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1015 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with a message for CO to meet with other designated regimental comdrs at 4th Armd Div CP at Remereville at 1400 today.

1255 - CO departed for Remereville to attend comdrs conference.

1535 - CO returned to CP from Remereville.

1955 - Information received from Div that night fighters will operate in Div sector tonight.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in Div Res. Disposition of troops unchanged (see entry 2400 25 Oct). Movies, bathing facilities and passes were continued on prearranged schedules. During the day G-3 visited CP and directed that on Friday 3 Nov 44 the theater at Brin be made available from 0900 to 1200 for the purpose of holding a conference for all field officers except Ex O's.

Extract from G-3 Report
311200A Oct 44 to 011200A Nov

320 Inf - Remained in Div Res; continued combat training.

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BRIEFING NOTES 1 Nov 1944 COL JOHNSON

21st Army Group: It was reported yesterday that during the past week, 7,500 German prisoners have been taken out of the pocket South of the SCHELDE, which is decreasing in size daily. At the present time, the pocket is 38 square miles in area. Yesterday a gain of 1 mile was made, along a 2 mile front, and the town of RETRANCHEMENT was captured. Yesterday the 4th SS Bde, an organisation composed of Belgian Commandos, made a crossing of the SCHELDE River, and secured a bridge-head on the island of WALCHEREN. On the BEVELAND peninsula, the 52nd Cdns and the 52nd Br Div were mopping up, with all organized resistance now at an end. In the I British Corps zone, for the 2nd day, substantial gains were made along the entire front. Our forces pushed forward an average of 4 miles across the entire zone. Among the towns liberated, were: OUDGAST by the 49th Br Div, BEEK, by the Polish Armd Div, HASPIK by the Br 7th Armd Div, VLIJMEN by the 51st Div. The 15th Br Div, which had relieved the US 7th Armd Div yesterday, today started a counterattack to regain the ground lost to the German 9th Pz Div. A gain of 1/2 mile is reported, and heavy fighting is going on at LEISEL.

12th Army Group: 9th Army - Active patrolling continued in the 9th Army zone. Army G-2 reported heavy concentrations of enemy tanks near WURSELEN.

1st Army: In the VII Corps sector, the 1st Div and the 3rd Armd Div continued rotating units in the front lines. The 99th Sep Norwegian Bn, which had formerly been in the XIX Corps, closed in the vicinity of HERRI-CHAPELLE.
VIII Corps: Active patrolling continues.
V Corps: The 28th Div jumped off, launching an attack to the Northeast.

Note: At KOLN, 850 RAF heavy bombers yesterday hit the city, and it is reported that the town is now in ruins.

3rd Army: XV Corps - German patrols continued to operate in the North portion of the 90th Div zone. These patrols endeavored to gain entrance to METZ, but were repulsed by our outposts there. Elements of the 5th Div, which had moved to the South, to relieve the 90th Div, have been ordered to continue further to the South, and relieve the 95th Div in the bridgehead. Thus, the 5th Div takes over its old location, East of the MOSELLE River. Yesterday, the recon troop of the 95th Div moved to the 90th Div's sector, to begin the relief of the 90th Div. Yesterday, our Air bombed the vicinity of FRONTIGNY, and it was reported that the RR between COURCELLES and METZ had been broken in 8 places. The Air sighted a train consisting of 1 locomotive and 30 cars, which it attacked, demolishing the engine and 5 of the cars.

6th Army Group: 7th Army: XV Corps: Active patrolling continued in the N part of the 100th Div zone. In the South portion, an enemy patrol entered MARONVILLER and captured 1 MP, and wounded 2 others, of a 4-man post. The 2nd Fr Armd Div launched a limited objective attack yesterday morning at 0830. All elements are participating in the drive, which succeeded in capturing MERVILLERS and in cutting the roads between BACCARAT and the Northeast. Reports indicated that light resistance was met in open country, but that heavy resistance was met in some of the towns captured, which were: BURIVILLE, PETTONVILLE, HABLAINVILLE, REHAINVILLE, BROUVILLE, GERACOURT, AZERAILLES, GLAVEVILLE, MERVILLERS, (objective) and VACQUEVILLE. During the afternoon, patrols were pushed across the VERDURETTE River and were reported entering HERBEVILLER. The area cleared of enemy yesterday was 25 square miles, and though mines were encountered, no German tanks appeared.

VI Corps: The attack continues in all 3 Div zones, with the 45th Div gaining 1½ miles along a 6-mile front, capturing HAU, and ST. BENOIT. In the 36th Div sector, a co-ordinated attack by the 142nd RCT (-2nd Bn) succeeded in making firm contact with the 1st Bn, 141st Inf, which has been cut off for 4 days. Wounded were evacuated, and all-round defense established.

NOTE: In the PHILIPPINES, the Americans have advanced to within 10 miles of the West coast of LEYTE. Over 24,000 Japs have been killed against just over 700 U S troops (about 35 to 1).

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1025 - Ex O delivered msg to CO to report to CG at Div CP at 1130.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in Div Res. Disposition of troops unchanged (see 2400 entry 25 Oct). Movies, bathing facilities and passes were continued on prearranged schedules.

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PATROL REPORTS 2 - 3 NOVEMBER 1944

JURY — Mortar fire landed vic Fossieux (9629) and also some "88" fire landed in that vicinity. 2 SP guns were reported moving W from Fossieux towards Chenicourt at 0415.
Patrol vic Malaucourt heard digging in that vicinity. Horse-cart moving into Jallaucourt from the East, at about 0120, and OP reports tracked vehicle vic. Juree Woods. Increased flare activity in that vicinity.

JOPLIN — One patrol was sent out during the night in which two men were injured by our own artillery and were forced to return. Motors heard vic Fresnes and SW edge of woods Chateau-Salins.
Twelve shells, 105s, battery fire, landed vic Chambrey about 2300.

MISCELLANEOUS: Corps reports all quiet in their sector last night, with a decreased amount of artillery fire.

JUNIPER RED 2 reports at 0030 that "D" Co. OP reported one aircraft landed between their position and Chambrey, approx. 040237. Also report flares on their left flank.
Action taken: TO Justice 2.

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BRIEFING NOTES 2 Nov 44 320 COL JOHNSON

21st Army Group: Excellent progress is still reported by the 21st Army Group in its operations in western Holland. Among the 8,000 prisoners taken in the pocket on the S Bank of the SCHELDT was Gen Hgh, the commander of the 64th German Infantry Division. Gen High stated that there were still about 2,500 Germans in the area not yet taken. Yesterday a gain of 1 mile was reported along a 2 mile front on the eastern side of the pocket. At 1500 it was reported that heavy fighting was going on for the fortified town of [illegible]. A landing was made yesterday in the vicinity of FLUSHING by elements of the 4th Commando Brigade and one battalion from the 52d Infantry Division. Along the causeway between ZUID BEVELAND and WALCHEREN bitter fighting was going on. The larger part of the 2 mile causeway is reported to be in our hands. The I British Corps also made substantial gains in their push to the MAAS R. 49th British Infantry Division made a gain of 3 miles on their front; the 104th US Inf Div pushed forward another 5 miles taking the city of VENLOSCH and advancing generally to the line of the MAAS R. The Polish Armored Division had pushed one battalion across the MAAS R as of 1800 last night. The 51st Infantry Division pushing to the north and east had taken the town of ROERMOND on the bank of the MAAS R. On the east the 15th Infantry Division had cleared the city of LIESEL and had pushed elements one mile to the east. The 53d Division has moved from the vicinity of HEINSBERG to the southeast portion of the 21st Army Group sector.

12th Army Group: The First and Ninth Army fronts were characterized yesterday by normal patrol activities and the exchange of artillery fire. Higher headquarters reports that enemy opposition on these fronts is as follows: On the Ninth Army front 17,000 troops and 55 tanks; on the First Army front 66,000 troops and 110 tanks. This amounts to approximately 1/3 of the effective combat strength estimated to be on the western front and approximately 1/4 of the armored strength. Another 9,000 ton raid on COLOGNE by 550 planes gives rise to the story that COLOGNE is still in the same place but the weather has changed - it rains differently.

Third Army: XX Corps: In the XX Corps sector the commanding general of the 5th Infantry Division assumed command of the bridgehead sector at 1330 yesterday. Today the 10th Armored Division is relieving elements of the 90th Division in the southern portion of their sector. Elements of the 95th Division will relieve the 90th Division in the northern portion of its sector. By midnight tonight the 90th Division is to close in the training area in the vicinity of Metz. The air arm supporting the XX Corps caught a train of 1 locomotive and 30 cars at [illegible] on the METZ-CONFLANS railroad and destroyed the locomotive and 5 cars.

Sixth Army Group: XV Corps: The 2d French Armored Division made great gains again today. Yesterday we reported that 25 square miles had been taken; today another 20 square miles has been added. The night before last CCB of the 2d French Armored had captured the bridge across the [illegible] R at BACCARAT intact. Taking advantage of this stroke of fortune they took first the eastern portion of BACCARAT and by 0800 yesterday the town was clear of enemy. At 0830 General Le Clere entered the town, which had been only slightly damaged. CCB then pushed patrols down toward [illegible] to make contact with troops of the VI Corps and also toward [illegible] STAPS. At [illegible] the patrol met enemy tanks and returned. At 1100 yesterday morning VAUQUEVILLE fell to CCV after heavy fighting against infantry supported by 6 tanks. CCV pushed patrols to [illegible] and to [illegible] and [illegible]. By 1530 CCV also reported taking [illegible] and [illegible]. In the northern portion of the division sector CCL made extensive gains [illegible] several towns. By 1800 they reported the capture of [illegible], [illegible], and [illegible]. CCR took over the protection of the southern portion of the line which had formerly been held by CCV. The 45th Division reported only patrol activity. The 12lst Cavalry took Hill 286 which commands [illegible] and [illegible].

VI Corps: The 45th Division pushed forward in the center of the FORET DE ST[illegible] for a gain of 1½ miles on a 2 mile front. The 36th Division has occupied the towns of LAVELINE and LES FOULIERES. During the time the 1st Bn of the 142d Inf was cut off, attempts were made to resupply the unit by firing medical supplies and 5 rations by artillery and mortar shell. They were not considered successful because many were lost or buried too deep in the soft ground.

[illegible]: SHAEF announces that since the first landings in NORMANDY 637,5[illegible] German prisoners have been taken on the western front.

Stalin said in his most recent speech that the time is closely approaching when Russian, British and American forces will meet on German soil.

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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in Div Res. Disposition of troops unchanged (see 2400 entry 25 Oct). Movies, bathing facilities and passes were continued onprearranged schedules. At 1100 3 November, Lt Gen George Patton, Third Army Comdr spoke to the assembled field officers (except Ex O's) and one officer from each company.

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Patrol Report 3 - 4 November 1944

JOPLIN: Patrols observed barbed wire from Q 063266 N 300 yards. Digging was heard on Q 066279. Single strands of barbed wire also encountered Q 067274 and E of that point across RR track and E of FRESNES. At Q 067275 road block consisting of fallen trees was encountered. Another patrol reports MG emplacements unoccupied last night at Q 045273 and Q 046274. Fields of fire for these guns directed S on Hill 282.

JURY: There was no enemy activity in JALLAUCOURT last night. Unoccupied foxholes and barbed wire encountered at U 983285. Activity in MALAUCOURT was limited to normal supply activities. No PW's captured last night.

GENERAL: Enemy patrols were active in ~~JURY~~ JURY sector during the night. Patrols withdrew when they encountered grenade and rifle fire. Enemy continued to improve his defensive positions along our entire front. Little flare activity was observed.

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CORPS BRIEFING NOTES 3 November 1944 COL JOHNSON

21st Army Group * In the 21st Army Group activities were concentrated again on the clearing of the Port of ANTWERP and Western Holland. The pocket on the S bank of the Scheldt was further reduced to little more than 2 miles along the coast. The last important stronghold, the city of KNOCKE, was taken yesterday. On the Island of WALCHEREN, it is estimated that between 7,000 and 8,000 Germans are trapped. The flooding of the island by our bombing of the sea walls reduced the tenable land to about 1/10 of the total area of the island and our three bridgeheads have virtually surrounded the German forces huddled there. The city of FLUSHING has been reported taken except for the port section. The landing at WEST KAPELLE has been further consolidated as has the bridgehead at the causeway at the eastern end of the island. On the island of NORD BEVELAND, the 2nd Cdn Inf Div has broadened the corridor which it cut through the middle of the island. The 4th Cdn Armd Div advanced NW into the island of THOLEN. They have cleared the southern half of the island and patrols have reached the N shore where the town of ST ANNSLAND is reported clear of the enemy. Further to the E, the 104th Inf Div is patrolling N of the MARK River and the 1st Polish Armd Div has expanded its bridgehead about one mile.

12th Army Group - In the Ninth Army sector, normal patrol activity continued and there was also some exchange of artillery fire.

In the First Army sector the 28th Inf Div off on a limited objective attack. Three hours after the attack was launched, they had secured their objective 3,000 yards away. Enemy opposition was light.

In the Third Army Sector, the regrouping within the XX Corps zone was completed at midnight last night. The 90th Div has closed in the training area in the vic of MERCY. The 5th Div has moved all of its troops E of the MOSELLE River into the bridgehead which it had initially gained and occupied prior to relief by the 95th Div. The 95th Div on relief by the 5th Div in turn relieved the 90th Div. The 10th Armd Div took over the sector between the two. At the present time, the 10th Armd Div has its Inf elements on the line from NOVEANT to GRAVELOTTE and the 95th Div has its Inf along the line from GRAVELOTTE to UCKANGE. Task Force Polk now attached to the 95th Div is still patrolling the northern portion of the Corps zone.

In WAVILLE, three German soldiers - a Wehrmacht Officer, an SS Officer, and an SS NCO - were taken prisoner while having a drink at the town pump. They had in their possession a complete map of the XX Corps sector with special notice of the artillery locations. They stated that an attack had been anticipated last weekend and, since it had not taken place, they had been sent into our lines to determine why.

In ETAIN, where the II Corps CP is located, two prisoners were taken who had been dropped from an airplane. They had forged identity cards, food, money, maps, and code books as well as radio transmission equipment which had been dropped with them. They stated that their mission was to observe bumper markings, shoulder patches, and troop movements. Several enemy patrols were intercepted by TF Polk.

Sixth Army Group -
XV Corps - Patrolling continued in the XV Corps sector. Strong patrols of the 114th Inf entered the town of DOMJEVIN and contacted a patrol of CCL of the 2nd French Armd Div - but no enemy. One platoon was left to secure the town while the remainder of the force withdrew. In the 2nd French Armd Div sector, there were no further gains reported. Yesterday morning, a strong counter-attack drove into the town of MONTIGNY. By midday, however, the enemy had been driven out and the town was once again ours. Patrols of CCD operating to the S along the BACCARAT-MENIL road made contact with the 45th Div. Patrols also continued to operate to DOMEVRE, PEXONNE, NEUFMAISON, BERTICHAMPS, and DOMJEVIN.

There have been two German broadcasts to the men of the 44th Div. The first one, shortly after the relief of the 79th Div had taken place, addressed the 44th Div as "members of the 79th Div," indicating that the secrecy of the relief had been effective. However, in a later broadcast, the 44th Div was welcomed. The name of their commanding general, the date of their arrival in CHERBOURG, the name of the ship, and the date of their entry into the line were all accurately given.

The 79th Div still remains in its rest area. However, the 314th Inf has been placed on a three-hour alert status at the disposal of the 2nd French Armd Div and will be attached to that division on request of the CG.

VI Corps - The 45th Division made substantial gains in its drive to the NE to clear the FORET DE STE BAREE. Yesterday, the 117 Recn supported by the 36th Engrs advanced along

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the road toward BACCARAT, taking the town of MENIL and STE BRBE and establishing combat patrols all the way into BACCARAT. Patrols operating W of the MENIL-BACCARAT road report that the enemy is withdrawing from that area. The town of NOSSONCOURT was reported clear of enemy. The 180th Inf has gained 1 mile on 1½ mile front toward THAVILLE. The 100th Inf Div has made its debut in the line. The 399th Inf relieved the 179th Inf of the 45th Div. The 179th Inf is now enroute to the BOIS DE GRAMMONT to relieve elements of the 2nd French Armd Div which are now operating in the VI Corps zone. The 397th and 398th Infs are in assembly areas just W of the MORTAGNE River in the vic of AUTRY. The Div arty has not yet completely moved up. The 3rd Div continues to clear the woods in its area without reporting any gains. The 36th Div made a gain of 1 mile on the front of the 142nd Inf toward ST. LEONARD.

NOTE - In the last two days Russian troops have gained 55 miles in the vic of BUDAPEST, taking more than 200 villages.

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1515 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and stated that an order from Div would be forthcoming and he expected to deliver it sometime after 1800.

1832 - Lt O'Brien called from Div and stated that a change has taken place and orders will not be delivered until tomorrow.

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BRIEFING NOTES 4 Nov 1944 COLONEL JOHNSON

21st Army Group: At 0700 yesterday morning, the south bank of the SCHELDT was cleared of all enemy resistance. BELGIUM has now been 100% liberated by Allied forces. On the island of WALCHEREN, the bridgehead on the west has been doubled in size, and the town of BIGGEKERKE was captured. In the south, fighting is reported still in FLUSHING, although 3/4 of the city was in our hands. The eastern extremity of the island is still the scene of heavy fighting. The Germans are reported to be putting up a heavy volume of MG fire here. On the north BEVELAND island, our forces now hold 3/4 of the island, the enemy forces having been split, and now hold only the east and west tips. The report of the British Navy as to the time at which ANTWERP will be available for use was received with considerable disappointment. The report indicates that due to the numerous mines, many of which were placed by our own forces, it will take approximately three weeks to clear the SCHELDT of these obstacles and provide safe passage for our vessels into the port. ANTWERP will go a great way toward solving the supply problem for the Allies. The port is undamaged, with 3 miles of extensive harbor installations, including docks deep enough for ocean liners. It also has 16 dry-docks, and 1 pier which can accomodate 16 Liberty ships and 12 smaller freighters. It is located within 50 miles of the fighting front of central HOLLAND, and 80 miles from AACHEN and NIJMEGEN. In the I British Corps, the 104th U S Div secured 2 bridgeheads across the MAAS River. It was reported that the bridgehead established by the Polish Armd Div yesterday, had been lost by an enemy counterattack. The attack in the east, by the 15th Br Div and the 7th U S Armd Div gained 1 mile and at 1100, heavy fighting was reported at HEYEN, the town which was captured by the German 9th Pz Div 3 days ago.

12th Army Group: The 9th and 1st Armies continued active patroling. In the 9th Army, the 113th Cav Gp is being relieved from attachment to the 29th Div, and returned to XIX Corps control. The 102nd Div yesterday relieved the 29th Div in its zone, and the 113th Cav Gp, now under corps control will protect the Army's left flank.

In the 1st Army sector, the attack of the 28th Div, which yesterday reported capturing its initial objective, after a gain of 3,000 yards, was continuing. This attack is being supported by the combined arty of the V and VII Corps. It was reported yesterday that 2 German women were arrested in LUXEMBOURG, in an establishment frequented by Allied Officers. One of the women admitted that for 2 years she had been the secretary of one of the leaders of the NAZI party, and the other was the wife of a German soldier. They both admitted that they had secured considerable information from officer friends.

Third Army: XX Corps: Enemy patrols were active in the TOUL sector, being reported near GAVISSE, THIOUVILLE, and MAZIERES. Our arty reports shelling CHAILLY, where forces were concentrating. Patrols from the 10th Armd Div encountered enemy patrols, and in the ensuing fight, the 10th Armd Div suffered its first battle casualties. A further report of the 3 German officers captured near WAVILLE yesterday indicates that one of the officers had lived and worked in DETROIT, MICH for 14 years, returning to the REICH in 1939 to work at the KRUPP munitions plant. These officers report getting the pass-word from our sentries while still wearing German helmets. The group had complete information of XX Corps dispositions, with emphasis on arty locations, and was returning to its HQTS Hq with the information.

6th Army Group: Seventh Army: XV Corps: Active patrolling continued in the XV Corps zone, with patrols of the 114th Inf of the 44th Div entering LEMBACH and VSHD, and finding them clear of enemy. Front lines were moved up approximately 1 mile to the east. In the 2d French Armd zone, elements of CCD advanced to BLAINVILLE-SUR-L'EAU, finding the city clear. The 179th Inf of the 45th Div, (VI Corps) was placed in BACCARAT, as a garrison. As the 2nd French Armd Div confined its efforts to the roads, a sizable area in the forest of GLONVILLE was by-passed.

VI Corps: The 117th Cav went northeast on the road between STE BARBE and BACCARAT, in front of the 179th Inf, and then through the forest of STE BARBE and made firm contact with the 180th Inf. This caused another pocket to be by-passed in the forest of STE BARBE. The 45th Div made a slight gain in the direction of HAUT L'ETANG, the 3d Div gained slightly near LA SALLE, and the 36th Div consolidated its positions.

NOTE: Yesterday was the 150th day since D-Day, June 6, 1944. During this period

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NIGHT PATROL REPORTS.

JURY:

Patrol to road AULNOIS - LEMONCOURT contacted 8 men enemy patrol. Observed many unoccupied positions S of road. Heard activity S of AULNOIS. Light traffic on road between MALLAUCOURT - JALLAUCOURT. "A" Co received direct artillery fire from W edge of JUREE woods, at 0200.

JOPLIN:

Patrol to FRESNES encountered no enemy in buildings on E edge but heard voices in center of town. Patrol reports hearing loud talking SW edge of FORET DE CHATEAU SALINS.

MISC:

Greatly decreased flare activity and no artillery and mortar fire received except as indicated in JUREE woods.

Corps reports very quiet along entire front.

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1140 - CO received msg via telephone to report to Div at 1630 to receive Div FO #26.

1605 - CO departed to visit Div CP.

1820 - CO returned to CP from Div.

2030 - CO 216 FA Bn and CO 3d Bn visited CP and were oriented on Div FO #26. CO 2d Bn was also oriented on FO #26.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in Div Res. Disposition of troops unchanged (see 2400 entry 25 Oct). Movies, bathing facilities and passes were continued on prearranged schedule.

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PATROL SUMMARY FOR
NIGHT OF NOV. 5 & 6

JURY - Patrol to high ground E of FOSSIEUX encountered German Patrol which went to the N after being fired upon by our patrol. Patrol to MALAUCOURT was fired upon by machine gun from the town and also from machine gun on high ground W of MALAUCOURT. RED patrol moved to the road between MALAUCOURT & JALLAUCOURT and ambushed horsedrawn wagon with three (3) men moving W. Our patrol killed two men and took one (1) PW. Identified from the THIRD CO. 1125 REGT. PW stated mission of Co. was to defend at JALLUACOURT. Five (5) machine guns fired on patrol from W edge of JALLAUCOURT. Two (2) enemy patrols encountered S FRESNES. Extensive use of flares and light mortar was reported

JOPLIN - Patrols report vehicular movement in CHATEAU SALINS WOODS. BLUE patrol went to coordinates (060268) and became engaged in small arms fire fight. Artillery and smoke was laid down on patrol front by enemy. Twenty (20) rounds of artillery fell in vicinity of CHAMBREY at about 2220. Light mortar fire fell in area during the night.

MISC. - Searchlights were reported last night vicinity VATIMONT coordinates (Q0743). Anti-aircraft reports these were mobile searchlights used to guide emeny aircraft. Enemy aircraft over area around 233Ø last night. No bombing or strafing reported. CORP reports increased artillery in Corp sector.

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HQ 35 INF DIV
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FO #26

MAPS: France, GSGS #4071, Sheets 34/11, 35/13, 35/14, Scale - 1:50,000.

1. a. See current G-2 periodic reports.
b. XII Corps atks to NE to seize rail and road facilities vic FALKENBERG (FAULQUEMONT) (XQ1750), prepared to continue adv to NE and seize bridgehead E of RHINE R. 26 Inf Div operates on right of 35 Inf Div, 80 Inf Div on left. 4 Armd Div operates in Z of 35 Inf Div, passing through W and N portion of Div Z after 35 Inf Div secures bridgehead. 6 Armd Div operates in Z of 80 Inf Div. XIX TAC furnishes continuous, close fighter-bomber support during atk. Following units support 35 Inf Div:
(1) 4 Armd Div Arty (until 4 Armd Div committed): Answers calls for fire from 219 FA Bn.
(2) 191 FA Bn (M) (Until 4 Armd Div committed); 802 FA Bn (L): Reinforce fires of 219 FA Bn.
(3) 253 FA Bn (L); 179 FA Bn (M) (Until 4 Armd Div committed): Answer calls for fire from 216 FA Bn.
(4) 738 FA Bn (8" How): Reinforces fires of 216 FA Bn.
(5) 1135 Engr (C) Gp.

2. 35 Inf Div (Reinf) atk NE in Z at H-hour on D-day, seize bridgehead and first Obj, assist initial adv of 4 Armd Div, prepared to continue atk on O and seize successive Objs, relieving 4 Armd Div on its Obj. One (1) CT prepared to mtz and follow 4 Armd Div or 6 Armd Div for continued adv. Boundaries, LD, Objs, Direction of atk: Annex 1 - Opns overlay.

3. a. 320 Inf (w/Co C, 737 Tk Bn, atchd, and Co C, 60 Engr (C) Bn and Co C, 654 TD Bn, in direct support) atk NE at H-hour on D-day in Regtl Z, seize first Obj, assist adv of 137 Inf. Prepared to continue atk to NE on O and seize successive Objs. Protect Div right (SE) flank. Annex 1 - Opns overlay.
b. 137 Inf (w/737 Tk Bn /less Co C/ atchd, and Co B, 60 Engr (C) Bn and Co A, 654 TD Bn, in direct support) atk N and NE at H-hour on D-day in Regtl Z, main effort on right, secure indicated bridgehead and seize first Obj, assist adv of 4 Armd Div. Prepared to continue atk to NE on O and seize successive Objs. Protect Div left (NW) flank. Annex 1 - Opns overlay. (Assemble Bns now on MLR between 0100A and 0400A on D-day, leaving not to exceed one (1) reinf R Plat per Co in position as covering force until hour of atk.)
c. 134 Inf - Div Res. Assemble between 0200 and 0600 hours on D-day, leaving in position a covering force of one (1) reinf R Plat per Co now on MLR. Covering force assist Div atk by fire in directions COUTURES and HILL 310. Covering force to rejoin unit on Div O. Regt prepared to move to second assembly area vic VANNECOURT (Q1332) on O. Prepared to move completely mtzd, w/normal CT atchmts, to follow 4 Armd Div or 6 Armd Div in further adv to E. Prepare alternate plans to mtz CT with either one or two QM Trk Cos w/Tlrs. Annex 1 - Opns overlay.
d. Div Arty: (1) 216 FA Bn and 219 FA Bn - SOP. 161 FA Bn reinf fires of 219 FA Bn initially. Prepared to move out with CT 134 on Div O. 127 FA Bn - Gen support, reinf fires of 216 FA Bn. Arty preparation: By Corps and Div Arty--H-60 to H.
(2) 654 TD Bn: Co A - Direct support 137 Inf. Co C- Direct support 320 Inf. Bn (-): Mobile Res. Annex 1 - Opns overlay. (Co B remain in present positions until covering force 134 Inf assembles.)
(3) 448 AAA AW Bn: SOP.
e. 35 Cav Rcn Tr (Mecz): Reconnoiter to each flank of Div w/one (1) Plat. Tr (-): Div Res. Annex 1 - Opns overlay.
f. 60 Engr (C) Bn: Co B - Direct support 137 Inf. Co C - Direct support 320 Inf. Bn (-) support advance of Div. Priority of work: (1) Repair bridges over RUISSEAU D' OSSON at (U987276), (U999271), (Q008263), (Q018268). (2) Clear roads of mines. (3) Maintain roads.

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g. 737 Tk Bn: Co C atchd 320 Inf. Bn (-) atchd 137 Inf. Move to assembly positions for atk on night (D-2) - (D-1).

x. (1) EEI:

(a) Determine: Orgn MLR N and E of HWY DELME-CHATEAU SALINS. Particular attention to strongpoints known to be vic TINCRY (QO2934?7), VEVIERS (QO?8331), FONTENY (QO68321) and along road (QO64295)-HILL 342 (QO7?285), then S to HWY DELME-CHATEAU SALINS.

(b) Strongpoints, including AT defenses and mine fields in Z of adv 35 Inf Div.

(c) Location of bulk of enemy arty. Particular attention to OPs dominating Div front.

(2) All preparations for atk will be conducted with utmost secrecy. Dissemination of atk plans will be held to minimum. Personnel will be given only that information essential for planning and accomplishment of assigned mission. Regrouping movements will be executed at night.

(3) All units will be prepared to conduct mine clearing opns on a scale sufficient to allow the unit to make necessary vehicle movements incidental to the atk, to occupy positions, etc.

(4) 4 Armd Div has priority on roads during movement and atk through 35 Inf Div.

(5) It is expected that units will be informed of H-hour and D-day at least twenty (20) hours in advance.

4. Adm details later.

5. a. Index 1-26 to SOI in effect. Prior to H-hour use of radio will be restricted to amount of traffic normal in defensive situation.

b. CPs: Overlay.

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ANNEXES: Annex 1 - Opns. overlay

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BRIEFING NOTES 5 NOV 1944 COLONEL JAMISON

21st Army Group: On the island of WALCHEREN, the beach-head on the West coast and that on the South, have joined forces. Heavy fighting continues in the beach-heads of the East and Southeast edges. The 2nd Cdn Div succeeded in completely clearing the island of North BEVELAND yesterday. The island of THOLEN was entirely liberated by the 4th Cdn Bn. The 49th Br Div and the 104th U S Div enlarged their bridgeheads over the MARK River, capturing RUSK and STEENBERGEN. In the Eastern sector, heavy fighting was still reported at MEIJEL, while slightly to the North, the 15th Br Div, still in contact with the 9th Pz Div, reports the destruction of 19 German tanks.

12th Army Group: 9th Army: Troops of the 9th Army continued to rotate units in the front lines. Troops coming out of the line are being given rest periods, and then assault training. Enemy activity consisted mainly of arty fire. It is reported by the 30th Div that wires were being strung across roads to decapitate passengers in vehicles. It is believed that these wires are being placed in position by civilians.

1st Army: VII Corps: The Corps front was quiet, with the exception of the period from 0700 to 0730, when the 3d Armd Div received considerably heavy concentrations of German medium arty fire.

V Corps: The 28th Div reported increasing enemy resistance. Elements of the 28th Div reported that they had entered SCHMIDT and that heavy fighting was going on. In the Div's advance on SCHMIDT, the 110th Inf and the 112th Inf met heavy fire from German pill-boxes around SIMMERATH and BELT ARMS. The 28th Div is now reported 13 miles inside Germany and approximately 28 miles from KOLN. CCA of the 5th Armd Div moved to an assembly area near KERKOM.

It is reported by our Air, that during October, 100,000 tons of bombs were dropped on the industrial RUHR valley. More bombs were dropped by our Air during October on the RUHR, than were dropped in 5 years of aerial assault on ENGLAND by the LUFTWAFFE.

3rd Army: XX Corps: Active patrolling continued in the TE POLE, 95th Div, and 10th Armd Div zones. In the bridgehead, held by the 5th Div, 2 Bns of the 10th Inf Regt were relieved from the bridgehead and given a special mission. At CATTENOM, the town was being evacuated by civilians yesterday. Numerous civilian carts and trucks, loaded with household goods, moving out of the village were heavily shelled by the enemy for a period of 30 minutes. 35 rounds of arty were received in this column, which could plainly be seen by the Germans to be civilian. In the vicinity of THIONVILLE, 12 rounds of arty fell yesterday, and all are reported to have been duds.

6th Army Group: XV Corps: Patrols entered DOMJEVIN, and found the town clear of enemy. Troops of the 117th Inf, of the 44th Div, moved their front line 1 mile to the East, beyond DOMJEVIN. In the 2nd French Armd zone, the large pocket in the FORET DE GRUNVILLE was found clear of enemy, but lightly mined by patrols from the 2nd French Armd Div.

VI Corps: The pocket in the forest of ST B. BARBE was cleaned out by the 117th Cav Gp yesterday, and the 180th Inf and the 157th Inf advanced 1½ miles on a 4 mile front, in the forest. The 36th Div troops gained a mile along a three mile front, in the forest of CHAMPS. When the 1st Bn of the 141st Inf of the 36th Div was cut off, three days ago, and supplies were dropped for them, one SCR 300 radio fell into the hands of the Germans. The Germans made use of this radio yesterday, attempting to have our arty fires lifted from their positions, but were detected in this ruse by an alert operator, when they failed to give the proper call signs.

II French Corps: The 3d Algerian Div, French colonial troops, made a two mile gain along a five mile front in the Northern portion of their sector, and report stiffening resistance.

Russian troops, who yesterday were reported 25 miles from BUDAPEST, the capital city of HUNGARY, were last night reported battling in the outskirts of the city. It is also reported that the entire GREEK mainland has been cleared of Germans, after two weeks of scattered resistance by the WEHRMACHT.

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1000 - CO 1st Bn, CO Co C 654 TD Bn, CO Co C 737 Tk Bn, CO Co C 60th Engr Bn visited CP and were oriented on Div FO #26.

1200 - Regt⊥ FO #29 dispatched to Div by Lt O'Brien, Ln O.

2400 - 320 Inf remained in Div Res. Disposition of troops unchanged (see 2400 entry 25 Oct 44). Movies, bathing facilities and passes were continued on prearranged schedule.

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320 Inf - Remained in Div Res; conducted combat training in booby traps and mines, assault team organization, and demolitions.

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PATROL ACTIVITIES 6-7 NOVEMBER 1944

JURY :

Patrol to road between Aulnois and Lemoncourt reported light artillery on the road, and located occupied positions N of the road. OP reports hearing truck movement between Malaucourt and Jallaucourt at 0015. "C" Co. received MG fire from S of Jallaucourt. Also mortar and MG fire were received from the Juree Woods. More than 50 flares were reported in their sector.

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Patrol to RR E of Fresnes ran into concertina wire by the RR. Patrol was fired upon by MG fire from SW edge of Foret de Chateau-Salins. Patrol towards Coutures contacted enemy patrol and located gun firing from edge of woods vic that town. 20 rounds of mortar fire fell in "I" Co. area about 0130. Also between 1825 and 1945 more than 400 roundsof 105 and 88 fire fell in the following areas: 018227, 005235, 003230, 041235, 0025.

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BRIEFING NOTES 6 Nov 1944 COL JOHNSON

21st Army Group: On the island of WALCHEREN, further gains were made in the beachheads on the west and on the south, forces on the southern beach-head pushing forward, and capturing SOUBURG. Enemy forces still hold the town of MIDDELBURG, centrally located on the island, by an estimated force of less than 2,000. Minesweeping commenced yesterday in the SCHELDT estuary. It is now believed that the estimated period of 3 weeks for clearing the estuary may be reduced by several days. In the I Br Corps sector, the 4th Cdn Armd Div pushed forward to the sea, capturing HOOGMOLEN, and ST PHILIP'S LAND. Elements of the 49th Div pushed forward 1 mile, seizing FIJNAART. The U S 104th Div reported a gain of 2 miles capturing HOEDEKEN. The Polish Armd Div enlarged its bridgehead about 8 square miles, capturing HAGENBERG. The 7th U S Armd Div reports gaining 1 mile south of MEYEL, in the eastern sector. 3/4 of the area lost to the Germans in their counterattack 3 days ago, has now been regained.

12th Army Group: 9th Army: Advance elements of the 84th Div began arriving in the XIX corps zone at GULPEN. Active patrolling continued along the corps front.

1st Army: A heavy counterattack in the V Corps sector, consisting of a reinforced battalion plus 15 tanks, succeeded in driving our forces out of SCHMIDT at 1000 yesterday. Our forces, after retiring beyond SCHMIDT, and reorganising, made a strong counter-attack, and at nightfall were reported back in the outskirts of the city. Late radio reports state that SCHMIDT is once more in the hands of U S forces.

In the VIII Corps sector, the 2nd, 8th, and 83rd Divs continue active patrolling, with the 9th Armd Div forming Corps reserve. While during the past week, there has been no report of 280mm projectiles falling the 3rd Army zone, several 280mm shells have been received in the 1st Army sector, landing around LUXEMBOURG. 1st Army reported yesterday that the 9th Pz Div and the 15th Pz Gren Div have now been withdrawn from the British front, and are moving south, possibly to reinforce the SCHELDT area.

3rd Army: XX Corps: In the 90th Div sector, around METZ, where training is going on, the 357th Inf was yesterday placed on a 3-hour alert status as Corps reserve, and the balance of the Div on 6-hour alert. Enemy patrols continued active in the corps zone. It was reported that the town of BOIS changed hands three times during the day. Enemy patrols also reported at KUNTZ. Elements of the 83rd Div of the VIII Corps were reported last night to be driving to the South to push the enemy patrols from this area. 110 rounds of medium German arty were received in the vicinity of DOMBUT and NOVANT.

6th Army Group: XV Corps: The 114th Inf of the 44th Div pushed their front lines forward in the south part of their sector about 1 mile. This gain was made against very light resistance. Last night, two extremely heavy arty concentrations fell in the 44th Div sector. 1 concentration of 150 rounds was reported received in 9 minutes, and another of 50 rounds fell in 5 minutes. An MP standing guard in the vicinity of MARMVILLER reported a speeding jeep manned by Germans passed through his post by flashing a spotlight in his eyes.

VI Corps: Elements of the 45th Div took up positions on the high ground overlooking BROUVIAT, to hold the town. The 180th Inf pushed forward one mile on a three-mile front towards HAUT L'ETAPE. The 399th Inf of the 100th Div gained 2 miles on a 2 mile front, capturing ST. BLEY. The 3rd Div mopped up in the town of LA SALLE, which they captured yesterday, and in the surrounding area. VI Corps units report that the new uniforms worn by soldiers of the German 202nd Mtn Bn are impossible to distinguish from U S uniforms at distances over "several feet". The 45th Div reported a 21-day delay time bomb containing about 1500 pounds of explosive found under a culvert in the forest of STE BARBE.

1800 U S planes hit FRANKFURT, KARLSRUHE, and LUDWIGSHAVEN.

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1205 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with instructions that Div FO #26 would be executed 080600 Nov 44.

1330 - CO issued Regtl FO #29 to assembled battalion, Antitank, and Cannon Company Commanders. FO #29 follows -

HQ 320 INF
APO 35
061000 Nov 44

FO #29
MAPS: France, GSGS #4471, Sheets 34/14, 35/13, 35/14, Scale - 1:50,000.
1. a. See current G-2 and S-2 periodic reports. b. 35 Inf Div (reinf) atks NE in Z to sieze bridgehead E of RUISSEAU D'OSSON, first obj, assist initial adv of 4 Armd Div, prepared to continue atk and sieze successive objs, relieving 4 Armd Div on its obj. 26 Inf Div operates on right of 35 Inf Div, 137 operates on left of 320 Inf. 4 Armd Div operates in Z of 35 Inf Div, passing through W and N portion of Div Z after 35 Inf Div secures bridgehead. XIX TAC furnishes continuous, close fighter-bomber support during atk. Arty preparation: By Corps and Div Arty from H-60 to H Hour. Following units support 320 Inf: (1) 216 FA Bn; (2) Co C 737 Tk Bn; (3) Co C 654 TD Bn; (4) Co C 60 Engr Bn (C).
2. 320 Inf (reinf) atks NE at H Hour on D Day in Z, sieze first obj, assist adv of 137 Inf. Prepared to continue atk to NE on O and sieze successive objs. Protect Div right (SE) flank, Boundaries, LD, objs, direction of atk, phase lines; overlay.
3. a. 3d Bn (w/co C 737 Tk Bn(-1 plat); 1 plat Co C 654 TD Bn in direct support) atk N at H Hour on D Day in Bn Z, main effort on left, sieze phase line PETER, continue atk NE and sieze phase line VICTOR. Protect Regt left (NW) flank: overlay. b. 2d Bn atk NE at H Hour on D Day in Bn Z, sieze phase line PETER, continue atk NE and sieze phase line VICTOR. Protect Regt right (SE) flank: overlay. c. 1st Bn - Regt Res. Assemble on order in area: overlay. Prepared to move to follow 2d Bn and to repel counteratks against Regt Right (SE) flank: overlay. d. AT Co mobile res: overlay. e. Cn Co - support advance of Regt from positions selected by Cn Co CO. f. I&R Plat - reconnoiter to each flank of regt. Maintain contact w/137 Inf on left (NW) and 35 Cav Rcn Tr on right (SE). g.CoC 737 Tk Bn (-) direct support 3d Bn: 1 plat assemble in Regt Res in area (overlay). h. Co C 654 TD Bn - place 1 plat direct support 3d Bn. Co (-) furnish AT protection against En Tk atks from NE and E. i. Co C 60 Engr Bn (C) - support adv of regt. Priority of work: (1) Repair of bridges in Zone; (2) Clear roads of mines; (3) Maintain roads.
x. (1) EEI: a) Determine: orgn MLR of Hwy DELME-CHATEAU SALINS w/in Z. Particular attention to strong points known to be along road (Q064295)-Hill 342 (Q074285), then S to Hwy DELME - CHATEAU SALINS. b) Determine: strong points, including AT defenses and mine fields in Regt Z of adv. c) Location of enemy arty. Particular attention to OP's dominating Regt front. (2) All preparations for atk will be conducted with utmost secrecy. Dissemination of atk plans will be held to minimum. Personnel will be given only that information essential for planning and accomplishment of assigned mission. Regrouping movements will be executed at night with utmost stealth. (3) All units will be prepared to conduct mine clearance opns on a scale sufficient to allow the

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unit to make necessary vehicle movements incidental to the atk, to occupy positions, etc. (4) 4 Armd Div has priority on roads during movement and atk through 35 Inf Div. (5) It is expected that units will be informed of H Hour and D Day at least twenty (20) hours in advance.
4. Adm details later.
5. a. Index 1-26 to SOI in effect. Prior to H Hour use of radio will be restricted to amount of traffic normal in defensive situation. b. CP's: Overlay.

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1435 - CG and ADC visited CP to discuss operational plans.

1600 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with information that bridge guards remain the responsibility of 320th Inf until further notice. Capt Tobin reported to CP and was directed that the total bridge guard plus stand-by relief (Co E) would be relieved by 1st Bn during the evening.
Lt. Parish was sent to 1st Bn with instructions to have 40 men and one officer report to Regt CP where a guide will meet them and direct them to their respective posts. One day dry rations willbe provided the new guard by S-4.

1955 - One officer and 40 men reported to Regt CP from 1st Bn and met 2d Bn guide who immediately moved out to post the newly assigned guard.

2030 - CP displaced from BRIN SUR SEILLE to GREMECEY. Distance of displacement: 5 3/10 miles (approx).

2035 - Msg from Div - Div fwd CP closes station at 071415A and opens same time at (003215) ATTILLONCOURT. Signed CG 35 Inf Div 071415A

2400 - At end of period all elements of 320 Inf were prepared to move to assembly areas in rear of LD (east ~~Ridge~~ edge FORET GREMECEY) to attack 080600 Nov 44. 3d Bn began movement 080030 Nov 44; 2d Bn began movement 080100 Nov 44; 1st Bn began movement 080200 Nov 44. All elmts closed in new areas prior to 080500 Nov 44. Cn Co 320 Inf moved by infiltration beginning 071600 Nov and completed movement approx 072000 Nov.

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320 Inf - Remained in Div Res; continued combat training.

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21st Army Group: The 52d Inf Div and the 4th Commando Brigade continue to clean up WALCHEREN. The bridgeheads on the east, south, and west have all been linked up and the purse they form has been drawn tighter on the German resistance left on the island. On the north coast the 4th Commando Brigade has advanced as far east as DOMBURG. On the east the 157th Bde pushed to the outskirts of MIDDELBURG and also took FORT RAMEKI the last remaining coastal strongpoint in their sector. The 155th Bde on the south has also advanced to the outskirts of MIDDELBURG. The 2d and 3d Cdn Inf Divs after fighting for the channel ports have now gone into rest areas in the vicinity of MALINES and GHENT respectively. The I British Corps and the VIII Corps have continued their gains to the MAAS RIVER line. The 4th Cdn Armd Div took BEMMELWOORD yesterday morning and advancing past there have reached the MAAS R. On their east flank the 49th Div also pushed to the river. The 104th US Div reached the river line along almost their entire front, taking the towns of TUSSENDIJK and ZEVENBERGSCHENDIJK. The 413th and 415th Infs having completed their missions have started moving out to the south and will assemble in the vicinity of Liege. The Polish Armd Div reached the MAAS at LAGE-ZWALUWE; the 7th Armd Div at DRUNEMEN. The 51st Div has also advanced to the river, taking HERPT. The 7th Armd Div has relieved part of he 51st Div. German radio reports that the bridges of the MAAS have been systematically destroyed.

12th Army Group: Ninth Army: XIX Corps - The 102d Inf Div (-406th Inf) has assumed responsibility for the zone of the 29th Div and part of the zone of the 2d Armd Div as of noon on Nov 3d. The 406th Inf is still attached to the 30th Div. The 29th Div is now concentrated in the vicinity of WAUBACH.

First Army: VII Corps - The sector has been generally quiet. Patrolling and the exchange of artillery fire continue. The night before last the Luftwaffe paid a visit.

V Corps - The big news of the First Army continues to be the fighting for SCHMIDT. The 112th Inf has been fighting to retake the town against heavy artillery and tank-supported infantry. On Nov 5th 210 PWs were taken and 8 tanks were knocked out by the division and its supporting air. The 109th and 110th Infs have been engaged in knocking out pillboxes west and southwest of SCHMIDT. The relief of the 4th Inf Div by the 9th Div has been completed. The 9th Inf Div is now on the line east of MURRANGE and the 4th Div is concentrated in an area generally SW of MURRANGE.

VIII Corps - The 83d Div sent part of the 330th Inf to join with TF Polk of the XX Corps (Third Army) in an attack on BERG and the adjacent highground which was held by a reinforced German company. BERG is almost on the boundary between the two armies. The 330th Inf attacked from the northeast and TF Polk from the south forcing the Germans to withdraw east of the MOSELLE R., leaving 46 PWs in our hands.

THIRD ARMY: XX Corps - TF Polk under Corps control attacked from the west in conjunction with the attack of the 330th Inf to clear BERG. In the vicinity of LOUVIGNY a heavy concentration of VT shells fell. This is the same area that was smoked the day before yesterday. It is reported that the enemy is regrouping under the cover of these smoke screens. Other heavy artillery concentrations were received at several points in the corps zone; one of the heavier ones being at MANOM. A letter found on a PW from his mother says that all men on furlough in his home town are being ordered to report immediately to a concentration point in HOLLAND. It goes on to tell of a one-armed friend who had lost his arm in the army and had been discharged who had now been recalled to active service and had returned to training. His horse had, in response to the draft laws, reported to its draft board, but being overweight had been rejected.

Sixth Army Group: XV Corps - Action in the XV Corps has been light. The 2d French Armored Division completed its regrouping with CCL, CCR, and CCV running from North to South. The 79th Inf Div has been placed on a 6 hour alert for movement into the FORET DE MONDON areas.

VI Corps - Small gains were reported along the entire front of the corps. Patrols on the front of the 179th Inf report the BOIS DE CHAMONT to be clear of enemy. The 180th Inf is on the outskirts of THIAVILLE where it has been held up by tanks. The line along the front of the 45th Div has been pushed to within one mile of the MOSELLE R. The 15th Inf of the 3d Div took BIARVILLE one mile east of LA SALLE. The 30th and 7th Infs took several small villages along their fronts making gains up to one mile. The 36th Div cleared REHAUPAL for which fighting has gone on for several days and also the high ground East of REHAUPAL. The 45th Div reported finding a 4,000 pound bomb with a 7 day delay action in a culvert along a road through the FORET DE CUTE BARRE. The FORET DE CUTE BARRE was reported to be loaded with anti-personnel mines along all trails and roads.

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I French Army: II French Corps - The 3d Algerian Infantry Division has made a gain of about 1 mile along their entire front.

Marshall STALIN in a speech yesterday announced that "Germany is on the verge of catastrophe". He amplified this by saying that 102 German divisions had been destroyed on the Russian front and that 30 more were now entrapped.

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0620 - Communication established with 2d Bn by wire

0622 - Maj Leach, 3d Bn, reports all units in position prior to jump off. No report available as to whether the attack moved on time.

0632 - 2d Bn reported in to radio net.

0722 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, reports tanks have reached FRESNES, Co I immediately behind. Co K (right Co) has advanced 1100 yds from LD (NE edge FORET DE GREMECEY).

0814 - Col Alexander reports one company, Co K, in FRESNES. Enemy resistance moderate. 5 prisoners captured.

0820 - Capt Smith, Ex O 2d Bn, reports - Co G (left), Co F (right) have advanced approx 1000 yds from LD, NE. 8 prisoners captured.

0830 - Msg from 2d Bn - PETER phase line (CHATEAU SALINS-FRESNES hwy-thence along RR to ORIONCOURT) reached by left Co (Co G). Right Co (Co F) has not reached it yet. Right company has recd Arty and MG fire on right flank. Signed 0828 -
CO 3d Bn reports FRESNES now in our hands. Troops occupying north edge of town. Right Co (Co K) approaching phase line PETER from E of FRESNES.

0832 - Reserve Bn (1st Bn) directed to move from initial assembly area at 025252 to clearing at 045255.

0940 - 3d Bn reports one co still fighting in town (Co K). Approx 25 prisoners have now been captured. Three friendly tanks disabled by mines.

0945 - Co G now on edge of FORET CHATEAU SALINS. Co F pinned down by fire from positions vic of 077260 - 078268.

1037 - 137 (Capt Shoemaker) reports bridge at 999271 is now in and tanks are beginning to cross. 3d Bn notified.

1040 - 2d Bn (Sgt Questad) reports Co F and Co E (res co) were forced to withdraw from positions NE of RR and S of FORET CHATEAU SALINS to positions at the RR because of extremely heavy small arms fire. Co G continues to hold positions at edge of FORET CHATEAU SALINS. Enemy positions located at 071268. Arty requested on positions.

1042 - Col Walker, 1st Bn, reports Bn now assembled in new res position at 045255.

1155 - 3d Bn reports Co K has town (FRESNES) almost completely cleaned up. 3d plat of tanks (Hvy plat) have been brought fwd to assist in clearing the town. 5 or 6 tanks have been disabled. Only one has been disabled by enemy fire. Remainder disabled by mines and two bogged down.

1250 - Col Alexander, 3d Bn CO, called to give information that L Co is receiving MG fire from their W and NW - believed coming from E edge of JUREE WOODS. E half of FRESNES is cleared.

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1255 - 3d Bn committed one (1) platoon of I Co to help L Co clear west portion of FRESNES.
3d Bn notified that 137 Inf is going through JUREE WOODS and believe that that action will stop the fire coming from there into their L Co area.

1320 - 1st Bn wire line reported out.

1330 - 2d Bn wire line reported out.

1335 - CG called and directed that the attack be continued as rapidly as possible and that the reserve battalion be employed to sieze objective if necessary.

1410 - Col Alexander, 3d Bn, called and reported that Co I is being employed to assault FRESNES from the W and expedite movement forward.

1425 - Sgt. Questad called and reported new location of 2d Bn CP - 057253. Reported difficulty getting wire through.

1430 - 15 minute artillery preparation for attack started.

1435 - CO called CP and informed Col Northam, Ex O, of plan to commit 1st Bn on left of 2d Bn. 3d Bn to be reconstitutedas res after FRESNES is clear and 1st and 2d Bns have siezed initial objective, SW portion of FORET CHATEAU SALINS.

1450 - CG and ADC visited CP and were acquainted with plan of employment of 1st Bn on left of 2d Bn.

1500 - 1st Bn 134 Inf under control of Div becomes potential reserve for 320 Inf and will assume mission of guarding right against counterattack.

1515 - Maj Walton, 1st Bn, reported to CP with plan of attack - B on right, C on left. A Co follows in res at 600 yds. Bn atks 10° azimuth on Bn front of 800 yds.

1535 - Div Air Officer called and stated that one squadron of fighter bombers are available for one mission prior to darkness. CO requested that CHATEAU BREHAIN be struck as a known enemy hq.

1610 - Msg from CO 2d Bn - Co G still holds at West edge FORET CHATEAU SALINS with right of Bn turned back towards RR. Extremely heavy enemy automatic fire still coming from positions on right of Co F. Ammunitions supply by hand carry impeding operations.

1640 - Co L now entering FRESNES. Contact has been established between Co I and Co L. Encountering small arms fire from west of town.

1645 - Gen Sebree visited CP.

1730 - Capt Trossen inquired about engineers clearing road from him to FRESNES. He was informed that engineers were on their way and would proceed to clear road going right (east) out of FRESNES after dark and that he was to furnish whatever inf protection that might be needed.

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1745-- Msg from Div by our Ln O - Stop attack at 1800, get set for night, consolidate positions, be particularly watchful for counteratk and traps. Resume atk 0600 tomorrow morning (9 Nov). 4th Armd moves out in morning as planned, expects to cross ridge NE of MANHOUE about 0730.

1750 - Msg from Sgt Questad, 2d Bn, - Fire falling in FRESNES coming from CHATEAU SALINS VALLEY.
Col Byrne gave Ln O (Lt O'Brien) our situation and engineer plans (see 1730 msg) and requested he find out about Col Craig's Bn of 134 Inf - whether or not it would be up and ready to go at 0500 - and notify us of his findings.

1825 - Verbal order to S/Sgt Donaldson for delivery to 1st Bn. One reinf plat at RJ 054278 from left assault co. One reinf plat at 062279 from right assault co. Patrol to flanks to contact 2d on right, 3d on left. Resume atk 0600. LD as selected by Bn CO. Mission unchanged.

2400 - At end of period 2d and 3d Bns occupied positions as follows - 3d Bn occupied and outposted estimated 2/3 of FRESNES. 2d Bn occupied line generally from 064280 to 074268. All positions consolidated. 1st Bn consolidated positions and provided two reinf platoons to occupy key blocking positions as follows - one plat at 054278 from left assault co, one platoon at 062279 from right assault co. Platoons patrolled to left of 2d Bn and right of 3d Bn respectively. Tanks and one platoon of TD's remained in FRESNES provided with suitable Inf protection.

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071200A Nov 44 to 081200A

320 Inf - (w/Co C, 737 Tk Bn atchd) Atkd at 080600A in zone w/3d Bn on left, 2d Bn on right. At 080722A, Co C, 737 Tk Bn (-one plat) moved into FRESNES, followed closely by Inf of 3d Bn. 2d Bn advanced approx 2000 yards from LD where it received heavy flanking small arms fire. At end of period, 3d Bn fighting in N portion of FRESNES; 2d Bn starting to move into FORET CHATEAU SALINS. Co C, 737 Tk Bn atchd per FO #26.

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OPERATIONS SUMMARY
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320th Inf continued atk with 3d Bn on left, 2d Bn on right. 3d Bn - Co L on left, Co K on right. 2d Bn - Co G on left, Co F on right. Right flank of 2d Bn was turned SW by enemy fire from positions at 077260 - 078268 - 071268. Reserve Bn (1st Bn) moved from initial assembly area vic 025252 to new assembly area at 045255 closing in approx 1042. 3d Bn continued attack vic FRESNES, Co K entering town from the East. At 1155 3d Plat of Co C 737 Tk Bn (res) was employed to assist in clearing FRESNES of the enemy. Six tanks (M) were disabled, one by enemy fire, three by mines, and two bogged down in the mud. At 1255 Co L, then held up south of FRESNES, was given assistance of one plat Co I to enter the town. This force, having been unsuccessful, the remainder of Co I was dispatched at 1410 to attack FRESNES from the West. 2d Bn continued attack without appreciable gain and at approx 1400 reorganized, arranged arty preparation from 1430 to 1445 and again resumed attack following preparation. At 1435 1st Bn (regtl res) was alerted and prepared for employment to sieze objective of 3d Bn moving to attack by route East of FRESNES. Upon completion of clearing of FRESNES, 3d Bn to be reconstituted as Regtl Res. (At darkness 2d and 3d Bns occupied positions as follows - 3d Bn occupied and outposted estimated 2/3 of FRESNES. 2d Bn occupied line generally from 064280 to 074268. All positions consolidated. 1st Bn consolidated positions and provided two reinf platoons to occupy key blocking positions as follows - one plat at 054278 from left assault co, one plat at 062279 from right assault co. Platoons patrolled to left of 2d Bn and right of 3d Bn respectively. Tanks and one plat of TD's remained in FRESNES provided with suitable Inf protection.) At 090540 Nov 1st Bn began movement to NE, East of FRESNES. At 0600 2d Bn moved to attack, each leading element being preceded by strong combat patrols to gain woods edge with some element of surprise and thereby determine enemy positions. Positions of the enemy were determined to be very much the same as those of 8 Nov. At 0825 one plat of tanks were brought to second Bn positions from FRESNES and were employed on the right flank of the 2d Bn to counter enemy automatic weapons fire which has held up the advance of the 2d Bn. Preparatory fire of fifteen minutes duration were begun at 0900 to precede the major attack of the 2d Bn on the SW edge FORET CHATEAU SALINS. 3d Bn at 0600 continued operation of clearing FRESNES of the enemy. Progress was satisfactory and initially one Officer and 30 EM were captured. During movement to NE 1st Bn captured a number of prisoners in the vicinity of the Railway Station E of FRESNES. At the end of the period atk being continued to NE. Reports of progress delayed because of enemy action against communications facilities.

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0200 - 1st Bn Ex O reports contact with 3d Bn. They are still trying to contact 2d Bn by patrol.

0540 - Elements 1st Bn observed moving NE.

0600 - 2d Bn moved to attack, each leading element being preceded by strong combat patrols to gain woods edge with some element of surprise.

0730 - Maj Clark, 137, reports 4th Armd moving and now one kilometer east of MANHOUE.

0815 - Pvt. Peterson, Co A, reported to CP with 5 EM and one Lt PW.

0825 - CO 2d Bn reports that oneplat of tanks have arrived at 2d Bn from FRESNES and are being employed on right. As soon as they are in position, preparatory fires will be brought down and battalion will move into woods in force.

0830 - Msg sent to 1st Bn by radio - Report your location with reference to line PETER - (msg cleared 0850).

1015 - Arty Ln Planes report snow.

1025 - Col Alexander reports FRESNES entirely clear.

1142 - CO Co C 737 Tank Bn reported to CP and stated that 2d Bn has entered SW edge FORET CHATEAU SALINS and are now preparing to bring reserve co (Co E) fwd. One plat (M) tanks remain on right flank.

1146 - I&R plat ldr w/two vehicles dispatched to reconnoiter to FRESNES thence east to rear of 1st and 2d Bn positions to determine condition of roads and progress of mine clearance.

1210 - CO directed that one company (Co K) 3d Bn be attached and moved to join 2d Bn. Guides from 2d Bn to meet and lead the company into position. Route: Main road leading East from FRESNES. All available ammunition to be carried by personnel to replenish 2d Bn ammunition supply.

1340 - Lt Donovan returned to CP with information that road to FRESNES is clear. The road block south of FRESNES has been removed. Engrs have made considerable progress clearing road from FRESNES east toward FORET CHATEAU SALINS.
Information obtained by Lt Donovan indicates that Co A had entered the woods at a point vic 065287 and is clearing the corner of woods vic that point. Co B and Co C to move and occupy ridge vic 0629 when corner of wood is clear.

1530 - 320 relieved of responsibility of guarding bridges in division rear area. Instructions received to hereafter guard only those bridges the regtl comdr sees fit to guard.

1715 - Report from 134 Inf 3d Bn via Lt Faubus is that they began sending patrols into their objective.

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1730 - Col Walker called and reported that 1st Bn reached phase line VICTOR (general line along edge of woods from 064305 to 070297 thence SE to 085288) within 1st Bn sector and had established contact with 2d Bn on right whose elements are also now on phase line VICTOR.

1750 - One plat TD's placed in support of 1st Bn.

1935 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with following Div order and overlay showing new boundaries - All Regts resume atk 0700 within Zone. 134 may move 1st Bn, but no actual commitment, w/o Div O. 320 make plans for mtzing entire CT 320 (normal atchmts) w/1 atchd QM Trk Co (48 trks and tlrs) - completely mtz - No dumping of loads or shuttling.

2015 - CO called Col Alexander and directed that he be prepared to move 3d Bn through 2d Bn's present front lines (from 075293 to 084288) and resume atk to NE 100700 Nov 44 in conjunction with 1st Bn on left. After 3d Bn haspassed through 2d Bn to assemble in regtl res vic 073290. Co K reverts to control 3d Bn (Same instructions relayed to 1st and 2d Bns through Lt Silverman at fwd switch at FRESNES. Overlays dispatched to Bns by messenger. 3d Bn CO notified direct). LD present front lines or by mutual agreement.

2130 - Bridge guards returned to 1st Bn Officer by Lt Parish. Lt Silverman has received overlays and is dispatching them now.

2138 - Col Byrne talked to 1st Bn and gave CO next day's plan very sparingly. He was also informed that overlay is on the way and that additional information could be obtained from 3d Bn. First Bn CP still in FRESNES.

2200 - Lt Donovan returned from fwd CP with two PW's from 3d Bn.

2230 - Overlays to 1st and 3d Bns delivered. 2d Bn overlay on the way.

2400 - At end of period 1st Bn on left and 2d Bn on right occupied phase line VICTOR (general line from 064305 to 070297 thence SE to 085288). Co K remained atchd to 2d Bn. 3d Bn (-) remained in Regtl Res in FRESNES. All units consolidated position and prepared to resume atk to NE 100700 Nov 44.

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081200A Nov 44 to 091200A

320 Inf - (w/Co C 737 Tk Bn atchd) [illegible] - Continued atk w/3d Bn on left, 2d Bn on right. 3d Bn entered FRESNES w/tks and by dark occupied approx 2/3 of town. 2d Bn consolidated positions just S of edge. FORET CHATEAU SALINS at dark and atkd towards woods at 090600A. 1st Bn atkd to NE at 081630A between 2d and 3d Bns. Maintained contact between 3d and 2d Bns during night w/two (2) reinf plats. At 090540A, 1st Bn atkd NE.

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21st Army Group: Czech forces report a strong raid on the fortress at BERLIKUM, which penetrated deeply into the German defenses. 240 PW's were taken, after heavy losses had been inflicted. The CO of the garrison asked for a 3-hour truce to gather up the dead and wounded. The enemy stronghold at WESTKAPELLE, on the island of WALCHEREN, surrendered and 2,000 PW's were taken. 500 additional PW's were taken in the Northern sector of the island, swelling the total to 2,500 in the past 24 hours. All organized resistance has ceased on the island. It is reported however, that scattered groups of Germans are still on the Northern tip of the island. Minesweeping continues in the SCHELDE, where 75 miles of waterway is being cleared so that ANTWERP may become a main allied supply base. Allied forces now control the entire South bank of the MAAS excepting MOERDIJK, where heavy fighting continues. Yesterday, the enemy bridge-head at the mouth of the river, at HELLEVOETSLUIS, was reduced, and the city taken. Only 1 Bn of the 104th U. S. Div still remains in the British sector. The remainder of the Div has moved to the 12th Army Group zone. Along the Eastern front, the 15th Sr Div has relieved the 7th U. S. Armd Div, which is proceeding to the South.

12th Army Group: Heavy-caliber arty fire was received in the XIX Corps sector yesterday. The 83rd Div continued to close in the vicinity of GULPEN. The XIII Corps, which was at [illegible], has moved its advance detachments to HOMBERGEN. In the 1st Army, VII Corps, the 104th Div, less one Bn, is now closed near LOMMEL. The VII Corps continues active patrolling, and reports enemy arty fire all along the front. In the V Corps, the 28th Div, continuing the attack, met strong opposition. The situation at SCHMIDT is reported "under control", but the 1st and 3rd Bns of the 112th Inf withdrew about 700 yards to the Northeast for the purpose of regrouping. In the VIII Corps, 2 CT's of the 99th Div have closed in the Corps zone at HERBEL, just North of AMAU. The 99th Div will constitute Army reserve. G-2, 1st Army, reports that due to the German shortage of gasoline, units of battalion size are being transported on bicycles - large numbers of which are being towed by a single motor vehicle. It is reported that marches of up to 120 miles per day are being made in this manner. It is also reported that numerous enemy agents are attempting to (and in some cases, succeeding) cross our lines with the mission of setting up OP's and radio apparatus in our rear. During the past 72 hours, Allied planes plastered 25 German industrial cities with over 26,000 tons of high-explosive and incendiary bombs - the greatest blitz of the war so far.

3rd Army: XX Corps: The 10th Armd Div has been relieved in its zone by elements of the [illegible] of the 379th Inf of the 95th Div. The 10th Armd Div is moving to the South. The 90th Div, which was training at METZ, was yesterday morning reported moving to the Northeastern portion of the Corps sector. Heavy arty fire was reported in the 5th Div's bridgehead throughout the day. The bridge over the MOSELLE river at ARNAVILLE, which was destroyed by enemy arty fire for three successive day, has since that time been covered by smoke from a CWS smoke-generating company, which has smoked the area for three successive weeks, during the hours of daylight.

[illegible]: 7th Army: Little activity was reported in the XV Corps sector, where [illegible] patrolling and arty missions continued. A considerable number of horse-drawn vehicles were noted throughout the day, moving from the Northwest to the vicinity of [illegible]. In the VI Corps sector, the 3rd Div completed clearing the forest in its sector, pushing forward two miles on a four-mile front. The 36th Div passed ARRACOURT, after a one-mile gain along a four-mile front.

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0145 - Call From Lt Silverman at fwd CP in FRESNES - Overlay to 2d Bn delivered. Col Hannum reports casualties not as bad as first stated and that 2d Bn advanced 100 yds from last report. Unit has telephone communications from Co's to Bn. Casualties average 24 per co.

0245 - Capt Ebright, Div Air O, reported that an adjacent unit has made a request for an air strike on enemy positions at 0830 and 0832. Consideration being given by G-3. Requested definite YES or NO from us. Answer delayed until a later hour.

0545 - Calls to 1st and 3d Bn. Both units preparing for movement and report no enemy activity.

0610 - Lt Silverman reported all quiet from fwd CP, and that overlays of 2d Bn positions had been relayed through him to 1st and 3d Bns.

0630 - Reported a definite NO to Div concerning air strike at 0830-0832. Div reported that unit on right, 26 Div, had taken objective (including CHATEAU SALINS) and that unit on left, 137 Inf, was up even with our left flank.

0738 - Col Hannum, 2d Bn, reported his Bn situation as satisfactory. Col Alexander, 3d Bn, with Col Hannum.

0740 - Capt Thompson, G-2, requested report of first contact. Maj Jamieson, S-2, called to report that he and Col Byrne reached fwd CP at FRESNES.

0830 - 3d Bn advanced 300 yds from phase line VICTOR. No opposition yet.

1045 - Col Solomon visited fwd CP at FRESNES.

1110 - CO ordered balance of staff tocome fwd to new CP.

1140 - Col Alexander, 3d Bn, reported some activity on his front. His Bn has been reorganized and shifted slightly to the left.

1150 - Fwd CP closed at GREMECEY and opened at FRESNES same hour. Distance of displacement - 4½ miles.

1155 - 4 Armd, 25 Cav, Tr B CO reported to CP - Reports 4 Armd vic FONTENY with hvy fighting and little or no mines.

1210 - 3d Bn reports hvy mortar fire between front and rear (082289). Indiscriminate firing - doubtful that enemy has any observation. Reports tank to left front, believed moving North.

1230 - 1st Bn reports fwd elmts stopped. B on right, C on left, A res.

1300 - 1st Bn 137 reports still being held up in same position, probably NE of LANEUVEVILLE.

1335 - 1st Bn reports position of Co B - 063295 (CO departed to verify report at 1st Bn CP).

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1355 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, reports that information received from Capt Remley, Co M, indicates that Co I and Co K are now on phase line SUGAR ~~083293~~ 082298 to 090297. Heavy mortar and arty fire.

1415 - Capt Wilson, AT Co, reports disposition AT Co as follows - 1 plat in FRESNES protecting to W and N. One plat vic 070275 protecting to SE. One plat mobile in GREMECEY. TD's are in vic 063287.

1435 - Co A fwd obsr called for fire on enemy armor vic 073300. Mission was fired.

1505 - Capt Vignes, 1st Bn, reported 100 Germans and 6 tanks in neck of woods to left rear of their position and vic of 068298. Enemy also reported digging in at 059294. Plat ldr of TD plat was directed to check the position and report. Tanks were observed one (1) hour ago (1405) at 063295.

1545 - CO 2d Bn directed to move Bn from res position to clear enemy groups infiltering into woods and who have automatic fire on 074284, RJ, then proceed to clear the woods from 074284 along the road to 067292. The Bn to be employed to block from 074284 NW to 067292, thence SW along woods edge to 062288.

1625 - Capt Tobin, 2d Bn, reports enemy groups at RJ 074284 has been cleared out.

1637 - CO directed 2d Bn to provide one reinf Inf plat at farm at 050284 to protect left of regt. CO AT Co directed to furnish 1 AT plat to occupy positions at the same point to provide AT defense.

1730 - Call from 1st Bn states that Bn front is along edge of woods from coordinates (066299 - 073298) and is receiving fire from the N. There are 6 tanks due N of them approx 150 - 200 yds. They are receiving fire from their rear along road running from SW - NE into their lines. Tanks are also reported at about same general location to their rear. Maj Walton says they don't think situation is a serious threat.

1845 - Msg delivered by Lt O'Brien - Resume atk 110800 within zones. Arty preparation 0730-0800. Extensive patrolling night 10-11 Nov to determine any indication of enemy withdrawal. If enemy withdraws, Inf follow closely. Arty prep then cancelled by Arty Bn comdr. CG 35 Div 1730.

2400 - At end of period 3d Bn occupied line extending from 083294 N and E to 091297. 2d Bn occupied blocking positions extending from RJ at 074284 along road NW to 067292, thence SW along woods edge to 062288. 1st Bn secured positions along edge of woods from 066299 to 073298. At approx 101645 enemy groups at 059295 and enemy infantry w/6 Mark VI tanks at 073299 launched attack

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2400 - against first Bn into positions mainly held by Co B. The enemy group at 073299 supported by tanks attacked S but attack was broken up by arty fire and tanks eventually withdrew to the N. The enemy group at 059295 attacked E into rear of Co B positions and succeeded in overrunning the Co CP, disrupting supply to fwd positions and killing the CO, Capt Gardner. By 2315 all but small isolated groups of enemy were driven out. Enemy firing continued. At approx 2200, 40 men previously relieved from bridge guard duties arrived at 1st Bn rear CP and were organized into a patrol to reach fwd positions of 1st Bn with ammunition and rations. Patrol reached 1st Bn fwd positions at 110300 Nov 44.

Extract from G-3 Report
091200A Nov 44 to 101200A

320 Inf - (w/Co C 737 Tk Bn atchd) - Continued atk to NE in FORET DE CHATEAU SALINS. At 091340A, 1st Bn on left entered woods from vic (Q065287) and atkd through woods w/2d Bn. Line established at dark extended from (Q064305) to (Q070297). Prior to 100700A 3d Bn moved from FRESNES to rear of 2d Bn, and at 100700A atkd through 2d Bn making initial gain of 300 yds. At end of period 1st and 3d Bns atking to N against strong resistance. Regtl CP moved to FRESNES at 101150A.

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0645 - 1st Bn reports that strong combat patrols moved to , attacked, and captured MESNIVAL FME (073299). A number of prisoners were taken. Co B and Co C immediately began movement fwd to secure the area. Co A provided strong patrols to continue to search the point of the woods from vic 065295 N to vic 063304.

0830 - CO 3d Bn reports right flank of 3d Bn has advanced to 09152975.

1020 - 1st Bn reports patrol from Co A (see 0645 entry) has completed clearing woods and found no enemy. One friendly tank was observed at 070311 apparently knocked out.

1050 - Gen Sebree visited CP.

1100 - 1st Bn will move NE from MESNIVAL FME preceded by one plat riding tanks. Time of movement will be sent in as soon as they are on the way.

1150 - 2d Bn alerted to move at 1300 to new res position vic 082295. 3d Bn is now reported moving fwd against light enemy opposition.

1200 - 3d Bn reached line 083302 to 092298.

1230 - 134 Inf Ln O reports their left unit is approx on line between coordinates (098305 - 104300) at 1130.

1240 - Col Alexander, 3d Bn, reported a planned TOT in big clearing in the 0931 Grid Square and requested that we warn 134 that it will be fired on call of our 3d Bn. 3d Bn front is between phase lines SUGAR and ABLE; exact location not available this time.

1255 - Gen Baade visited CP.

1315 - Msg from Div G-2 - Indications that an enemy withdrawal along the entire front is in progress. Units are to pursue with all possible rapidity.

1330 - 1st Bn launched atk (see 1100 entry).

1345 - 1st Bn reported their fwd elements have entered the woods vic 075304 and have encountered no opposition. Evidence of enemy withdrawal.

1350 - Capt Kurtz, 3d Bn, reports 3d Bn has reached phase line ABLE (084306 to 092300) and are moving without opposition.

1420 - Gen Sebree visited CP.

1430 - 3d Bn 137 reported counteratk on left flank. 3d Bn 320, advancing towards that point, notified.

1440 - CO returned to CP.

1525 - Co C, 737 Tk Bn reld from atchmt to 320 Inf and are atchd to 134 Inf effective at once.

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1555 - CO 2d Bn directed to move Bn to and occupy blocking position along phase line ABLE (084306 - 092302) and to provide one reinf inf company toprovide security for fwd CP location at (093294). CO AT Co directed to sendone plat to same location to provide AT protection.

1600 - CO 3d Bn reports 3d Bn on phase line ITEM (090315 - 097310) and now encountering enemy resistance.

1605 - Report received from Div that CCA 4th Armd Div has reached MORHANGE.

1625 - 1st Bn reports approaching phase line ITEM at 1615. (Line from 080319 to 087317).

1730 - Capt Haley reported that a fwd wirehead is now established at coordinates (094294).
3d Bn reached and occupied line from 092315 to 097312.

1800 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP w/following order - Maintain contact w/enemy by continuous pressure all during the night if enemy withdraws. Continue atk at 120600. 320 Inf prepared to motorize on one (1) hour notice after being pinched out.

1947 - Capt Tobin reports 2d Bn now in position at 084306 - 092302 w/one company at 093294.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn - 080319 to 087317; 3d Bn - 092315 to 097312. 2d Bn occupied blocking positions generally from 084306 to 092302 and provided one reinf Inf company to secure fwd installations at 093294. All positions were consolidated preparatory to resuming atk at 120600 Nov 44.

Extract from G-3 Report
101200A Nov 44 to 111200A

320 Inf - (w/Co C, 737 TkBn atchd) - Continued atk to NE encountering very hvy mortar and arty fire in 3d Bn (right) sector. 2d Bn was employed at 101545A to stop enemy infiltration vic RJ 074284. Atk resumed 110800A with 1st Bn taking MESNIVAL FME. At end of period 1st and 3d Bns advancing slowly.

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BRIEFING NOTES 11 NOV 44

21st Army Group: In the 21st Army Group one operation has now been completed and preparations are under way for the next. The entire area S of the MAAS R is reported clear of the enemy. WALCHEREN ISLAND has been cleared of the last remnants of Germans. The parley between the 4th SS Bde and the troops in the last pockets result ed in the surrender of about 200 men. Leaving only screening forces on the west the 21st Army Group has begun regrouping into the ~~xx~~ eastern portion of their zone. The 10th Cdn Armd Cav Regt, the Polish Armd Div, and the Royal Netherlands Bde are now responsible for the area of the SCHELDT estuary and the S bank of the MAAS. The II Cdn Corps has assumed control of the sector formerly under control of the XXX Corps in the vicinity of ARNHEIM. The 50th Inf Div, the 82d US A/B Div, and the 101st US A/B Div are now under control of the II Cdn Corps.

12th Army Groups
Ninth Army: XIII Corps - XIII Corps went operational as of 080001. At the present moment its major troop units are the 102d Inf Div and the 113th Cav Gp. The 2d Armd Div although not reported attached is in their sector which is the northern portion of the Ninth Army zone.

XIX Corps - In the sector of the XIX Corps the 29th and 30th Divs are on the line and the 84th Div concentrated in the vic of MÖNCHEN is also attached. The 7th Armd Div is also concentrated in the southern portion of the corps zone.

On the front of Ninth Army our air force has been active and within the last three days has bombed both JULICH and GEILENKIRCHEN with Napalm bombs setting fires in both cities.

The Ninth Army commander and the commander of the British XXX Corps have discussed a new boundary between their forces and have submitted their proposals to the 12th Army Group commander, Gen Bradley.

First Army: VII Corps. Regrouping and patrolling continue in the corps zone. The relief of the 1st Div by the 104th Div continues. The 99th Div is moving to the VII Corps zone. Artillery fire on the 3d Armd Div front has increased in intensity. The VII Corps because of the harrassing carried out by "civilians" in their sector has begun the following procedure in German territory. Posters have been displayed ordering that all individuals who have served in the German armed forces since 1933 must report to the nearest American Military Government office without delay. Any individual failing to obey the order and who is found in civilian clothes is subject to trial and sentence to death as a spy.

V Corps. The 28th Inf Div with the 12th CT of the 4th Div attached is continuing the attack in the SCHMIDT area. German forces are fighting back strongly with infantry, tanks, and heavy artillery fire. There has been no loss of ground, but gains have been very limited. In the remainder of the corps sector, patrolling only has been going on.

VIII Corps. TF Polk which has formerly been attached to XX Corps has been attached to the 83d Div which is under operational control of XX Corps. TF Polk has relieved the 330th Inf.

Third Army: The Eighth Air Force the day before yesterday put 1971 planes into the air in support of Third Army operations. In the METZ area alone 2,305 tons of bombs were dropped. Because of heavy cloud conditions, bombs were dropped through the clouds using the pathfinder flare technique.

XX Corps. In the 90th Div sector the 359th Inf extended its bridgehead between two and three miles. A strong counterattack supported by severe artillery fire in the vicinity of KERLING was repulsed. Infantry Howitzers and AT weapons have been brought into the bridgehead. The 357th Infantry has two battalions in the vicinity of KOENIGSMACHER which was captured today. At last report they were fighting for a fort just east of KOENIGSMACHER. The 358th Inf has maintained its bridgehead against strong opposition. Generally, the resistance against the 357th and 358th Infs has been much more severe than the resistance against the 359th Inf. Lateral contact between regiments had not yet been established last night. All supplies had to be ferried in and plans were under consideration for flying supplies in if necessary. No bridges support the operation yet. Two companies of the 1st Battalion of the 377th ~~PARACHUTE~~ Inf of the 95th Div are still across the river at UCKANGE. They have maintained their bridgehead. Here too

supplies and ammunition are being ferried in. The 2d and 3d battalions of the 377th Inf are engaged in fierce fighting just south of MAIZERES. They are also running into many mines and booby traps. Further to the south the 5th Inf reports good gains. The 2d Inf has pushed on from LOUVIGNY which it took early yesterday morning and by last night had taken GOIN and VIGNY. They had coordinated their operations with the attack of the 6th Armored Division. The 10th Inf had consolidated its gains and cleared a small woods to its front. There were no bridges to support the operations of XX Corps. However, the waters of the MOSELLE have begun to recede in the past 24 hours and it may be expected that bridges will be in just as soon as possible. The 10th Armored Division had all of its elements in the vicinity of ORTAINE as of midnight the night before last.

Seventh Army: XV Corps - Other than patrolling and several minor contacts with the enemy there was no activity on the XV Corps front.

VI Corps - The 100th Div assumed command of the 45th Div sector at 090600A. The 45th Div less its arty reverted to control of Seventh Army. The Div arty is moving to the XV Corps sector where it will be attached to XV Corps on arrival. Along the entire corps front clearing up to the line of the MURTHE R continues. The 103d Div is completely in now. The 409th Inf has relieved the 7th Inf of the 3d Div and the balance of the division is concentrated in the vicinity of DOUSLIES.

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0140 - T/5 Fisher, 1st Bn, reports rear installation in FRESNES burned with loss of several maps.

0325 - Maj Coffin, 216 FA Bn, requested information on enemy positions to aid in morning arty preparation.

0420 - Called 1st Bn - Sgt Donaldson reported no activity in their sector.

0423 - Called 3d Bn - They report no activity in their sector.

0425 - Called 216 FA - Reported to Capt Thompson that there has been no activity on our front and no evidence of enemy withdrawal.

0428 - 137 called to report that seven of their men are at 2d Bn CP and requested permission to leave them there for the night and call for them in the morning.

0430 - Called 2d Bn and relayed 137 request (0428 entry). Request granted. 2d Bn also reports no contact w/enemy.

0640 - Div reports enemy tanks at (087323). They plan to fire on that spot. Col Northam requested them not to fire because of danger to our advancing troops.

0800 - Maj Leach reports 3d Bn moving fwd. No resistance - either small arms or arty.

0818 - Maj Walton, 1st Bn, reports that the Bn is now preparing to cross the clearing vic 088317. Some small arms fire being received from left front. Arty is being put on the enemy positions prior to movement fwd.

0950 - CP displaced from FRESNES to 093294. Distance of displacement - 4 2/5 miles.

1000 - 3d Bn has advanced 600 meters meeting moderate enemy resistance. Advance is by column of companies, Co L leading.

1135 - Maj Walton and Capt Vignes reported to CP and stated that 1st Bn units are now approaching phase line LOVE (084322 - 096323).

1226 - Msg received from 1st Bn through Cn Co - 1st Bn has reached their objective (NE edge FORET CHATEAU SALINS). Request that arty be informed. (3d Bn and Arty notified).

1350 - Maj Walton to send a patrol to 084323 to investigate and destroy six (6) Germans reported in pillbox at the location. Enemy location reported by TD platoon.

1417 - Information received through Cn Co indicates that 3d Bn is now approaching objective. (NE edge FORET CHATEAU SALINS).

1418 - TD's report enemy pillbox knocked out (see 1350 entry). Two prisoners taken.

1420 - Msg from Div - Div fwd CP closes station at 121330A and opens same time at ORIONCOURT (028303). CG 35 Div 1330A

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1450 - 3d Bn reports that objective (NE edge FORET CHATEAU SALINS) taken. Co I first company to reach objective.

1545 - 2d Bn A&P plat employed to remove barricade road block 081318.

1700 - Co C 60th Engrs Bn relieved from direct support of 320 Inf.

1745 - Msg recd from Div - 134 and 137 continue atk in zone 130800 Nov 44. Maj Maonkers -

2025 - 2d Bn reports road block at 081318 now clear.

2040 - Msg from C of S - The towns of VAXY, VANNECOURT, and CHATEAU BREHAIN are designated assembly areas for the regt 13 Nov 44. VAXY designated by Regtl CO as assembly area for 2d Bn, AT, Cn, and Hq Co. 3d Bn to assemble at VANNECOURT. 1st Bn to assemble at CHATEAU BREHAIN. All Bns notified to assemble and report when closed in.

2400 - At end of period 1st and 3d Bns secured regimental objective, NE edge FORET CHATEAU SALINS. 2d Bn remained in blocking position as follows - Bn (-1 co) from 084306 to 092302. One reinf co and one plat regtl AT Co at 093294. All units 320 Inf reverted to Div Res upon securing objective. Preparations were carried out to move regt to reserve positions at VANNECOURT, VAXY and CHATEAU BREHAIN.

Extract from G-3 Report
111200A Nov 44 to 121200A

320 Inf - Continued atk in zone to NE meeting slight enemy resistance. 1st Bn atking in left of sector, occupied a line extending from (Q080319 to 087317), by 1625A., At 111730A 3d Bn, in right of sector, had gained line extending from 092315 to 097312 and both 1st and 3d Bns consolidated positions for the night. 1st and 3d Bns resumed atk at 120600A and at end of period moved to positions shown onoverlay. 2d Bn remained in regtl res. Co C 737 Tk Bn reld of atchmt at 111520A.

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0700 - Div G-2 reports - XII Corps reports negative along entire front during night. 137 and 134 OP's report negative.

0845 - Telephone message from Div - 134 and 137 continue atk in Zone to RR line NE of MORHANGE. Hold on this line, both regts protect flanks.

0945 - Lt O'Brien delivered following msg - 134 and 137 Inf continue advance NE in present regtl zones, sieze RR line NE of MORHANGE. 320 Inf continue to assemble in present position. 134 Inf protect Div right; 137 protect Div left. When pinched out 35 Div assembles in Corps Res. -Orders for assembly later.

1630 - CP displaced from 093294 to VAXY. Distance of displacement approx 2 miles.

1800 - Msg from Div - 134 and 137 resume atk 140900 Nov 44. No change of objective.

2025 - Maj McElroy recd message from Col Renfroe directing us to alert one (1) Bn for a 30 minute notice after 141000 Nov for use by 134 Inf. 2d Bn notified.

2205 - Maj McElroy notified 2d Bn to move to BOLLINGEN (Bellange), starting 140900 Nov, into assembly area and would remain in reserve there. Col Hannum ordered to report to Col Miltonberger, CO 134 Inf.

2400 - At end of period troops occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn, Hq Co, AT Co at VAXY. 3d Bn at VANNECOURT. 1st Bn at CHATEAU-BREHAIN. Cannon Co at 093294. 320 Inf Regt in Div Res. Kitchens were sent from train bivouac to join their respective organizations.

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121200A Nov 44 to 131200A

320 Inf - Continued atk in zone w/1st Bn on left and 3d Bn on right. 1st Bn reached N edge of FORET CHATEAU SALINS by 121225A and 3d Bn reached it by 121450A. Having secured Regtl Obj, Regt prepared to assemble in Div Res. Co C 60 Engr (C) Bn relieved of direct support 121700A.

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0925 - Msg from Capt Tobin - Foot elements began movement 0900 from VAXY to BELLANGE (Brulingen). CO and S-3 2d Bn now leaving to visit 134 CP. Motor elements begin movement 1045.

1050 - Msg from Div - Div fwd CP closes station 141000A and opens same time at DALHAIN. Div Rear Echelon moving at same time to ORIO-COURT. Signed 1005.

1225 - S-3, 2d Bn, reports Bn closed in at BELLANGE (Bollingen) and all troops have been fed.

1315 - 2d Bn ordered to move from BELLANGE (Bollingen) to PEWINGEN (Pevange)

1436 - 2d Bn now approaching PEWINGEN. Receiving some small arms fire and enemy shelling.

1545 - 2d Bn still on edge of PEWINGEN and receiving small arms, arty, and mortar fire. Unable to enter the town (CO 134 Inf notified and the enemy fire was confirmed. However, CO 134 advises that town is occupied by a Bn CP and other friendly troops are in the town). (CO 2d Bn advised to infilter troops into the town and take cover).

1950 - Msg from Div - 137 and 134 continue atk 150900. Complete mission.

2000 - CO 2d Bn reports 2d Bn has now closed into PEVANGE (Pewingen).

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in Div Res and occupied positions as follows - Regtl Hq Co and AT Co at VAXY. 3d Bn at VANNECOURT. 1st Bn at CHATEAU BREHAIN. During the day 2d Bn moved from VAXY to BELLANGE then to PEWINGEN remaining there to be used as res bn w/possible employment in sector of 134 Inf if tactical situation requires. Field train 320 Inf moved to VAXY. Cn Co remained at 093294 and prepared to take up march order.

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320 Inf - Remained in Div Res as shown (overlay). 2d Bn moved from VAXY to BELLANGE starting 140900A for possible employment w/134 Inf.

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G-2 SUMMARY AT 0700 14 NOVEMBER 1944

Corps reports all quiet with little or no enemy activity.

JOPLIN- Enemy still occupies town of Morhange (1936)

JURY- Enemy still occupies the town of Destry (1538), strength unknown. PW from 15th Pz Regt, 11th Panz Div, states that the regiment contains 66 tanks. It had moved S from Metz. PW also stated that all tanks were retreating eastward. PW captured in vicinity of Villers (120365).

ICEBERG- All quiet in their sector during night. Sporadic artillery fire in frontline areaof the Northern area was reported.

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BRIEFING NOTES — COLONEL JOHNSON — 14 November 1944

21st Army Group: The situation on the 21st Army Group front remains unchanged. The Czech Bde, which is containing the enemy in DUNKIRK now comes under control of the CO of the British Com Zone. No further ground force will be used to reduce this area, but any spare bombs will be dropped on DUNKIRK by returning bombers. British and Cdn units continue to move to the east. Yesterday morning, the 84th U. S. Div and the 113th Cav Gp, less one sqdn, passed to control of the Br XXX Corps for operations. The Br XXX Corps has moved to the south, and is now the most southern British Corps, with its CP in the 9th U. S. Army zone at Beek. New boundaries have been agreed upon in the area, but are not yet announced.

12th Army Group: 9th Army: With the loss of the 84th Div, and XIII Corps now has the 102nd Div and the 7th Armd Div. The 102nd Div is now being relieved by the 43rd Br Div, with the 407th Inf relieved in its zone by elements of the 43rd Br Div, and the 43rd Br Div has now assumed responsibility for the zone of the 102nd Inf Div. The XIII Corps also lost the entire 113th Cav Gp in the regrouping.

The XIX Corps gets the remaining sqdn of the 113th Cav Gp, the rest of which went to British control. Regrouping of units is going on in the XIX Corps sector, where elements of the 2nd Armd Div, the 29th Div, and the 30th Div are making shifts in dispositions.

1st Army: VII Corps: The 104th Inf Div held its positions east of AACHEN. The 1st Bn of the 12th Inf, of the 4th Div, succeeded in contacting the two rifle companies of the 2nd Bn, 12th Inf, and relieved their situation. These two companies, F and G, had been cut off for one day. In the V Corps zone, the situation of the 28th Div, in the SCHMIDT area, see-sawed for the 4th consecutive day, with no ground either gained or lost. In the VIII Corps zone, the 330th Inf of the 83rd Div continued to relieve TF POLK, in the south. 83rd Div is under 1st Army control. Higher Hq reports that the 116th Pz Div is moving out to the east, from the 1st Army front. The hastily reconstructed paratroop Army is still reported on the front of the 1st Army.

3rd Army: XX Corps: In the 96th Div sector, bridges are being constructed at MALLING and CATTENOM. Ferrying operations are continuing meanwhile. The 90th Div's two-pronged bridgehead is being maintained against heavy resistance. The fort at THIONVILLE was taken at noon yesterday, by the 378th Inf, and the bridge in that vicinity was nearing completion. The 1st Bn of the 377th Inf has now completely crossed the river at UCKANGE, moving northward. In the south, the 10th and 11th Regts of the 5th Div advanced to the north about 1½ miles along an 8-mile front capturing COMMY, FRY, VERNY, and LICHOM. Light resistance was reported by the 5th Div. (late report states that bridges at THIONVILLE and CATTENOM were in operation at 131850)

6th Army Group: XV Corps: The Corps jumped off yesterday morning at 0700, with the 44th Div on the north and the 79th Div on the south. The 44th Div pushed forward against heavy German resistance, gaining 1½ miles along the entire Div front, in the direction of LEINTREY and REMONCOURT. The 79th Div gained about 2 miles to the east capturing STE. POLE. Heavy mortar fire has been received throughout the day all along the Corps front. PW's taken by the XV Corps' attacking Div's are not "talking" extensively. Some of them claim to be PZ Grenadiers, but wear Luftwaffe and Mountain Troop uniforms.

VI Corps: The 399th Inf of the 100th Div advanced 2 miles on a 3-mile front and reached the outskirts of NEUFMAISON. Other elements of the 100th Div advanced 1 mile on a 2-mile front just south of HAUT L'ETAPE. The 15th Regt of the 3rd Div pushed forward and made two bridgeheads over the MEURTHE River north of STE. MICHEL. Both bridgeheads are extremely shallow in depth. The 409th Inf of the 103rd Div gained 500 yards in the forest just east ROUGIVILLE. The 142nd Inf of the 36th Div made a ½ mile gain on a 2-mile front, reaching the eastern edge of the forest of CHAMPS, in the west part of their sector. In the west part of their zone, they pushed southwest 1 mile on a 3-mile front toward the LE COURS mountain, to the southwest.

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1700 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with overlay showing contact points and delivered oral instructions as follows - After obj taken, hold with minimum personnel. Boundary between regts - no change. For contact points with adjacent units see overlay (163408 - 198390 - 232367). 137 Inf tie in left flank with nearest troops of 319 Inf or at contact point, whichever is nearest. Special attention to drying of and change of clothing for all personnel. Be prepared for continuation of advance on order. Be prepared to meet any enemy counteratk against present positions.

2400 - 320 Inf remained in Div Res. Disposition of troops unchanged (see 2400 entry 14 November 44).

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320 Inf - Remained in Div Res. 2d Bn moved to BELLANGE at 141225A, and, at 141315A moved to PEVANGE closing 142000A.

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BRIEFING NOTES — COL JOHNSON — 15 Nov 44

21st Army Group: No change.

12th Army Group: 9th Army: Enemy aircraft were over the MAASTRICHT area during the night. The 84th Div and 113th Cav Gp are now under operational control of 21st Army Group. In the XIII Corps sector, the 43rd Br Div began the relief, and continued to relieve the 102nd Div, which now has only one RCT left in the line - the 405th Inf. In the XIX Corps sector, patrols from the 29th and 30th Divs reported light resistance. No change in front lines throughout the Army zone is reported.

12th Army Group: 1st Army: VII Corps: In the 4th Div sector, 1 Bn of 12th Inf advanced and made contact with companies F and G, which had been cut off the preceding day. Very heavy enemy patrol activity is reported.

V Corps: The 110th Inf of the 28th Div continued the attack against strongly defended enemy positions but made little progress. The Corps reports sporadic arty fire. The 99th Div, less one RCT, has now closed in the V Corps zone.

VIII Corps: The 83rd is moving back to its former positions in the Corps zone. The Div is now under control of 1st Army, being relieved from attachment to XX Corps for operations. Otherwise, no change.

3rd Army: XX Corps: Last night, the CP of the XX Corps, located at JARNY, received 18 rounds of 280 mm arty fire, from the elusive RR gun on 3rd Army's front. No report has been received as to effect of this fire. Three days ago, the 90th Div in the north part of the Corps sector, received a heavy enemy counter-attack at which time, the bridge at MALLING, which had just been completed, was destroyed by enemy fire. On the following day, the 90th Div reorganized, and pushed forward, regaining the ground they had lost, and now have secured the line of departure used by the Germans in launching the attack. This is the line KERLING-OUDRENNE. A bridge has now, for the 2nd time, been completed at MALLING, and a bridge has also been completed at CATTENOM, just south of MALLING. In the 95th Div bridgehead sector near THIONVILLE, a 3rd bridge has been completed, and the entire 2nd Bn of the 378th Inf is across at this point. Yesterday at 1430, the 10th Armd Div commenced crossing at THIONVILLE, and the 10th Armd Div now has priority of crossing at both this bridge and the one at CATTENOM. In the 5th Div sector, the Div was commencing to push to the north, and succeeded in seizing VERNY, CIVRY, and POUILLY. POUILLY is approximately 3½ miles from METZ. 3rd Army reports taking over 5,000 PW's since 8 Nov 44.

6th Army Group: XV Corps: On 13 Nov, at 0700, the Corps jumped off in an attack to the east, with 3 regts abreast in the 44th Div, and 2 regts abreast in the 79th Div. The 44th Div encountered stiff resistance during the 1st day, but succeeded in pushing forward 1½ miles. The 79th Div encountered less resistance, and gained approximately 2 miles. Continuing the attack yesterday, practically no gain was reported by the 44th Div, with their front line running from REMONCOURT to LEINTREY, generally along the north-south 27 grid-line. In the 79th Div sector yesterday, resistance stiffened somewhat, but a gain of 1 mile was reported across the entire div front. PW's are reported to be "talking" more fluently now.

VI Corps: In the VI Corps sector, the 399th Inf of the 100th Div was successful in establishing a bridgehead east of the MEURTHE R., having captured the high ground north of RAON L'ETAPE. The 3rd Div was also holding 2 shallow bridgeheads over the MEURTHE, near ST. MICHEL.

In the 8th attack on the hiding place of the German battleship TIRPITZ, in a fiord on the Norwegian coast, RAF bombers report the vessel definitely sunk. According to Swedish radio, Germany now has only two of the "pocket" battleships left, in the class of the GRAF SPEE, which was scuttled by her own crew at MONTEREY, South America.

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1210 - CG visited CP.

1240 - CG awarded Silver Star to CO.

1530 - Following msg from Div delivered by Lt O'Brien - All Cal 50 MG's will be ready to fire any time and a man qualified to act as gunner will be nearby ready to man gun instantly in case of air atk. (All units of Regt notified with instructions that (1) No firing will be done during hours of darkness; (2) Firing during daylight will be done only when hostile aircraft atks; (3) Open fire will be ordered by a commissioned officer.)

1715 - Co C 654th TD Bn moved to relieve Co B 654th TD Bn which is being withdrawn to complete maintenance work.

2400 - 320 Inf remained in Div Res. Disposition of troops unchanged (see 2400 entry 14 Nov 44).

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320 Inf - Remained in Div Res. No change in dispositions.

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BRIEFING NOTES 16 Nov 1944 COLONEL JOHNSON

21st Army Group: The 52nd Div is being relieved in the area of the SCHELDT ESTUARY by the Luben Gp. The 52nd Div is moving to the east to relieve the Polish Armd Div, and the 52nd Div will now patrol the south bank of the MAAS River. A new offensive has been begun in the east, by the 21st Army Group, with the attack jumping off just 15 miles southeast of EINDHOVEN. The 15th Div pushed to the east and captured HELMOND. This town had been previously captured by the U S 7th Armd Div, but later been lost to the Germans in a counter-attack. The Br 7th Armd Div, of the XII Corps, pushed forward across the WESSEM Canal and seized the canal locks intact. Two other bridgeheads were established over the canal by the 51st and 53rd Divs.

12 Army Group: In the 9th Army sector, in what was formerly the XIII Corps zone, the 104th Div moved to the south and is now attached to the XIX Corps, and has taken its place in the line just north of the sector of the 29th Div of the XIX Corps. The XIX Corps continues to report heavy artillery concentrations following any movement of troops within their sector. In the 1st Army zone, V Corps, the 28th Division has been actively engaged in pushing to the east for the past week near SCHMIDT, maintained positions in the line. The 112th Inf of the 28th Div has been relieved by the 2d Ranger Bn, which is now attached to the 28th Div. The 99th Div continues to relieve elms of the 9th Div. In the 3d Army sector, XII Corps, CCB of the 10th Armd Div is now concentrated just to the east of KERLING, in the northern portion of the Corps zone. CCA of the 10th Armd Div continued to cross the MOSELLE during the day at both the MALLING AND THIONVILLE bridges. The approach to the bridge at MALLING, on the east side is now reported to be in very poor condition. Although the XX Corps' three bridges at MALLING, THIONVILLE, and CATTENOM each received about 60 rounds of enemy arty fire yesterday, all of the bridges are still fully in operation. In the 90th Div sector, the 358th Inf pushed approximately 1 mile to the east and captured the fort at HAUCONT. In the 95th Div zone, the Div captured FEVES and pushed on during the day to seize a portion of the group of forts known as "FT JEANNE D'ARC" located just northwest of METZ. In the south part of the Corps sector, where the 5th Div is pushing toward METZ from the south, a gain of over 1½ miles was reported. Yesterday, the 5th Div was reported to 3½ miles from METZ, and this morning's report places them just 1.8 miles from METZ.

6th Army Group: XV Corps: The 44th Div continues to report heavy resistance in their sector. The 114th Inf yesterday flanked the enemy on the south, and then pushed to the north as far as the RR between AVRICOURT and MARAINVILLER. In the south part of the corps zone, the 315th Inf captured ST POLE, while the 314th Inf reported the capture of HALLOVILLE. Yesterday afternoon, elements of the 2nd Armd Div were concentrated just south of HALLOVILLE at MUHLEN. The 79th Div reported the capture of 150 PW's and report knocking out 6 tanks and 6 armd vehicles in the attack on H ALLOVILLE.

VI Corps: The 100th Div jumped off yesterday morning after a heavy artillery preparation, and enlarged its bridgehead, capturing CLAIRUP. 145 German dead were found in CLAIRUP, apparently having fallen under our arty barrage. In the south part of the VI Corps sector, the 36th Div reports capturing VIGNVILLE, in their push to the east.

Third Army reports that in the present operation which commenced on 6 Nov 44, over 6500 PW's have been taken, of which 1500 have been taken by our own XII Corps.

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0930 - CO departed to visit Div CP to receive orders.

1015 - CO called Ex O and directed that the command be alerted for movement and that S-1 report to him for instructions.

1130 - CO returned to CP with information that Regt (less 3d Bn) will move to MORHANGE during the day. 3d Bn to reconnoiter and prepare to move to PEWINGEN.

1400 - 1st and 2d Bns began movement from CHATEAU BREHAIN and PEVANGE at 1400 and 1500 respectively to MORHANGE. Foot elements marched cross country and organic transportation moved on principal routes by infiltration.

1500 - FO #30 published at VAXY 171500 Nov and issued to assembled Bn, Special Unit, and attached unit comdrs at MORHANGE at 171730A Nov 44. FO #30 follows -

Hq 320 Inf
APO 35
171500 Nov 44

FO #30
MAPS: GSGS 36/13, FRANCE, 1:50,000, ST AVOLD, SAARGEMINES

1.a. See current G-2 and S-2 Reports. b. 35 Inf Div (reinf) continues adv to NE to sieze bridgehead over SAAR RIVER. One (1) CC of 6 Armd Div in support of 35 Inf Div. 137 Inf adv NE on left (NW) of 320 Inf. 26 Inf Div adv NE on right of 35 Inf Div (SE) 134 Inf - Div Res; follows 320 Inf by bounds. XIX TAC supports operation. Arty prep by Corps and Div Arty from H-30 to H Hour. Following units support 320 Inf: (1) Co C, 60 Engr Bn; (2) Co C, 654 TD Bn (SP); (3) 216 FA Bn (161 FA Bn reinf fires 216 FA Bn).

2. 320 Inf (reinf) adv NE 180800 Nov 44, sieze successive phase lines and portion of Div Obj in Regt Z. Protect Div right (SE) flank. Boundaries, LD, Routes, Objs, Phase Lines - overlay.

3.a. 1st Bn adv NE in Z, sieze successive phase lines, and portion of Regt Obj in Bn Z. Protect Regt left (NW) flank. Maintain contact w/137 Inf on left (NW). Overlay. b. 2d Bn adv NE in Z, sieze successive phase lines and portion of Regt obj in Bn Z. Protect Regt right (SE) flank. Maintain contact w/26 Inf Div on right (SE). Overlay. c. 3d Bn initially in Regt Res. Follow 2d Bn by bounds on Regt O. Prepared to pass through 2d Bn and continue atk on right (SE) Bn Z. d. AT Co mobile res initially. Overlay. e. Cn Co, support adv of Regt by fires from positions selected by CO Cn Co. f. I&R Platoon establish and operate OP's in Regt Z; establish and maintain contact w/137 Inf on left (NW) and 26 Inf Div on right (SE). g. CO C, 60 Engr Bn facilitate adv of Regt. Priority of work - (1) mine clearance; priority on routes of adv to Route B; (2) Bridge repair and/or installation. (3) Road maintenance with priority to Route B. h. Co C, 654 TD Bn (SP) furnish AT protection in Regt Z of adv as directed by CO 320 Inf. x. (1) EEI: (a) Determine if enemy will take up defensive positions W of SAAR R, and if so, where, and in what strength. (b) Report at earliest possible moment strength, composition, and direction of any enemy counteratk toward Div Z. (c) Report AT obstacles, mines, road blocks, conditions of bridges and roads and areas unsuitable for operation of armor in Z of adv. (2) Lead-inf units report arrival on successive phase lines. Beginning w/ phase line KING, cross phase lines on Regt O. (3) All Bns conduct extensive and constant rcn within Z's and to flanks, whether

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leading or in res. (4) Route B will be followed by leading units as closely as possible, to avoid main roads and to gain surprise.

4. Adm details later.

5. A. Index to SOI: 1-30. Coordinate Code Word: CAMP BUTNER.
b. CP's: Regt: overlay; Bns: Report.

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OFFICIAL: McELROY

1700 - Regt CP displaced from VAXY to MORHANGE. Distance of displacement - 13½ miles.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in Div Res prepared to atk 180800. At 171400 1st Bn moved from CHATEAU BREHAIN to MORHANGE closing in at 171600. At 171500 2d Bn moved from PEVANGE to MORHANGE closing in at 1630. 3d Bn remained at VANNECOURT prepared to move to res area S of MORHANGE 180730.. Cn Co in firing position at 208354 at approx 171730. AT Co - mobile res MORHANGE at 171700. Regtl Train prepared to move from VAXY to VANNECOURT.

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320 Inf - Remained in Div Res.

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21st Army Group: Relief of the 52nd Br Div by the Dutch CT in the SCHELDT area, continues. Elements of the 52nd Div continued to relieve the Polish Armd Div south of the MAAS River. Hq of the 1st Cdn Army moved yesterday from ANTWERP to BREDA. In the east the attack of the Br VIII and XII Corps continues. The 53rd Div pushed forward approximately 4 miles over the WESSEM canal, capturing LEVEROY. The 7th Armd Div, also across the WESSEM canal, pushed forward 1½ miles, capturing GRATHEM.

12th Army Group: Yesterday morning the XIX Corps of the 9th U. S. Army and the VII Corps of the U. S. 1st Army jumped off, attacking to the east. The XIX Corps advanced 2 miles against varied resistance. The VII Corps was reported last night to have made good gains against slight resistance, but exact locations and dispositions have not yet been reported. Our Air Force successfully bombed the 12th German Div, on the front of the VII Corps, in the process of being relieved by another German Div. This air attack produced utter confusion in the German ranks. In the V Corps sector, the 28th Div is being relieved by elements of the 8th Div of the VIII Corps. VIII Corps reports elements of two new enemy Divs identified on their front - the 212th Div and the 26th Div.

3rd U. S. Army: It is estimated that there are 30,000 enemy troops and 65 enemy tanks in front of the forces of our XX Corps. In the northern part of the Corps zone, the 3rd Cav Sqdn pushed to the east approximately 1 mile, and took BESTHOFF. Further to the south, CCB of the 10th Armd Div pushed to the east 4 miles, and at 1600, were reported on the outskirts of KIRSCHNAUMEN. CCA of the 10th Armd Div advanced 7 miles to the east and at 1600 they were reported to have captured LAUDREMONT, which is just 4 miles from the German border. In the 90th Div sector, at 0700, the enemy made a counter-attack at DIEDENHOFF. This counter-attack was smashed and DIEDENHOFF was mopped up. The 90th Div pushed 1 mile further to the south and captured STUCKANGE. In the 95th Div sector, TF BOOS advanced 4 miles to the south and captured BOUSSE. The 3rd Bn of the 377th Inf pushed 1 mile to the south seizing LA MALGRANGE, while the 2nd Bn advanced 1½ miles to the south and was reported fighting on the outskirts of KOENTZ, which is 1.6 miles north of METZ. In the 5th Div sector, the 2nd Inf repulsed two counter-attacks during the day. Both attacks were received in the vicinity of SORBEY. The 10th and 11th Regts pushed to the north, straightening the line between PELTRIS and ARGNY, and capturing MARLY. These two Regts are now 1½ miles from the outskirts of METZ.

6th Army Group: Resistance before the 45th Div of the XV Corps decreased considerably during the day. The 179th Inf, which was yesterday at the RR between MARAINVILLER and AVRICOURT, drove the enemy to the north 2 miles, thus permitting the 71st Inf to advance 2 miles to the east. The 79th Div gained 2 miles along their entire front, moving to the northeast. The 79th Div captured HARBOUEY, and elements of the 314th Inf were in the outskirts of FRENONVILLE, while elements of the 315th Inf were on the edge of RANRUPT. The 2nd French Armd Div TF was reported 1½ miles northeast of HOMECOURT, which they cleared during the day.

In the VI Corps sector, the 399th Inf of the 100th Div enlarged its bridgehead, capturing NEUFMAISON and cutting the main supply road between NEUFMAISON and HAUT L'EVEQUE. The 36th Div also enlarged its bridgehead 3 miles to the east, capturing GRANDS-SUR-VALOGNE.

The I French Corps, 1st French Army, in the southernmost sector on the Western Front, advanced 3 miles to the east and seized RUPTAL and BOUT.

Higher HQ now reports that 36% of total German troops and 38% of German armor are now on the Western Front, while 51% of the troops and 58% of the armor are in the eastern sector. The remainder are concentrated within Germany.

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0230 - 2d Bn Hq reported arrival of Capt Sadder, 134 Inf, to guide our troops through 134 positions on the line.

0300 - Message from 134 Inf - The minefield that was in 1st Bn 134 area has been removed.

0430 - Shelling in MORHANGE sporadic throughout the night. Two shells landed close to 2d Bn CP. 1st Bn reports shells just outside building. No casualties known.

0445 - Reported shelling to Div.

0825 - Maj Walton reports 1st Bn atk jumped off at 0800 and Bn is receiving arty and some small arms fire.

0840 - Msg from S-1, 2d Bn - F Co (left) at edge of woods at coordinates 230380. G Co (right) on west edge, slope, Hill 278, coordinates 233373. Receiving hvy MG fire from 233375 and 235372.

0900 - CO directed that 3d Bn (res) be moved at once to RACRANGE (2236).

0925 - Ex O, 1st Bn reports 1st Bn at stream 2238 grid square, exact location not known. Co B on left, Co C on right. Co A (res) following Co B. RJ at 210382 being interdicted by enemy arty fire.

0935 - Sgt Questad, 2d Bn, reports location of units as follows - Co F, 235382; Co G, 241377.

0940 - 2d Bn (Sgt Questad) reports that Bn is receiving small arms and mortar fire from BERMERING. Left unit 26 Inf Div is at 2334. Ex O, 1st Bn reports unit 400 yds short of VALLERANGE vic Hill 268 (226395).

1035 - Report from 1st Bn - They believe their troops hold VALLERANGE. Believe enemy tanks to be in 2d Bn sector. TD's notified.

1040 - 1st Bn reports leading elements 400 yds NE of VALLERANGE.

1050 - CG XII Corps visited CP.

1120 - 2d Bn reports enemy mortar fire from N of lake and at 246394 holding up advance. Enemy fire still continues from BERMERING. Arty preparation is being placed on BERMERING preparatory to assaulting the town.

1230 - Msg from Maj Wood, G-2 - Corps expects enemy air activity in Div sector during the afternoon. All vehicles are to be kept well dispersed. All units notified.

1245 - Msg from 2d Bn indicates that Co G will assault BERMERING at 1300 following arty preparation.

1315 - Msg from Div - Div fwd CP closes station at 181230A and opens same time at MORHANGE (2036). Signed CG 1230A.

1330 - CG, 35 Div, visited CP.

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1335 - Maj Walton, 1st Bn, reports Bn has secured positions 1000 yds from phase line SUGAR (town of VALLERANGE). Adv elements at approx (2440). Lt Col Walker, 1st Bn CO, has been wounded.

1355 - CO called from Regt fwd CP and stated that beginning at 1400 3d Bn will move from RACRANGE to pass through 2d Bn west of BERMERING and continue atk to NE to capture VIRMING. 2d Bn will continue to clear BERMERING of the enemy and will assemble then in Regtl Res.

1415 - 3d Bn began movement to NE to pass through 2d Bn.

1500 - CP displaced from MORHANGE to RACRANGE. Distance of displacement approx 2 miles.

1515 - 2d Bn (Sgt Questad) reports that Co E (res) has been committed to envelop BERMERING from the South with Co G making a frontal assault on the town supported by 1 plat of TD's firing direct fire. Lt Cooper, CO, Co C, 654 TD Bn reports one enemy tank destroyed at 247376 by the plat atchd to 2d Bn.

1645 - Lt O'Brien delivered following order from Div - 137 and 320 stop atk for night at 1800. Resume atk 190800. No arty preparation. 4 Armd Div plan will be carried out. CCB 6 Armd Div moves up main road MORHANGE - HILLIMER - PUTTLANGE starting by 0800., passing through 137 Inf and continuing atk to NE. 137 follows armor closely, cleaning out towns. If CCB 6 Armd Div meets strong resistance it will make flanking move to N. Its obj is crossings over MODERBACK RIVER, also dams on lake in that vicinity.

1730 - Information received from 3d Bn that operation of passing through 2d Bn was unsuccessful inasmuch as each time elements emerged from fwd edge of woods extending from 232386 to 234377, they came under observation and were subjected to observed enemy fire from vic 247393 and Hill 251 (249388). Plans are being formulated to move Bn fwd and pass through 2d Bn during early light and be in place to resume atk 190800 Nov 44.

2350 - Sgt Soule, Tr D, 25 Cav, 4 Armd Div reported - Armor will leave vic of CONTHIL at 0800, proceed to RODALBE, clear it and continue N to BERMERING and NE along axis of adv. From BERMERING a few tanks will be sent NE to vic Hill 240 to support move to VIRMING. They do not expect to be in BERMERING before 1000 - All Bns notified. Sgt Soule informed of our plan.

2400 - At end of period units occupied positions as follows - 3d Bn at edge of woods extending from 232386 to 234377. In an attempt to pass 3d Bn through 2d Bn these were the most fwd positions gained due to observed enemy fire. 1st Bn - line extending from 242417 to approx 245403. 2d Bn - Cos F and G immediately West of BERMERING and astride RACRANGE-BERMERING ROAD. Co E immediately S of BERMERING. All units consolidated positions and prepared to resume atk 190800 Nov 44. At 190015 1st Bn established contact w/137 Inf on left.

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171200A Nov 44 to 181200A

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320 Inf - 1st and 2d Bns atkd w/2d Bn on right at 180800A. Bns advanced against light resistance w/2d Bn receiving considerable fire from BERMERING. At end of period, 2d Bn was assaulting BERMERING from N and 1st Bn had passed to NE of town of VALLERANGE. 3d Bn remained in Regt Res, moving to RACRANGE.

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SUMMARY OF EMENY INFORMATION FROM JUSTICE

0700, 18 Nov.

Joplin: Reports sporadic artillery and mortar fire during night landed in following areas - 218368, Morhange, 215360.

Jury: Reports barbed wire located on forward slope of high ground West of Harprich (2040)

Miscellaneous: Hercules reports receiving fire from BENING (2142)

Three PWs captured by Joplin last night report - 50 men at 205393; 100 men at 213400; Two tanks or SP guns were moved last night into position at 211393.

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0015 - 1st Bn reports B Co moved into position as planned and has received no opposition.

0100 - Msg from Div - Hayseed Ln O reports information obtained from a PW as follows - AT ditch running from 500 yds NW of VIRMING SE through the town then extending to lake SE of town, then extending from SE corner of lake, crossing road at approx 292368 and RR at approx 300365. Road blocks at both ends of town. Streets of town are prepared to be mined.

0347 - 2d Bn reports - G Co reports considerable enemy activity (including three tanks) in village of BERMERING. Div informed.

0440 - Msg from Div - Report from night fighters that the roads leading into the following locations to the W are clogged with motor transport: SAARBRUECKEN (Q4571), SAARGUEMINES (Q5157), ZWEIBRUECKEN (Q3732), HOMBURG (Q7181). Pilots have observed 50 plus convoys of from 12 to 30 vehicles. Night fighters located these convoys and are bombing or strafing. They are moving from the W towards the NE.

0700 - Div reports following action in 137 sector - Sporadic arty and mortar fire during the night, one concentration vic RACRANGE (2236). Ground installations at HELLIMAR (3344) were reported by air.

0730 - 3d Bn pushed off on schedule.

0745 - G Co in BERMERING.

0800 - Div and 4 Armd Div informed that G Co is in BERMERING.

0820 - 3d Bn abreast of lake (246393 - 248390). Receiving hvy fire from woods.

1025 - 2d Bn conpleted clearing BERMERING and moved to adge of wood extending from 252381 to 255376 prepared to assemble in res at BERMERING. 1st Bn occupied line extending from 248413 to 252406. 1st Bn CP displaced to VINTRANGE. 3d Bn occupies line extending from 247390 to 252384.

1030 - Gen Sebree visited CP.

1100 - Leading elements 257410. Receiving small arms and arty. Next objective C Co (266402). Signed 1020 - 1st Bn.

1115 - Report from 3d Bn - K Co at (255388).

1130 - K Co receiving high velocity fire from VIRMING. Jimmy Cannon - STARS AND STRIPES reporter - visited CP.

1150 - CO 3d Bn reports - Co K now reached positions within small arms range of VIRMING. Armd arty firing into the town has knocked out one enemy gun which is holding up advance of Co K. Atk on the town will be coordinated with the armor.

1305 - 2d Bn assembling in town of BERMERING.

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1350 - 4 Armd Div now approaching VIRMING. Co K at outskirts of town - receiving hvy arty fire. Bn will move behind armd units.

1440 - Msg from Maj Walton, 1st Bn - Must have help from big friends on high ground in font of Kollmar (Co A).

1506 - Msg to 1st Bn - No big friends on our side. Impending action on left should help Kollmar. 1506.

1548 - Lt Ermelbauer, 3d Bn, reports that Germans are streaming cross country from VIRMING toward LINSDORF. 216 FA Bn requested to place time fire on retreating troops; Div Air Officer also notified of the target.

1615 - Co K now entering VIRMING preceded by the armor. Hvy fire coming from the town.

1715 - Col Alexander reported to CP and stated VIRMING now completely cleared of enemy.

1720 - Lt O'Brien delivered following order from Div - 137 and 320 sieze phase line PETER and establish outpost for thenight. Maintain contact w/armd column in immediate vicinity. Resume atk 200800. 137 established outpost to E of AT ditch running N&S just east of GROS TENQUIN allowing engrs to work on ditch tonight. 320 stops for night at 1800 if phase line PETER has not yet been reached at that time.

1725 - CP displaced from RACRANGE to BERMERING. Distance of displacement, 2½ miles.

1730 - Orders were issued to 1st Bn to move Cos B and C to left (N) of Hill 265 and into sector of 1st Bn 137, thence E and S and sieze phase line PETER in zone (271427 - 282410). Co A to remain in position just W of Hill 265 and contain the enemy force until tanks or armd elements can remove the resistance.

1915 - Maj Walton, 1st Bn, reports Cos B and C have begun moving to phase line PETER. Report will be made when mission is accomplished.

1932 - Information received from Div that responsibility of guarding Bailey Bridge over RR at 225373 is that of 320 Inf (S-3 directed 2d Bn to provide suitable guard for the bridge)

2000 - 3d Bn notified to coordinate atk with CC of 4 Armd Div and atk with them 200700. 1st Bn notified to coordinate atk with 1st Bn 137 Inf and CC of 6 Armd Div operating in their sector and atk with them 200900.

2330 - Msg from 1st Bn - B Co at 268412. Request no more fire on LINSTROFF unless requested.

2400 - At end of period units occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn assembled in res vic BERMERING. 3d Bn held town of VERMING which was captured at approx 1715. Co A, 1st Bn W of Hill 265 and at approx 255410, containing an enemy force on Hill 265. Cos B and C

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enroute to sieze phase line PETER in zone. (271427 - 281411)

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320 Inf - 1st Bn continued atk to NE of VALLERANGE until it reached general line extending from (Q242415) to (Q244395) at 190015A, there establishing contact w/1st Bn 137 Inf on left. At 190800A, Bn continued atk to NE reaching position shown (overlay). 2d Bn continued to assault town of BERMERING against strong resistance, succeeding in entering town at 190745A. Bn cleared town and was atking in woods to NE at end of period. 3d Bn began moving from RACRANGE at 181415A to pass through 2d Bn and was held up at woods from (Q232386) - (Q234377). Bn moved out at daylight 19 Nov and continued atk to NE.

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BRIEFING NOTES 19 Nov 44 COLONEL JOHNSON

21st Army Group: Minesweeping in the SCHELDT continues. The British Navy has just announced that ships will be able to dock at ANTWERP between 25 Nov and 7 Dec. In the east the attack of the 2d British Army against the German salient W of the MAAS continues. The 51st Div pushed forward 2 miles SE of MEIEL while the British 7th Armd Div advanced 1 mile occupying WISSEL.

12th Army Group:

Ninth Army: The 30th Div of the XIX Corps advanced 1 mile capturing KUNZ SEILER.

First Army: In the VII Corps sector our troops are running into mines and prepared positions. Two counterattacks were successfully repulsed. Last night the 104th Div reported that it was fighting in the streets of SCHLEIDWEILER. The 3d Armd Div announced the clearing of HASTENRAT H. The 4th Div at 1600 hours yesterday was still fighting its way through the town of HAASCH. The 110th Regt which had been concentrated in the V Corps sector has been released back to the 28th Div in the VIII Corps.

Third Army: XX Corps: The 3d Cavalry Group which we reported yesterday morning to have entered Germany has pushed on three miles from its point of original entry and taken the town of WOCHERN. At 2100 hours yesterday a second thrust into Germany was announced by the 3d Cav which reached 4 miles into Germany to the vicinity of the town of BESCH. TF CHERRY of CCB of the 10th Armd Div captured LAUENDORF and REMELDING while TF ALLEN also of CCB captured HALSTROFF. TF CHAMBERLAIN of CCA pushed E to capture KLANG ISDORF and FILSDORF. Other elements pushed S 2 miles and took FREISTROFF. The largest gain of the day was made by the 90th Division. Advancing three regiments abreast the division cleared an area of 50 square miles. In their advance they took the following towns: on the E, HERRESVILLER, HESTROFF, ST BERNARD; at the SE corner they reached CHARLSVILLE; on the S they took VRY and SAINRY. TF BACON again made good gains reaching and taking FT ST JULIEN on the NE outskirts of METZ. TF BACON reported slaughtering German troops attempting to escape from the METZ trap. The 377th and 378th Infantries of the 95th Div have pushed down to the MOSELLE R on the NE edge of METZ proper. All the bridges have been found to be blown. The 379th Inf on the W has also pushed up to the river line. West of Metz there are now only 4 forts left in enemy hands and these have all been surrounded and isolated. On the southeast side of METZ the 5th Div also made good progress. The troops north of the SEILLE were withdrawn and the extra strength was used in an attack to the NE to make contact with TF BACON. As of 2115 hours yesterday the 2d Inf had advanced to and taken BORNY and COURCELLES. The 10th and 11th Infs entered the southern portion of METZ and are fighting in the city. A platoon from the 10th which was sent to clear FORT QUESNY was reported out of contact with the regiment all day yesterday. The XX Corps has now two bridges across the MOSELLE at MALLING, CATTENOM, AND THIONVILLE, and one bridge at UCKANGE.

Seventh Army: XV Corps: The XV Corps CP is moving today from LUNEVILLE to Ogeviller. The corps reported the capture of 560 PWs yesterday. In the 44th Div the 71st Inf pushed forward and reported fighting in FOUDREY. Two battalions of the 315th Inf and one company of the 314th Inf have crossed the VEZOUSE R and had captured FREMONVILLE. The 2d Fr Armd Div advanced 2 miles to the NE capturing BERMENIL and elements were reported last night to be meeting heavy resistance in PARUX where the Task Force commander was killed in action. Reconnaissance elements has pushed forward by last night to the vicinity of CIREY.

VI Corps: The 100th Div advanced E and SE in the FORET DE REQUS. They successfully repelled three counterattacks supported by artillery in this area. However, further to the S German patrols succeeded in reentering RAON L'ETAPE. The 409th Inf of the 103d Div advanced 3 miles to the East and were reported late yesterday afternoon to hold the high ground overlooking ST DIE. Patrols have been sent into ST DIE east of the river and they reported that they found no enemy. The attack is continuing today. The town of CONCISEUX as well as ST DIE is being burned by the retreating Germans.

1st French Army: In the I French Corps sector General OSCHMAN commanding the 338th German Infantry Division was killed in the artillery preparation preceding the French attack. His aide was captured with notes giving the disposition of the defenses of the BELFORT GAP. An entry in the German general's diary was to the effect that all was quiet along the front and no action was anticipated.

Over 11,000 PWs have been taken by the Third Army since the beginning of the present operation on the 8th of Nov. Total enemy casualties inflicted by Third Army troops was yesterday reported to have exceeded the 300,000 mark. XX Corps reports 1969 PWs taken on 18 Nov.

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0010 - Msg from 1st Bn - 1 plat Co A (atchd to Co B) located at 274409. B Company continuing on mission.

0210 - B Co is on objective (phase line PETER) (271427 to 273420). Co C uncertain. Report from 1st Bn.

0225 - Report from 1st Bn - B and C Co both on obj (line from 271427 to 281411).

0830 - 3d Bn atking E of VIRMING and encountering arty and mortar fire. Armor moving slowly because of demolitions carried out by enemy E of town.

0930 - Hill 265 taken. Unit A is at 27854175. Unit B is at 29504150. Unit C is at 28354250. We are proceeding to 6 (FRANCALTROFF). Lockhart, I&R - 0925 - Msg from 1st Bn.

0945 - 2d Bn is now sending a patrol to BENING FME (267401) to clear any enemy groups which may have been bypassed.

1015 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with the following order - Cal 50 AA MG's belonging to any unit of Div except 448 AAA AW Bn will <u>never</u> fire on planes except: 1. When being <u>attacked</u> by enemy planes. 2. When enemy plane is <u>definitely recognized</u> - Black Cross. NOTE: NEVER FIRE AT NIGHT. When Infantry captures pillboxes, they will not be occupied by our troops, nor will they be left undamaged for reoccupation by enemy. Inf comdr will see that: a) Door is welded shut; b) Door is locked and handle blown off; c) Door is buried under mound of dirt by bulldozer.

1030 - Co I and K at 283393 not moving. Receiving arty fire - msg from I and R plat.

1125 - CG visited CP.

1130 - Msg from I and R - Co B at 297421.

1135 - Msg received via Arty Ln O w/3d Bn - 3d Bn now on phase line PETER and moving fwd.

1250 - Ln O, 4 Armd Div, reports two companies tanks now moving into outskirts of FRANKALTROFF.

1308 - Msg from 1st Bn - Unit is approaching Point T (ERSTROFF). Receiving no opposition. Relay to McElroy. Signed Unit 5. Signed Lockhart 1250.

1310 - Troops at West edge of T (ERSTROFF). Is friendly arty falling on that point. If so lift. Signed Unit 5. Signed Lockhart 1310.

1320 - Maj Gen Wood, 4 Armd Div, visited CP.

1330 - Msg from 1st Bn - Troops now occupy Point T (ERSTROFF) - 1310 - Lockhart.

1332 - 3d Bn now at 302399 and moving fwd.

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1420 - Troops of 2d Bn moving from BERMERING to new res position vic OBRICK.

1505 - Ln O from 4 Armd Div reports that CCA 4 Armd Div is through FRANCALTROFF and are assembling on the East side of town. 3d Bn is now in FRANCALTROFF.

1512 - Msg from 1st Bn - C Co entering woods NE of Point 7 (ERSTROFF). B Co moving E of 7 (ERSTROFF). Group receiving mortar and hvy 88 fire. Bridges out at 295427 and at 281415. Time signed 1437A

1625 - Msg from 3d Bn - Town (FRANCALTROFF) is clear. Troops moving in. Will contact you later by phone. Signed 1610A.

1630 - CP closed at BERMERING and opened at LINSTROFF same hour. Distance of displacement - 9 miles.

1730 - Msg from Div - Regt may stop for night 1800. Continue atk 210800. Signed Maj Allen - 1730.

2150 - Lt Peterson, Com O, 3d Bn, reports considerable shelling in FRANCALTROFF.

2215 - Lt Cooper, 654 TD Bn (Co C), called to report that he will have a platoon in FRANCALTROFF before dawn 21 Nov.

2400 - At end of period, 320 Inf occupied positions secured during the day as follows - 3d Bn in town of FRANCALTROFF. 1st Bn - Co C edge of wood extending from 305436 to 305431; Co B line from 303427 to 303421. 2d Bn (res) in assembly area W of LINSTROFF.

Extract from G-3 Report
191200A Nov 44 to 201200A

320 Inf - 1st Bn continued atk on Hill 265 but made no appreciable gain before dark. At 191915A, Cos B and C moved to NE and siezed phase line P and town of LINSTROFF at 200225A. Co A remained inposition at (257410) to contain enemy on Hill 265. Bn atkd at 200900A and siezed ERSDORF by end of period. At 191350A, 3d Bn and elements of 4 Armd Div atkd VIRMING entering town at 191615A and clearing it by 191715A. Bn atkd at 200900A and w/elements of 4 Armd Div, took town of OBRICK advancing to (Q300405) by end of period. 2d Bn assembled vic BERMERING in regtl res. Regtl CP moved to BERMERING at 191725A.

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BRIEFING NOTES 20 Nov 44 COLONEL JOHNSON

21st Army Group: In the DUNKIRK area, where 10,000 German troops are being contained by the Czech Armd Div, the enemy endeavored yesterday to break through the ring of defense. In the fight that followed, the attack was frustrated with heavy losses. In the E, the attack of the 2nd Br Army continued, with the 51st Div of the XII Br Corps pushing two miles to the E, capturing HAMMINKEL, and HELDEN, and also HEER. The 53rd Div pushed two miles to the E and were fighting in the vicinity of SCHERPENBERG. The Br 7th Armd Div advanced one mile to the E of HEEL, which was captured yesterday. The Br XXX Corps also continued its attack, advancing two miles. The 43rd Br Div of the XXX Corps pushed to the NE of GEILENKIRCHEN, and captured SUSSERATH and HATTERATH. The 6th U S Div pushed to the SE of GEILENKIRCHEN, relieving FRELENDORF. These two forces surrounded the town of GEILENKIRCHEN, which has since been reported captured by our forces in this morning's radio report.

12th Army Group:

9th Army: The advance of the 9th Army continued yesterday, with the 2nd Armd Div of the XIX Corps pushing one mile to the E, capturing IMMERHORF and PUFFENDORF. The 30th Div continued driving to the E, capturing LAURENSBERG. The 30th Div is reported to have suffered heavy casualties near LAURENSBERG, where bitter fighting developed.

1st Army: The VII Corps continued the attack to the E and good gains were made by the 3rd Armd Div, which advanced one mile to the E and reported the capture of HUTHEIM. The 4th Div also advanced one mile to the E and were fighting in GROSSHAU. The 8th Div, which had relieved the 28th Div, was reported advancing on the outskirts of SCHMIDT.

3rd Army: IX Corps: The 3d Cav Gp advanced two miles further across the German border, where the 3d Cav Sqdn captured BONG and the 43rd Sqdn captured BUSCHDORF. The 10th Armd Div pushed to the German border in three spots: TF CHAMBY in the N advanced one mile from LAUBUSDORF; TF WISEMAN advanced to the border, capturing [illegible]; and TF [illegible] also advanced 3 miles to the E, capturing just S of N [illegible]—this TF [illegible] a gain of approximately 20 square miles, capturing KELDEN and HERMERSCHEID. The 357th Inf of the 90th Div pushed to the SE, reporting 359th CT advanced to the S about 2 miles and took COMBS-BOIS and LES STABLES. The recon troop of the 90th Div, pushing to the S, made contact with the recon troop of the 5th Div at VAUCHERVILLE. The recon troop of the 95th Div, pushing to the S, made contact with the 2nd Inf of the 5th Div at VALLIERES, just NE of METZ, completing the encirclement of an area of 20 square miles, S of METZ. METZ itself has also been completely encircled by elements of the 95th and 5th Divs. 3 Bns of Inf are still in METZ proper— 2 Bns (the 1st Bn of the 377th Inf and the 3d Bn of the 378 Inf) are on the N bank of the MOSELLE River, while 1 Bn of the 11th Inf of the 5th Div is on the E bank of the river. The three forts—DRIANT, VERDUN, and JEANNE D'ARC, although still German-held, are all completely surrounded. The CP of the XX Corps is to move to VILLERVILLE, from JARNY today. G-2, XX Corps reports that the speed of our advance on METZ prevented the complete evacuation of the city that the German had planned. Vehicles leaving METZ two days ago were reported to be drawn by cows and oxen.

6th Army Group:

7th Army: XV Corps: XV Corps CP moved yesterday from LUNEVILLE to CIREVILLER. The 117th Inf of the 30th Div advanced 5 miles to the NE, capturing RECHICOURT, STE GEORGES, and were in the outskirts of LANDANGE. The 79th Div was pushing to the NE, continuing the clearing of the BOIS DE BLAMONT. The 2nd Fr Armd Div passed through the 79th Div and advanced to the NE approximately 10 miles capturing PETTONCOURT, BERTRAMBOIS, and HATTIGNE, and also L'ORMUSE. Recon elements were reported last night near the vicinity of SARREBOURG. The 12th Armd Div now has advance elements closing in the forest of GRANDES, in the XV Corps zone.

VI Corps: The 100th Div reported a gain of 1 1/2 miles to the NE, continuing clearing the forest of REMIOS. The 36th Div in the S reported the capture of RAGNY.

A substantial gain has been made by the 1st Fr Army during the past 24 hours. Elements of the I Fr Corps advanced approximately 6 miles along the SWISS border, capturing DELLE, just 10 miles SE of BELFORT. The 1st Fr Army took 7,000 PW's in their operations of the past 48 hours. News correspondents, reporting daily on the Western Front situation report that more substantial gains were made yesterday on the entire front than were made on any one of the past ninety days.

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0040 - Msg from 137 informing us that their 2d Bn will move two hours earlier than was previously arranged. 1st Bn informed.

0700 - G-2 report - 134, 137 Infs - all quiet. 80th Inf Div reports arty in FALQUEMONT (1749), PONTPIERRE (2049), booby traps in both towns; tieing branches of trees to explosives. Civilian reports enemy left GUESSLING (2047) and CREHANGE (1550) on 18 Nov. XII Corps reports all quiet. 61 PW's through PW cage. 3d Bn reports fwd CP being shelled in North part of town (FRANCALTROFF); shells coming from North.

0830 - 2d Bn called and stated that a tentative jump off time had been set by CO 2d Bn as 0845 or 0900.

0915 - 2d Bn reports that in early movement and w/out prior reconnaissanc the unit found the route to LD mined and one bridge out, thereby causing considerable delay. Unit now on line of departure (road leading North from FRANCALTROFF to coordinates 317420) and preparing to move fwd. Smoke is being employed to limit enemy observation on the unit from high ground at 323438 (Hill 270).

0920 - 1st Bn moving fwd and has now reached woods edge 310439 - 312429.

1030 - 1st Bn reports front line troops about 300 yds beyond phase line ITEM (308440 - 316421). Request engineers to clear road from 308440 to 316421 of mines.

1210 - 2d Bn reports Co E at 327426, Co F at 329415 as of 1140.

1245 - Lt Silverman dispatched to 3d Bn at FRANCALTROFF w/instructions for CO to dispatch one company to LENING to search and clear the town of any enemy that might remain there.

1300 - Msg from 2d Bn - Holding phase A (329420). Receiving direct fire - small arms fire from phase B (343426), phase C (341418), phase D (349420); also hvy fire from North. Receiving fire from town of LENING. Town will have to be cleared. Signed 1230.

1303 - Msg to CO 3d Bn - Ln O enroute w/mission. Hannum (CO 2d Bn) reports receiving fire from town (LENING) concerned. Expedite action. (Msg clear 1309) CO 320 Inf.

1432 - Arty Ln O 241 (1st Bn) reports 1st Bn troops at 315440 - 318430.

1440 - CG visited CP.

1445 - Capt Kullmar, 1st Bn, reports Bn now moving up heights at LA MAISON ROUGE FME (324438).

1530 - 2d Bn reports that unit is now on west slope of Hill 261 (330415) and are receiving tank fire and automatic fire from town of GRENING. Res company, Co G, is being employed to move S to outflank the enemy positions.

1640 - 1st Bn receiving arty fire, tank fire, and MG fire from S edge of town of HELLIMER.

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Co A observes enemy troops moving south out of PETIT TENQUIN.

1700 - Msg from Div - Regt may stop for night at 1800. Continue atk 220800.

2015 - CO 2d Bn reports town of GRENING is surrounded on 3 sides by 2d Bn troops. Disposition from N to S - Co E, Co F, Co G. Troops are drawn back far enough to allow arty fire to be brought down on the town. Enemy activity can be heard in the town.

2230 - Engrs were notified to clear road in 1st Bn sector, coordinates (323438 - 332436), of mines in order to enable 1st Bn to use it in the jump off by dawn 22 Nov.

2355 - S-2, 2d Bn reports that F Co reported receiving enemy small arms and tank fire from vic GRENING, also red flares. G-2 notified.

2358 - S-2, 2d Bn reports that 2d Bn OP reported white flares and confirmed small arms in previous message.

2400 - At end of period 2d Bn companies occupied positions N, W and S of GRENING and patrolled into the town. 1st Bn occupied high ground vic and E of LA MAISON ROUGE FME. 3d Bn remained in Regtl res in FRANCALTROFF. Res Bn prepared to move to N of 2d Bn positions to assist in capture of GRENING.

Extract from G-3 Report
201200A Nov 44 to 211200A

320 Inf - 1st Bn, atking on left, occupied town of ERSTROFF by 201330A, and by dark had reached E edge of woods (Q3043). Bn atkd 210800A and pushed about half-way through woods at (Q3043) by end of period. 3d Bn, continuing atk from phase line P, entered FRANCALTROFF at 201505A following elements of CCA, 4 Armd Div. 3d Bn cleared FRANCALTROFF by dark and assembled there in regtl res. 2d Bn moved from BERMERING to OBRICK closing 201700A in Res. Bn moved to position N of FRANCALTROFF and, at 210800A, atkd to NE of that town.

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BRIEFING NOTES — 21 Nov 44 — COLONEL JUDSON

1st Army Group: The XIX Br Corps continued to push to the E. The 51st Div pushed 1/2 mile to the E, capturing KESSEL. The 53rd Div reported heavy fighting in HOMBOND. The Br 7th Armd Div pushed as far east as the MEUSE River. In the Br XXX Corps sector, the 43rd Br Div and the 2nd U S Div continued mopping up GEILENKIRCHEN, and had elements 2 miles E of GEILENKIRCHEN, where they reported that yesterday's heavy opposition decreased considerably.

12 Army Group:

9th Army: XIX Corps: The 2nd Armd Div advanced 1500 yards and were fighting in the outskirts of EUSKIRCHEN. The town of JULICH, just to the SE has been reported demolished by our Air Force. The 29th Div captured SCHLEIDEN, after an advance of 1 1/2 miles to the E. The 30th Div proceeded 1 1/2 miles to the SE capturing KUCHENHEIM.

1st Army: VII Corps: The 3rd Armd Div succeeded in repulsing an enemy counter-attack, while the 104th Div reported gaining 2 miles and capturing WEHAN. The 9th Div was still reported to be E of the town of SCHMIDT. The 12th Armd Div arrived yesterday in the LE HAVRE-ROUEN area, and was reported enroute to the E.

3rd Army: XX Corps: CCA of the 10th Armd Div was yesterday relieved by CCR. CCA with the 358th CT of the 90th Div, moved in two columns to the N, crossing the German border, and were reported at 1500 to be in the vicinity of BOUCH and BOUCHEMAN. TF Cherry of the 10th Armd Div at 1200 was receiving a heavy enemy counterattack by German inf supported by arty and many tanks. In the 90th Div zone, the 359th Inf had pushed 2 miles to the SE and reported capturing VALMER-ANGEN. In METZ, all organized resistance has ceased, although fighting was reported in 5 segregated pockets in the town, all of which were surrounded. An SS General Officer, accompanied by the City Engineer of METZ, was captured in the city yesterday. The 4 forts to the W are still in enemy hands. Yesterday, one of our intelligence officers was sent to 2 of the forts under a white flag to give the garrisons the situation, but the Germans refused to capitulate. The ARNAVILLE bridge, which until yesterday had been spared by a smoke-generating co, was blown by arty fire from FT PLANT yesterday. This is the 14th time that the ARNAVILLE bridge has been blown—each time during a period when the smoke-generating co had been relieved from their mission of screening the bridge. During the past 10 days, Nov 9 to Nov 19, the XX Corps has taken 8900 PW's—an average of 890 per day.

6th Army Group:

7th Army: XV Corps: Resistance appeared to be crumbling before the XV Corps' units, where substantial gains were made throughout the day. Approximately 75 square miles of territory were cleared. The 71st Inf of the 44th Div was reported in SAARBRUCK, while the 2nd Fr Armd Div had elements 3 miles beyond the city, to the E. The 79th Div cleared the BOIS de BLAMONT and were reported at HITTING, have gained 8 miles. Other cities liberated during the day were: AMONCOURT, VAL, LA PETROLLE, ST. QUIRIN, HERMING, and SARREBOURG. The Corps claimed the capture of 700 PW's and 21 arty pieces.

VI Corps: The 100th Div gained 1 mile to the E of RAON L'ETAPE, while the 3rd Div put 2 regts across the MEURTHE river and reported the capture of LESOLIANOS. Very slight resistance was reported, and no organized line was encountered. The 36th Div reported a gain of 5 miles along the entire Div front, cutting the main road between ST DIE and LE THOLY, and capturing ARRENTES. The 14th Armd Div which was yesterday reported in the XV Corps zone, was assembling in the vicinity of MONTBELIARD, in the VI Corps sector.

The major breakthrough of the past 90 days occurred on the S extremity of the front, along the SWISS border, where the 1st Fr Army pushed elements over 30 miles to the NE, and captured 380 square miles of territory, together with the cities of BELFORT and MULHOUSEN. Recon elements were reported to have pushed E from MULHAUSEN to the RHINE RIVER. 1st Fr Army has taken 13,000 PW's during the past 3 days.

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0030 - Lt Stracken of the Engineers reported that a squad was on the way to clear the road (see 2230 entry 21 Nov).

0105 - Lt Head, 2d Bn, reports atk forced his Co (E) back to the next ridge (Hill 261 and Hill 253) at 0030. Five tanks w/inf. One of his patrols was also shot up. F Co believed to have withdrawn also. G-2 and G-3 notified.

0120 - Col Byrne called 216 FA to arrange for TOT on GRENING as soon as possible; also on NELLING and PETIT TENQUIN.

0125 - Col Byrne called CO 3d Bn and discussed 2d Bn situation. Also asked 3d Bn to make morning move as planned as early as possible.

0150 - Capt Thompson, 216 FA , reported that he is firing TOT of 3 Bns (one 8") on GRENING at 0205 and again at 0225. Also the towns of PETIT TENQUIN and NELLING.

0155 - Col Byrne informed Capt Tobin of arty plan as above.

0200 - TD Officer called and Col Byrne informed him of our plan and warned him to be alert for possible targets at first light.

0207 - Col Byrne called G-3 and requested use of some armor working with 137 Inf to swing S and help push through GRENING. If this is granted, force to be alerted ready to move by or any time after 0700 on call.

0220 - Col Solomon called and discussed above plan with Col Byrne.

0632 - 3d Bn started from FRANCALTROFF on mission at 0630, to move to left (N) of 2d Bn to assist in capturing GRENEING.

0645 - 2d Bn reports E and G Cos back in the positions they occupied last night before the atk.

0700 - G-2 report - 134 - All negative during the night. 137 - Received sporadic arty fire. PW report there are 12 88's located within coordinates 283480, 287472, 294479. Also reports RR guns at 268554. Corps - reports all quiet w/sporadic arty in 80 Div sector. 56 PW through cage.

0715 - Lt Spragg, CCA (Ln), recalled to unit because of change in mission. G Co wishes to know if there are friendly patrols on their right.

0725 - G-2 reports town of GRENING full of Germans.

0730 - 3d Bn S-3 reports contact with F Co. (1st Bn notified). Inquired concerning contact between 1st Bn and E Co.

0745 - 1st Bn S-3 reports units moved out early and has no word yet as to their progress.

0750 - CO 2d Bn inquired about 1st Bn. Relayed 0745 report to him.

0800 - 216 FA reports 7 TOT's of 3 and 4 Bns at GRENING, PETIT TENQUIN, and NELLING.

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0810 - Msg from 1st Bn - Advance elements 600 yds W of Point 11 (PETIT TENQUIN). Receiving small arms fire from PETIT TENQUIN and from woods on right (350426). Enemy vehicle observed in PETIT TENQUIN. Two enemy tanks moving east from 352427 at 0800. Request information of unit on flank.

0830 - Div requested to furnish TD support for 1st Bn from units operating immediately N of 1st Bn sector. Approved. Two plats will be sent from vic HELLIMER to bear on PETIT TENQUIN.
Msg from 3d Bn - Co L now at 328426 (leading co).

0905 - Msg from 1st Bn - Request flap flap. Enemy tanks and other vehicles vic check point 11 (PETIT TENQUIN). Our position unchanged.

0932 - 3d Bn now on Hill 226 (335428) and continuing to move to East.

0940 - Msg from G-3 - Two plats of TD's approaching woods immediately N of GRENING from the north. One plat TD's approaching GRENING from South. Movement is being controlled by air reconnaissance.

1015 - Capt Trossen, 3d Bn, reports enemy contacted. Bn moving through 2d Bn.

1038 - Msg from 1st Bn - Situation unchanged. Receiving small arms fire from 11 (PETIT TENQUIN) and woods on right (south). Enemy armor at 355428 and moving south from PETIT TENQUIN. Request hvy stuff on PETIT TENQUIN. Signed 1025A

1050 - Ex O, 2d Bn, reports enemy counteratk on Co G positions S of GRENING. Arty fire, Inf fire have been brought down on the enemy and the atk is subsiding. Co G continued to hold their positions.

1125 - Gen Sebree visited CP. Brought new Div limit of advance and plan to put Div in Corps res in holding position.

1205 - Col Hannum, 2d Bn, reports enemy digging in N and W edge of town (GRENING). Our troops receiving hostile fire believed to be flak. Estimates between 100 - 150 hostile troops.

1220 - Maj McElroy instructed Sgt Walsh to have Cn Co fire two rounds of propaganda shells into GRENING.

1225 - CO 3d Bn reports two tanks firing from GRENING into their positions. Marked enemy activity and movement between PETIT TENQUIN and GRENING including track laying vehicles and horse drawn vehicles.

1255 - Co K approaching GRENING from West.

1400 - 2d Bn reports two enemy tanks in woods N of GRENING and at approx coordinates (350426) holding up advance of Co E.

1450 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with FO 28 35 Inf Div 221500A.

1555 - L Co patrol has worked its way into GRENING as far as the church. Remainder of unit working fwd to attempt to enter.

1610 - CP desplaced to ERSTROFF from LINSTROFF. Distance of displacement -

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3.3 miles.

1700 - Msg from Div - Cease any time after 221700. Continue atk in accordance with FO 230800.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn on high ground west of PETIT TENQUIN and at approx 353439. 3d Bn on N (left) of 2d Bn sector, 2d Bn on S (~~left~~ right). Both Bns occupying line west of GRENING from 345426 to 345413. Tank fire from GRENING and woods at 348430 prevented further advance of 2d and 3d Bns. Tanks were defended by enemy inf.

Extract from G-3 Report
211200A Nov 44 to 221200A

320 Inf - 1st Bn continued atk E in Z advancing to (Q324438) where further progress was slowed by very hvy fire from HELLIMER. Bn atkd at 220700A and advanced toward PETIT TENQUIN, receiving fire from town and woods (Q350426). 2d Bn continued advance to E, being held up after taking HILL 261 (Q330415). At dark, Bn advanced to position on N, S and W of GRENING, repulsed an atk of Inf and tks from town at 220105A, and remained in position during period. 3d Bn, in Regtl Res at FRANCALTROFF, sent one (1) Co to LENING to clear that town. Bn moved to E at 220630A, and assisted 2d Bn in atk on GRENING and woods to N.

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320th Inf continued atk in Z w/1st Bn on left, 2d Bn on right, and 3rd Bn moved from res pos vic FRANCALTROFF along Bn bdry to pos in woods N of GRENING to assist 2d Bn in taking of that town. At 1015 A 3rd Bn contacted enemy small arms fire W of Grening, and also contacted "E" company in woods N of town. By 1038 A 1st Bn reached a position approx 500 yards W of Petit TENQUIN, receiving small arms fire from inf at that point and from woods S of town. At 1050A enemy in GRENING advanced on "G" company S of town; our artillery and inf fires successfully broke up the atk, forcing the enemy back to the town with no changes in our positions. At 1225A enemy tanks in GRENING commenced firing on 3rd Bn and E company in woods N of town; our units pulled deeper into the woods temporarily to nullify the effect of the hostile fire. This tank fire continued thruout the afternoon, and inasmuch as enemy infantry was constantly around their tanks our forces were unable to get within bazooka range of them, and our TD's were unable to reach firing positions due to adverse grpund conditions and mine fields. By 1555A a patrol from L company penetrated the town and reached a building near the church. This patrol remained in town thruout the afternoon and night harassing the enemy with grenades and small arms fire. No other units were able to enter the town, however, because of the determined resistance of the well-entrenched enemy infantry. All 3 Bn's halted further action at 1700A and consolidated for the night. Enemy patrols of undetermined strength against G company were beaten back with our small arms fire at about 2400A. Remainder of Regt Z was quiet during night. Enemy movement could be heard thruout night in both towns, but slackened toward 0600A. Our Bn's advanced on both towns at approx 0700A, and at that hour 1st Bn reported PETIT TENQUIN occupied and free of enemy, and by 0815A 2d and 3d Bn's had occupied GRENING, encountering no enemy . At 0900 1st Bn dispatched patrols to PETIT ROHRBACH and RAPPELKINGER, 2d Bn to RENING and 3d Bn to NELLING to determine if any enemy in that area, and if so, what forces would be required to overcome them. Regt CP displaced 221600A from LINSTROFF to ERSTROFF.

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BRIEFING NOTES S E C R E T 22 Nov 1944 Colonel Johnson

21st Army Group: In the British XXX Corps, the 51th U. S. Div made little progress against heavy opposition from pill-boxes and AT guns. The 43rd Div received heavy shelling in their zone. Resistance was reported very heavy all along the line.

12th Army Group: 9th Army: XIII Corps is not operational at the present time. In the VIII Corps sector, the 30th Div pushed forward 1,000 yards and captured DUCHES, and LIMBACHERHOF. The 29th Div captured BERELSDORF, while the 2nd Armd Div was fighting in HERZENHAUSEN. The 29th Div reports heavy fire (arty) in their sector, as does the 2nd Armd Div. During current operation, 52 tanks have been destroyed.

1st Army: 9th Army: VII Corps: The 104th Div pinched out CCA of the 3rd Armd Div, and pushed through HELERTH, and RONE, to seize ESCHWEILER, where heavy fighting has been continuing for several days. The 1st Div pushed forward very slowly against heavy resistance, and captured HELSTERN. A new boundary has been announced between the VII and V Corps, which gives the HERTGEN area to the V Corps. In the V Corps sector, the 8th Div pushed to the N of SCHEIDT, and gained about 1500 yards in a NE direction, by noon yesterday. VIII Corps: no change.

3rd Army: METZ is reported completely cleared of enemy at 1435 yesterday. CCA of the 10th Armd Div is passing through the 3rd Cav Gp, at BESCH and WOCHERN. The 3rd Cav Gp is assembling in the vicinity of APACH. New boundaries become effective today giving the 5th Div the rear portion of the Corps, including METZ. The 95th Div, in the center of the zone, has now been assigned the southern portion of the Corps sector. The bridge at MALLING is being dismantled for use in another location. Parts of the 5th Div and the 95th Div paraded before Gen. WALKER in METZ yesterday to commemorate the fall of the city, and U. S. forces officially returned the city to the French.

6th Army Group: 7th Army: XV Corps: The Corps was marked by the further extensive gains of the 2nd Fr Armd Div, which pushed generally E gaining up to 10 miles in some spots. TF's on the N pushed E from PETERSBACH to WALTERSWILLER, and then wheeled S taking the towns of GROSSBACH, and DOSSENHEIM. This brings the N column to within 5 miles of the city of SARREBG. On the S, other TF's pushed S to E ERKERSBAD, which is about 5 miles S of SARREBG. In the center, a TF of CCB has been held up all day yesterday by strong resistance in the city of PFD _____. The 44th and 79th Divs have been clearing the pockets left behind by the rapid advance of the 2nd Fr Armd Div. The 45th Div is now in the XV Corps zone, and has closed at LUNSVILLE. CP is at LUNSVILLE. XV Corps CP has now displaced forward to SAARESBURG.

VI Corps: A general gain of 4 miles was made along the VI Corps front. The main resistance which they struck was mines and obstacles of various types.

100th Div pushed forward 4 miles and captured LA TROUCHE, and an enemy attempt to infiltrate back into the town was frustrated. Further to the S, the 3rd Div expanded its bridgehead laterally as well as forward during the day, and is continuing its drive on SAALES. CCA of the 14th Armd Div has moved to the N to the XV Corps sector. The 36th Div now has 2 Regts across the MEURTHE and the rest of the Div was crossing at 1600 yesterday afternoon.

1st French Army: The I French Corps extended its line along the RHINE River to 12 miles and has cleared out the pockets left behind in its initial drive to the German border.

(3952 PW's have been taken by the U. S. 9th Army in the last 10 days.

Note: for the past twelve days, the XX Corps, TUSA, has averaged 1300 PW's per day, for a total of 13200 PW's in this latest operation.

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21st Army Group: Although the Br Navy had announced the information that the SCHELDE would not be completely cleared of mines until Nov 27, the first small freight ships docked yesterday at ANTWERP. It is now predicted that the SCHELDE will be completely cleared of mines by 26 Nov. In the N sector of the II Cdn Corps, the 50th Br Div was relieved by the 2nd Div. The 50th Div will be used as a replacement pool for other British units. In the drive to the E by the 2nd Br Army, further gains are reported. The 15th Div of the VIII Corps pushed 1 mile to the E, capturing HELENA-VEEN. The 49th Br Div passed through the 51st Br Div, and was reported fighting at HAASBROEK. The 53rd Br Div was still fighting in the vicinity of ROSMOND. In the Br XXX Corps, the 84th U S Div advanced 1 1/2 miles to the E, capturing WORM and BRUNK.

12th Army Group: 9th Army continued the attack to the E. The 2nd Armd Div, which has suffered heavy casualties during the past 2 days, advanced 2 miles to the E, capturing GEREONSWEILER and ADERGE. The 29th Div advanced 1500 yards, capturing ALDENHOVEN. The 30th Div of the XIX Corps and the 104th Div of the VII Corps made contact and advanced 1 mile to the E, reporting that enemy resistance was decreasing considerably. The 1st Div advancing 1200 yards to the E, reported the capture of HASTHEIM. In the V Corps sector, the 8th Div and CCR of the 5th Armd Div were pushing to the E, just S of SCHMIDT. In the lower sector of the VIII Corps, the entire 83rd Div has crossed the German border, in the vicinity of GEYLENKIRCHEN, and has made contact with TF Polk of the XX Corps, 3rd Army.

3rd Army, XX Corps: CCA of the 10th Armd Div pushed through the 3rd Cav Gp and was reported last night at 1600 to be 4 miles across the German border, encountering heavy resistance, including pillboxes and dragons' teeth. TF Cherry of CCB, 10th Armd Div, repulsed yesterday's counterattack, which was supported by enemy arty and tanks. TF Bacon of the 95th Div cleared the large pocket in of the city of METZ, which had been surrounded by their forces. The French flag is now flying over METZ, where 9/10 of the city is now in our hands. There are 2 portions of the city, from which our forces are still receiving German fire, but both of these pockets are surrounded by our troops. The 4 forts on the E of the city continue to fire occasional rounds of arty into the city. Just SW of METZ, in one of the forts at MONTIGNY, which the Germans still hold, a small group of enemy, including 20 officers, among them GEN KITTEL, still refuse to surrender, although they are cut off from possible relief. 3,014 PW's were taken by XX Corps yesterday, bringing the total for the past 11 days to 11,914—an average of 1084 per day.

6th Army Group: In the 7th Army, the XV Corps intends to move their CP from Oggviller to SARREBOURG. The XV Corps continued to make tremendous gains throughout the day. Elements of the 2nd Fr Armd Div have proceeded 10 miles to the NE, and reported at 1800, the capture of SARRALBE. Elements of the 2nd Fr Armd also captured MITTELBRONN. Elements of the 79th Div captured ARZVILLER. Other towns captured during the day were: HELLERING, BOLVING, and LORGATT. The 2nd Fr Armd reported capturing over 1200 PW's yesterday. The XV Corps arty shelled German columns moving to the E, apparently from the XII Corps zone, near WEISS.

All Divs of the VI Corps reported gains of approximately 2 miles along the front. The 36th Div captured ST LEONARD. Resistance in front of the 7th Army is reported by G-2 to be completely disorganized. G-2 estimated that only 5,000-6,000 troops oppose each of the 7th Army's Corps. Yesterday, the Germans are reported to have committed a group of band musicians to the front line. The CO of one platoon are reported to have shot their platoon leader and then surrendered to our forces.

In the 1st Fr Army, the advance of the II Fr Corps continued, and the Corps captured GERARDMER. The I Fr Corps, which has covered 385 square miles, in the last 2 days, continued its push to the E. North of BASLE, I Fr Corps troops were along the W Bank of the RHINE RIVER for a stretch of 8 miles, and their arty was shelling German positions on the E bank. Numerous Germans are reported to have crossed the SWISS border in order to be interned for the duration.

With the liberation of TIRANA, the capital of ALBANIA, by TITO's forces, 15 of the 21 European capitals formerly held by the NAZIS are now free.

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0140 - 1st Bn reports their patrol into town (PETIT TENQUIN) revealed that no enemy could be seen or heard (and no vehicles).

0700 - 1st Bn Rear has no communication to the fwd CP. Armor moved fwd all through the night and cut all wires. Msg from 2d Bn - Enemy patrols of undetermined strength in front of G Co just before midnight. They retired after G Co fired on them with small arms. Otherwise all quiet. 3d Bn reports all quiet in their sector last night. 2d Bn reports objective (PETIT TENQUIN) taken.

0715 - Msg from Div - 3d Army reports possible increase in enemy resistance by air or ground or both in this sector on fwd elements today. Advise units. Signed 0650. 1st, 2d, and 3d Bns notified by radio.

0730 - G-2 Summary - 20 rounds of arty fell on MORHANGE between 0125 and and 0350. 137 reports sporadic arty fire in their area. Rcn reports active enemy patrols in FREYHOUSE (3045).

0755 - 2d Bn reports enemy tank between E Co and GRENING.

0840 - G Co in GRENING. Reports no enemy. Signed 0825. I&R

0845 - GRENING unoccupied by enemy. All 2d Bn troops have occupied GRENING. Outposted same. Signed 0835. 2d Bn.

0915 - Msg from 3d Bn - 2d and 3d Bns are now entering GRENING. Signed 0815.

0920 - Col Northam sent Lt Donovan (I&R) to 1st Bn w/following directions - Patrol to towns of PETIT ROHRBACH (3842) and KOPPELKINGER (395417) and vic with purpose of determining what is there and what is needed for us to take the towns.

0930 - Col Byrne directed Col Hannum, 2d Bn, to patrol to RENING (3540), to determine what is there and what is needed to take it. Col Alexander, 3d Bn, was also to send patrols to NELLING (365410) for the same purpose as the 2d Bn patrols.

1125 - Div reported that bridge ordered by us in vic of HELLIMER will be ready by evening. We are to have engrs fill craters.

1325 - CO, 3d Bn, reports Bn now moving on NELLING.

1345 - Sgt Questad, 2d Bn, reports patrol sent to RENING consisted of one squad. Patrol has not returned nor has it yet made a report.

1400 - 1st Bn approaching PETIT ROHRBACH. Arty is being put on known enemy strongpoint.

1410 - CO 2d Bn reports that patrol reached RENING where they found prepared enemy positions around the town and a force estimated as a plat holding the town. A decided water barrier exists just N of the town. Patrol contacted 26 Inf Div Rcn troops who informed the patrol that their arty was shelling the town and troops of the 26 Div were preparing to take the town.

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1445 - TD's report enemy tanks and armor assembling at 395423 and 396418.

1500 - 2d Bn dispatched one reinf company to PETIT TENQUIN and from that company one reinf plat to ZELLEN. Remainder of Bn remained in GRENING.

1545 - Msg from 1st Bn - Unit to front was stopped 600 yds short of PETIT ROHRBACH by two 20 mm flak guns. One was knocked out by arty fire. Other one still firing; also tank. Four other tanks reported in vicinity on higher ground. Request permission to advance in same manner.

2010 - Capt Kullmar, 1st Bn Ex O, reports area in front of KAPPELKINGER found to be flooded. PETIT ROHRBACH now occupied by one reinf company. Combat patrols have been sent to KAPPELKINGER and UBER-KINGER. Remainder of Bn will remain in PETIT TENQUIN for the night. One tank was knocked out in PETIT ROHRBACH by arty or mortar fire.

2030 - Msg from 1st Bn - B Co at coordinates 382422 (PETIT ROHRBACH). Stream in vicinity overflowing. Flood conditions exist. Msg from 3d Bn - 3d Bn in positions as per instructions. (Telephone conversation with Col Alexander at 2140 amplifies above msg as follows - 3d Bn now occupies NELLING. The town was occupied w/out offensive action. Civilians indicate that about 70 Germans withdrew just as 3d Bn troops approached the town.

2115 - Msg from 1st Bn - French civilians 3842 (PETIT ROHRBACH) report 19 (?) elements w/drawing from NELLING to HAZEMBOURG, AUDVILLER, GUEBLANGE, SCHWEIX, HINSING, and HALVING.

2315 - Msg from 1st Bn - Do not fire on Point 10 (UBERKINGER) before 0100.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 2d Bn (-1 reinf co) at GRENING. One reinf co 2d Bn (-one plat) at PETIT TENQUIN. One plat 2d Bn at ZELLEN. Co B 1st Bn occupied PETIT ROHRBACH. 1st Bn (-Co B) remained at PETIT TENQUIN. 3d Bn occupied NELLING.

Extract from G-3 Report
221200A Nov 44 to 231200A

320 Inf - 1st Bn continued atk on PETIT TENQUIN, entering town at 230700A and cleared it of enemy. 2d and 3d Bns continued atks on GRENING during afternoon 22 Nov, receiving tk and small arms fire from town. At 230700A, Bns entered town and reported it clear. At 230900A, patrols were sent to KAPPELKINGER, PETIT ROHRBACH, RENING, and NELLING to determine presence of enemy in those towns. Regtl CP moved from LINSTROFF to ERSTROFF closing 221600A. At end of period, 1st Bn was moving against PETIT ROHRBACH, 3d Bn moving against NELLING.

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0045 - Msg from 1st Bn - Patrol reports considerable vehicular activity at Point 10 (UBERKINGER). Trucks, motorcycles, and one tank. Request all possible fire between 0100 and 0700. Signed 0027.

1000 - Lt O'Brien reported to C[f] with overlay and order that 320 Inf sieze and hold RENING, INSMING, UBERKINGER, KAPPELKINGER, VENTZVILLER, and HAZEMBOURG.

1045 - Patrols sent out by 3d Bn to INSMING and RENING found the towns clear of the enemy. Co L secured INSMING. One plat Co I occupied RENING.
2d Bn moved to assembly area vicinity of PETIT TENQUIN.

1058 - Msg from Co via radio - Walton (1st Bn CO) near final objective (UBERKINGER), needs Ellis' (TD) people. Push them down there. 1055A.

1120 - Msg from 1st Bn - A and B on outskirts of 395423 (UBERKINGER). Knocked out GI jeep with Germans, also half track and believe enemy tanks bottled up. Enemy armor dug in high ground north of leading elements. Two enemy tanks and three half tracks reported at 399427.

1155 - Msg from CO 1st Bn - Have captured UBERKINGER (395423). Prisoners taken. Tanks destroyed. B Co platoon moving to 396417 (KAPPELKINGER). Receiving arty at 395423 and roads leading South. 1130A.

1230 - CP displaced from ERSTROFF to LENING. Distance of displacement - 4 mi.

1425 - Capt Kullmar reports UBERKINGER has now been occupied by two companies. Three enemy vehicles have been knocked out. One American ¼ ton, 1 tank, 1 half-track. Troops are now moving on KAPPELKINGER. Bridge between UBERKINGER and KAPPELKINGER is out.
A route reconnaissance by Lt Donovan from LENING to KAPPELKINGER DISCLOSES that road is clear and in most places will carry two way traffic.

1930 - S-3, 1st Bn reports - B Co states that one platoon of Co C, 654 TD Bn is now inposition at KAPPELKINGER.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 1st Bn - Co A and Co B (-) in UBERKINGER. 1 plat Co B in KAPPELKINGER. Remainder of Bn at PETIT ROHRBACH. 3d Bn (-) at NELLING. Co L at INSMING. One plat Co I at RENING. 2d Bn (-) at PETIT TENQUIN. One Plat at ZELLEN.

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320 Inf - 1st Bn continued atk to E from PETIT TENQUIN meeting strong resistance from tks and AA guns vic PETIT ROHRBACH, and, at 232030A, Co B occupied the town. Bn resumed atk on morning 24 Nov and occupied UBERKINGER. 3d Bn moved from GRENING to NELLING, occupying town by 232030A. During morning 24 Nov atkd REMING and INSMING, and, at end of period, Co L was in INSMING and one (1) plat from 3d Bn was in REMING. Regtl CP moved to LENING closing 240930A.

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BRIEFING NOTES — Col Johnson — 24 Nov 1944

21st Army Group: An enemy force reported to consist of 2 Pns supported by arty entervored to penetrate our lines just south of NIJMEGEN. The 2nd Cdn Div reported holding their own against this attack late yesterday afternoon. The VIII, XXX, and XIX Corps continued their drive to the east. The 15th Div of the VIII Corps had pushed 1 mile east of HELENAVEEN, while the 53rd Div advanced 2½ miles to the northeast, and was reported within 3 miles of VENLO, just 5 miles from the German border. The 53rd Div was still fighting in the vicinity of ROERMOND. The 43rd Div and the 5th U. S. Div of the XIX Corps pushed 1 mile east of SUGGERATH. The 105th CT of the 102nd Div has now been attached to the 5th Div, and took part in the attack. At 1800 yesterday, the 5th Div reverted to XXX Corps control (U.K.).

12th Army Group: In the last 7 days, 5,000 PW's have been taken by the 9th Army. The 30th Div pushed 3 miles beyond LUKERN, which was captured yesterday, and seized PATTERN. The 29th Div made an advance of approximately 4,000 yards, capturing ENGELSDORF.

In the 1st Army, VII Corps, the 104th Div completed mopping up ESCHWEILER, a town of 36,000 population, reported to be demolished, and advanced to PUTZLOHN. The 1st Div advanced against extremely heavy resistance, just beyond HEISTERN. In the V Corps, the 121st Inf of the 8th Div gained about 1,000 yards pushing to the northeast of DUREN. In the attack of the 1st Army, the Germans employed 100 seventy-ton "KING" tanks, 75 of which have been destroyed in the past 4 days of battle.

In the 3rd Army, XII Corps, CCA of the 10th Armd Div, in the north portion of the Corps sector, across the German border, met heavy opposition. Dragons'-teeth and pill-boxes were being encountered, together with heavy arty fire, reported to be coming from the east of the SAAR River. CCB of the 10th Armd Div (Task Force Cherry) advanced approximately 500 yards to the northeast against stiff resistance. Major WEINER, former CO of 3rd Battalion, was wounded in action yesterday, and was succeeded in command by Major HUSTED. The 90th Div has relieved CCA and CCR in concentrated in the vicinity of KIRSCHNAUMEN. In the south part of the zone, patrols of the 2nd Inf advanced 5 miles, and found the towns of BIONVILLE and RAVILLE clear of enemy. Yesterday the 4 For'ts west of METZ still in German hands, fired 20 rounds into METZ. (Medium arty).

6th Army Group: 7th Army: XV Corps: The 45th Div, formerly of the VI Corps, is now operating in the XV Corps zone. During the past 2 days, elements of the XV Corps have advanced 20 miles to the east. Yesterday morning at 0830 they were in REITWEILER and yesterday afternoon, the town of STRASBOURG, on the Rhine River. Among the towns captured during the day were: NIDERVILLER, PHALSBURG, SCHALBACH, ROMANSVILLER, and SEVERNE. AT NIDERVILLER 328 PW's were taken. Resistance was hi. at PHALSBURG, PHALSBURG, by-passing both north and south of town, 9th Armd Div and the 79th Div outflanked PHALSBURG from the east. 1100 Germans were trapped in this manover, and then attacking PHALSBURG from the east. Late yesterday afternoon, the XV Corps Fd Commandant was looking for a the town was taken. 1600 PW's were taken by XV Corps units yesterday. In the 8 days of location at Cerveno. 6700 PW's were taken. CG, 89th German Corps, was captured yesterday the present operation, CO of the 553rd German Div was also captured. Right before last, 21 rounds of 170mm arty fell near the Corps CP at SARREBOURG.

VI Corps: The 14th Armd Div became operational for the 1st time yesterday and moved through the south part of the XV Corps zone in order to reach its objective in the VI Corps zone. There was a general advance of about 6 miles all along the Corps front. During the past 2 days, the 3rd Div has advanced over 10 miles and was last night fighting in SALES, after capturing MAKEMONT. In the south part of the Corps sector, the 36th Div advanced 4 miles and captured CLEFEY. The 103rd Div has now cleared 5th. Div of all enemy.

1st Fr Army: Elements of the I Fr Corps had pushed 25 miles north of MULHAUSEN, and were reported north of COLMAR, while another motorized force had moved 10 miles northeast of BELFORT, and was reported north of STENNHEIM. A BBC radio reports that French forces had crossed the Rhine. 4,000 PW's have been taken in the past 2 days, among them the major part of the General Staff of the 19th German Army — the CO made good his escape.

Over 100,000 German troops, which remained in FINLAND after the conclusion of the FINN-RUSS peace conference, have now been reported captured or killed, and 90% of FINLAND is now reported liberated.

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0730 - 60th Engrs report bridge south of NELLING open to traffic. Some work remains to be done on the bridge.

0800 - 1st Bn reports Co C moved out at approx 0630 and at 0730 has taken VENTZVILLER. (415423). (2d and 3d Bns notified).

1055 - In accordance with verbal instructions received from G-3 the following memorandum was prepared and 2d Bn was alerted as to the instructions therein. Hq 320 Inf, APO 35, 251055 Nov 44. Memo to: G-3 35 Inf Div. 1. 2d Bn 320 Inf has been placed on alert status to move fully mtzd on short notice. 2. Bn (-1 rifle plat) is assembled in PETIT TENQUIN. One (1) rifle platoon occupies ZELLEN, one (1) km NE. 3. Atchd QM trucks will be met at HELLIMER by Bn Motor Officer 1st Lt Thomas. 4. Bn kitchens and kitchen trucks, Bn section Ammo Train, Bn Medical Section, and Bn S-4 will accompany unit. 5. Present strength 2d Bn: 20 Officers, 643 EM. For the Commanding Officer: TPM

1415 - Msg from 1st Bn - Bridge between UBERKINGER and KAPPELKINGER under hvy arty fire. Engineers have been forced to suspend work. Believe enemy gun to be firing by observation from vicinity GUEBLANGE.

1425 - Co B has reached and occupied HAZEMBOURG.

1445 - 1st Bn reports bridge between UBERKINGER and KAPPELKINGER now in operation.

1520 - Msg to Capt Kullmar by telephone -- Send patrol to contact 137 Inf on each even hour during daylight and darkness at RJ 416429.

1535 - CO 1st Bn reports bridge at point between UBERKINGER and KAPPELKINGER has been knocked out. Send engrs.

1540 - Msg sent to 60 Engr Bn for relay to Co C 60 Engr Bn - Bridge at point between Point U and Point K has been KOed. Contact 1st Bn - Signed CO 320 1540.

1645 - Col Renfroe called to inform us that our alerted Bn is now on a two hour alert. Col Hannum, CO 2d Bn, notified.

1828 - 1st Bn reported enemy mortar fired on B Co at 1730. Position undetermined.

2015 - 1st Bn reports patrol made contact with 137 Inf.

2030 - Capt Waters (CO Co C, 60 Engr Bn) reports construction of bridge at (410427) will start approx 2200.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf occupied positions as follows - 3d Bn (-) at NELLING; Co L at INSMING; one plat Co I at RENING. 2d Bn (-) at PETIT TENQUIN; one plat at ZELLEN. 1st Bn (-) at UBERKINGER and KAPPELKINGER Co B at HAZEMBOURG; Co C at VENTZVILLER. During the day all areas in regtl zone were occupied and assigned mission of regt was completed. Defensive arty fire plan was effected to protect units in assembly area.

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320 Inf - 1st Bn finished cleaning out UBERKINGER at 241425A destroying one (1) captured American ¼ ton truck and one (1) tank and one (1) half track w/bazooka. Bn continued atk occupying KAPPELKINGER, and, at 250800A, Co C occupied VENTZVILLER. 3d Bn continued to hold INSMING w/Co L and RENING w/one (1) Plat of Co I, and remainder of Bn was assembled in NELLING. 2d Bn (-One plat) assembled in PETIT TENQUIN, occupying ZELLEN w/one (1) plat.

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BRIEFING NOTES — Col Johnson — 25 Nov 44

21st Army Group Sector: In the northern portion of the 21st Army Group sector in the vicinity of JUELICH the 2d Cdn Corps repulsed a counterattack without any loss of terrain and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy. In the VIII Corps all the divisions made substantial gains yesterday. The 3d Division pushed forward 1 mile to the east taking COSTENUM while the 11th Armored Division pushed 2½ miles east capturing ESTERICH and HORST. The 15th also pushed east taking the town of SEVENUM. In the XII Corps sector the 79th Div advanced 2 miles and reported fighting within a mile of VENLO on the MAAS R. The 51st Inf Div and the 4th Armd Bde have made a bridgehead of 20 square miles east of the MAAS R taking the towns of KESSEL, REKKEL, and SMALEEN. In the XXX Corps the 43d Division also pushed east one mile reaching LINDENH.

12th Army Group: Ninth Army: In the Ninth Army further gains were reported yesterday. Our forces are now fighting within 1½ miles of JULICH. The XIX Corps has reached the ROER R at LINNICH. HERZOGENRATH has been captured by the 29th Division. VII Corps also reported gains in its sector against fierce resistance and troops of the VII Corps are now within 1½ miles of DUREN. During the past week the VII Corps has taken 6,000 prisoners. However, these gains and prisoners have been taken only in fierce fighting and have been costly to our troops In the 16th Inf of the 4th Div 600 enlisted men and 21 officers have been casualties in the three day fighting for HAMICH. The terrain is reported strongly held and defended by all types of enemy fire. DUREISS AND DUEL have been taken by the 104th Division. Heavy rains in the ARDENNES FOREST area have swollen the ROER R to such an extent that engineers are concerned with the bridges in that area.

Third Army: XX Corps: The 358th Inf of the 90th Division now attached to CCA of the 10th Armd Div has moved to the north 4 miles within GERMANY. There have been no gains reported in this sector. CCB has pushed ½ mile east to the vicinity of FITTEN. Further south active patrolling was carried out along the entire corps front and front lines were generally straightened out. 5th Div CP has moved to METZ. The 95th Div has moved from METZ taking over the southern sector of the corps zone. 5 forts west of METZ are still in enemy hands manned by an estimated 3,100 Germans. They are still firing on the bridges over the MOSELLE in METZ.

XV Corps: Yesterday elements of the 2d Fr Armd Div pushed north 12 miles from STRASBOURG to BRUMATH while the 31½th GT motorized moved east 15 miles from DETTWILLER meeting elements of the French forces at BRUMATH. Early yesterday morning elements of two enemy Panzer Grenadier Regiments with 14 tanks in support attacked the SW portion of the XV Corps zone and drove our patrols from BOTTWILLER and EYWILLER. With the commitment of three infantry battalions, two TD battalions, and one squadron of cavalry the counterattack was brought under control by afternoon. During the day XV Corps reported the capture of 2,000 prisoners bringing their 9 day total to 8,700. CCA 14th Armd Div now attached to the XV Corps has pushed SE in 2 columns, the western column moving 4 miles and the eastern column 8 miles into the VOSGES mountains. The 45th Div has established a CP just east of ROSENWILLER and pushed south 4 miles.

VI Corps: The 3d Div which during the previous two days had gained 10 miles had pushed another 3 miles to the east taking ST BLAISE while the 103d Division reported the capture of SCHIRMECK 1½ miles SE of ST DIE.

First French Army: Heavy counterattacks were aimed at cutting the armored column which had extended north to the vicinity of COLMAR. The Germans succeeded in retaking BATTENHEIM and AUSCHEIM just east of MULHAUSEN. A second counterattack between BELFORT and MULHAUSEN at 1600 the night before was repulsed and we have succeeded in retaking several small towns.

Radio reports that three bridges across the RHINE R east of STRASBOURG are intact and that French reconnaissance elements have forced a crossing into GERMANY.

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0845 - CP displaced from LENING to INSMING. Distance of displacement - 3.75 miles.

1345 - CG visited CP.

2200 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP and delivered overlay w/following order -
35 Inf Div 262020A Nov 44
1. 320 Inf (-1st Bn) move prior to dark 27 Nov to new assembly area (STEINBIEDERSDORF - GUESSLING - HEMERING).
2. 443 QM Trk Co at disposal of CO 320 Inf for move. CO 320 notify this hq time and place to report.
3. 1st Bn 320 Inf remain present positions atchd 137 Inf at 271200A Nov. CO 137 responsible for 320 sector at that time.
OFFICIAL; RENFROE BAADE

2230 - The following order was issued at INSMING by CO:
Hq 320 Inf APO 35 271200A Nov 44
1. 320 Inf (-1st Bn) moves by motor 27 Nov 44 from present area to assembly area on route (overlay).
2. 3d Bn, w/17 QM trucks and 12 1 ton trailers atchd, depart present area 271200A, follow route (overlay) to assigned assembly area. Furnish security to N and NE in new area.
3. 2d Bn, w/17 QM trucks and 13 1 ton trailers atchd, depart present area 271300A, follow route (overlay) to assigned assembly areas. Furnish security NE of HEMERING.
4. AT Co (-Mine Plat) follow 3d Bn at 15 minutes to assembly area.
5. Cn Co follow 2d Bn at 15 minutes to assembly area.
6. Sv Co, w 8 QM trucks atchd, depart present area 271400, follow route to assigned area.
7. Hq Co, w/3 QM trucks atchd, depart present area 271030, follow route to assigned area.
8. Quartering parties under Lt. Ginsburg depart from present Regt CP 270800. Mine Plat, AT Co, furnish guides.
9. Release atchd QM trucks immediately upon arrival new area.
10. 1st Bn atchd 137 Inf 271200A Nov 44.
OFFICIAL: McELROY BYRNE
Order issued to representatives each Bn and Special Unit.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in assigned assembly area. Disposition of troops unchanged. (see 2400 entry 25 Nov 44)

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320 Inf - 1st Bn continued atk to SE occupying HAZEMBOURG w/Co B at 251425A. Regt received shelling periodically throughout Z, bridge between KAPPELKINGER and UBERKINGER being knocked out 251535A. Contact by patrols was established 252000A between 1st Bn and 137 Inf. Regt CP moved from LENING to INSMING during morning 26 Nov.

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0900 - CO and Command Gp departed for new CP PONTPIERRE (202499).

1030 - CP opened at PONTPIERRE. Distance of displacement - 24.5 miles. Route: INSMING, RENING, LENING, FRANCALTROFF, RJ 308440, GROS TENQUIN, BERTRING, BERG VINTRANGE, HARPRICH, WEILER, GUESSLING, VAHL, FALKENBURG, PONTPIERRE.

1200 - 3d Bn began movement to new assembly area from NELLING.

1215 - AT Co (*mine plat) began movement to new assembly from INSMING.

1300 - 2d Bn began movement to new assembly area from PETIT TENQUIN.

1315 - Cn Co began movement to new assembly area.

1400 - Sv Co began movement to new assembly area from FRANCALTROFF.

1430 - AT Co closed in new area at PONTPIERRE.

1500 - 3d Bn reports that Bn closed in at PONTPIERRE at 1430.

1545 - Cn Co closed in new area at GUESSLING at 1445.

1545 - 2d Bn closed into area at GUESSLING and HEMERING at 1445.

1600 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with following message - Town of PONTPIERRE assigned to 35 Div by mistake. 80 Inf Div retains priority of interest in town. CO 320 Inf attempt to work out solution on ground leaving his troops in town if agreed to by local elements, 80 Inf Div. If no solution possible on ground, CO 320 Inf notify 35 Div Hq at once. In this case 320 Inf will probably have to move out.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf (-1st Bn) occupied assigned assembly area as follows - Regtl Hq Co, Service Co, Antitank Co and 3d Bn at PONTPIERRE. 2d Bn and Cannon Co at GUESSLING and HEMERING. 1st Bn remained atchd to 137 Inf with positions at UBERKINGER, KAPPELKINGER, VENTZVILLER, HAZEMBOURG.

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320 Inf - Continued to hold positions in S of Div sector; Regt (-1st Bn) prepared to move to assembly area shown (overlay) at 271200A, 1st Bn becoming atchd to 137 Inf at that time.

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0800 - Sgt Dickson, I&R, reported 1st Bn closed in at VAHL at 0800.

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in assembly area. Hq Co, Ser Co, AT Co, and 3d Bn at PONTPIERRE. 2d Bn and Cannon Co at GUESSLING and HEMERING. 1st Bn at VAHL

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320 Inf - Regt (-1st Bn) moved to assembly area vic PONTPIERRE - GUESSLING, closing at 271445A. 1st Bn relieved by 2d Bn, 104 Inf (26 Inf Div), relief being completed by 280200A. Bn moved to assembly area vic VAHL closing 280800A.

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1000 - Lt O'Brien reported to CP with verbal orders that the regt be placed on two hour alert for movement or to attack to N or E.

1400 - CG visited CP.

1900 - Msg sent to Div - Request permission to fire for training purposes antitank rocket launchers, rifles and machine guns. Estimated ammo expenditure three hundred rounds antitank rockets and fifteen thousand rounds calibre thirty rifle and MG. If basic request is approved overlays will be forwarded showing areas. Required safety precautions will be complied with. Signed CO Juniper 1900.

1925 - Div approved request (see 1900 entry).

2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in assembly area. Positions of units unchanged (see 2400 entry 28 Nov 44).

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320 Inf - Engaged in rehabilitation of men and equipment during period.

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21st Army Group: When the Duluth Brigade annihilated the German landing party on RHEIN the day before yesterday, several prisoners were taken. From these prisoners it was learned that another landing party was preparing to make a second landing and the location of the attempted landing was also learned. Upon the landing of the second patrol the Duluth Brigade captured one boatload of Germans and destroyed the other. The push of the 2d British Army to the east continues. The German bridgehead over the MAAS R of ROERMOND was reduced to half its size by an advance of 1000 yards made by the 51 and 15th Inf Divs. The 2d bridgehead just west of VENLO was also reduced by a gain of 1/2 yards to the west by the 43d Division. In the XII British Corps no gain was reported. The Guards Armd Division of the XXX Corps pushed 2 miles forward on the east bank of the MAAS R and reported the capture of SOMI. The 43d Div is still fighting — meeting bitter resistance at WAGNI.

12th Army Group: Ninth Army: The 29th Div supported by elements of the 2d Armd Div and one regiment fighting in KIRCHBERG and one regiment fighting in ECKEN, north of JULICH, while the 30th Div had advanced about 1/2 mile and was fighting just west of ALTDORF.

First Army: In VII Corps the 104th Div reported thecapture of FREIR 1 mile to the east while the 1st Div pushed on 500 yards and was fighting west of LANDGRAFF. The 121st Inf of 8th Div of V Corps reported the capture of HUTTGEN, south of HUNN. Elements of First Army are now 10 miles across the German border. Th e First and Ninth Armies are now together in possession of about 150 miles of German territory.

Third Army: XII Corps - The 358th Regiment has been relieved from attachment to the 102d Inf Div and is now assembled in the vicinity of ARACH. CCA of the 10th Armd Div reported meeting very heavy resistance 6 1/2 miles within Germany and made no gains throughout the day. CCB of the 10th Armd Div the night before last repulsed a counterattack supported by two half-tracks with flame throwers. They report running into pillboxes at the rate of 10 per 1000 square yards. Only minor gains were made by elements of the 90th Division while the 95th Division moved 6 miles east crossing the German border. At 1600 yesterday the 377th Inf had reached BOULAY and FAMECK. BOULAY is 4 miles inside of Germany. The 376th Inf had advanced 2 miles to the town of HELTZ 1/2 within 1 mile of the German border.

South Army Group: Seventh Army: XV Corps - The 15th Div jumped off at 0730 yesterday and although 2 miles to the northeast did not reach its objective. The 79th Div jumped off at noon yesterday and by 1630 had advanced 1 mile and was fighting in HOTTENDORF. XV Corps reported the capture of 985 prisoners yesterday. The corps at the present time consists of the 44th, 79th, 79th, and 100th Inf Divs. The 71st CT of the 44th Div is attached to our own 14th Armd Div, which is operating in the northern portion of the XV Corps sector.

VI Corps - The 2 areas enclosed by our forces in the FORET DE HAGUENAU and the area just W of STRASBOURG have now been cleared. The 2d Fr Armd Div now in VI Corps jumped off at 0700 yesterday driving S from STRASBOURG. The 14th Armd Div pushing S from the area W of STRASBOURG pushed 5 miles to ERSTEIN Cutting the main road from STRASBOURG to COLMAR. At this point the Germans counter-attacked in strength driving our forces back 2 miles. The net gain for the day was 3 miles and the towns of BALD, WALF, and HERRLISHEIM. The 103d Div pushed 4 miles to the northeast reaching N GUEBLIN and ALTE. Following dive now constitute VI Corps: 3d, 36th, and 103d Inf Divs and 2d Fr and 14th Armd Divs. The 3d Div is in STRASBOURG having completed the relief of the 2d Fr Armd Div.

The 1 French Corps which yesterday morning had been driven from KEHL counterattacked later in the day and by 1500 had retaken the city.

Our airforce supporting First Army met 300 German fighter planes destroying 96. In the past 48 hours 235 German planes have been destroyed on the Western Front.

I should like to make the following correction to a statement I made yesterday:

CORRECTION of error this report #111-44, Section I, Par. 3, should read:
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2400 - At end of period 320 Inf remained in assembly area. Disposition of troops unchanged (see 2400 entry 28 Nov 44). During afternoon 1400 to 1600 1st Bn conducted familiarization firing with 2.36 AT Rocket Launcher. Approx 100 rds of ammunition were expended. Firing point 203484.

Extract from G-3 Report
291200A Nov 44 to 301200A

320 Inf - Conducted training and firing in small arms and continued maintenance of equipment

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Patrol Report 280630 Nov 44

JOPLIN: Sounds of digging could be heard about 2130 vic 447455. Tracked vehicles could be heard vic 438460 at about 2200 last night. Vehicular movement was reported vic HALVING, 438459, at about 0400 this morning.

JURY: Sporadic light arty fire in fwd areas during the night.

ICEBERG: All quiet in sector. 3 or 4 unidentified planes were reported going NE about 2000. 3 flares were dropped, but no bombing or strafing was reported. 8 PW through Div cage since 1600 yesterday.

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