggested that troops seek billets in MARTELANGE.

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1750 - CP opened in MARTELANGE. Distance of displacement - 8.7 miles. Route followed - BOULAIDE, BIGONVILLE, MARTELANGE.

1830 - All units closed into MARTELANGE. Units for which there were no billets returned to BIGONVILLE.

2245 - Msg from Div - Received from CG III Corps - Quote - Necessary steps will be taken without delay so that violations of telephone security reported as flagrant within this comd are corrected - Unquote. Signed CG.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn remained atchd to 134 Inf 35 Inf Div. 3d Bn atchd to CCB 6 Armd Div in vic BASTOGNE. 2d Bn atchd to CCA 6 Armd Div. Cn Co 320 Inf also atchd to CCA 6 Armd Div. Regtl Hq Co, AT Co and Service Co occupied MARTELANGE and BIGONVILLE respectively.

3d Bn 320 Inf Operations Summary
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This Bn became Task Force ALEXANDER with the following units atchd - Co A 69th Tk Bn, Co C 603 TD Bn (-), Co A 25th Engr Bn, 212 FA Bn direct support. This Bn, (-Co K), relieved the 50th Inf and one co of 68th Armd Inf. L Co went into position at 58086049 extending to 588600 and I went into position at 588600 and extended to 593597 making contact with K Co which was atchd to CCB, TF KENNEDY. This relief was effected at 2210. Throughout the night arty and some SP fire fell in fwd areas. Barrages were noted at BIZARY (582603) and (585601).

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
071200A Jan 45 to 081200A Jan 45

134 Inf - (w/1st Bn 320 Inf atchd) - continued to hold present positions maintaining pressure on enemy throughout period. 1st Bn 320 Inf continued atk afternoon 7 Jan against very strong resistance and made little progress. Co C, 3d Cml Bn relieved from atchmt 071600A.

320 Inf - (-1st and 3d Bns) - Relieved in z by 101 Inf and elms of 6 Cav Gp during night 7-8 Jan, and atchd to 6 Armd Div 080915A; prepared to move to assembly area vic BASTOGNE on orderof CG 6 Armd Div. 1st Bn remained atchd to 134 Inf. 3d Bn atchd to 6 Armd Div upon arrival at assembly area vic BASTOGNE 7 Jan. 1st Bn, 101 Inf (26 Inf Div) relieved from atchmt 080915A.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
072001A Jan 45 to 082000A Jan 45

3. b. 35 Inf Div: .....The 320th Inf Regt (-1st Bn) was atchd to the 6th Armd Div as of 080945A.
5. Our Operations for the Period: a. CCA (HINES): .....2d Bn 320th Inf (reinf) atchd to the comd. The Bn closed in its assembly area at 1830A in the vic (P557557) with its CP at (P557566). b. CCB (READ): .....3d Bn 320th Inf Regt (TF ALEXANDER) and TF K in the process of relieving TF D and TF WALL (formerly TF ROOT).

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0855 - Msg from 3d Bn - Request your location. Signed 0825.

0900 - Msg to 3d Bn - Location temporarily at 565388.

1115 - Lt O'Brien delivered FO #2, Hq 6 Armd Div dated 082200A Jan 45 giving the following mission to 320 Inf (-1st, 2d, and 3d Bns) - 320 Inf Regt: Reinforce its Bns with AT guns as required.
The following list showing composition of Task Forces of which our Bns are a part was also delivered - TF HANNUM: 2d Bn 320 Inf, Cn Co 320 Inf, 231 Armd FA Bn, 68 Tk Bn, 1 plat 603 TD Bn, Co B, 3d Cml Bn (direct support). TF ALEXANDER: 3d Bn 320 Inf (-Co K), 1 plat Co C 603 TD Bn, Co A 69 Tk Bn, 1 plat Co A, 25 Armd Engrs. Co K 320 Inf a part of TFK.

2400 - At end of period, 1st Bn 320 Inf remained atchd to 134 Inf. 2d Bn, 320 Inf remained atchd to CCA 6 Armd Div. 3d Bn 320 Inf remained atchd to CCB 6 Armd Div. Hq Co, Ser Co, and AT Co remained in assembly area in the towns of MARTELANGE and BIGONVILLE. Cn Co remained atchd to CCA 6 Armd Div.

3d Bn 320 Inf Operations Summary
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Situation unchanged. Arty and mortar fire fell in fwd areas. At 1310, 5 tks were reported in vic 598606. One of these was knocked out by arty fire. Patrols to the front made contact with the enemy. At 1600, plans were made for the CCA to atk through TF ALEXANDER and KENNEDY. Guides were given to CCA.

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
081200A Jan 45 to 091200A Jan 45

134 Inf (w/1st Bn 320 Inf atchd) - 1st Bn 320 Inf relieved by 1st Bn at 081930, moved to assembly area vic (P562554), closing 090130A. 3d Bn, relieved by 2d Bn in LUTREBOIS, moved to assembly area vic (P564545), closing 090700A. While 1st and 2d Bns held in positions, 3d Bn, and 1st Bn 320 Inf, atkd to SE 091000, reaching positions shown (overlay) by end of period.

320 Inf - (-1st Bn) - Remained atchd to 6 Armd Div w/2d Bn atchd to CCA and 3d Bn atchd to CCB. 1st Bn remained atchd to 134 Inf.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
082001A Jan 45 to 092000A Jan 45

TF HANNUM - Atkd at 091000A in coordination with 3d Bn 134 Regt on its right and siezed its objective by 1355A. Composition of troops: 2d Bn 320 Inf, 68 Tk Bn (-), Regtl Cn Co 320 Inf, 1 plat Co A 603d TD Bn, (231st Armd FA Bn and Co B 3d Cml Bn in direct support).

TF ALEXANDER - Relieved TF Wall and elms of TF Davall at 090850A. Composition of troops: 3d Bn 320 Inf (-), Co A 69th Tk Bn (Med), 1 plat Co C 603d TD Bn, 1 plat Co A 25th Armd Engr Bn.

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21st Army Group: In the I Br Corps sector, the Polish Armd Div has announced that the German pocket on the south bank of the MAAS river, south of DUSSEN, has been eliminated. In the II Cdn Corps sector, the 3rd Br Div was continuing its attack against the German bridgehead on the west bank of the river, north of VENLO, in the GEISTEREN forest. In the 9th Army, as well as in the zone of the V Corps of the 1st Army, aggressive patrolling was continued. In the XVIII Corps sector, the 112th Inf of the 28th Div (attached to the 30th Div) gained ½ mile along a mile front, and had reached WANNE. The 82nd AB Div continued the attack, gaining 1 mile along a ½-mile front, capturing GARONNE. The 82nd AB Div reported light resistance from road-blocks and strong-points. CCB of the 9th Armd Div departed from the XVIII Corps zone during the day. In the VII Corps sector, the 2nd and 3rd Armd Divs continued to push forward, with the 3rd Armd Div advancing approximately 2 miles on a ½-mile front, CCA capturing SART, while CCB took RENNE. These forces are now 8 miles north of HOUFFALIZE. The 2nd Armd Div advanced 1 mile across its front, with CCA taking BOCHAMPS, which they had surrounded the previous day. The 334th Inf of the 84th Div was committed on the west flank of the Corps sector, and pushed forward along the main road to the south 1½ miles, capturing MARCOURAY. All units of the VII Corps report scattered resistance, consisting mainly of road-blocks and strong-points. In the XXX Br Corps sector, the 53rd Br Div jumped off in the attack and advanced 1,000 yards along a 1½ mile front seizing GRIMBIEMONT. The 6th AB Div has now completed its regrouping, and the 51st Highland Div is now assigned to the XXX Br Corps.

12 Army Group: In the 3rd Army sector, the 87th Div pulled back 1,500 yards on the left portion of their zone, and the enemy reoccupied BOMMERUS. The 17th AB Div attacked at 0700 and gained ½ mile along a 2-mile front, clearing FLAMIERGE, however, enemy resistance stiffened during the afternoon, and in the NEUFCHATEAU area, 18 German tanks infiltrated the positions of the 17th AB Div. At 1300, it was reported that the 17th AB Div had the situation well in hand, and had knocked out 3 enemy tanks. The 11th Armd Div CP at ROSIERES was receiving heavy caliber arty fire during the day, estimated at 280mm. The 101st AB Div continued to defend the BASTOGNE area. In the III Corps sector, the 6th Armd Div was hit by a counter-attack and withdrew 1,000 yds but regained the lost ground in a later attack. The 320th Inf of the 35th Div has now been attached to the 6th Armd Div. The 6th Cav Gp has now taken over a zone between the 26th and 35th Divs, leaving the 35th Div a narrow sector. The 90th Div has now closed in the III Corps zone. In the XX Corps sector, there was a slight increase in arty fire throughout the Corps zone. The 90th Div has now cleared the XX Corps zone, and elements of the 94th Div were organizing their defenses on the west bank of the SAAR River. The 95th Div reported receiving SA and light mortar fire in SAARLAUTERN.

6th Army Group: In the 7th Army, XV Corps sector, 65 civilians tried to enter the 105th Cav Gp zone, stating that they were attempting to evade the German draft, and service in the VOLKSTURM. These civilians are at present being interrogated by the 106th Cav Gp, which reports getting considerable information from them. Elements of the 44th Div gained ½ mile in the direction of SAARBRUECKEN, and repulsed a counter-attack, without surrendering any of their gain. In the 100th Div sector, heavy fighting was going on at RIMLING, where the enemy attacked during the day with 200 infantry and 10 tanks. In the BITCHE salient, heavy fighting contined without change in front lines. The enemy succeeded in penetrating the MAGINOT line defenses in the 79th Div sector, driving 500 yards to the southwest, however the 79th Div was reported to be counter-attacking this penetration during the day. Further to the east, 5 attacks hit the 79th Div in the vicinity of SCHIRACH, all of which were repulsed. 5 enemy tanks were destroyed, and the 21st Pz Div was identified. Further to the south, it was reported that the enemy bridgehead across the RHINE river is now 3 by 5 miles in area, and that the forces holding it were reinforced during the night. 60-ton barges are being used for the transportation of troops and tanks across the river. A Bn of French Colonial troops were repulsed in an attack on this bridgehead. The 2nd DB has moved from the XV Corps sector to rejoin the 1st French Army, south of STRASSBOURG. German forces in the COLMAR pocket succeeded in breaking out of the pocket during the day, and seizing MUNSTERCHEN, they advanced 7 miles up the main highway to STRASSBOURG, capturing ERSTEIN. Elements of the 1st Moroccan Div are isolated in the area of the penetration. It is further reported that the Germans have occupied the island in the RHINE river just southwest of STRASSBOURG. Their strength is unknown. Last reports from 3rd Army stated that the breakthrough of the COLMAR forces had been contained.

In the German salient between the 21st and 12th Army Groups, the 1st Army now occupies 9 miles of the northern German supply-road, the LAROCHE-ST. VITH highway. The other German supply route is within easy arty range of the 3rd Army's artillery.

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1935 - Msg from 6 Armd Div - Ln O states 4 Armd Div ordered to break contact with enemy. Assemble in old area. 6 Armd Div ordered to hold present line. More information later.

2030 - After visiting CP 35th Div, S-3 and Asst S-3 returned with following information - 1st Bn 320 Inf remains atchd to 134 Inf. Effective 102400 2d Bn 320 Inf and Cn Co 320 Inf relieved from atchmt to CCA 6 Armd Div and atchd to 134 Inf Regt. 35th Div resumes atk 11 Jan. 6 Armd Div takes up defensive positions.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf (-1st, 2d, and 3d Bns and Cn Co) remainde at MARTELANGE and BIGONVILLE. 3d Bn remained atchd to CCB 6 Armd Div; 1st Bn, 2d Bn, and Cn Co atchd to 134 Inf Regt 35 Inf Div.

3d Bn 320 Inf Operations Summary
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At 0900, CCA passed through this TF and atkd to the N and E. By 1200 this TF had taken 19 PW's. At 1300, TF ALEXANDER and TF KENNEDY were ordered to take the high ground E of MARGERET. As the units were assembling to move, atk orders were cancelled and orders to hold were issued. CCA was ordered to withdraw through our lines. TF ALEXANDER sent out an OPL but the enemy followed CCA out and atkd our OPL, forcing it to withdraw to MLR. Enemy took up old MLR and continued defending. Hvy concentration of arty fire fell in BIZARY and BASTOGNE. Mine fields were again installed. Co C, 50th Armd Inf, was atchd to TF ALEXANDER. One plat of Co L was committed to close gap between L and I, the rest of Co in mobile res.

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
091200A Jan 45 to 101200A Jan 45

134 In f- (w/1st Bn 320 Inf atchd) - 1st and 2d Bns continued to hold position throughout period. 3d Bn and 1st Bn 320 Inf continued atk afternoon 9 Jan against moderate resistance, advg w/TF HANNUM (6 Armd Div) on left; continued atk 100900A and advanced to positions shown (overlay).

320 Inf - (-1st Bn) - Remained atchd to 6 Armd Div. 1st Bn remained atchd to 134 Inf.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
092001A Jan 45 to 102000A Jan 45

320 Inf Regt (-) (Burns): Atchd to 6 Armd Div. 2d Bn was assigned to CCA, 3d Bn to CCB.

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21st Army Group: In the I Br Corps sector, the Polish Armd Div was continuing its attacks against the German bridgehead south of BUSSUM, and also reported heavy enemy arty fire from the north bank of the MAAS river. In the II Cdn Corps, the 3rd Br Div mopped up the enemy penetration in their lines, and restored their line in the GELDROPER forest area, north of VENLO. The 9th Army reported patrolling activity along the front of the XIX and XIII Corps sectors. In the 1st Army, the 1st Div of the V Corps reported an increase in enemy arty fire, and all units continued aggressive patrolling. In the XVIII Corps sector, the 30th Div pushed forward approximately 500 yards along a ½-mile front, straightening their lines. The 112th Inf of the 28th Div, which has been attached to the 30th Div, was being relieved on the west flank of the Div sector by the 424th Inf of the 106th Div. The 82nd AB Div gained 2 miles along a 1 mile front and were along the SAIN river ½-mile from VIELSALM. The 82nd AB Div pushed patrols across the SAIN river and reported the town of GRAND HALLEUX clear of enemy. For the 4th consecutive day, slippery roads and adverse weather failed to halt the advance of the VII Corps units, all Divs again showing advances. The 3rd Armd Div advanced in multiple columns and gained 1½ miles along a 2-mile front, capturing OTTRE. One of the 3rd Armd Div's columns was 7 miles north of HOUFFALIZE. The 2nd Armd Div gained 1 mile on a ½-mile front, to the LAROCHE-ST. VITH road. The 84th Div pushed forward 3 miles on a 2-mile front, capturing CIELE, and are now one mile from LAROCHE. 1st Army now holds a total of 13 miles of the enemy's supply route between LAROCHE and ST. VITH. The Br XXX Corps reports evidences of an enemy withdrawal to the east, with the 53rd Div and the 6th AB Div advancing approximately 1½ miles on the entire Corps front. Br XXX Corps reports that the enemy still holds BURE. The 51st Highland Div had commenced the relief of the 53rd Div in the area.

12 Army Group: In the western portion of the VIII Corps zone, the 4th French Para Bn pushed patrols approximately 2 miles to the east, and finding no enemy, moved their lines to within 5 miles of ST. HUBERT. The 87th Div was under heavy enemy pressure, but held their ground throughout the day. The 17th AB Div also had heavy resistance, and withdrew from FLAMIERGE, which they had captured the previous day, 1 Para Bn being isolated in the town. It was later reported that this Bn had infiltrated back to its Regt, after destroying 9 German tanks. The 101st AB Div, with CCB of the 4th Armd Div attached, jumped off at 1100 yesterday, and pushed 1½ miles clearing LONCHAMPS and RECOGNE. In the III Corps sector, the 6th Armd Div jumped off, with the 320th Inf of the 35th Div attached, at 1000 yesterday, and gained 1½ miles to the east. The 35th and 26th Divs made appreciable gains and the 90th Div, attacking through the 26th Div, gained 1 mile, on a 2-mile front, capturing BERLE, 3 miles south of BRAS. Light resistance was reported on the III Corps front, with the exception of the 6th Armd Div sector, where it was heavy. In the XX Corps sector, the 94th Div, less the 302 RCT, was defending the west bank of the SAAR river, and had relieved the 3rd Cav Sqdn on the line. The 302nd RCT was in the 26th Div sector, in the defense of the MEUSE river sector. G-2, XX Corps believes that the enemy is capable of launching a large-scale attack against the XX Corps, this belief being based largely on information received from the civilians interrogated by the 106th Cav Gp during the previous day.

6th Army Group: In the 7th Army, XV Corps, the main activity was at the town of RIMLING, where both U.S. and German troops are in the town, and heavy fighting was in progress. The 100th Div was continuing its pressure on the western edge of the BITCHE salient, with their progress as yet unreported. In the VI Corps sector, there was little change during the period. The 45th Div continued to press to the northwest against determined resistance, without gain, and the enemy continued to maintain pressure on the 79th Div sector. 175 U.S. soldiers and 60 PW's were taken from a pocket in the vicinity of WINGEN, by elements of the 45th Div, in mopping-up. CCB of the 12th Armd Div was committed with 2 Bns of the 79th Div against the German bridgehead in the vicinity of GAMBSHEIM, reinforcing the 3rd Algerian Div, which had been repulsed after knocking out 2 enemy tanks and taking 88 PW's. In the 1st French Army sector, the enemy continued his advance, capturing KRAFFT. Later in the day, the 1st French Div, (reinf) cleared KRAFFT, and last night, the enemy were reported to be concentrating in the vicinity of HERBSHEIM, 16 miles southeast of STRASSBOURG.

Lt. Gen. Bradley was decorated by Gen. Eisenhower and congratulated by Prime Minister CHURCHILL for his leadership during the recent developments, the epic battle of BASTOGNE being mentioned.

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1035 - Msg from 3d Bn - What is your fwd location. 1034

1047 - Msg to 3d Bn - Fwd 555516.

1600 - CP displaced from MARTELANGE N to LOSANGE CHATEAU (555516). Distance of displacement - 10.5 miles. This displacement made with the view of 1st Bn, 2d Bn, and Cn Co reverting to control of CO 320 Inf and with normal CT atchmts continue atk to E in left of Div sector on 12 Jan 45.

1730 - Msg from G-3 - 320 Inf will not atk 12 Jan 45. 134 Inf will continue atk to limit of Div zone of action.

2400 - At end of period 3d Bn 320 Inf remained atchd to CCB 6 Armd Div. 1st and 2d Bns and Cn Co remained atchd to 134 Inf Regt. Regtl CP and Hq Co at LOSANGE CHATEAU (555516). Med Det at MARTELANGE; Service Co at BIGONVILLE; AT Co at MARTELANGE.

3d Bn 320 Inf Operations Summary
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At 0900 TF ALEXANDER was ordered by CCB to send out a patrol consisting of 2 plats of inf and one plat of tks to search out enemy strength in woods to E. At 0930 mission was rescinded. At 1400 a meeting at CCB revealed a rotation plan for troops. By 1600 the TD's and tks were working rotation plan. Co C 50th Armd Inf reverted back to CCB. At 1900 5 tks reported at 596607. Fired arty on them. By 1930 an OPLR was again set up at 590610 and contact was made with Co A OPL of 501st Armd Inf. 19 PW's taken.

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
101200A Jan 45 to 111200A Jan 45

134 Inf - (w/1st and 2d Bns 320 Inf atchd) - Co B (w/one plat M tks from 6 Armd Div in support) reduced strong point vic (P570532) afternoon 10 Jan. Regt atkd 110800A echeloned to right rear, meeting scattered resistance, and advanced to positions shown (overlay). 2d Bn 320 Inf atchd 102400A.

320 Inf - (-1st and 3d Bns) - Relieved from atchmt to 6 Armd Div 102400A and reverted to control of 35 Inf Div. 2d Bn atchd to 134 Inf 102400A. 1st Bn remained atchd to 134 Inf and 3d Bn remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

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21st Army Group: In the I Br Corps sector, the 4th Cdn Armd Div moved from its concentration area at BOXTEL, and relieved the Polish Armd Div in the sector south of DOSSEN. The Polish Armd Div was concentrating in the general area west of BREDA. In the II Cdn Corps, just south of NIJMEGEN, the 3rd Cdn Div cleared a small enemy infiltration in its sector. In the VIII Corps, the 15th Div relieved the 11th Armd Div in the line, and the 11th Armd was concentrating in the vicinity of GRATHEM. The 52nd Div of the XII Br Corps reported that its patrols had inflicted heavy casualties on enemy infiltrations in its zone. The 9th Army, and the V Corps of the 1st Army report continuing active patrolling. In the XVIII Corps sector, the 112th Inf of the 28th Div was moving to rejoin the Div at CHARLEVILLE, in the MEUSE river defense sector. The 82nd AB Div is now generally along the SAIN river, on a line 9 miles west of ST. VITH and consolidated its positions during the day. The VII Corps reported that in parts of its sector units were encountering 4-foot snow-drifts. On the Corps left flank, the 83rd Div was committed, and pushed forward through the 3rd Armd Div, with 3 Regts abreast, gaining 1000 yards along their front. They were fighting last night in BIHAIN. CCA of the 2nd Armd Div drove to the south 1½ miles, along a 3-mile front, capturing SAMREE. The 84th Div on the right flank of the Corps pushed to the south approximately 700 yards, and were on the outskirts of LAROCHE. In the Br XXX Corps, the 51st Div took over the zone of the 53rd Div, and gained 3/4 of a mile, capturing HODISTER. The 51st Div reported mine-fields to be its only opposition. The 6th AB Div advanced 2 miles on a 3-mile front, and reached AMBLY.

12th Army Group: In the 3rd Army zone, VIII Corps sector, the 87th Div, continuing the attack, left 1 Bn to contain TILLET, which the enemy still holds, and pushed forward 500 yards, against heavy resistance, and were clearing the woods just west of TILLET. The 17th AB Div withdrew elements behind the 139th Engrs for rest and regrouping, while other elements of the Div moved slightly to the northeast, taking over a portion of the sector of the 101st AB Div. The 101st AB Div made a very slight gain during the day, pushing to the north 500 yards along a 500-yard front, and were 5 miles southwest of HOUFFALIZE. In the III Corps sector, the 4th Armd Div was committed, passing through the 6th Armd Div, by-passing MAGERET, and advancing approximately 500 yards to the east, along a narrow front. The 6th Armd Div did not attack. The 35th Div cleared VILLERS of enemy, while the 6th Cav Gp pushed northeast 1500 yards, capturing HARLANGE. The 90th Div captured TRENTELHOF, after a 1000-yard drive against heavy resistance. During the day, an ammunition train collided with another train near HONDELANGE, and caught fire. Detonations were reported throughout the day, and 31 people were reported killed, in the explosions. In the XX Corps sector, the 94th and 95th Divs continued their defense of their zones, and again SA and mortar fire were reported in SAARLAUTERN. G-2, XX Corps, emphasized the possibilities of a large enemy attack on the bridgehead over the SAAR river.

6th Army Group: In the XV Corps sector, 7th Army, the 44th Div reports that during a recent arty concentration, 13 enemy shells of 14 were duds. The 100th Div withdrew its forces from RIMLING, and the enemy now holds the city. 100th Div repulsed 4 attacks in its sector during the day. The 36th Div continued to maintain pressure on the west portion of the BITCHE salient, while the 45th Div of the VI Corps continued pressure on the eastern edge--both without gain. The 79th Div was hit by a counter-attack of infantry plus tanks (30) at HATTEN, and the Germans penetrated 3 miles to RITTERSHOFFEN. Later, the 79th Div pushed the enemy back to the northeast, recapturing RITTERSHOFFEN, and now have HATTEN surrounded. Our forces destroyed 14 enemy tanks during this action, and lost none themselves. During the day, the enemy succeeded in isolating 1 Armd Inf Bn of the 12th Armd Div at HERRLISHEIM, however, the 12th Armd Div counter-attacked and reached the Bn, which continued to hold the town. The 3rd Algerian Div of the II Fr Corps, 1st Fr Army, is still fighting at GAMBSHEIM against heavy resistance from German forces in the bridgehead across the RHINE river. The enemy made a heavy attack with infantry plus tanks (25) at SAND, 13 miles south of STRASBOURG, and last night heavy fighting was reported in the area, with 17 enemy tanks destroyed. Forces of the 1st Fr Div are now isolated at GERSTHEIM and OBENHEIM, and we still hold these two towns. Our air hit a concentration of 70 German tanks on the east bank of the RHINE river, east of COLMAR, and inflicted heavy damage.

At ST. NAZAIRE, where the 66th Div is containing the German garrison, a 12-day armistice has been arranged in order to permit the 12,000 civilians who still remain in the city to leave.

American and Australian forces who had landed on LUZON yesterday have made a number of deep penetrations on a front of 15 miles. More than 2500 landing-craft carried the troops ashore.

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1145 - Col Solomon, Div C of S and Lt Col Renfroe, G-3, visited CP stating that entire 320 Inf Regt will be atchd to 6 Armd Div today. Length of atchmt unknown.

1320 - Msg from G-3 - 320 Inf Regt now atchd to 6 Armd Div. 1st Bn, 2d Bn and Cn Co reld from atchmt to 134 Inf effective 121300 Jan 45.

1410 - S-3 called 1st Bn and directed that the Bn be assembled in LUTREBOIS upon release from 134 Inf and await further orders.

1437 - Msg from 134 Inf - 2d Bn 320 Inf relieved from atchmt effective at once.

1446 - Ex O directed 2d Bn to assemble in MARVIE and await further orders.

1540 - Ex O called 1st Bn and directed that the Bn be assembled and be made ready to move to vic BASTOGNE. 2d Bn directed to continue to assemble in MARVIE and remain there for the night.

1610 - CP displaced from 555516 to 557565. Distance - 3.5 miles.

1815 - CO 2d Bn reports Bn now completely closed in at MARVIE. All men have shelter and hot food is being brought fwd.

1830 - 1st Bn began movement by motors to vic Bastogne

2000 - CO issued following fragmentary order to assembled Bn and attached and supporting unit commanders - 320 Inf Regt now atchd to 6 Armd Div atks to secure limited objectives within zone 13 Jan 45. 2d Bn 320 Inf now assembled in MARVIE will be 6 Armd Div Res and potential res for 320 Inf. The following units are attached to 320 Inf for this operation. 68 Tk Bn, Co C, 603 TD Bn (-one plat), Tr A, 86 Cav Sqdn, mecz, 212 Armd FA Bn (in direct support until reld of direct support mission by 216 FA Bn), 216 FA Bn, 776 FA Bn (Med) (reinforce fires of 212 FA Bn and 216 FA Bn).
502 A/B Regt atks E 130830 Jan passing through 3d Bn 320 Inf, then turning N to BOURCY. As soon as all elms are sufficiently clear 3d Bn 320 Inf w/one plat 603 TD Bn and Co B 68 Tk Bn atchd atks (approx 1100 hours) to SE to sieze objective (woods at 602602). Tr A, 86 Cav Sqdn protects left flank of 3d Bn effective upon departure from present front lines. 1st Bn 320 Inf (now in assembly area NE BASTOGNE) moves following 3d Bn atk to pass through left (N) portion of former 3d Bn positions and atks generally E to seize high ground S of MICHAMPS (617617) and woods at (6261). 1 plat Co C 603 TD Bn and Co C 68 Tk Bn atchd to 1st Bn. Upon reaching obj area three 81 mm mortars (mounted on half tracks) of 68 Tk Bn will select positions in 1st Bn zone of action and provide defensive fires. Self propelled 105 Hows 68 Tk Bn will select positions and will be employed by 212 FA Bn as an extra battery to provide further defensive fires.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn assembled in MARVIE in 6 Armd Div res. 3d Bn occupied line extending from 590610 to 589604. 1st Bn assembled NE portion of BASTOGNE. All units prepared to execute fragmentary atk order issued 122000 Jan 45 beginning 130830 Jan 45. No change in atchmts or supporting units. 320 Inf remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

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General harassing mortar and arty fire fell on front lines. At 1300 received order to atk at 1400. Atk was delayed until 1420 when I Co jumped off, going down the RR track. 400 yds past OP#2, met hvy SA and SP fire which was stopped. 6 Tks reported vic 598608, estimated 15 vehicles and inf vic 596606. Phase Line Blue was changed and point of contact was also set back. L Co moved on I Co's right and TF KENNEDY's left. Co's in position and all contacts made at 1705. Still receiving SP fire from 2 guns. Plans were made for 502d A/B Inf to move through this Bn and atk E. 1 PW captured 1900 by I.

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
111200A Jan 45 to 121200A Jan 45

134 Inf - (w/1st and 2d Bns 320 Inf atchd) - 3d Bn and 1st and 2d Bns, 320 Inf, continued atk to E in Z against light resistance and reached positions shown (overlay) by end of period. 1st Bn, assembled as shown, secured left flank of Regtl Z w/one (1) Co. 2d Bn remained in LUTREBOIS clearing woods vic (P574530).

320 Inf - (-1st, 2d, and 3d Bns) - Regtl CP moved to (P555516), closing 111600A. 1st and 2d Bns remained atchd to 134 Inf; 3d Bn remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

Extract from FO #3 (6 Armd Div)
122000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE: Leading elms will atk the near strong point as soon as practicable after leading elms 502 CT pass through; maintain contact with 101st AB Div on left; atk on Div O to secure the first Div obj within its Z.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
112001A Jan 45 to 122000A Jan 45

TF ALEXANDER: Atkd woods to its immediate front at 1450A in conjunction with the 501st Inf Regt, established contact at (P589605) with the 501st Inf.

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21st Army Group: In the 1st Can Army, the 2nd British Army, the 9th U S Army, and the V Corps of the 1st U S Army, rotation of front-line units and active patrolling continues. In the XVIII Corps sector, the 82nd AB Div pushed across the SAAR river and established a bridgehead 1,000 yards deep by 1,200 yards wide and during the night were relieved by the 289th and 291st Regts of the 75th Div. The 290th Regt is relieved from the VII Corps and was moving to the XVIII Corps sector to rejoin the remainder of the 75th Div. In the VII Corps zone, moderate resistance was encountered and the 83rd Div cleared BERAIN and advanced 1/2 mile to the south. The 2nd Armd Div advanced 3/4 mile along a 1-mile front, east of LAROCHE. The 84th Div gained 1/2 mile on a 1-1/2 mile front, and at last reports, had patrols in LAROCHE. An unconfirmed radio report states that LAROCHE is now in Allied hands. The XXX Br Corps reported that the enemy continued to withdraw to the east in their sector and the 51st Br Div proceeded to the southeast for a gain of 3 miles along a 3 mile front capturing VERLAIN. The 6th AB Div gained 2 miles along a 9-mile front and among the towns entered were CHENE, MARCOURT, MARDOUSO, DURE, ARMENE. British troops made no contact with the enemy during the day, and reported heavy snow and minefields to be their only opposition.

12th Army Group: In the 3rd Army sector, in the early morning, it was reported that the 87th Div of the VIII Corps advanced 3/4 of a mile on its left flank, to a line just 1-1/2 miles south of ST. HUBERT, while on the right, other elements of the 87th Div cleared the towns of BONNERUE and TILLET. The 87th Div reported fairly stiff resistance throughout their attack. The 101st AB Div made a gain of 1/2 mile along the RR leading to BOURCY, and were approximately 2 miles from the town. Later in the day, it was reported that the VIII Corps was consolidating and defending its present positions, and maintaining contact with the enemy by patrols. In the III Corps sector, the pocket east of BASTOGNE was further reduced. The 6th Armd Div gained 1/2 mile and were 1-1/2 miles from BRAS, while to the south, the 6th CAV Gp and the 35th Div pushed forward along their entire front, capturing TARCHAMPS and LUTREMANGE. The 90th Div pushed to the northwest approximately 1 1/2 miles and were 1/2 mile from BRAS. The III Corps reported the enemy to be withdrawing rapidly from the pocket, and our arty is reported to have fired with good effect on the retreating Germans. In the XX Corps sector, the 302nd Inf of the 94th Div has now closed in the XX Corps sector, at LAEMERSFELD, and has been motorized in Corps reserve. All units continued patrolling, and the enemy's attitude was characterized as non-aggressive, with a good deal of vehicular movement going chiefly to the north and east.

6th Army Group: 7th Army: The XII Corps has now taken over a portion of the XV Corps sector, to the north. The 106th Cav Gp and the 103rd Div are now assigned to XII Corps. During the day, the 103rd Div pushed forward 2 miles to the north on a 3-mile front, reaching FORBACH, against light resistance. In the BITCHE salient, the 100th, 36th, and 45th Divs continued to maintain their pressure. In the southern portion of the pocket, the 45th Div zone, an enemy attack of Bn size was reported to be under control. Further to the east, the enemy launched a strong attack on HATTEN, which we had surrounded yesterday, which was preceded by an arty preparation and supported by 15 tanks. The 79th Div was combatting this attack at last reports. In the GAMBSHEIM bridgehead, it is now estimated that there are 2,000 enemy. The 12th Armd Div withdrew from HERLISHEIM under heavy enemy pressure and the German bridgehead is now 4 miles by 5 miles. Heavy fighting continues at GAMBSHEIM. In the 1st French Army sector, the enemy again pushed to the north, reaching KRUFFT, 11 miles from STRASSBOURG, where they are heavily engaged by the 1st Fr Div. To the south, however, the 1st Fr Div pushed to the east, and captured HERBSHEIM, while the surrounded Fr garrison at OBERNAI was supplied by air during the day. In their advance to the north, the Germans occupied OBERNAI. The 1st Fr Army reports that approximately 50 enemy tanks and 50 SP guns are being employed against them in their zone.

7th Army reports that 9 enemy divs have now been identified on the front of the VI U S Corps.

In the German salient between the 21st Army Group and the 12th Army group, both ground and air observers report the HOUFFALIZE highway jammed with traffic, all moving to the northeast, out of the salient.

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0930 - Maj Gen Grow, CG 6 Armd Div, visited CP.

1115 - CO, after visiting 3d Bn, reports that 3d Bn began movement from positions (line from 590610 - 589604) at 1100 hours. 1st Bn preparing to move into old positions of 3d Bn preparatory to jumping off and to prevent time lag.

1220 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, reported to CO that troops have not yet moved from woods into open due to fact that initial route was under hvy arty fire. Troops will have to maneuver to reach woods edge.

1255 - 3d Bn reports 6 enemy tks vic 6061 firing into their fwd positions.

1310 - Maj Anderson, Ex O 212 FA Bn, reports 1st Bn moving to final assy area preparatory to jumping off at 1400.

1325 - 3d Bn reports air observes 15 tks moving into NOVILLE. 3 tks in OUBOURCY.

1430 - Officer representative of Tr A, 86 Cav Sqdn reported to CP and was directed to report to CO 320 Inf at 3d Bn 320 Inf CP.

1430 - I&R reports elements two companies in objective woods at 602602.

1500 - S-3 reported to CG, 6 Armd Div that elements 3d Bn entered obj woods 602602 at 1430. CG directed that woods be wholly secured and that 3d Bn remain there for the night. 1st Bn continue atk maintaining contact with 502 AB Regt. Do not progress any further than that unit does in order that flank will be secure.

1515 - Lt Clark dispatched to 1st Bn to deliver information contained in 1500 entry to CO 1st Bn.

1800 - CO returned from visit to 3d Bn CP giving the following resume of afternoon's action - 3d Bn atkg against stubborn enemy resistance from both enemy infantry and armor, succeeded in getting two plats into N edge objective woods 602602.. Encountering estimated four tks, 1 SP gun, and 50 Inf, the two plats were forced to withdraw to more suitable positions in SE portion of woods 597607 - 589597 suffering 17 casualties (1 O and 16 EM). 1st Bn advg E following elms 502 AB Regt which passed through 3d Bn, succeeded inreaching and securing line extending from 589610 - 588604. At darkness, contact was established between 3d Bn and 502 AB Regt. Patrol contact extablished between 1st and 3d Bn. Contact between 3d Bn and CCB, 6 Armd Div at BIZARY. 2 tks supporting the action were knocked out by enemy fire. One tk was disabled mechanically.

2200 - CO issued following order to assembled unit commanders - Hq 320 Inf (R), APO 35, 132200A Jan 45, Opn Memo #3.
1. 320 Inf (R) continues atk 14 Jan. 502 PI Regt atks on left; CCB 6 Armd Div operates on right. 2. 1st Bn w/1 plat Co C, 603 TD Bn and Co C 68 Tk Bn atchd adv from present position 140800, clear woods of enemy and atk S from S edge of woods (overlay) to assist 3d Bn in seizing woods at 602602. Then move on order to vic original position, move E through woods and atk on order to epture Phase Line "C" (road running generally N-S through OUBOURCY), thence prepared to adv and seize final objective. 3. 3d Bn, w/1 plat Co C 603 TD Bn, and Co B

68 Tk Bn atchd, atk on order, in conjunction with 1st Bn, to seize woods at 602602, occupy and organize. 4. Probable air strike on 602602 approx 1100A. Div Arty TOT will follow air strike and precede atk of Inf on Point E (602602)
OFFICIAL: McELROY BYRNE

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn remained in 6 Armd Div res in MARVIE. 3d Bn occupied positions in SE portion of woods from 597607 to 589597. 1st Bn occupied line extending from 589610 to 588604. No change in attachments or supporting units. 320 Inf remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
121200A Jan 45 to 131200A Jan 45

134 Inf - 3d Bn, and 1st and 2d Bns, 320 Inf, continued atk to E securing obj afternoon 12 Jan. 1st Bn assembled vic (P590542) 121325A. 3d Bn, on obj, made contact w/elms of 90 Inf Div morning 13 Jan and has an OP w/visual contact w/OP of 90 Inf Div. At endof period, 3d Bn held positions, w/1st and 2d Bns assembled as shown. 1st and 2d Bns, 320 Inf relieved from atchmt 121300A.

320 Inf - (-3d Bn) - Atchd to 6 Armd Div 121300A per III Corps Opns Directive #3. 1st and 2d Bns relieved from atchmt to 134 Inf 121300A. 3d Bn remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
122001A Jan 45 to 132000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE: Jumped off at 1100. 320 Inf was at SE edge of woods at P595604 at the end of the period. 1st Bn 320 Inf tied in with 502d Prcht Inf Regt on the N and with elms CCB on the right flank.

Extract from FO No. 15 (6 Armd Div)
130800A Jan 45

PLAN OF 320TH INF CT 13 JAN 45: After 502d Inf of 101 AB Div en route to BOURCY passes through 3d Bn 320th Inf, 3d Bn will atk to SE and seize woods vic (601604). When woods are cleared by 3d Bn, 1st Bn will atk and seize its objective, overlay. A troop of 86th Cav will protect left flank. One co of 68th Tk Bn and one plat Co C 603d TD Bn will be atchd to each Bn. Line of departure: Present front lines.

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21st Army Group: In the 1st Cdn and 2nd Br Armies, relief of frontline units, and active patrolling continued. In the 9th Army, the 78th Div of the XIX Corps sent assault-teams into the southern portion of the HURTGEN forest, which succeeded in capturing 4 enemy pill-boxes and 30 PW's. In the 1st Army, the V Corps reported that east of ELSENBORN, a 10-man patrol of the 99th Div was ambushed. In the XVIII Corps sector, the 106th Div has now taken over a portion of the 30th Div sector, and has now under its command the 424th Inf, the 112th Inf of the 28th Div, and the 517th Para Inf of the 82nd AB Div. The 112th Inf was previously reported moving to the 28th Div sector, but has been retained in the XVIII Corps sector. The 75th Div consolidated its defenses along the SALM river, and in the outpost across the river, while the 82nd AB Div closed in the rear, in Corps reserve. In the VII Corps, elements on the left flank received only scattered arty fire, but the units on the right were opposed by very heavy arty fire, and dug-in infantry and tanks. The 83rd Div pushed forward 3/4 of a mile on a 1½-mile front, and were 6½ miles northwest of BUETTGENBACH. The 84th Div advanced 1 mile to the south along a 1-mile front northeast of LANOCHE, while the 4th Cav Gp, which yesterday had cleared the town, pushed patrols 1 mile to the east, against slight resistance. In the Br XXX Corps the 51st Div advanced rapidly against very slight opposition, with elements pushing to the east, making contact with the 4th Cav Gp at LANOCHE. Other elements of the 51st Div pushed to the south approximately 2½ miles on a 1-mile front capturing MISSCHAMP. The 6th AB Div encountered extremely slight resistance, and advanced 3 miles on a 3-mile front, capturing BANDE. XXX Corps reported mines and booby-traps to be their principal opposition.

12th Army Group: In the 3rd Army sector, the VIII Corps, which had been committed to a holding mission, moved its defense lines to the north behind patrols, against light opposition. The 87th Div occupied St. Hubert, in a 1½mile push to the north, while other elements of the Div moved forward 1 mile capturing AMBERLOUP. The 17th AB Div also advanced about 1 mile along their front. Our forces are now less than 6 miles from MISSCHAMP, which is held by the 51st Br Div. The 87th Div reported a complete withdrawal by the enemy on their front, while the 17th AB Div reported a limited withdrawal in their area. In the III Corps sector, the 6th Armd Div captured HARDIN, and advanced 1 mile, and were ½-mile from BRAS. The 35th Div gained 2 miles to the east, and were on the high ground south of BRAS. In the 90th Div sector, the 358th Inf passed through the other two RCT's of the Div and seized BRAS, gaining 1 mile. A late report states that the 90th Div pushed on an additional ½-mile from BRAS, making contact with the 6th Armd Div, west of the town, closing off the pocket. It is reported that during the past 2 days, the III Corps has taken 1,800 PW's, and they estimate that 2,500 PW's will be the total taken from the pocket. In the XX Corps sector, our arty destroyed several enemy boats on the SAAR river. There was an enemy demonstration on the 94th Div front, near SAARFELS, which consisted of intense SA and arty fire.

6th Army Group: 7th Army: The XXI Corps CP is now located at MONDANGE. The 103rd Div continued fighting southeast of FORBACH without appreciable gain. In the XV Corps sector, the 44th, 100th, and 36th Divs regrouped, while maintaining pressure to the front, with no change in front lines. In the vicinity of RIMLING, the 44th Div reports the capture of Col HANS LINDNER, believed to be the CO of the 17th SS Pz Div. In the BITCHE salient, the 45th Div withdrew about 2 miles, but later counter-attacked, recapturing ALTROFF, which the enemy had entered. In the HATTEN area, where heavy fighting continues, the enemy, estimated at 1,000 infantry, plus tanks (15) and strong arty support, succeeded in penetrating our lines 2 miles to the southwest, to RITTERSHOFFEN. CCA of the 14th Armd Div was committed against this attack, along with elements of the 79th and 42nd Divs, and at last reports, our forces had knocked out 6 enemy tanks. Further to the south, in the GAMBSHEIM bridgehead, CCB of the 12th Armd Div with other elements of the 42nd Div were containing the enemy with a defensive line along the ZORN river. In the area 11 miles south of STRASSBOURG, the garrison of the 1st Fr Div at OBERHEIM has been over-run by the enemy, and the 1st Fr Div has consolidated the west bank of the LAUTER river as a defensive sector. The 269th Inf and 30th SS Divs are now identified on this front.

Brig. Gen. McAULIFFE, formerly Ass't Div Cmdr of the 101st AB Div, and acting Cmdr of the 101st AB Div during the seige of BASTOGNE, has now taken command of the 103rd Inf Div in the XXI Corps sector.

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G-3 PERIODIC REPORT

From: 1320001A Jan 45
To : 1420001A Jan 45
Hq 6th Armd Div
ASSENOIS, BELGIUM (P528542)
1420CA Jan 45

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Maps: GSGS FRANCE and BELGIUM 1/50,000.

1. Our Forward Elements: Overlay.

2. Location of Troops: Overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops:
   a. 101st AB Div: 502d Inf moved to the NE approximately 500 meters, remainder of Div remained in position awaiting further developements of the 11th and 6th Armd Div prepared to attack.
   b. 90th Inf Div: The 358th Inf moved N to (P628574) where it contacted elms of 6th Armd Div.

4. Weather and Visibility: Clear and cold, light ground haze, visibility fair.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

The Div continued its advance, cleared the towns of MAGERET and BENONCHAMPS, the woods due E of WARDIN and MAGERET and the woods vic (P6060). Elements of the Div made physical contact with elements of the 90th Inf Div.

   a. CCA (Hines): Elms of the Comd attacked at 1000A and 1010A respectively, clearing the woods E of WARDIN and the town of BENONCHAMPS. The Cav Rcn Unit of the Comd made contact with elms of the 90th Inf Div.
      (1) TF Brown: Moved from previous positions at 1010A and cleared the woods E of WARDIN (P616568) by 1355 the TF had passed through the woods and had assisted TF Lagrew in clearing the town of BENONCHAMPS (P6258). Advance of the TF was hindered by moderate enemy resistance in the form of AT, Mortar, and S/A fire.
      (2) TF Lagrew: Moved from previous position at 1000A and advanced upon the town of BENONCHAMPS. Upon arrival at the W edge of town the TF waited until elms of TF Brown arrived to secure the town. At 1355 the TF with elms of TF Brown had cleared the town and had advanced to a position 500 meters to the NE where it consolidated its positions and prepared to secure itself for the night.
      (3) TF Britton: The TF remained in position as CC Reserve prepared to assist either TF Brown or TF Lagrew.
      (4) Tr D 86th Cav Rcn Sq (Mecz): The Tr assigned the mission of contacting elms of the 90th Inf Div. Contact was made with the 2d Bn 358th Inf Regt at (P628574).
   b. CCB (Read): The Comd advanced to the NE securing the high ground NE of MAGERET, the town of MAGERET, and the woods due E of MAGERET against moderate enemy resistance.
      (1) TF Wall: The TF attacked the BOIS ST LAMBERT at 1035A, after clearing the town of MAGERET. The Inf Co assigned to TF Kennedy reverted to TF Wall's control to strengthen its forces. The TF moved through the forest with little opposition and by 1120A their obj was taken. Their positions were consolidated and contact was made with TFL of CCA at (P615591). In taking MAGERET the TF met considerable bazooka fire which had been left behind by the retreating enemy.
      (2) TF Kennedy: Supported TF Wall from its position. Made contact with TFW on its right at (P616590) and contacted with CT Byrne at (P603600).
   c. Res Comd (Harris): Remained in present position prepared to support either C Comd.
   d. CT Byrne (320th Inf Regt): The CT cleared the Southern section of woods vic (P595605) during the morning, having attacked at 0800A. At 1330A the CT attacked the woods in vic (P6060), and by the end of the period the woods had been cleared and their positions consolidated and contact made with elms on its flanks.
   e. Div Artv (Riley): Continued its support of the Div, reinforced by the 193d FA Gp (Cooney), and the 696th Armd FA Bn (Holliday). The following missions were fired during the period: 31 preparation fires, 4 counterbattery missions, 30 targets of opportunity, 20 TOTs, 63 harrassing and interdiction fires, and 3 registration fires.
   f. Air Support: Five close support missions were flown by Fighter Bombers of XIX TAC during the period. Woods at (602602) were hit by Napon and Frags, in preparation for attack of CTB. MICHAMPS, OUBOURCY and LONGVILLY were hit, and motorized column estimated at 50 vehicles, vic (P606724) was bombed and strafed.

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6. Combat Efficiency: 90%.

7. Results of Operations: The Div advanced against moderate enemy resistance, straightened its front line positions, and prepared for future operations.

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0625 - 3d Bn reports little activity during the night. No arty in the area.

0630 - 1st Bn reports little activity and no arty in area during the night.

0820 - Col Northam informed by 6 Armd that air strike on woods at 601602 will be at 0900. 216 FA Arty notified and requested to have Ln plane up.

0825 - 3d Bn notified that air strike will be at 0900 and told that they can start into woods at 0930. 1st Bn also notified of 0900 air strike.

0925 - 6 Armd Div air control officer reports two flights of planes hit target (woods at 601602).

1030 - Lt Silverman visited 6 Armd Div and made full report to Air Support Officer on air strike at 0900. Strike took place from 0905 - 0925 on woods at 602602, consisted of 2 flights P47's carrying Napalm and fragmentation bombs. All planes were on target ad strafed woods as well as bombing. Supporting arty harassed the woods up until the air strike to cut down enemy AA. Target ws marked by use of 2 volleys WP, two rounds per volley with one minute interval. Observers report hvy smoke coming from woods. 3d Bn reports good effect of air support on morale of own troops.

1055 - CO called to report 1st Bn now clearing woods at 600608 and woods at 598602. They are receiving mortar fire on fwd edge of woods at 602608.

1245 - CO called from 1st Bn CP. Woods at 600608 and 598612 now cleared. 1st Bn and 3d Bn jump off for obj woods 602602 at 1300. 1st Bn on left - 3d Bn on right.

1313 - S-3, 3d Bn, called and stated that time to jump off has been set up to 1330 because 1st Bn was not yet in position. Units receiving increasing 120 mm mortar fire.

1355 - S-3 reported to 6 Armd Div that units jumped off at 1330. Upon moving into open N of objective 3d Bn received hvy arty concentration, also MG fires were received from N edge objective woods (602602).

1415 - S-3 reported to 6 Armd Div that 3 companies (B,L,K) have just entered objective woods (602602). One MG continues to fire. Resistance is light compared to 13 Jan 45.

1425 - CO 3d Bn reports obj woods (602602) now almost entirely under control. Co I now being put into area also. Resistance diminishing. (6 Armd Div notified)

1442 - S-3 reported to 6 Armd Div that woods is now entirely clear. At 613623 one enemy tk was knocked out by arty fire.

1600 - CO 2d Bn reported to CP and received instructions to move by motors provided by S-4 to assembly area vic 590607 as soon as trucks arrive.

1630 - Maj Gen Grow, CG 6 Armd Div, visited CP. Objective of 1st Bn changed from woods 620610 to OUBOURCY and MICHAMPS. 2d Bn 320 Inf released from Div Res to control CO 320 Inf.

1745 - 1st shuttle 2d Bn troops departed from MARVIE to new assembly area (590607).

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2030 - CO issued following fragmentary order to CO 1st and 2d Bns - 320 Inf resumes atk 150630, in column of Bns - 1st Bn leading, 2d Bn echeloned to left and 3d Bn in res present location. Initial obj 1st Bn OUBOURCY and then continue to MICHAMPS. 2d Bn block and protect left flank, prepared to assist 1st Bn.

2230 - 3d Bn reports friendly AT mine field laid by them from (60356035) to (60406045). Hasty field w/20 mines. Maj McElroy reported field to 6 Armd G-3 who requested a sketch by 15 Jan to 6 Armd Engrs. 3d Bn notified to forward sketch to S-3 320 by 150900 Jan.

2300 - 3d Bn S-3 reports physical contact established with B Co. Capt Clemens 502 AB Regt, visited CP to inform S-3 that their atk begins 150830 in a column of Bns to sieze road running WNW from BOURCY. Bn in our sector will move back to 502 zone at that time to constitute 502 Inf res. Atk to be preceded by arty prep.

2310 - 101 AB Div arty 3 called requesting clearance to fire one harassing mission at 2330 on (60866263). Permission granted by S-3 after check w/1st Bn.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn in assembly area at 589605. 1st Bn completed clearing small wooded areas and occupied line extending from 600620 to 600606 and established contact with 502 AB Regt on left and 3d Bn 320 Inf on right. 3d Bn occupied entire wooded area at 602602, outposting the area, and establishing contact with CCB 6 Armd Div on right. 320 Inf remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

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320 Inf - Remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
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CT BYRNE (320th Inf Regt): The CT cleared the Southern section of woods vic (P595605) during the morning, having attacked at 0800A. At 1330A the CT atkd the woods in vic (P6060), and by the end of the period the woods had been cleared and their positions consolidated and contact made with elms on its flanks.

Extract from FO No. 4 (6 Armd Div)
142000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE: Capture OUBOURCY by daylight 15 Jan and continue atk to NE to secure its portion of Div Obj. Maintain contact with 101st AB Div on N.

Extract from CC and CT PLANS for 15 Jan (6 Armd Div)
142000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE PLAN: Patrol to vic OUBOURCY during night 14-15 Jan, atk 150630A Jan and seize obj. Prepare to continue atk to NE. TF WALTON: 1st Bn 320 Inf Regt, Co C 68th Tk Bn, 2d Plat Co C 603d TD Bn patrol to vic OUBOURCY during night 14-15 Jan. Atk 150630A Jan and seize obj. TF HANNUM: 2d Bn 320 Inf Regt; follow 1st Bn and occupy position as shown on overlay. TF ALEXANDER: 3d Bn 320 Inf Regt remain in present location.

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21st Army Group: In the 1st Cdn Army sector, only patrolling characterized the day's activity. In the 2nd British Army, the 43rd Div has now completely relieved the 52nd Lowland Div in the XXX Corps sector, and the 52nd Div moved to reserve. In the 9th Army, patrols of the 29th Div of the XXIX Corps probed the forward German defenses of JULICH, and found the positions clear of enemy. The 70th Div of the XIX Corps cleared another enemy pillbox in the HURTGEN forest, while other elements of the 78th Div repulsed a small enemy attack west of SCHMIDT. The 9th Div of the V Corps sent fighting-patrols to the vicinity of RUREN, where they killed 20 Germans and captured 11. The V and XVIII Corps jumped off yesterday morning, in the attack, but no reports have as yet been received as to their progress. In the VII Corps, heavy resistance was offered by the 9th SS Pz Div, from which division the VII Corps took 100 PW's during the day. The 3rd Armd Div passed through the 83rd Div and gained 1 1/2 miles on a 2 mile front, reaching MONT-LE-BAN. The 2nd Armd Div advanced 1 mile on a 1 mile front, capturing CHABERHEZ, and taking 100 PW's. The 8th Div pushed 1/2 mile south of SAILHEN, and the Corps reports taking 300 PW's during the day. In the Br XXX Corps sector, very light resistance was again encountered, consisting mainly of road-blocks and mines. The 51st Highland Div advanced 3 miles northeast to MASSOUX, and captured HIVES, where 120 PW's were taken. The 6th A/B Div sent patrols 5 miles through the forest to 1 mile west of CHAMPIAMÉ, clearing the woods of enemy, except for scattered snipers.

12th Army Group: In the 3rd Army sector, VIII Corps, the 87th Div advanced 1 1/2 miles along a 2-mile front, reaching HOUMONT, against very light resistance. The 17th A/B Div advanced 1 mile on a 3 mile front, capturing [illegible]. Phantom reports these 2 Divs to be generally on their objectives. The 11th Armd Div passed thru the left flank of the 101st A/B Div sector, and gained 1-1/2 miles to the northwest, on a narrow front, and were fighting in BERTOGNE. The 11th Armd Div reports extremely heavy resistance consisting of numerous enemy tanks and they repulsed 1 counter-attack of 30 German tanks. The 101st A/B Div attacked on the extreme right of the Corps front, gaining 1/2 mile, and were 1 mile southwest of BASTOGNE. In the III Corps zone, the 6th Armd Div, in a 1-mile advance across its front, captured HARLANGE, while the 26th Div pushed forward 1 mile and were less than 1/2 mile from WILTZ. [illegible] that one of our hospitals is located there, having been over-run in the German advance. The 90th Div and the 35th Div mopped up the pocket. 690 PW's were taken from the BASTOGNE pocket during the day, bringing the total to 2,490—most of these PW's were taken from the German 5th Para Div. 3rd Army reports that contact has now been made between elements of the VIII Corps and the Br XXX Corps, by patrols, and that the forest, west of CHAMPION is clear of enemy. In the XX Corps sector, 2 patrols entered the 94th Div sector, one being driven off, while the other succeeded in removing mine-field signs, and cutting several trip-wires. Light Arty and morter fire were reported along the XX Corps Front.

6th Army Group: 7th Army: In the XXI Corps, the 103rd Div withdrew to just south of RUPPACH, to positions in the MAGINOT line, on Corps order. The XV Corps reported a quiet day, with all Divs reorganizing and consolidating positions. In the VI Corps sector, enemy resistance was heavy along the entire front, especially in the HATTEN area. Here, the enemy is reported to be reinforcing his troops, and the 14th Armd Div and the 79th Div were attacking HATTEN during the day. Our forces are now reported to have the GUEBLING pocket successfully [illegible], and that area was quiet during the day, except for two enemy patrols, one [illegible] dispersed by our arty, and the other of which was captured. In the sector 11 miles south of STRASBOURG, the enemy forced the 1st FF Div to the west 1 mile on a 1 mile front seizing ROSENAU.

During the past 4 weeks, the 1st Army has captured 18,000 enemy soldiers, while the 3rd Army has taken 13,000 PW's.

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From: 142001A Jan 45
To : 152000A Jan 45
Hq 6th Armd Div
ASSENOIS, BELGIUM (P528542)
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Maps: GSGS FRANCE and BELGIUM 1/50,000 and 1/100,000.

1. Our Forward Elements: Overlay.

2. Location of Troops: Overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops:
   a. 101st AB Div: 327th Inf Regt and the 506th Inf Regt continued their advance in conjunction with CCB of the 11th Armd Div, taking the towns of COBRU, NOVILLE, the woods to the E of NOVILLE and the high ground S of BOIHAUTS.
   b. 20th Inf Div: The 358th Inf Regt continued to advance to the NE. The 1st Bn, pushing to the NW, then E, advanced to the town of NIEDERHEMMIPACH. The 3rd Bn and elms of the 357th Inf Regt ran into strong enemy resistance consisting of heavy arty and MG fire. These elms were forced to withdraw approximately 300 yards.

4. Weather and Visibility: Clear and warmer; visibility fair.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

The Div continued its advance to the E capturing the towns of OUBOURCY, (P6136l8), ARIONCOURT (P6l8606) and the high ground SW of LONGVILLY.

   a. CCA (Hines): Elms of the Comd moved out early morning capturing the town of ARIONCOURT and the ground and forest SW of LONGVILLY (P635598).
      (1) TF Lauten: The TF attacked at 0900A and was on its objective at 0955A. The rapid advance of the TF made it difficult to maintain contact with the flank elms. The TF then consolidated its positions, cleared its obj and contacted elms on its flanks. In taking its obj, the TF took many PWs.
      (2) TF Brown: Moved due E maintaining contact with TFL. The TF moved against light enemy resistance to position along the general line (P630580 - P622585 - P625588).
      (3) TF Britton: Remained in assembly area vic WARDIN and BENONCHAMPS prepared to support either TFL or TF Brown.
   b. TF Hogg (Reed): Attacked at 0830A with its TFs against heavy arty, rocket and TK fire. During the day's action, the Comd destroyed 3 MK VI Tks, 2 Assault Guns, 5 MT Guns and captured 105 PWs.
      (1) TF Wall: Attacked to the NE at 0830A and at 0925A the TF had reached the woods vic (P616598), where it established a line running from (P618613) to tie in with TFL of CCA at (P619593).
      (2) TF Kennedy: Attacked at 0930A to the NE to secure the woods (P615600) and the town of ARIONCOURT. In the fight for the woods 2 MK VI Tks were encountered one of which was destroyed. The town of ARIONCOURT was attacked at 1200A and by 1500A it was cleared of all enemy after heavy fighting. Upon clearing the town the TF consolidated its positions, contacted CT Byrne on its left with patrols to OUBOURCY and with TF Wall on the right at (P618593) and prepared to resume the attack on the morning of 16 January.

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c. *CT Byrne (320th Inf)*: The CT with its 1st and 2nd Bns resumed its attack at 0600A. The 1st Bn secured the town of OUBOURGY after bitter house to house fighting. The 2nd Bn, moving to the NE, secured the quarry area due N of OUBOURGY and made contact with elms of 101st AB Div in the vic (P6066[illegible]). Contact was made by the 1st Bn with elms UCB by patrols vic S of OUBOURGY (P619608).

d. *Res Cond*: No change.

e. *Div Arty (Riley)*: Reinforced by the 193d FA Gp (Cooney) and the 696th Armd FA Bn (Holliday) supported the Div in its advance to the E. The following fires were fired in support of the Div: 36 TOTs, 9 preparation fires, 18 targets of opportunity, 18 smoke missions, 12 harassing and interdiction fires, 8 counterbattery [illegible] registrations.

f. [illegible] TAC flew close support [illegible] on the road NE of LONG- [illegible] and motor vehicles were [illegible] E (P71638) - THOINE [illegible] trafed continuously dur- [illegible]

6. [illegible]

7. Results of [illegible] the NE, secured its limited objective [illegible] the following morning.

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0010 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, reports a fire vic ARLONCOURT (618606). Believe it to be result of arty fire.

0750 - CO called to report that 1st Bn has reached OUBOURCY and run into considerable enemy resistance. Tks are being dispatched now to aid 1st Bn. Bn began movement to OUBOURCY 0630.

0825 - 6 Armd Div reported air support called for by unit on our right, CCB 6 Armd Div, will take place at 0900, w/priority in 6 Armd Div Z. Inquired if we have any requests for air strikes.

0830 - CO called to request that air not hit OUBOURCY as our troops are in the town. The enemy is still in the town, possibly with some tks, but our troops are fighting in the town with them. Request relayed to 6 Armd Div air control officer along with request to strike MICHAMPS.

1115 - Lt Col DuVal, 68 Tk Bn, reports that information received from his tks working with 1st Bn is that troops and tks are now moving through OUBOURCY. Resistance continues in the town.

1145 - Lt Silverman reports 2d Bn now fighting vic quarry at 609627. Receiving small arms and mortar fire. 3d Bn will move from woods at 602602 to take over 2d Bn positions. 2d Bn will move right (S) and when 1st Bn is in position to do so, will atk in conjunction with 1st Bn to take MICHAMPS.

1150 - 216 FA Bn ordered to fire smoke on MICHAMPS to mark target for air strike

1200 -6 Armd Div reports friendly planes now over target area.

1245 - CO reports that Co A has captured 6 Officers and 35 EM in town of OUBOURCY. 1st Bn continuing to clear the town.

1445 - CP displaced from 557565 to 575592 (NE BASTOGNE). Distance of displacement - 2.7 miles.

1500 - Msg from Capt Faubus - Air will not strike MICHAMPS because of close proximity of troops S and W of town. They will however strike the approaches N and E of the town.

1513 - 3d Bn now occupies woods A (599616) with Co I and Co K. Co L continues to hold woods at 602602.

1515 - CofS, 35 Inf Div, visited CP.

1525 - Maj Gen Millican, CG III Corps and Maj Gen Grow, CG 6 Armd Div, visited CP.

1533 - 2d Bn reports units now occupy following locations - Co G in quarry at 608626. Co F in woods at 608623. Co E at 603623.

1555 - 2d Bn reports 51 prisoners captured. 30 captured in woods at 608623 and 21 in quarry at 608626.

1930 - Msg from 6 Armd Div - Mine field consisting of KUS (?) mines encountered at (P580557). Road at this point cleared of mines. Signed 1600.

2105 - 1st Bn S-3 reports contact patrol to CCB vic ARLONCOURT departed 2100.

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2130 - CO 1st Bn reported to CP and stated that town of OUBOURCY has now been entirely cleared of the enemy.

2135 - CO issued following plan of atk to assembled Bn comdrs. 320 Inf resumes atk 160900 Jan 45, 1st Bn on right, 2d Bn on left. General bdry between Bns - OUBOURCY - MICHAMPS road. Road inclusive to 1st Bn operating generally S of the road. LD - front lines 2400 hours 15 Jan. 3d Bn follow in left of Z to occupy area vic quarry 608626 relieving Co G (res Co 2d Bn). If patrols sent into the town during the night find no large concentration of troops units will move without prior arty preparation. If enemy is found to be occupying the town a preparation will be placed on the town 0850 to 0900, the last two minutes of which will be smoke. Smoke will also be placed on W and S of woods 6262 to mask obsn.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - Co G quarry at 608626; Co F woods at 608623; Co E position at 603623. 1st Bn occupied and outposted town of OUBOURCY and maintained patrol contact with CCB 6 Armd Div on right. Companies I and K occupied E edge of woods at 599616. Co L occupied woods at 602602. Atchmts no change. 157 prisoners were captured during the day. 7 officers and 150 EM

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
141200A Jan 45 to 151200A Jan 45

320 Inf - Remained atchd to 6 Armd Div; continued atk to NE to positions shown (overlay).

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
142001A Jan 45 to 152000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE (320 Inf): The CT with its 1st and 2d Bns resumed its atk at 0800A. The 1st Bn secured the town of OUBOURCY after bitter house to house fighting. The 2d Bn, moving to the NE, secured the quarry area due N of OUBOURCY and made contact with elms of 101st AB Div in the vic (P606628).. Contact was made by the 1st Bn with elms CCB by patrols vic S of OUBOURCY (P619608).

Extract from CC and CT Plans for 16 Jan (6 Armd Div)
152000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE PLAN: 320th Inf Regt atks 160830A Jan 1945 to seize 1st obj. (see overlay). 2d Bn on left, 1st Bn on right. After securing 1st obj atk will continue to 2d obj. 1st Bn will patrol to vic of ARLONCOURT to contact CCB during night 15-16 Jan 1945.

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To : 162000A Jan 45
Hq 6th Armd Div
ASSENOIS, BELGIUM (P528542)
162000A Jan 45

No 16.

Maps: GSGS BELGIUM and LUXEMBOURG 1/50,000.

1. Our Forward Elements: Overlay.

2. Location of Troops: Overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops:
   a. 90th Inf Div: 359th Inf Regt; 1st Bn vic (P653603); 2d Bn vic (P653607); 3d Bn at BENONCHAMPS (P619580). 358th Inf Regt; 1st Bn in OBERWAMPACH (P655592); 2d Bn vic SCHIMPACH (P650585); 3d Bn holds line approximately (P643578) to (P638565).
   b. 101st AB Div: Attacked to N and NE. Seized the high ground and wooded area to the N and NW of BOURCY (P623640). Elms continued advance N in conjunction with 11th Armd Div.

4. Weather and Visibility: Clear and cold during the night becoming somewhat cloudy during the day. Visibility fair.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

The Div continued advancing to the NE to secure the area vic (P630635 - P636625 - P640619 and P645613). CT Byrne attacked at 0830A, CCB at 0930A and CCA at 0945A. Strong enemy delaying action was encountered along the entire front. By the end of the period the Div had advanced approximately 1500 meters (overlay).

a. CCA (Hines): Elms of the Cmd attacked at 0945A and at 1010A to secure their assigned objectives (TF Britton's 1st obj area vic P632608; 2d obj area vic P640619; TF Lagrew's obj high ground vic P645613).
   (1) TF Lagrew: Attacked at 1010A to secure its obj and by 1145A the TF was N and W of LONGVILLY (P642601). At 1230A TF entered the town and at 1245A had passed through and advanced toward its obj. Upon reaching its obj its left flank was subjected to heavy AT fire and S/A fire from the woods to the N and E. TF consolidated its positions, contacted elms on its flanks and prepared to resume the offensive on the following morning.
   (2) TF Britton: Attacking on the left of TF Lagrew at 0945A, cleared its 1st obj by 1045A and by 1235A was within 200 yds of its 2d obj. Upon reaching this position the TF received heavy AT and S/A fire from the woods to the N and NE. Unable to neutralize this intense fire the TF withdrew to the high ground SW, consolidated its positions, contacted elms on its flanks and prepared to resume the offensive.
   (3) TF Brown: Remained in CCA Comd reserve prepared to protect the left flank of the CCA Comd or to assist TF Britton.

b. CCB (Read): Attacked at 0930A to seize objective astride the BOURCY - LONGVILLY road vic (P636626) with TF Wall making the initial assault to take the CCB Comd's first obj, (woods vic P625613). The TFs of the Comd continued to advance against strong enemy delaying action during the entire period.
   (1) TF Hall: Attacked at 0930A to secure the Comd's 1st obj. The TF encountered strong enemy resistance in the woods and received heavy AT direct fire from the woods to the N and NE of its obj. The TF cleared its obj by 1410A, reorganized and moved on to the E. The TF continued to receive extremely heavy fire from its front. It consolidated its positions, contacted elms on its flanks and prepared to resume its attack the following morning.

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21 Army Group: In the I Br Corps sector, in the 1st Cdn Army, the 47th Royal Marine commando are now attached to the Polish Armd Div, and are engaged in attacking the German outpost of the south bank of the MAAS river, near DUSSEN. In the II Cdn Corps sector, in the zone of the 3rd Cdn Inf Div, 2 German midget submarines were active, launching 2 torpedoes, one of which considerably damaged a Br river-boat. Our forces destroyed 1 of these submarines near HILLSUM. In the 2nd Br Army sector, the 7th Br Armd Div of the XII Corps cleared the town of SEVENUM in a limited objective attack. In the 9th Army, the XIII Corps repulsed a 55-man German combat patrol in the 102nd Div sector. The XIX Corps reported considerable enemy activity in the vicinity of the ROER dam. In the 1st Army, the V Corps did not attack, contrary to previous reports. The 60th Inf of the 9th Div has moved from its reserve positions in rear of the 9th Army, and is now in the line in the 9th Div zone. V Corps reports extensive patrol activity on the part of the enemy. In the XVIII Corps, the 30th Div gained ½ mile across its front, capturing THUIMONT and LASNEUVILLE. The 106th Div gained ½ mile on a narrow front, and entered HEUMONT, but was forced out of the town by a counter-attack and dug in west of the town. In the VII Corps sector, the 3rd Armd Div gained 2 miles on a 1½ mile front, capturing BIGLAIN, while the 2nd Armd Div gained 2 miles on a 2 mile front in the forest of CHERIMONT. The 83rd Div advanced 1 mile to the south on a narrow front, and captured HARRIS. Leading elements of the VII Corps (3rd Armd Div) are now 2 miles from HOUFFALIZE, and have succeeded in cutting the HOUFFALIZE-ST. VITH road. In the XXX Br Corps sector, the 51st Highland Div advanced 3 miles on a 3 mile front, capturing ORTHO, and reached HERBAIMONT. The 6th AB Div, with only recon elements to the front, was assembling in the vicinity of ROCHEFORT. Contact with forces of the 3rd Army has now been made at three points by patrols in the western portion of the ARDENNES salient, as far east as EREZEE.

12th Army Group: In the VIII Corps sector, the 17th AB Div gained 1 mile along their entire front, and captured BERTOGNE, while the 11th Armd Div pushed to the northeast 1 mile, capturing NOVILLE. In the III Corps sector, the 6th Armd Div, with the 320th Inf of the 35th Div attached, advanced 1 mile on a 3 mile front seizing BENONCHAMPS. No advances were reported by the 26th, 35th, and 90th Divs during the day. In the XX Corps sector, the 1st Bn, 376th Inf, 94th Div, jumped off yesterday at 0730, and advanced ½ mile to the north, capturing TETTINGEN at 0825, and BUTZDORF by 1225. The enemy counter-attacked with 40-50 infantry at BUTZDORF, but were repulsed with 10 Germans killed. The 3rd Cav is assembling at TETTINGEN, in 94th Div reserve. A column of tracked vehicles, believed to be moving to stop our attack, was destroyed partially, and dispersed, near SINZ. The 95th Div made a small attack in MARIALTERMANN, with the mission of taking PW's and succeeded in taking 7.

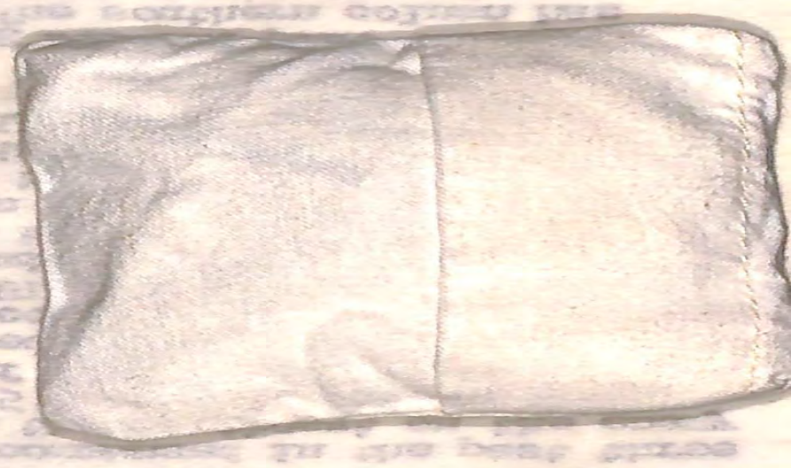
6th Army Group: In the XXI Corps sector, the 70th Div is relieving the 103rd Div in the line. An enemy train loaded with pontons and bridging equipment was destroyed by our arty at GRAND HOHRUR. In the XV Corps sector, all units continued to defend present positions and to patrol. In the VI Corps the 45th Div gained 3/4 mile on a 2 mile front, reducing the BITCHE salient slightly, just north of WINGEN. To the east, heavy fighting continues at HATTEN. The 315th Inf of the 79th Div was cut off in HATTEN by the enemy on the preceding night, and CCA and CCB of the 14th Armd were repulsed 3 times in their attempts to reach the encircled forces. CCR of the 14th Armd finally succeeded in getting 3 companies into the town, and established contact with the 315th Inf, in the western part of HATTEN. To the south, in the GAMBSHEIM bridgehead, heavy enemy pressure continues, with no further penetrations by the enemy. The 1st Fr Div of the 1st Fr Army reports heavy arty fire falling into their defensive positions on the west bank of the L'ILLE river, and frustrated one enemy attempt to cross the river. 3 strong enemy raids were repulsed by the 3rd U S Div near SELESTADT during the day.

Our Air reports shooting down 140 enemy planes over the Western Front during the day.

RUSSIAN FRONT: On the eastern front four new offensives have commenced in the past three days. In the extreme north Marshall BAGRAMIAN is driving from the northeast on the enemy held port of MEMEL. This attack began on 13 Jan and gains of 5 miles are reported. Further to the south a second offensive aimed at the capture of KOENIGSBERG, the capital of PRUSSIA, also began on 13 Jan. SCHLOSSBERG has been captured and Russian forces are within 20 miles of INSTERBURG. The third and major offensive commenced on 12 Jan when Marshall ZHUKOV jumped off from his bridgehead across the VISTULA in the vicinity of PRAGA, 120 miles South of WARSAW. He has pushed forward 35 miles on a 40 mile front capturing 6 major town and 450 villages. He has crossed the NIDA R on a 40 mile front and cut the main railroad running northeast out of CRACOW. Russian forces are within 70 miles of KATOWICE on the German border, the key to the richest coal belt in Europe. A fourth offensive commenced on 13 Jan when General KONIEVSKY began driving to the north. He has already gained more than 20 miles and captured more than 100 villages on the key city of LODZ.

In the offensive in the BUDAPEST area which has been continuing for the past two months Russian forces have advanced 80 miles northwest of BUDAPEST. The southern column has reached KOMARON and has bypassed the city to cut the BRATISLAVA-KOMARON railroad while the northern column has pushed to within 30 miles of VIENNA. In BUDAPEST which was surrounded on 26 Dec 3600 of 4500 blocks are in Russian hands after some German forced folding out shell in the southeastern part of the city. On the 2d of Jan the German moved 6 panzer Divisions along the south bank of the DANUBE R and attempted to break through to the forces encircled in BUDAPEST. They reached and captured ERTEVOM, 30 miles from BUDAPEST, on 7 Jan where the counterattacks were stopped.





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0800 - 1st and 2d Bns report no indications that enemy has withdrawn from MICHAMPS. Both Bns will atk as planned following arty preparation 0850 - 0900.

0915 - Maj Gen Grow, 6 Armd Div, visited CP.

0940 - CO 3d Bn reports Co G's positions at quarry (608626) has now been relieved. No fires are being encountered. CO dispatched Lt Parish to Troop A, 86 Cav, to insure that the troop fully understands mission of maintaining contact between 3d Bn and 502 AB Regt.

0955 - CO 2d Bn reports Cos E and F now enter ng edge of MICHAMPS. No resistance yet encountered. Co G has been reld by 3d Bn and is now moving to positions to block road at 619629.

1013 - 1st and 2d Bns report that both units are in control of MICHAMPS. 4 prisoners were captured, 3 of which are wounded. Town was for all intents and purposes unoccupied. Units are now reorganizing preparatory to continuing to next objective (woods at 6262)

1145 - 1st and 2d Bns jumping off for woods (6262). West and South edge of woods is being smoked to mask obsn. 3d Bn is moving up to MICHAMPS.

1155 - CG, 35 Inf Div, visited CP.

1225 - Bns notified of air strike on BOURCY and warned to keep all troops 1000 yds S of town.

1230 - CO 2d Bn reports air striking MICHAMPS forcing troops into basements. CO called CCB 6 Armd Div and requested that air be notified immediately that friendly troops are in the town. 2d Bn further reports AT fire from BOURCY S into their positions.

1235 - Sgt Manning, 3d Bn, reports that Bn moving from OUBOURCY to MICHAMPS observed two bombs hit MICHAMPS. Planes were in level flight and approx 3000 ft high.

1240 - Air Support Officer 6 Armd Div reported that air had been notified of presence of friendly troops in MICHAMPS. Air strike was intended for BURCY instead of MICHAMPS.

1305 - CO, CCB 6 Armd Div, called that his troops are moving into woods at 623637 to clear it. (1st Bn informed)

1310 - 1st Bn reports that planes hit CR at 618622 in town of MICHAMPS. B Co was in area at the time, however no casualties or damage has been reported.

1325 - S-3 reported to 6 Armd Div that units moving out of MICHAMPS to NE were split and disrupted thereby delaying atk. Leading elements report no resistance from woods (6262) yet.

1345 - 1st and 2d Bns report hvy arty fire from NE and small arms fire from woods (6262).

1404 - 3d Bn reports physical contact with 502 AB Regt on left.

1430 - CO gave the followinf information to S-3 to relay to 6 Armd Div - 1st

and 2d Bns are now in edge of woods (6262). Tks are working along west and South edge of woods to get in. Considerable AT fire is being received from S edge of BOURCY.

1450 - Maj Gen Grow visited CP. Departed for 2d Bn CP to meet CO and from there visit CP CCP at MAGARET.

1525 - 2d Bn on left has advanced to 628627. 1st Bn now at 629625. Resistance moderate. Tks are keeping enemy down until infantry can take them prisoner. More than 50 have already been taken.

1545 - Msg from CO 320 - Tell 1st and 2d Bns to hold what they have. Details later.

1600 - 2d Bn reports that positions are being consolidated at 630628.

1715 - Msg from 35 Inf Div - 134 Inf relieves 320 Inf night 17-18 Jan. Will be atchd to 6 Armd Div. Details later (G-3)

1940 - 320 Inf send officer to 134 Inf morning 17 Jan to arrange to move 320 Inf to same positions as 134 Inf upon relief.

2130 - Lt Botton, AT Co, reports that 3d Bn A&P plat laid friendly mine field consisting of 15 mines at 61926292.

2400 -320 Inf, at end of period, occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn on left occupied line from 630631 to 630626. 1st Bn on right held long finger of woods extending from 628626 to 629624. 3d Bn in res in MICHAMPS blocked the area from 613635 to 619629 and maintained contact with 502 AB Regt on N (left). Patrol contact was maintained between 3d Bn and CCB on right (S). Atchmts - no change.

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
151200A Jan 45 to 161200A Jan 45

320 Inf - Remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
152001A Jan 45 to 162000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE (320 Inf Regt): Atkd at 0830A with the 1st and 2d Bn taking MICHAMPS by 1010A. The Bns reorganized and entered the woods due E vic (P630625) receiving hvy AT fire from S edge of BOURCY and SA fire from the woods. The CT advanced 200 meters into the woods where it consolidated its positions for the night, made contact with elms on its flanks and prepared to take its obj on 17 Jan.

Extract from CT and CC Plans for 17 Jan (6 Armd Div)
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CT BYRNE: Continue atk to the E and seize obj (overlay). Maintain contact with 101st AB Div on left.

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Hq 6th Armd Div
ASSENOIS, BELGIUM (P528542)
172000A Jan 45

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Maps: GSGS BELGIUM and LUXEMBOURG 1/50,000.

1. Our Forward Elements: Overlay.

2. Location of Troops: Overlay.

3. Information of Adjacent Units and Supporting Troops:
   a. 101st AB Div: The 502d Inf attacked during the morning and captured and cleared the town of BOURCY. The 506th Inf and 327th Inf attacked to the N and E straightened its line. (Overlay).
   b. 90th Inf Div: Withstood four enemy counter-attacks and continued their advance to the N and E.

4. Weather and Visibility: Cool with low overcast changing to snow; visibility poor.

5. Our Operations for the Period:

The Div continued its advance to the E. CCB attacked at 0830A, CT Byrne at 1155A and CCA holding on the right supported CCA by fire, repelled an enemy counterattack during the period.

   a. CCA (Hines): Remained in position and supported CCB with its fires. TF Britton and TF Lagrew received an enemy counterattack consisting of tanks, SP guns and inf during early daylight hours which was repulsed after several enemy vehicles had been knocked out and the supporting inf dispersed by S/A and arty fires.
   b. CCB (Read): Continued its advance to the E in conjunction with CT Byrne (320th Inf Regt). Its TFs advanced against light enemy resistance during the early part of the period. The resistance grew stronger as the attacking elm of the Comd neared their obj (BOURCY - LONGVILLY road).
      (1) TF Wall: Resumed its attack to the E at 0830A attacking abreast with TF Craig and by 0955 had advanced 1000 yds. By 1145 it was 300 yds short of the BOURCY - LONGVILLY road where it met considerable enemy reaction from the woods in vic (P643624) in the form of tank and AT fire. Upon approaching the road dug in tanks in position E of the road denied the road to the TF in their sector. The TF then consolidated its positions, contacted elms on its flanks and prepared to hold its present positions or to resume its advance to the E.
      (2) TF Craig (1st Bn 134th Inf Regt): The TF attacked at 0830 abreast of TF Wall. The advance moved smoothly until the TF approached its obj where it met heavy enemy resistance in the form of AT guns and dug in tanks. Upon receiving this opposition the TF consolidated its position just W of the BOURCY - LONGVILLY road, made contact with elms on its flanks and prepared for future operations.
      (3) TF Kennedy: Supported TFW and TFC with 2 plats of Med Tks. Balance of TF remained in general support.
   c. CT Byrne (320th Inf Regt): The CT attacked with the 1st and 2d Bns abreast at 1155A and advanced against moderate enemy resistance. By 1350A the 2d Bn had crossed the BOURCY - LONGVILLY road and the 1st Bn was within 50 yds of the road where it received strong enemy S/A fire. The 3rd Bn established strong points on the BOURCY - MICHAMPS Rd and maintained contact with the 502nd Inf, 101st AB Div. The CT established its position as shown (overlay) and contacted elms on its flanks.
   d. Res Comd (Harris): No change.

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1st Army Group: The 47th RCT continued their operations yesterday against the two company enemy bridgehead on the south bank of the MAAS R in the vicinity of DUSSEN. The 7th Armd Div of the British XII Corps which yesterday was reported to have captured SUSTEREN threw back a strong German counterattack with heavy casualties to the enemy in the vicinity of MAESEYCK.

12 Army Group: Ninth Army reports continued patrolling activity along its entire front with no change in lines. V Corps of 1st Army reports that aggressive patrolling by both themselves and the enemy continued yesterday. In the XVIII Corps zone the 30th Div repulsed three counterattacks yesterday morning in the vicinity of GEILENKIRCHEN. The first of these was made by 300 infantry supported by 27 tanks; the other two by 300 infantry supported by 25 tanks. After repulsing these counterattacks the 30th Div pushed on 1 mile to the southeast capturing PONT and LIEDEUVILLE where they secured a bridge across the ARBLEIBE R intact. The 106th Div gained 2 miles to the east capturing LUDELINGEN. The 75th Div has expanded the bridgehead originally made by the 82d AB Div across the SAEM R and captured DIECH. Despite reported stiffening resistance, the VII Corps has pushed on an average distance of 1½ miles along its entire front. The 83d Div has pushed east 3 miles on a 3 mile front having crossed to the east flank of the 3d Armd Div and has taken LANGLIR and reached BOVIGNY. The 3d Armd Div advanced to CHERAIN, 1 mile to the south, where they met the strongest resistance along the VII Corps front. CCB 2d Armd Div pushed 2 miles to the south taking DIREZ while CCA gained 1 mile to the southeast capturing WIBRIN. The 84th Div also gained 2 miles to the southeast clearing HORRENT. The British XXX Corps has been clearing the area west of the road LAROCHE-HOVILLE which is now believed to be clear of enemy. Yesterday it was reported that CCB 11th Armd Div had captured HOVILLE. However, during the night it was forced out of town by heavy fire and took up positions just south of the city. After heavy fighting yesterday morning in an attempt to retake the city, they called on the 101st AB Div for assistance. At 1625 hours yesterday HOVILLE was again reported in our hands. The 11th Armd Div (less CCB) advanced 2 miles to the northwest on a 2 mile front taking COMPAGNE and reaching VILLERS-LE-TEMPLE which placed them within 5 miles of HOUFFALIZE. In the III Corps only the 6th Armd Div and 90th Divs continued the attack. The 6th Armd Div gained ½ mile on a 3 mile front reaching LONGVILLY. The 90th Div made a gain of 1 mile to the northeast on the right flank of 6th Armd Div. The 26th Div organized the ground south of WILTZ and sent patrols out to clear any enemy between their positions and the WILTZ R. The 35th Div less two battalions was in corps reserve. In XX Corps the second limited objective attack by elements of the 90th Div was successfully carried out. At 0745 hours yesterday morning the 3d Bn 376th Inf jumped off and by 0830 reported their objective - HERRING - taken. They continued from there and also captured WEIS. A counterattack in the vicinity of TETTINGEN by 300-400 enemy was broken up and 103 PWs taken. The 1st Bn 376th Inf which yesterday was reported to have taken TETTINGEN was subjected to persistent counterattacks from the woods west of TETTINGEN and BUTZDORF but report the situation under control.

6th Army Group: Just south of FORBACH in front of the XXI Corps a concentration of enemy tanks was reported and brought under arty fire. The results of the fire have not been reported. One regt of the 36th Div has relieved the 409th RCT of the 103d Div and this RCT is already en route to the VI Corps zone. In XV Corps one regiment of the 36th Div has been put under the temporary control of XXI Corps and a second regiment pulled out of line to reestablish a corps reserve leaving one regiment of the 36th Div on the line on the corps east flank. The 45th Div of the VI Corps repulsed a counterattack in the vicinity of ASPERCHWILLER and then pushed forward 2 miles to the north from the bottom of the BITCHE salient. In the HATTEN-RITTERSHOFFEN area heavy fighting continues. In RITTERSHOFFEN only one enemy strongpoint remains the rest of the city is now in our hands. In HATTEN the enemy forces have been reinforced and the confused fighting which was going on there still continues hotly. We now hold the southwest portion of the city. CCR of the 14th Armd Div inflicted heavy casualties on enemy personnel and knocked out 11 tanks. The 79th Div further to the south made a gain of 2 miles on a 4 mile front occupying ROSCHEWOOG. Two new identifications have been made on the VI Corps front in the last few days: the 25th Panzer Grenadier Div and the 7th Para Div which was previously reported in HOLLAND are now reported identified on this front.

Between 12 and 23 Dec the German offensive had penetrated nearly 60 miles cutting the DINANT-CINEY road and overrunning approximately 1800 miles of territory. At the present time the depth of the salient has been cut to 28 miles and the area to less than one third, approximately 500 square miles.

In MOSCOW a salute of 20 rounds fired by 224 guns was fired last night to celebrate the capture by MARSHALL KONIEV's forces of the important administrative center of KIELCE after a gain of 12 miles in the major offensive on the Eastern Front.

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320th Infantry Regiment
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16 January 1945

TO: G-2 Section, 6th Armored Div.
SUBJECT: Supplement to previous report on fighter-bomber mission on woods at 602602 14 January 1945 .

a. Location of observers - 584607 .
b. Date and time - 14 January 0905 - 0925 .
c. Local weather conditions - cold and clear with scattered clouds.
d. Type and extent of material damage - 1 Sherman tank which was being used by the enemy was found knocked out. It is not definitely known whether it was knocked out by our supporting artillery prior to an immediately following air strike or by action of fighter-bombers. Some destroyed communication material (radios and telephones) were also found in the woods.
e. Estimate of enemy casualties caused by bombing - PW reports indicate the enemy had withdrawn their main forces from the woods during the night of 13 January 45. Although approximately 25 enemy dead were found in the woods by our units, it is impossible to determine the number of casualties caused by either air strike, artillery or infantry weapons under the circumstances.
f. Effect on local ground situation - It is believed that the air strike added sufficiently to the disorganization and demoralization of the remaining enemy to considerably lessen their defensive efficiency and thereby aided our ground troops to take the woods in the subsequent attack.
g. Detail remarks - While the Napalm bombs caused small scattered fires and bellows of smoke, the underbrush and woods were covered with too much snow to start a large fire. However the supplementation of Napalm with HE bombs and strafing is very effective support for infantry where targets are well defined on the ground, as in this case. Radio communication with planes by support party was excellant. This enabled rapid target designation by white phosphorous shells fired by our artillery. Continuous artillery harrassement prior to attack kept enemy ack-ack to a minimum. Captured PWs stated Our Napalm(which they call phosphorous) bombs were not to effective, and that they had many more casualties and much more fear of the HE bombs of the 500 pound type.

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T/Sgt. Lake Manning , 14137574, 320th Infantry Reg.

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0100 - Maj Leach, Ex O, 3d Bn, reports enemy arty fire falling in Bn area. Several are duds. Sgt Manning reports L Co patrol to East contacted elms 1st Bn. Patrol to South did not make contact with CCB.

0300 - Sgt Manning, 3d Bn, reports outpost on road between MICHAMPS and BOURCY reports sounds of vehicles to East. Still no contact with unit on right. Mortar or arty falling in MICHAMPS. (Duty Officer informed G-3 6 Armd Div that contact has been established between 3d Bn and CCB)

0340 - Sgt Manning, 3d Bn, reports approx 30 rds of arty fell in MICHAMPS. Some are air bursts. (6 Armd Div notified)

0400 - Sgt Manning, 3d Bn, reports fire believed to be tk or SP gun. Flash can be observed and interval between flash and landing of shell is two seconds. Gun firing from NW into MICHAMPS. (6 Armd Div notified)

0415 - 2d Bn reports tk or SP firing from 40 degrees azimuth and 360 degrees azimuth, direct fire. Interval of flash and landing of shell - two seconds.

0430 - Ex O 68th Tk Bn requested to relay msg to 603 TD's to get into position from which to fire on enemy tks now firing on 2d and 3d Bn positions. (At 0435 68 Tk Bn reported that they were unable to contact 603 TD's by radio. They will continue to try)

0445 - 3d Bn reports that mortar platoon, 68th Tk Bn has not yet reported in to Co M. (Ln O contacted and directed that platoon be found and sent to report to 3d Bn)

0845 - CCB reports that their units jumped off on time.

0847 - Sgt O'Kelly, 2d Bn, reports analysis made by Capt Watkins of the tk fire at 0400 and 0415 is that a single tk and a number of mortars were firing from vic BOURCY - LONGVILLY road. Believe they were expending ammunition preparatory to moving since no fire has been received since that time.

0850 - 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns report mortar fire in rear and very near their positions.

0930 - 2d Bn reports one German tk about 300 yds to E of Co E positions (630-627). Several rounds have been fired over Co E positions.

0940 - Capt Gilbert, 1st Bn, called requesting that Engrs repair road between BIZARY and OUBOURCY, especially at stream crossing at 605615. (6 Armd Div Engr notified at 1045)

0945 - 2d Bn reports that tks supporting the Bn knocked out one enemy tk. A small skirmish with fround forces is in progress.

1015 - CO called 1st Bn stating that information has been received that 502 AB Regt is now in BOURCY and that CCB 6 Armd Div is moving along well. Units are to prepare to continue atk at 1100 hours to secure BOURCY-LONGVILLY ROAD in 320 Inf Z and N of CR at 635628.

1025 - Maj Gen Brown, 35th Div, visited CP.

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1035 - CO 2d Bn notified to coordinate with 1st Bn on left and resume atk as near 1100 hours as possible. 3d Bn will assemble in MICHAMPS, Tr A 86 Cav Sqdn will assume responsibility for left flank security and maintenance of contact with 502 AB Regt.

1150 - 3d Bn reports contact established with 502 AB Regt at S edge of BOURCY CCB 6 Armd Div reports elms 300 yds short of road S of CR at 635628.

1155 - 1st and 2d Bns now moving through woods toward objective. No special resistance reported.

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1200 - Maj Gen Grow, 6 Armd Div, visited CP.

1230 - 2d Bn reports tk described in 0930 entry was found to be a burned out tank and entirely abandoned.

1319 - Capt Sherer, Arty Ln O, reports that information received indicates that 2d Bn is now within 50 yds of road.

1325 - Msg from 2d Bn - G Co is 50 yds short of objective. No resistance met. Signed 1315A.

1328 - CO 1st Bn reports Co C is meeting small arms fire just short of the road.

1515 - Maj Gen Grow visited CP to formulate initial plans for relief of 320 Inf by 134 Inf early morning 18 Jan 45.

1535 - CO 1st Bn reports enemy positions and pillbox backed up by at least on tk vic CR at 635628 continues to hold up advance. 50th Armd Inf Bn on right has positions from which they believe a TD can bring fire on the pillbox. One TD is being sent into their sector for this purpose.

1620 - CO instructed 2d Bn on left to send Co G (left co) across the road to establish defensive positions on E side. Co F will assist 1st Bn to take out resistance at CR at 635628.

1640 - Capt Weinkamp, Ln O, 35 Inf Div, delivered following oral msg to S-3: All vehicles having same will at all times display cerise panels for identification. Radio silence for 320 Inf beginning daylight 18 Jan 45. (Capt Haley notified all units of foregoing)

1645 - CG 6 Armd Div directed that positions be secured on the best ground possible, keeping BOURCY - LONVILLY road under obsn. Units will be reld in positions held at darkness today. (All Bns notified of the above instructions and to continue to develop the enemy's positions by patrolling during the night.)

1710 - CO 2d Bn reports Co G across the road vic 631634 and have patrolled fwd meeting no resistance. Co F is now moving to ϕin Co G. Flanks will be refused to give all around protection.

1815 - CO gave following instructions concerning relief to Capt Miller, 1st Bn - Capt Smith, 2d Bn -, Maj Leach, 3d Bn. 10 trucks Ser Co will be provided 3d Bn by S-4. 1st and 2d Bns will use 23 trucks upon which 134 Inf will be transported. All troops will entruck vic OUBOURCY. Route to new assembly area - OUBOURCY - MAGERET - BASTOGNE assy area. Guides will be provided by Hegtl MP platoon. Upon

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arrival in assembly area all units will prepare for motor march on 19 Jan to XX Corps area vic THIONVILLE, FRANCE.

1930 - 1st and 2d Bns reports heavy shelling along road from BOURCY - LONGVILLY in Z and 200 yds into woods on either side of the road.

2015 - Ln O from 134 Inf delivered overlay plan of relief for operation 18 Jan 45.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn (Co F and Co G) in position on East side of BOURCY - LONGVILLY Road at 631634 1st Bn on W side of BOURCY - LONGVILLY Road at 633628. 3d Bn in regtl res assembled in MICHAMPS. All units alerted for relief by 134 Inf beginning at daylight 18 Jan 45.

Extract from G-3 Report (35 Inf Div)
161200A Jan 45 to 171200A Jan 45

320 Inf - Remained atchd to 6 Armd Div.

Extract from G-3 Report (6 Armd Div)
162001A Jan 45 to 172000A Jan 45

CT BYRNE (320th Inf Regt): The CT atkd with the 1st and 2d Bns abreast at 1155 and advanced against moderate enemy resistance. By 1350A the 2d Bn had crossed the BOURCY - LONGVILLY road and the 1st Bn was within 50 yds of the road where it received strong enemy SA fire. The 3d Bn established strong points on the BOURCY - MICHAMPS Road and maintained contact with the 502d Inf, 101st AB Div. The CT established its position as shown (overlay) and contacted elms on its flanks.

Extract from FO #5 (6 Armd Div)
172000A Jan 45

CT MILTONBERGER: Organize and defend left sector. Relieve CT BYRNE at daylight 18 Jan and CCB during daylight 18 Jan. Maintain contact with VIII Corps on the North.

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21st Army Group: The German outpost south of DUSSEN still holds out, having repulsed three attacks by Br forces, including the 47th RM, attempting to dislodge the enemy from the south bank of the MAAS river. In the Br XII Corps, the 7th Armd Div launched an attack to clear the enemy from an outpost west of the ROER river in their sector. This attack gained 1 1/2 miles, and the Br reported taking their objectives. In the 9th Army, there was no change in the situation. The V Corps of the 1st Army had the 1st Div attacking yesterday to the southeast, making a gain of 1 1/2 miles on a 3-mile front, capturing FAYMONVILLE and ONDENVAL, and were fighting against heavy resistance in BULLANGE. In the XVIII Corps the 30th Div advanced 2 miles on a 2-mile front, capturing FRANCHOVILLE, also against heavy resistance. The 106th and 75th Divs made gains of 1/2 mile and are generally on line 1 mile east of the SALM river, and last night the 75th Div had VIELSALM surrounded on 3 sides, and were fighting in the town. In the VII Corps, the 83rd Div continued heavy fighting in BOVIGNY, with no gain reported. The 3rd Armd Div pushed to the south, gaining 1/2 mile, and seized SOMMERAIN, while other elements of the 3rd Armd Div were fighting in CHERAIN. The 2nd Armd Div advanced to the south, meeting elements of the 11th Armd Div of the VIII Corps of the 3rd Army, and cleared the area west of HOUFFALIZE and north of the OURTHE river. The enemy was believed to have been forced into a hasty evacuation of HOUFFALIZE. The 84th Div was pinched out and was assembling in the VII Corps sector. The Br XXX Corps was entirely pinched out, and elements of the Corps continued to assemble. Tac Air Recon reported 1,000 enemy vehicles using all roads, moving to the south and southeast from ST. VITH.

12 Army Group: In the VIII Corps of the 3rd Army, the 17th AB Div, which had been pinched out, had one Regt attached to the 11th Armd Div. The 11th Armd Div pushed to the north along the main BERTOGNE-HOUFFALIZE road and met the 2nd Armd Div in HOUFFALIZE, while other elements of the 11th Armd Div pushed north on the BASTOGNE-HOUFFALIZE road, and also contacted the 2nd Armd Div and cleared the area west of HOUFFALIZE, south of the OURTHE river. The 101st AB Div gained ½ mile and now have BOURCY encircled on 3 sides. In the VIII Corps, there were 585 PW's taken during the past 36 hour period. The III Corps reports that the 320th Inf of the 35th Div, attached to the 6th Armd Div, captured MECHAMPS, and the 6th Armd Div captured LONGVILLY against moderate resistance, both gains being less than ½ mile. The 90th Div advanced 1½ miles to the northeast, capturing HEIDER-WAMPACH. Total PW's taken by the III Corps in the past 36 hours, is 893, bringing the 3rd Army total for this period, in the ARDENNES salient to 1478. In the XX Corps sector, the 94th Div received a counter-attack of a reported 4 tanks plus infantry, which was repulsed and 1 tank knocked out. The enemy continues to resist strongly in BERG and WEIS, however, enemy arty fire decreased considerably yesterday morning. In the XXI Corps sector, relief of the 103rd Div was continued by the 70th Div, and 1 RCT of the 36th Div. In the XV Corps sector, a quiet period was reported. In the VI Corps sector, the 70th Div repulsed a small enemy attack near DAMBACH. In the HATTEN sector bitter fighting continues, and the following German Divs have been identified in this area: 21st Pz, 25th Pz Gr, and 7th Para Divs. In the COLMAR pocket, the 12th Armd Div was reported to be attacking the German bridgehead, while the 3rd DIA was reported also to be pushing on the pocket from the south. The enemy was not aggressive in the COLMAR pocket during the day, and no change in dispositions was reported.

Secretary-of-War STIMSON announced yesterday that German losses in their ARDENNES offensive were roughly twice those of the Allies. Allied casualties totalled 40,000, including killed, wounded, and missing, while the Germans lost 40,000 captured, and an estimated 50,000 killed or wounded.

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0030 - Tr A, 86 Cav Sqdn, made contact with Co E on BOURCY - LONGVILLY Road at 2400.

0630 - 1st Bn reports that leading elements 134 Inf arrived in area at approx 0600.

0750 - 2d Bn reports 134 Inf has closed into MICHAMPS and will move fwd immediately to effect the relief.

0800 - Capt Miller, 1st Bn, reports stream crossing at 605615 has not yet been repaired. 134 Inf troops detrucked there and trucks have been turned around. Request permission to entruck 1st Bn there and return to BASTOGNE W through BIZARY. (Permission granted by Ex O)

0845 - Maj Gen Grow visited CP.

0910 - Sgt Quested, 2d Bn, reports 2d Bn relieved by 2d Bn 134 Inf at 0840. Troops are now moving to rear to entruck.

0925 - Maj Leach, 3d Bn, reports unit relieved by 1st Bn 134 Inf. Troops now preparing to move.

0940 - Maj McDaniel, 134 Inf, reports 1st Bn 320 Inf now reld by 2d Bn 134 Inf. 1st Bn 320 Inf moving out.

1000 - Regtl CP displaced from 575592 to SAINLEZ. Distance of displacement - 7.7 miles. Route - 575592 to BASTOGNE thence S to SAINLEZ.

1030 - AT Co closed in at 558565.

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1045 - CP opened at SAINLEZ.

1050 - Lt O'Brien delivered Opns Memo #12, 35 Inf Div 172100 Jan 45 directing that CT 320 move by motors to METZ beginning 190945 Jan 45.

1140 - 1st Bn closed into new assembly area at HOLLANGE and CHAUMONT. CP at HOLLANGE.

1200 -2d Bn closed into new assembly area at SALVACOURT, HOMPRE and GRAND RUE. CP at SALVACOURT.

1400 - 3d Bn closed into new assembly areaat REMOIVILLE and CLOCHIMONT. CP at REMOIVILLE.

1500 - Operations Memo #4 dated 181500A Jan 45 was published and distributed to all elements CT 320 directing motor move to METZ 190945 Jan.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained inassembly area as follows - 1st Bn, HOLLANGE and CHAUMONT; 2d Bn, SALVACOURT, HOMPRE and GRAND RUE; 3d Bn, REMOIVILLE and CLOCHIMONT; AT Co, CR at 558565; Hq Co, Cn Co and Med Det - SAINLEZ; Service Co, HOMPRE.

Extract from G-3 Report
171200A Jan 45 to 181200A Jan 45

CT 320 - Relieved in position by elms of CT 134 morning 18 Jan, and relieved from atchmt to 6 Armd Div upon completion of relief by CT 134 180940A. Moved to assembly areas shown (overlay). CT effective 180800A.

320th

BRIEFING NOTES COL JOHNSON 18 JAN 1945 SECRET

21st Army Group: The I Br Corps of the 1st Cdn Army maintained pressure on the DUSSEN penetration with no change in lines. In the XII Br Corps of the 2nd Br Army, the 7th Armd Div continued the attack toward the ROER river, and crossed the JULIANA canal, gaining 1/2 mile under very poor conditions of visibility. German resistance was light initially, but stiffened considerably during the day. G-2, 1st Army, states that the Germans are drawing heavily on the forces opposing the 9th Army, and the Br and Cdns to reinforce their Divs opposing the 1st Army. The V Corps of the 1st Army continued to attack, with the 1st Div still fighting in BULLANGE, while other elements of the 1st Div had entered SCHOPPEN, but were counter-attacked by infantry and SP guns and returned to their original positions. The 9th, 99th and 2nd Divs made a demonstration in conjunction with the 1st Div's attack, and reported the enemy on their fronts to be non-aggressive. In the XVIII Corps, the 30th Div gained 2 miles to the south along a 1-mile front, east of PETIT-THIER, while the 106th Div gained 1 mile to the south along a 2-mile front, just north of PETIT THIER. PW's taken by the 75th Div reported great difficulties with motor transport, due to the many types and makes of vehicles being used by the Germans. Morale was low among the PW's, because they were aware that they were being employed as sacrifice troops to allow the evacuation of the Pz units. In the VII Corps sector, the 83rd Div was engaged in heavy fighting in the forest south of VIELSALM. (VIELSALM was captured by the 75th Div of the XVIII Corps during the day). The 3rd Armd gained 1 mile on a 1-mile front capturing STERPIGNY, after heavy fighting. G-2 of higher headquarters states that the enemy is preparing to defend a line between ST. VITH and HOUFFALIZE, as 26 gun-positions have been observed in the area of this line. The Br XXX Corps continued to assemble in its zone.

12th Army Group: In the VIII Corps sector, the 101st AB Div pushed to the east across their front approximately 1 mile and captured BOURCY, which they had surrounded on 3 sides yesterday, and they also captured HAMIGNY to the north, in their advance. The 17th AB Div was relieving the 11th Armd Div during the day. In the III Corps sector, the 6th Armd made a slight gain, making contact with the 101st AB Div in BOURCY. The 90th Div pushed forward 1 mile on a 2-mile front, capturing OBERWAMPACH, and repulsed 2 counter-attacks, knocking out 17 enemy tanks.

In the XX Corps zone, the 94th Div succeeded in reducing the enemy pocket southwest of TETTINGEN, and captured approximately 85 PW's. Early yesterday morning, the 95th Div staged a demonstration on its front consisting of: smoke, arty fire, vehicular activity, and outboard motor activity on the SAAR river. This demonstration brought forth one round of enemy arty fire, and light SA and MG fire. In the 95th Div sector, a 6-man enemy patrol was captured, which had penetrated our line 6 miles to KERLINGEN. In the XXI Corps sector, 2 RCT's of the 70th Div are now in the line in the 103rd Div sector. In the XV Corps sector, the 44th Div repulsed several combat patrols attempting to enter their zone. In the VI Corps sector, the 14th Armd Div continued fighting in RITTERSHOFEN, where one German strong point is still holding out. Other elements of the 14th Armd Div are fighting in HATTEN, where the enemy is reported to be employing 30 tanks. Three penetrations were made by our forces in the GAMBSHEIM pocket, with the 12th Armd Div penetrating 1 mile both north and south of HERLISHEIM, and the 3rd Algerian Div advancing 1/2 mile to the outskirts of GAMBSHEIM. In the COLMAR pocket, the 3rd U S Div repulsed two enemy raids, after they had succeeded in making slight penetrations of our line. G-2, 7th Army reports that the 6th German Para Div has been relieved on their front by the 256th and 257th Inf Divs, which are now in contact.

(6th Armd Group commences with the XV Corps information)

XIX TAC, which supports the operations of the 3rd Army, reports for 16 Jan, that they flew 504 sorties with the following results: 35 buildings destroyed, 25 damaged; 7 gun positions destroyed, 17 damaged; 7 locomotives destroyed, 9 damaged; 40 horse-drawn vehicles destroyed; 25 armd vehicles destroyed, 31 damaged; 243 RR cars destroyed, 432 damaged; and 341 motor vehicles destroyed, with 94 damaged.

On the Russian front, Marshall ZHUKOV'S forces have swept forward 65 miles on an 85 mile front, capturing WARSAW, the capital of POLAND, which has been held by the Germans since April, 1939.

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0945 - CT 320 Inf crossed IP at CR 539451 enroute to METZ, FRANCE.

1630 - 320 Inf Regt (CT dissolved upon arrival) closed into METZ excepting Co K, Co L, and one plat Co C. Distance of displacement - 79.1 miles. Route - Vic SAINLEZ to ARLON, LONGWY, UCKANGE, METZ.

1800 - Co K and Co L closed into METZ.

1905 - Plat Co C closed into METZ (Full report made to G-3, 35 Inf Div)

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in assembly area in METZ prepared to carry out training and rehabilitation program.

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181200A Jan 45 to 191200A

320 Inf - CT moved to METZ 19 Jan, closing 191900A. CT ceased upon arrival.

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1000 - Following written memo received from Div - In order to expedite remedial action all personnel reporting bombing and strafing atks of aircraft on friendly troops should supply the following information, in so far as possible to G-3 Air, 35 Inf Div. a. Time of atk; b. Location of atk; c. Number of and type of aircraft involved; d. Whether strafed or bombed or both; e. Special markings observed; f. How many runs did plane make; g. Did our ground troops have panels displayed prior to atk; h. Did ground troops fire at plane - first? - after atkd? Was aircraft hit? i. Remarks (to include casualties, damage, witnesses, etc) j. Units atkd.

1630 - The following tentative range assignments were received from Div - 60mm mortar - 8345 - Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Bazooka - 908562 - Wednesday, Thursday, Friday (50 firing points).

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in assembly area in METZ, FRANCE and conducted rehabilitation and training program.

Extract from G-3 Report
200001A Jan 45 to 202400A

320 Inf - Conducted rehabilitation and training during period.

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HQ XII CORPS

320th

BRIEFING NOTES: 20 JAN 1945

21st Army Group: The 4th SS Commando Bde made a successful raid on the island of SCHOUWEN during the night and 80 PW's were taken from the 346th German Div. The XXX Br Corps was arriving in the vicinity of BOXTEL, under command of the 1st Cdn Army. In the II Cdn Corps, at ZLICK-EWIJK, southwest of ARNHEIM, the enemy made 3 strong attacks, the first 2 of which were repulsed, but the 3rd made a small penetration, which the 49th Div was mopping up during the day. Heavy casualties have been inflicted on the enemy, and the 2nd Para Div has been identified in the area. In the XII Br Corps, the 7th Armd Div made a gain of 1 mile on a 1-mile front, capturing HINGEN, and SCHILBERG, and reported mines and thawing ground to be impeding their advance. The 52nd Div advanced 2 miles on a 3-mile front, capturing HAVERT, SCHALBRUCH, and HUNGEN, against heavy opposition. Br forces are being supported by heavy U. S. arty in this effort. In the 9th Army, XIX Corps, patrols of the 8th and 102th Divs killed 30 Germans during the night's operations.

12th Army Group: In the 1st Army, V Corps, the 1st Div pushed forward 1 mile on a 1-mile front in the 30th Div sector, seizing the defile which had been holding up their advance. 1st Div consolidated and mopped up in their sector. In the XVIII Corps, the 30th Div pushed to the south 3/4 mile along their front, after clearing RECHT of enemy. The 75th Div gained 1½ miles along a 3-mile front, southwest of RECHT. In the VII Corps, the 83rd Div gained approximately 1 mile, clearing BOVIGNY, and the woods south of the town. The 3rd Armd Div made a gain of 1½ miles on a 3-mile front, against light opposition, capturing BERTEIGNY. A new boundary is announced between the VII Corps of the 1st Army, and the VIII Corps of the 3rd Army, the Br XXX Corps having moved from between these two Corps. The new boundary follows the R northeast out of HOUFFALIZE. The 4th Fr Para Bn has taken over a portion of the north part of the VIII Corps front, while on the front of CCR of the 11th Armd Div, elements of the 9th Pz Div have been identified. In the III Corps zone, the only change in disposition occurred when the 6th Cav Gp took over the eastern portion of the 26th Div sector, leaving that Div a very narrow zone. In the XX Corps sector, our forces withdrew from BUTZDORF during the night, and now we hold the line BUES-NANNTNG-TETTINGEN, with the 376th Inf of the 94th Div. The only enemy activity during the day was a 10-man patrol near TETTINGEN, which was dispersed with heavy casualties by our arty time-fire. All tanks knocked out by the 94th Div during the preceding day bore the "Ghost" insignia of the 11th Pz Div, and many elements of that Div have now been identified on the 94th Div front. 3rd Army reports the capture of 925 PW's on 18 Jan. G-2, 3rd Army, has the following reasons for believing that the enemy is retiring to his SIEGFRIED LINE defenses; 1. Patrols of the 90th and 26th Divs have moved approximately 1 mile to their front, encountering no enemy. 2. Recon elements and TAC Recn report the enemy moving to the north and northeast from DEBRENBACH. 3. 4 PW's stated that their units have been ordered to move to the northeast. 4. Civilians report the town of MOINET, on the III Corps front, to be clear of enemy.

6th Army Group: In the 7th Army, XXI Corps, the 10th Armd Div, less CCB was closing in the vicinity of DIEUZE, and CCA was put in 70th Div reserve. A small enemy attack near HOSTENBACH, in the 106th Cav Gp sector, was dispersed by our arty fire. In the XV Corps sector, ~~the~~ reliefs and patrolling were the sole activity. In the VI Corps sector, the 45th Div was engaged in mopping several small enemy infiltrations in its zone. The enemy continues to resist strongly in the area of RITTERSHOFEN and HATTEN, and 1 Regt of the 10th SS Pz Div was identified at HATTEN during the day. The 79th Div re-entered AUBE, which the Germans had captured on the previous day, and heavy fighting was in progress there. In the north part of the GAMBSHEIM pocket, our forces have withdrawn from SESSENHEIM, and the enemy now has three companies across the river west of the town. Also in the GAMBSHEIM pocket, which is reportedly being reinforced by the enemy, the 12th Armd Div withdrew most of its elements back across to the west bank of the ZORN river, and the enemy re-occupied HERLISHEIM. The 12th Armd Div is now defending the west bank of the river, and attempting to regain contact with its units on the opposite shore. 1 company of the enemy succeeded in crossing to the west bank, and our forces are attacking this penetration. 3 Regts of the 7th German Para Div have been identified in this sector. In the II Fr Corps of the 1st Fr Army, the 2nd DB is under the command of the Corps, and has 2 CCBs in STRASSBOURG. Also in the southern portion of the 6th Army Group sector, the 28th U. S. Div was arriving at St. Die, and the 36th U. S. Div was closing southwest of HAGUENAU. The enemy was not reported aggressive in the COLMAR pocket during the day, and no report was received concerning the German paratroops dropped near LUXEVILLE.

RUSSIAN NOTES: On the eastern front, the Russians again reported large gains on 2/3 of their front. In the north, Marshall CHERNIAKOVSKY advanced 15 miles to the northeast, and was within 10 miles of INSTERBURG, and within 6 miles of TILSIT. To the south, Marshall ROKOSSOVSKY had advanced approximately 30 miles on a 30 mile front, and is now 80 miles northwest of WARSAW, and on the PRUSSIAN border. The Germans made 4 counter-attacks on our forces, but these were repulsed. Marshall ZHUKOV, with the 1st White Russian Army, advanced approximately 30 miles along a 90-mile front, capturing the 2nd largest city in POLAND, and the leading textile center, LODZ. Marshall ZHUKOV's forces are now within 240 miles of BERLIN. Another Russian offensive was announced yesterday. Marshall PETROV, advancing from the SAN river, gained 50 miles on a 40-mile front, capturing 400 villages. It is reported that the Russians attribute some of their success to their new tank, the "Stalin". These tanks were used for the 1st time in the offensive, which began 12 Jan 194[illegible]. The tank weighs 70 tons, has heavy armor covering the tracks, and mounts a 125mm gun. It is reported that German "88's" have failed to penetrate the tanks' heavy armor.

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1400 - Lt O'Brien called stating that all range requests are approved, including times and types of weapons to be fired.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in assembly area in METZ, FRANCE and conducted rehabilitation and training program.

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

320 Inf - Continued rehabilitation and training during period.

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0930 - Msg from Col Weller, G-4 - Entire ammunition request approved excepting antitank rocket ammunition of which we will receive 150 rds HE and 200 rds WP.

1015 - Maj Allen, Asst Div G-3, called and granted permission to use pillbox at896552 for bazooka and rifle grenade firing.

1022 - Msg from Div - No change in identification panel setup until 25 Jan 45. New setup on that date.

1240 - Lt Silverman notified all Bns that a conference and demonstration in the handling of prisoners and the correct method of challenging on the following schedule. Wednesday, 24 Jan 1000; Thursday, 25 Jan 0900; Friday, 26 Jan 45 0900. 3d Bn requests I&R be made available at 1500 Wednesday 24 Jan.

1300 - Requested G-3 to provide tk retrievers tomove vehicles to range for targets.

1505 - Msg to all Bns - All AT mines laid in the future, during cold weather, will be placed spider down toprevent formation of ice on detonator.

1830 - All units alerted for movement to Seventh Army Zone morning of 23 Jan 45. Details later.

2330 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered OPNS MEMO #13, Hq 35 Inf Div, dated 222200A Jan 45 directing that Div (-CT 134) move by motors to Seventh Army Sector beginning 230730.

2400 - The following order was issued to unit comdrs CT 320 Inf - Hq 320 Inf APO 35, 222400A Jan 45, Opn Memo #5, Motor Move to Seventh Army Sector. 1. CT 320 moves by motor 23 Jan 45 to Seventh Army sector in accordance with te following schedule (IP: Present Area):

UNIT	SERIAL	MARCH UNIT	IP TIME
1st Bn	1	1,2,3	0730
3d Bn	2	4,5,6	0745
Cn Co	3	7	0800
AT Co	3	8	0805
Sv Co and Engr Plat	3	9,10	0810
Hq, Hq Co, Regtl Med Det	3	11	0820
2d Bn	4	12,13,14	0830
Co C, 110 Med Bn	5	15	0845
216 FA Bn	5	16,17,18	0850

2. Route: N55 from METZ to CHATEAU SALINS. As directed by Seventh Army MP's from CHATEAU SALINS to destination. 3. Convoy discipline: a. 100 yd interval halted or moving. Two minutes between march units. b. Caution all drivers to stay right of center of road at halts and when moving. c. Mark head and rear vehicle of each march serial. d. Ten minute halt, ten minutes before each even hour. First halt 0950A. Personnel dismount and keep on right of vehicles.. e. Speed: maximum 25 mph, governed by road condition. 4. Div and Seventh Army MP's willmark routes from outskirts of METZ to destination. Regt MP's will guide to outskirts of METZ. 5. Advance parties will meet units onarrival in area. 6. 448 AAA (AW) Bn will furnish one (1) AA section per serial #1,2,3, and 4. Sections will report to respective Bn CP's and Serv Co CP prior to 230700. All units be alert for hostile air at No firing on any plane unless atkd. 7. Tops on all vehicles may be up

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8. Transportation for personnel not carried in organic vehicles furnished by QM truck co's. Bn MTO's contact S-4. 9. Radio silence: No other secrecy measures. 10. Vehicles display yellow panels only.
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2400 - At end of period all units remained inassembly area in METZ, FRANCE and completed preparations for movement to Seventh Army Area 23 Jan 45.

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320 Inf - Continued rehabilitation and training during period.

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SITUATION IN XX CORPS SECTOR AS OF 1100 22 JANUARY 1945

After artillery preparation estimated Bn of infantry supported by groups of 3 to 4 tanks counterattacked NENNING (L 0204), BERG (L 0204), and WIES (L 0105). Time: 2100 21 January.

Counterattack by estimated company of infantry reported at PETTINGEN (L 0402). Time: 2120 21 January.

PW identifications on 21 January:

1st and 2nd Cos, KG Schwabe of the 347th Fusilier Bn, 347th Inf Div.

3rd Co, 719th Fusilier Bn, 719th Inf Div, vic Saarlautern (Q 2981)

5th and 6th Cos, 743rd Regt; 3rd and 11th Cos, 723rd Regt; 1st and 2nd Cos, 709th Engr Bn; all of 719th Inf Div. Also 10th Btry, 347th Arty Regt, vic Saarlautern, Roden (Q 2881)

Sporadic artillery fire throughout the rest of the sector during the night.

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0730 - First element CT began movement from METZ area to Seventh Army area.

1325 - AT Co closed in at CUTTING.

1330 - CP opened at BIDESTROFF, FRANCE. Distance of displacement - 47.7 miles Route - METZ, CHATEAU SALINS, DIEUZE, BIDESTROFF.

1330 - 2d Bn closed in assembly area in GUEBLING and BOURGALTROFF. CP in GUEBLING.

1350 - Cn Co closed into DOMNON les DIEUZE.

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1430 - 1st Bn closed into LOUDREFING.

1600 - 3d Bn (-Co L) closed into BENESTROFF. Co L assembled in VAHL les BENESTROFF.

1940 - CO and S-3 dparted to visit Div CP at BOURDONNAY to receive orders.

2145 - CO and S-3 returned to CP having received oral orders for movement to area NE of WINGEN to effect relief of 274 Inf Regt, 45 Inf Div.

2330 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered FO #31 as follows - Hq 35 Inf Div, BOURDONNAY (QW 2614), 232100A Jan 45, FO #31, Maps: GSGS FRANCE 1:100,000 Sheet 15G; GSGS 4416, SheetW2.
1.a. See G-2 Periodic Report 194 dated 23 Jan 45. b. XV Corps continues def of present positions. 100 Inf Div on left of 35 Inf Div. 45 Inf Div (VI Corps) on right of 35 Inf Div.
2. 35 Inf Div (-CT134) moves from present positions 24 Jan 45, relieve 398 Inf (-) (100 Inf Div) and 274 Inf (45 Inf Div) in present positions night 24-25 Jan 45 and defends those positions. 320 Inf on right. 137 Inf on left. Boundaries, present front line: Overlay. March Table Route A Unit - CT 320 (w/127 FA Bn atchd); IP - Present location; Time - 240730A.
3. a. CT 137 move to new area 24 Jan (March Table) relieve 398 Inf (-) in present position night 24-25 Jan. Defend. Overlay. b. CT 320 (w/127 FA Bn atchd) move to new area 24 Jan (March Table), relieve 274 Inf in present position night 24-25 Jan. Defend. Overlay. c.Div Arty: Orgn for combat: 216, 219 FA Bns - SOP. 127 FA Bn atchd CT 320 for move only; general support, reinf fires 216 FA Bn. (1) 654 TD Bn (-Co A) move 24 Jan (March Table). On arrival in new area, Cos B and C - SOP. (2) 448 AW Bn - SOP. d. 35 Rcn Tr (Mecz) move 24 Jan (March Table). Div Res. e. 60 Engr (C) Bn (-) move 24 Jan (March Table). On arrival in new area, Co B direct support 137 Inf, Co C direct support 320 Inf. x. (1) EEI (a) Report immediately the amount and character of any agressive enemy action in the Div sector. (b) Report any movement of enemy unit toward Div sector and the identification of any new units on the Div front. (2) 320 Inf relief completed by 250001A Jan 45; 137 Inf by 250730A Jan 45. (3) Details of relief by mutual agreement between Regtl comdrs concerned. (4) CT's cease on Div order. (5) Trs will detruck at line: WINGEN (7435) - MEISENTHAL (7240) - MONTBRONN (6844). (6) In occupying defensive positions Regtl will not give up any ground held by units relieved. Work on improvement of positions will atart at once. (7) Inf Regts particularly alert to prevent enemy infiltration.
4. a. G-4 will furnish unit S-4's all necessary information on atchd trks for move. b. Other adm details later.

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5.a. All units maintain radio silence until further notice. b. CP's overlay.
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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions inassembly area as follows 1st Bn - LOUDREFING; 2d Bn - GUEBLING and BOURGALTROFF; 3d Bn (-Co L) BENESTROFF; Co L - VAHL les BENESTROFF; Cn Co - DOMNON les DIEUXE; AT Co - CUTTING; Ser Co, Co C 110 Med, Regtl Med Det, Co C 60 Engr Bn BIDESTROFF; 216 FA Bn - VERGAVILLE. All units CT 320 alerted for movement 240730 Jan.

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CT 320 - Moved from METZ 23 Jan to assembly area vic BIDESTROFF (Q3028), closing 231530A.

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0030 - CO issued overlay showing route to assembly area to be occupied prior to relief and the following fragmentary order to assembled pepresentatives of all units CT 320 - CT 320 moves by motor to assembly area (see overlay) beginning 240730. Upon arrival in new area and prior to 250001 effects relief of 274 Inf 45 Inf Div in present positions (see overlay). Relief details will be by mutual agreement between unit commanders. Order of march and IP time for each element follows - 216 FA Bn - 0730; 127 FA Bn - 0745; Hq and Hq Co - 0900; 1st Bn - 0915; 3d Bn - 0935; 2d Bn - 0955; AT Co - 1015; AT Co - 1015 Cn Co - 1020; Co " 110 Med Bn - 1030; Sv Co and Engrs - 1045. Initial point for all elements - RJ at 340270 S of CUTTING. S-4 will provide QM trucks for movement of all foot elemtns.

0730 - Leading elements CT 320 (w/127 FA Bn atchd) began crossing IP at 340270.

1330 - CP opened at WINGEN. Distance of displacement - 39.7 miles. Route - 340270, LOUDREFING, MITTERSHEIM, FENETRANGE, RAUWILLER, HIRSCHLAND, WEYER, DRULINGEN, DURSTEL, TREFFENBACH, WINGEN.

1500 - CT 320 completely closed into new assembly area.

1725 - CT 320 ceased. Supporting units unchanged.

1730 - Cn Co completed relief of Cn Co, 274 Inf Regt.

1830 - AT Co completed relief of AT Co, 274 Inf Regt.

1900 - 1st Bn completed relief of 2d Bn 274 Inf Regt and Co C 274 Inf Regt.

2110 - 3d Bn completed relief of 3d Bn 274 Inf Regt and Co A 274 Inf Regt. Full responsibility accepted by CO 320 Inf for sector held by 274 Inf Regt (CG 35 Inf Div notified).

2150 - Maj Allen, Asst G-3 Div called and stated that radio silence will lift daylight 25 Jan 45. (Comm O notified).

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied defensive positions as follows - (All coord approx) - 1st Bn (w/companies from left to right, Co A, B, C) line extending from 748406 SE to 763385. 3d Bn (w/Co L on left and Co K on right) line extending from 763385 S to 766379 thence E to 783377. 2d Bn (-Co H) assembled in regtl res in WINGEN, Co H in PUBERG. Regtl Trains inASSWILLER.

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

320 Inf - CT 320 moved to new assembly area vic WINGEN (Q73350), closing 241500A. CT ceased 241725A. Regt relieved 274 Inf (45 Inf Div) in Z, completing relief by 242110A.

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0445 - 180th Inf Regt on right of 3d Bn 320 Inf reported enemy atk of 80 to 100 Infantry began 0230 vic 805368. Was repulsed by Co F, 180 Inf. (Reported to G-2)

1130 - Div C of S and Div G-3 visited CP.

1425 - CG 35 Inf Div visited CP.

2400 - 320 Inf occupied defensive positions as follows - 1st Bn on left occupied line extending from coordinates 755405 to 762388. 3d Bn on right occupied line extending from coordinates 760388 to 783378. 2d Bn (-Co H) in regtl res in WINGEN sur MODER. Co H in PUBERG. 1st and 3d Bns continued to improve defensive positions. 2d Bn provided security outposts at the following locations - 732366 - 743352 - 734356. Front line Bns continued active patrolling.

Extract from G-3 Report
250001A Jan 45 to 252400A

320 Inf - Consolidated and held positions shown (overlay) throughout period.

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0715 - G-2 reports — 137 Infantry.

Mortar fire fell one (1) round 120mm mortar every 20 minutes between 2130 and 2300 at St Louis les Bitche. Small arms fire received from vic of 742445 at 2300. Enemy defensive positions: patrols located double apron barb wire obstacles between 743426 & 745430. Digging and chopping at 754435. Enemy personnel: contacted 2 man enemy patrol vic 743426, voices and movement heard vic 74854350. Contact patrol to vic of 7444 was fired upon close range by 8-10 enemy at about ~~0300~~ 2400. Appx 3 enemy were killed and one (1) of our men missing. Artillery: four rounds artillery ~~fire~~ received 7444 about 2100.
100 Div reports scattered MG fire.
~~For~~ 45th Div reports negative.

0715 - K Co patrol left 0100 went to 779388 from 774378 and returned 0300 reports negative

0715 L. Co. patrol left at 0200. returned at 0415 was a patrol contact patrol only, reports negative.

- REPORTS FOR NIGHT OF 25-26 JAN 45 -

2230 - B Co. patrol left at 2000 went to vic of 765398 heard coughing on their right but believed it may have been B Co patrol but didn't think they were that close. They neither heard nor observed any signs of enemy activity, returned at 2200. (S/Sgt Novak 1st Bn) to G-2-2305

2250 - A Co patrol left at 2000 went to vic of 758409 and neither heard nor observed any signs of enemy activity. Patrol returned at 2230. (S/Sgt Novak 1st Bn) to G-2-2305

2300 - C Co patrol left at 2000 went to vic of 769399 and heard two or three heavy trucks moving around at road net in 7740 (Guidry.) At 766396 appx of two or three men digging in. Patrol returned at 2220. (S/Sgt Novak 1st Bn) to G-2-2305

2310 - from G-2: 137 reports small arms fire from vic of 742438 at 2050. Few rounds of arty landed in vic 7393. Fired on enemy vic of 7444 at about 2240. XV Corps reports all quiet.

0250 - from 3rd Bn, Capt Trosen reports all quiet. Patrols have not reported in yet.

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0900 - Co H, 2d Bn, moved from PUBERG to WINGEN sur MODER to rejoin 2d Bn.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf continued to occupy and further improve defensive positions. Location of units, excepting Co H and field trains unchanged (see 2400 entry 25 Jan). During the period Co H moved from PUBERG to WINGEN sur MODER and Regtl field train moved from ASSWILLER to ZITTERSHEIM.

Extract from G-3 Report
260001A Jan 45 to 262400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold and improve positions throughout period.

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PATROL REPORTS
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2225- Blue Bn 2- Patrol from "C" Co made contact with "L" Co and everything is alright.

2250- Red

Report relayed to Justice 2

"B" Co patrol reports
Left 2030-returned 2215
Left from Co CP- heard enemy speaking in German over telephone at approx. vicinity 764399.
Installations in vicinity.
Enemy digging and chopping heard at 763400--returned and saw vehicle with lightsat approx. 759400. Lights weren't dimmed out. As vehicle drew near, lights were extinguished. Vehicle remained unidentified.

2300- Jury

Relayed to Red, White, Blue

Reporting sparodic mortar fire on forward element. Contacted enemy patrol of 8-10 men dressed in white capes, vic. 748451. Also digging in vic. 746455. White and amber flare activity over sector.

2335- Red

Relayed to Justice 2

"A" Co patrol left 2230, and returned 2315. Went to vic. 758409. Did not observe enemy activity.
"C" Co left 2030, and returned 2310. Went to vic. 771400. Observed small vehicle withtwelve men. Might have been a chow vehicle. On return 4 enemy passed them going in opposite direction. Distance between both parties approx. 100 yds. Enemy probably not a patrol.

0400- King Co.

Relayed to Justice & Judge

Patrol left at 0130, and returned at 0400.
They left from 771381 towards 774386.
There they saw American double 110 wire in woods. Also found installations. Followed it for a short distance, but not to its source.
No shelling at time of report. Each evening at 1700, three shells have been going over sector. From enemy to the front to valley to the rear.

0545- Blue forward:

Relayed to Justice & Judge

Receiving 5-10 rounds of artillery fire in OP sector. Not ahigh velocity weapon. Believed to have a wide traverse. Calibre remains unknown. Observer could hear report of gun, and 5 or 6 seconds later the landing of the shell.
Az. of weapon from OP approx. 320°

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1230 - 2d Bn began relief of 1st Bn in defensive positions, Co E relieving Co A on left; Co F relieving Co B in center of zone and Co G relieving Co C on right.

1455 - 1st Bn S-3 reports AT plat 1st Bn relieved by AT plat 2d Bn at 1400. Co D relieved by Co H at 1430.

1700 - 1st Bn Ex O reports relief by 2d Bn was completed at 1700 and that last elements of 1st Bn are now moving to res positions in WINGEN sur MODER.

1800 - S-3 1st Bn reports major portion of unit has now closed into WINGEN sur MODER. Another report will be made when the unit has completely closed.

1840 - Capt Miller, 1st Bn, reports that unit closed into res area at 1835 hours.

2400 - At end of period 320th Inf occupied defensive positions as follows - 2d Bn on left occupied line extending from coordinates 755405 to 762388. 3d Bn on right occupied line extending from coordinates 760388 to 783378. 2d and 3d Bns continued to improve defensive positions. 1st Bn took over and provided security outposts at the the following locations - 732366 - 743352 - 734356. Remainder of 1st Bn assembled in regtl res in WINGEN sur MODER. Front line units continued active patrolling to the front.

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320 Inf - Continued to hold and improve positions throughout period. 1st Bn relieved in position by 2d Bn 271700A, moved to assembly area shown, closing 271835A.

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Patrol Report 27-28 Jan 45

2015 - 3d Bn reports patrol left at 1400 from 772381; went to 775386. Heard tlking and wood chopping at 773388. Returned at 1600.

2325 - 137 called to inform us that their A Co fired on our contact patrol, wounding one man. They inquired if patrols would continue through the night.

2330 - Lt Silverman called off contact patrols for the rest of the night. Reported information in 2325 entry to Div. They report that 137 1st Bn patrol found MG position at 742421, SA fire, dug in positions at 743422 and 745423. Suspect possible OPL. Movement (walking) heard.

2340 - Lt Silverman called 2d Bn requesting information on contact patrol and was informed that it was not authorized by that hq.

2345 - 2d Bn reported that patrol was not a contact patrol. Patrol leader was from 1st Bn and had patrolled last night. 2d Bn velieves that the patrol leader led the patrol back to the wrong area. Patrol leader stated that he believed man was wounded by enemy fire, that 137's outpost only fired two (2) rounds which he believed were high and that immediately following there was other fire which he believed was enemy which wounded the man in the right shoulder.

0015 - Lt Litherland reported that 1st Bn's guides had only led patrol t through mine field.

0105 - Lt Peterson called and stated that his patrol guides had returned.

0200 - Negative report to Div

0215 - 137 called toinform us that our patrol will remain with their 1st Bn for remainder of night.

0415 - 3d Bn reports K Co patrol left at 0145 from 778378, went to vic 780384. No enemy encountered enroute or at destination. Nothing heard by patrol. Patrol returned at 0400.

0715 - G-2 report - 137 reports barbed wire fence encountered at 750454. Enemy improving defensive positions (estimated 20 men) at 756454. Chopping and digging reported from 751442, 747422, and 751430. Contacted enemy patrols at 744442, 751454, and 755454. Two rds of arty fell at 723433 at about 0415. 100th Div reports friendly patrol encountered 2 MG's at 748467. 3 rds 88 mm landed in their right sector. 45th Div sports quiet during the night and enemy MG located at 784382.

0800 - 3d Bn reports L Co patrol went out at 0045, ent to 772385. Heard coughing on the high ground to the immediate NW vic 773388. Heard truck which they estimeated to be going N from approx 777395. Patrol remained listening inposition with no other obsn. Patrol returned at 0250.

0855 - 2d Bn S-2 reported F Co patrol went to draw vic 763408, encountered enemy two man patrol there. They remained listening and heard enemy digging and talking on the hill to the E. Patrol returned 0850

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1230 - G-3 XV Corps and Asst G-3 visited regtl CP.

1300 - CO issued following ltr of inst to CO, Co C 60 Engr Bn, CO ea Inf Bn and file - Hq 320 Inf, 281300A Jan 45, WINGEN sur MODER.
Subject: Instructions for bridge demolition
To: CO, Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn
1. Bridges within regtl section will be prepared for demolition in accordance with par 3x (6), FO #32 Hq 35 Inf Div, 27 Jan 45..
2. Demolition will be executed by Div Engr troops only upon written oral or telephonec instructions from CO 320 Inf or his authorized representative (ExC, S-2, or S-3).
3. Personnel detailed to demolish bridge will present a copy of these instructions to Infantry Bridge Guard at bridgesite prior to demolition.

By order of Colonel BYRNE:

THOMAS P McELROY, JR
Major, Infantry
S-3

1330 - S-3 called 1st Bn and directed that at the earliest practicable time 1st Bn relieve Engr guards on bridges at following locations: 724364 - 720363 and 715372. During daylight one man will be on duty and alert on each bridge. Remainder of guard will be in immediate vicinity. During darkness two men will be on duty and alert on each bridge, and at least one relief will remain in calling distance of the bridges.

1600 - Relief of Engr bridge guards by 1st Bn personnel completed (see 1330 entry).

1730 - CO issued following ltr of inst to CO, Co C 60 Engr Bn, CO of ea Inf Bn and file - Hq 320 Inf 281730A Jan 45 WINGEN sur MODER
Subject: Execution of Prepared Abates
TO: CO, Co C, 60th Engr (C) Bn
1. Prepared abates within regimental sector will be executed by Div Engr troops upon written, oral or telephonic instructions from Commanding Officer of the Infantry Battalion within whose sector the abates is placed; or from Commanding Officer, 320 Inf or his authorized representative (ExO, S-2, S-3).

By order of Colonel BYRNE:

THOMAS P McELROY, JR
Major, Infantry
S-3

2400 - At endof period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn on left occupied line extending from coordinates 755405 to 762388. 3d Bn on right occupied line extending from coordinates 760388 to 783378.. 2d and 3d Bns continued to improve defensive positions. 1st Bn at WINGEN sur MODER provided security.outposts at 732366 - 743352 - 734356 and during the day took over from Engr troops bridge guard at 724364 - 720363 - 715372. Front line units continued active patrolling to the front.

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280001A Jan 45 to 282400A

320 Inf - Continued to hold and improve positions throughout period.

NIGHT PATROLS DURING PERIOD 282100 - 290700 JAN 45.

"G" Co: Patrol: "G" Co patrol left at 1900 from Co CP, went to vic 766406 and heard movement of what was believed to be an enemy patrol. Patrol returned at 2030.

"E" Co: Patrol: "E" Co patrol left at 2015 and returned at 2230. They went to RJ 757408, observed from there numerous enemy and enemy activity. 4-5 enemy stepped out of their dug-out, patrol heard vehicular movement E and NE of RJ, moving in both directions.

(After clearing with 137th Inf. and 2nd Bn, 216th FA Bn fired Bn volley on target at 2350.)

"L" Co Patrol: "L" Co patrol left at 2400 and proceeded to 774389, returned at 0130. No contact with enemy encountered at 774389. This afternoon patrol went to same place and even beyond it and still met no enemy.

"K" Co patrol: "K" Co patrol left at 0145 from 774379 and went to 774384. They heard there talking and pounding and also saw foottrail with snow packed on it(indication that trail had been used- enemy patrol? -) . Patrol returned to 776375 at 0[illegible].

Miscellany: 0205 from G-2: Enemy paratroops were dropped in small groups from SARREBOURG SOUTH vic CHATEAU SALINS, SARREBOURG, HEMING. We have one (1) chute in our divisional area but no enemy contacted. G-2 requests to alert all units, guards etc.

0220- I formed of above all units(All Bns, A/T Co, Cn Co, Regtl. HQ. Co. HQ Comdt.

0355: Cn Co reports to have received 1 round of artillery each at 0135 and 0345 vic 733367, coming from North. (Action taken: reported to G-2, 216th FA)

0515- 3rd Bn-5: "L" Co OP#2 reports one (1) Red flare 500 yards to their front.at 0510.

0620 - 3rd Bn-5: "L" Co OP#3 reports seeing several enemy to their front. . (Action taken 216th FA will fire vic 777386. to G-2

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1645 - Maj Allen, Asst Div G-3, called and gave oral order that 179 Inf, 45 Inf Div will relieve 320 Inf in present positions prior to 300500 Jan 45. 320 Inf will, upon relief assemble in the following towns - DURSTEL (1st Bn), ASSWEILER (2d Bn), LOHR (3d Bn), PETERSBACH (Hq, Sv, AT, Cn and Med Det). Permission is granted to use OTTWILLER for overflow. Permission is also granted for 1st Bn to remain in WINGEN sur MODER until 30 Jan 45 by mutual agreement between CO 179 Inf and CO 320 Inf.

1730 - G-3, 35 Div called and directed that a report be made of the number of personnel who cannot be carried in organic transportation. (Reported 2100 troops could not be carried on organic transportation)

1732 - S-2, 179 Inf reported to CP and stated that 2d Bn 179 Inf would arrive in area approx 1800 and will begin relief of 3d Bn 320 Inf on right of sector. Upon arrival of 3d Bn 179 Inf they will relieve 2d Bn 320 Inf on left of sector.

1800 - CO AT Co 320 Inf reports relief will be complete at 1830 and the unit will begin movement to PETERSBACH at that time.

1827 - CO, Cn Co 320 Inf reports Cn Co 179 Inf now in position and prepared to fire. Cn Co now moving to PETERSBACH.

1834 - Lt O'Brien delivered Operations Memo #14, Hq 35 Inf Div, 291700A Jan 45, directing that relief be executed and completed prior to 300500 Jan 45. A copy of this memo is filed with his journal.

1902 - S-2, 3d Bn, reports troops of 2d Bn 179 Inf arrived at 1840 hours and relief is under way.

1907 - Maj Smith, Ex O, 2d Bn, reports no troops of 3d Bn 179 Inf have yet arrived to relieve 2d Bn 320 Inf. S-3, 179 Inf is at 2d Bn CP to coordinate relief when effected.

2205 - CO, 3d Bn reports relief of 3d Bn, 320 Inf, by 2d Bn 179 Inf, completed at 2145 hours.

2300 - CO, 2d Bn, reports relief of 2d Bn 320 Inf completed by 3d Bn 179 Inf as of 2300 hours.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn remained in WINGEN sur MODER, 2d Bn moved to assembly area in ASSWILLER, 3d Bn moved to assembly area in LOHR. Hq Co, AT Co, Cn Co and Med Det moved to assembly area in PETERSBACH. Service Co remained in ZITTERSHEIM.

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290001A Jan 45 to 292400A Jan 45

320 Inf - Continued to hold positions until relieved in Z by 179 Inf (45 Inf Div) 292300A. Regt (-1st Bn) assembled in PETERSBACH (Q6530) - LOHR (Q6429) ASSWILLER (Q6231) area. 1st Bn remained in WINGEN (Q7335).

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G-2 SUMMARY

137th Infantry Regiment:

Reports 5 enemy patrols were contacted in our sector at the following locations: 744435, 741443, 745447, 747412 & 745446. Casualties were inflicted upon these patrols No PWs were taken.
Approximately 20 rounds of mortar fire fell in LEMBERG (739451). Vehicular movement was heard on road out of MOUTERHOUSE (792425) going towards West. Enemy continued to improve his defensive position and contact was made all along front.

Miscellany:

Unconfirmed reports state: Small number of paratroops observed dropped vic CHATEAU SALINS & SARREBOURG. 1st Bn 137th reports seing and hearing one (1) paratrooper in tree vic 74804175.

100th Inf Div reports quiet during night. Some mortar fire received. 11 PWs taken, vic 738488.
45th Inf Div: reports contact with enemy in Northern sector, quiet in rest of sector.

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0030 - CP opened at PETERSBACH. Distance of displacement - 10.7 miles. Route - WINGEN sur MODER - TIFFENBACH - STRUTH - PETERSBACH.

0150 - Lt O'Brien dleivered Div Movement Order #1 dated 292200 Jan 45 directing movement to Ninth Army Zone. Copy is filed with this journal.

0200 - CO issued following order to all units, 320 Inf Regt - Hq 320 Inf, PETERSBACH, FRANCE, 300200A Jan 45. Opn Memo #6. Move to Ninth Army Area.

1. 320 Inf moves by motor and rail to Ninth Army area, beginning 301300A Jan 45. 2. Motor Move: a. Schedule for 30 Jan:

Unit	MU	IP	Time
2d Bn	1 & 2	DURSTEL	1300
3d Bn	3 & 4	DURSTEL	1315
Hq Co	5	DURSTEL	1330
AT Co	6	DURSTEL	1335
Cn Co	7	DURSTEL	1340
Sv Co	8 & 9	618343	1345
1st Bn	10&11	618343	1400

Route: N419 to LORENTZEN; IC8a to SAAREUNION to FENETRANGE; GC35 to VIC-SUR-SEILLE to intersection w/N74; N74 to NANCY, N4 to TOUL to VOID; N64 to COMMERCY to ST MIHIEL to VERDUN. Destination: VERDUN area. Div MP's will mark route through towns, no other marking of route except Corps and Div MP(s. b. Schedule for 31 Jan: Units will move out from VERDUN area 31 Jan in same order of march as for 30 Jan. Exact IP's and times to be announced. Route: N64 to STENAY to SEDAN; N77 to BOUILLON; N47 to road fork N47, N26-28; center road to PALISEUL to MAISSIN to TELLIN to ROCHEFORT; N35 to MARCHE to LIEGE; N43 to VISE; thence NE to WARSAGE to NOORBEEK. Destination: NOORBEEK (K6344), HOLLAND. Convoy No: 01/A/1247 on lead and tail vehicles of each march unit. 3. Rail move: a. Personnel and baggage:

Unit	No of personnel	Entraining Time	Train No
Hq & Hq Co	75	301400A Jan	2
AT Co	70	do	2
Cn Co	90	do	2
Sv Co	60	do	2
1st Bn	621	301800A Jan	3
2d Bn	628	do	3
3d Bn	599	302200A Jan	4

b. Move to entraining point. (1) Trucks will be furnished by S-4. (2) Entraining point: REDING (Q5317). (3) Route from assembly area to entraining point: DURSTEL - DRULINGEN - WEYER - HIRSCHLAND - RAUWILLER - SAARALTROFF - SAAREBOURG - N4 to REDING. (4) Route from entraining point to assembly area for empty trucks: N4 to PHALSBOURG, N61 to DRULINGEN; IC39 to DURSTEL. (5) Trucks will be dismissed promptly after personnel and baggage are unloaded. c. General: (1) Troops will arrive at entraining point one (1) hour in advance of entraining time. Coffee and doughnuts will be served at station. (2) Regtl Ex O and Comdg O or Ex O of each Bn will accompany troops on train move. Senior O on each train will be train comdr. (3) Ea train will be made up of fifty (50) boxcars for personnel and baggage and four (4) cars for kitchen equipment and personnel. Coffee only can be prepared in kitchen cars. (4) Each train comdr may schedule stops as he sees fit, for exercise, coffee, etc. (5) Expected duration of trip: Three(3) days. (6) Destination: VISE (K5639), BELGIUM.

4. Administrative: a. All units carry rations for four days.

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b. Class III refueling point at VERDUN. c. Bn Med Dets furnish necessary Med personnel for each train. 5. Exercise: Unit commanders will take special precaution against frostbite. Men will be given exercise at all halts. 6. Security: a. Radio silence effective 300500A Jan. b. All vehicles markings and shoulder patches will be removed or covered until further orders. 7. Command: a. Motor serial Maj James A Leach. b. Rail serial: Lt Col William F Northam.
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1325 - Train serial began movement by motor to entraining point.

1330 - Leading elms motor column 320 Inf crossed IP at DURSTEL enroute to VERDUN area. Column was delayed approx one hour and twenty minutes vic ADAMSVILLER by columns of 127 FA Bn.

1715 - Train #2 carrying Hq, AT, Cn and Ser Co departed from REDING.

2130 - 2d Bn and 3d Bn closed in at ST MIHIEL, FRANCE.

2400 - Antitank Co, Cannon Co, and Service Co closed in at ST MIHIEL, FRANCE.

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0100 - 1st Bn closed in at ST MIHIEL, FRANCE.

0145 - Hq Co closed in at ST MIHIEL, FRANCE. Temporary CP opened at ST MIHIEL. Distance of displacement - 127 miles. Route - DURSIEL - N419 to LORENTZEN; IC8a to SAAREUNION to FENETRANGE; GC35 to VIC-SUR-SEILLE to intersection w/N74; N74 to NANCY, N4 to TOUL to VOID; N64 to COMMERCY to ST MIHIEL.

1215 - Leading elms 320 Inf began crossing IP at ST MIHIEL, FRANCE.

2400 - All units enroute from ST MIHIEL, FRANCE to vic NOORBEEK, HOLLAND.

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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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