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To: War Department
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This is G 2 summary number 31.
Part I dated 31st January covering period 292400A
to 302400A.

1. Operations. North of Mulhouse enemy resistance
slackened and Wittenheim (V 7012) captured by Allies. To
west enemy counter attack against Langenzug (V 6211) during
morning repulsed and ground lost to Wittelsheim Cernay road.
West of Cernay, hill 425 cleared against moderate opposition
as well as Elchenberg (V 5512).

Northeast of Colmar Allies established bridgeheads
over Colmar canal against light opposition. Enemy fighting
in Horbourg (V 7542) and Fortschwihir (7843) and holds And-
olsheim although Allied threat developed to east of town.
Bischwihir (7844) and Urschenheim (8143) cleared; enemy forced
back slightly east of Grussenheim (8149).

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Weather, snow flurries, visibility fair.

Saar Palatinate quiet with exception of some vehicular movement Uhrwiller (Q 8831) area and small enemy probing attack at Saegmuhl (Q 7937) was thrown back.

On southern Ardennes front, Allies patrolling all along front to west bank Our river with no enemy contact. Prisoner stated 400th Infantry preparing defensive positions vicinity Obereisenbach (P 8557).

In northern Ardennes sector enemy defenses better organized and fighting more determined than on previous two days. Heavy casualties being inflicted on the enemy and over 600 prisoners taken in area between St. Vith and Bullingen. Ground operations hindered by snow, weather freezing to warmer at end of period.

Enemy withdrew to Lutzkampen (P 8973) and lost Steffeshausen (8779) after stiff fight. Elcherath (8982) reached by Allies. Enemy particularly stubborn in Lommersweiler area (8883). Enemy driven back four miles to east in direction Schonberg losing Rodgen (9186) and Setz (9187) after defense broken. To north enemy lost Elmerscheid (P 9792) Lanzerath (L 0096), Hunningen (K 9700) and Muerringen (K 9802). Kringlet (K 9804) and Roherath (K 9805) reached by Allies.

Allied attacks launched in Monschau area in general met with heavy opposition. Prisoner taken east of Monschau stated he was warned of impending attack three days ago and

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received lectures on fighting to last man. Deep snow and mines aiding defence. Rohren (K 9717) reached. Other Allied attack to north ran into stiff resistance but enemy cleared from Konzen (K 9522); fighting continues in Ficherscheid (K 9821) Huppenbroich (K 9922) and Kesternich (F 0024).

Weather warmer, sky overcast, intermittent snow.

North of Heinsberg enemy overran allied forward positions in Paarlo (K 8184) but situation restored by Allied counter attack.

Remainder of front quiet.

2. Order of battle. In northern Alsace 10th SS Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier still in contact. 245th Division now in line between 36th and 47th.

3rd Panzer Grenadier believed now in rear of Cologne sector, as well as 116th Panzer.

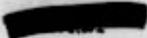
3. Movements. Indications that a movement out in an easterly direction is now getting under way in Landau Karlsruhe area.

4. Prisoners of war.

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A. (G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured
27th January: 1165.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 853,760.

5. General. Not entirely clear that destination of
troops moving out of Landau area must be eastern front, as
this is also route for getting up to Cologne sector, where
slow thickening up continues.

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Operations.

In improved weather, enemy still resisting strongly
southern sector Colmar pocket and made only moderate withdrawals
29th January. Strong contact continues near Modenheim
(V7207); Allies reached south edge Wittenheim (V7012) where
enemy increased resistance. Bois De Honnenbruch cleared
south of general line city Anna (V6811) Wittelsheim (V6312)
with contact in southern outskirts latter town. To south
enemy, in strong counter attack with * still contesting
Langenzug (V6211). Pincers on Cernay closing, Allies reaching
north edge of town from west; area cleared from here to
Enchenberg (V5612) to Vieux Thann, all inclusive. Vosges
sector quiet, but enemy possibly preparing attack Hohneck

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area, west of Munstle (V5538).

Northeast Colmar, continued Allied progress; now along Colmar Canal from Ill River to within one mile of Rhone Rhine Canal, with patrols to latter. Fighting in Bois De La Hardt southwest and northwest of Artzenheim (V8646). Air reports villages east of Colmar burning. Strong counter attack southwest Eisenheim (V8251) repulsed. Six tanks or self propelled guns reported area latter town and patrols drew fire from enemy tanks west of Artzenheim. Enemy driven from Grussenheim (V8250) after heavy fighting; counter attack failed. Prisoner of war states tanks or self propelled guns at Hessenheim (V8657) and three to four tanks Ohnenheim (V8354). Strong pressure forced Allied withdrawal from Huttenheim (V8973) bridgehead south of Benfeld.

Lull continues German First Army Front; weather clear, good visibility but snow still deep. Heavy traffic, direction uncertain, Gamsheim Herrlisheim Road and motor transport movement to and from Oberhoffen (R0919) night 28/29th January. Personnel and vehicles also heard moving on road Bitschhoffen (C9128) Kindwiller (C9029).

Northwest of Merzig, 11th Panzer Division tanks hovering around Sinz (L0504) and Eo west of Wies (L0305); latter town cleared.

In Ardennes Allies established bridgeheads over Our River and made some advances on German soil. Weather cleared and air operations possible during afternoon. Allies patrolled to Our River east of Hosingen (P8259) but pockets of enemy

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still on high ground at P 8462 and 8459. Roder (P8163) and Marbourg (8162) cleared during morning. Enemy observed manning pillboxes east of Dalnen from P 8665 to 8667 during afternoon.

Welchenhausen (8674) being mopped up; Stoubach (8676) cleared; Hemmeres (8881) reached by Allies. Air reported more than 2000 enemy vehicles and tanks in area eight to ten miles east and southeast of Saint Vith; traffic and foot troops all along secondary roads during afternoon; east of Saint Vith Allies advanced to Schlierbach (P9086). Enemy withdrawn from roads east of Wereth and Holzkeim (P9795) captured by Allies. Prisoner reports fifteen 88 millimeter guns dug in between P99932 and 988927 along south of road between Herresbach (P9592) and Manderfeld (L0093) and guns to north of road in area P995934 to 999938. Bullingen (K9502) captured by noon with reported 100 enemy dead and 200 prisoners taken in area. Prisoner states Siegfried Line west of Stadtkyll (L1495) unmanned three days ago except for flak positions.

Duren Linnich sector quiet with exception of vehicular movement in northern rear areas during night 28/29th January. Allied patrol crossed Roer east of Flossdorf at K 9963 and found wire and unoccupied enemy emplacements. Weather cold and sky overcast. Enemy lost Paarlo but still holds Viodrop (K8483). Enemy counter attack at Capelle (E0949) momentarily successful before original line restored; mopping up continues.

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2. Order of Battle

Document shows that on 20th January 7th Parachute Division was under command of XIV SS Corps. 10th SS Panzer Division still in Gamsheim bridgehead though tanks seen by river bank may indicate impending departure. 7th Parachute still has elements in contact. 21st Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier both out of contact. 245th Division not yet in line.

In Ardennes last three Panzers (Lehr, 9th and 15th Panzer Grenadier) appear to be now out of contact and perhaps out of line.

III Movements.

Road movement out of Ardennes towards Cologne area still continuing on considerable scale. Roads and railroads active in rear areas of Army Group G but no very distinct tendency.

IV. Prisoners of War. (GI figures not complete)

Prisoners captured 26 January: 1358.
Accumulative total since D Day: 852595.

V General. Prisoner of war statements show enemy conscious of weakness in north of Colmar pocket and to be expected he will continue withdrawal in centre and south of pocket. Must concentrate main effort on defense of approaches from the north towards lifeline at Breisach. In south of pocket

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enemy has more space to sell.

In Northern Alsace unlikely enemy will continue to expend two divisions on defense of Gumbheim bridgehead in view of general deflation of his offensive intentions.

In Ardennes enemy troops in poor condition owing to poor supplies, atrocious weather, and prolonged fighting without success. However, no break in morale which may stiffen * on German soil. With increasing withdrawals of armour from line in Eifel to be expected that Panzer Divisions of Fifth Panzer Army will eventually be released for hasty refit and employment as tactical reserve part probably in north.

2nd and 116th Panzer and 3rd Panzer Grenadier Divisions already out and refitting. Panzer Lehr, 9th Panzer and 15th Panzer Grenadier likely to get out as Siegfried Line pill-boxes manned by Infantry. Movement away from Sixth Panzer Army being hindered by weather and traffic conditions, and seem slow. No further evidence on what other formations, if any, are going east.

* Being serviced

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29th January covering period 272400A to 282400A.

1. Operations. German 19th Army quiet during day
of minor Allied gains with snow limiting operations. Strong
contact area Modenheim (V7207) but enemy cleared from city
Kuhman (V7011). Reinforcements reported arriving area east
of Amelre (V6311) but stiff opposition in town overcome.
Fighting in Langenzuv (V6211) and woods to southwest being
mopped up. South of Thur River, suburbs of Gernay now clear-
ed. All resistance Vieux Thann ceased. Decreased opposition
sector north of Colmar. Northeast of town Allies hold four
mile front along canal; Holtzwihr (V7646) and Wickeschwihr
(V7845) cleared but enemy strongpoint Jepsheim (V8147) holds
out. Undetermined number infantry and armour reported west
of there vicinity V8447. Fighting in Grussenheim (V8149)
Bols D'Elsenheim to northwest held firmly by Allies.

Morning 28th January enemy observed entrenching north
of Moder on edge forest vicinity Neubourg (Q9627) and digging
heard northwest Rothbach at (8336) Some machine gun and

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artillery activity, especially in reaction to Allied patrols, but excepting northern flank, German First Army decidedly quiet. Snow flurries with good visibility during afternoon.

Northwest of Merzig, Sinz (L0504) centre of activity; fighting continues in town; enemy infantry and tank counter attacks repulsed; tanks active in area south of town; enemy infantry infiltration attempt to Butzdorf driven back. Enemy vehicles, believed to be tanks heard in Thorn area (L0206).

In Ardennes German Seventh Army apparently withdrawn bulk of forces over Our River. Enemy resistance in Vianden area decreasing; Putscheid (P8552) lost by enemy; Wahlhausen (8455) cleared. Hosingen (P8258) clear of enemy at 281100A but town heavily booby trapped. Allied patrols encountered heavy small arms fire from Kalborn (P8468) during night 27th-28th January. Undetermined number enemy troops east of Our at P851660, 860662, 860656 and 855647 on 28th January. Prisoner stated two bridges at Stoubach (P8678) prepared for demolition; also enemy tanks using ford over Our at P861743. Chief resistance from small arms fire; Burg Reuland (8578) Bracht (8680) Maspelt (8782) and territory on line north to Saint Vith lost by enemy. Five abandoned enemy tanks in good condition reported captured at Burg Reuland.

Allied attack on northern Ardennes front met light resistance from small groups of Fifth Panzer Army Troops; Herresbach (P0492) Valender (9095) Werath (9395) Heppenbach (9297) lost by enemy and Allies advanced to P9588. Light artillery and moderate mortar fire encountered but no armour. Prisoners state 3rd Parachute Division ordered to withdraw

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via Manderfeld (L0093). Heavy snow impeded operations.

Enemy Linnich sector quiet. To north enemy withdrew from Paarlo area; Vlodrop (K8482) still held by enemy but Saint Odillesberg (K7984) captured by Allies. In western Holland enemy withdrawn from Heerevaarden (E3860). Enemy opposition at Capelle (E0949) overcome and only snipers remain.

2. Order of battle. In northern Alsace some indications, far from conclusive, that 25th Panzer Grenadier and 6th SS Mountain Divisions may be withdrawn as well as 21st Panzer and 7th Parachute. However 21st Panzer alone has definitely got out: Others and also 10th and 17th SS Divisions have elements still in contact.

Elements 167th Volksgrenadier Division recontacted on German frontier north of 15th Panzer Grenadier. No identification of 9th Panzer Division.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War. (GI figures, not complete) prisoners captured 25th January: 1884. Accumulative total since D Day: 851237.

5. General. In Colmar pocket enemy should rapidly feel the pinch as supplies of replacements suddenly cut off in favour of eastern front.

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No indication of destination of division being withdrawn in northern Alsace. Some at least likely to remain as C in C west reserve. No good evidence yet of other divisions going east beside those of Sixth SS Army, though likely this will happen. Parachute divisions especially suspect.

In Ardennes, as enemy retires into west wall, three remaining Panzer Oblique Panzer Grenadier Divisions will probably be taken out of line.

During enemy retreat in Ardennes majority of enemy prisoners of war have been deserters or stragglers. One estimate states only one out of five is a bona fide prisoner. Retreat offered excellent opportunities for desertion from rearwards and during movements.

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1. Operations. In Colmar pocket Nineteenth Army attempting to blunt Allied southern drive by continuous counter attacks south of Wittelsheim (V 6212) but all were repulsed with loss of ground. North of Colmar enemy forced south of Colmar Canal along a 2 1/2 mile front; Holtzwihr (V 7646) Wickerschwihr and Jebsheim (V 8147) lost by enemy. Allies established bridgehead across Ill river south of Benfeld.

North of Strasbourg, German First Army out of contact at Rohrwiller (R 1217); vehicular movement observed rear area Herrlisheim (R 1214) to Schirrheim (R 1222) tanks reported vicinity Gamsheim in afternoon. Activity Hardt Mountains limited to fire fights and patrol clashes.

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Reinartswiller found evacuated by the enemy. Weather con-
tinued cold poor visibility deep snow.

Northwest of Merzi enemy lost Butzdorf (L 0304)
and withdrew to Sinz (0504) where fighting in progress at
end of period.

Moderate enemy resistance encountered in clear-
ing Bockholz (P 7958) during morning. Heavy small arms and
automatic weapon fire slowed Allies vicinity (Hosstgen)
(P 8258) and (Dorscheid) (P 8060). Marburdbanl pocket west
cleared of enemy. Enemy lost Leithum (Rbithu) (8374)
Beiler (8275) Dauler (Durler) (8178) and Grufingen (8282)
Enemy in well fortified defenses in Bois De St Vith area
(P 8887).

Duren sector quiet; vehicular movement in rear
area engaged by Allied artillery. Enemy activity at rail-
road station in Linnich and positions north of town being
improved.

Enemy strongpoint encountered during morning
east of Oberbruck at K 8975. Kempen (K 8578) and Paarlo
held by enemy. Marken (K 8379) Vlodrop (K 8483) and
Stodfilienberg (K 7984) in Allied hands.

In western Holland enemy bridgehead at Capelle
(E 0949) slightly reduced; unsuccessful attempt made to

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land rafts to east but enemy forced to withdraw.

2. Order of battle. Virtually whole of 2nd Mountain Division now involved in northern battle in Colmar pocket.

21st Panzer Division withdrawn from line in northern Alsace, and 7th Parachute Division being relieved by 245th Division in contact with all divisions in this sector, including 10th SS Panzer Division and 25th Panzer Grenadier Division, suddenly very slight now in Cologne Sector forward of Dusseldorf.

9th Panzer, 15th Panzer Grenadier, 11th Panzer, 17th SS Panzer Grenadier, and 6th SS Mountain all still in contact in old sectors: 3rd Panzer Grenadier and 2nd Panzer unlocated.

1st SS Panzer, 2nd SS Panzer, 9th SS Panzer, 12th SS Panzer, Fuehrer Escort Brigade and Fuehrer Grenadier Brigade all carried unlocated.

Fifth Panzer Army presumed now in command of line in northern Eifel, and Seventh Army in southern Eifel.

3. Movements. Air reconnaissance inadequate but seems to show continuation of movement northeast out of Eifel.

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4. Prisoners of War.

A. (G-1 figures not complete) Prisoners
captured 24th January: 1256.

B. Accumulative total since D-Day: 849,353.

5. General. Indications enemy pulling in from westernmost position of Colmar pocket. This not surprising in view threat to enemy lines of communication this area by our offensive. In Alsace enemy attitude changed suddenly to defensive with evidence 21st Panzer Division withdrawing. This possible due to requirements for divisions in East or to build up tactical reserve if 6th SS Panzer Army moving to Russia. Defensive attitude certainly symptomatic of change in enemy's strategic position and plans. Not now credible that 6th SS Army is staying west. Consider deterioration Russian situation such that it may well be moving east. If this so enemy will require to regroup part of his 116th Panzer remaining armour and likely Cologne Sector at present weakly held by Infantry will be reinforced.

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A. Following are divisional gradings from SHAEF
G 2 weekly intelligence summary for 28 January 45:

1. Panzer.
 - A. 10th SS
 - B. 11, 21, 1 SS, 2 SS, 9 SS, 12 SS.
 - C. 116, 9, Lehr, 2.
2. Panzer Grenadier.
 - A. Nil
 - B. 15, 25, 17 SS, 3.
 - C. Nil
3. Parachute and Mountain.
 - A. 6 and 7 Parachute, 6 Mountain
 - B. 2 Parachute, 2 Mountain
 - C. 3 and 5 Parachute.
4. Volksgrenadier.
 - A. 363, 183
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- B. 277, 272, 246, 79, 276, 212, 47, 36,
19, 559, 257, 256, 12.
- C. 62, 26, 340, 716, 18, 326, 560, 352,
9, 553, 708, 16, 361.
5. Infantry.
- A. 331, 346, 84, 180, 190, 712, 319.
- B. 59, 353, 85, 89, 347, 416, 719, 245,
344, 49.
- C. 176, 198, 338, 716, 159, 189.
6. Remainder 604, 606, 786, 172, 216, 405,
30 88, 406.
- B. Additions: 2 Mountain.
- C. Eliminations: 269 (to Poland), 275 (now
considered still in Schleswig
Holstein.

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INFORMATION: CC/S Col Park
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1. Operations.

North of Mulhouse cite Fernand (V 6811) lost by German Nineteenth Army troops and repeated attempts to re-take town repulsed. North of Colmar enemy withdrew from Riedwihr (V 7847) but is defending line south of town with infantry and tanks. Enemy building defenses between Housen (V*) and Ill River. Northeast of town enemy opposition from small arms, machine guns and flek wagons. Germans fighting in Bois D'Elsenheim and southeastern edge of Illwald (V 8156) halted Allied drive and caused some slight withdrawals of forward elements.

North of Strasbourg enemy attack on Kilstett (R 0908) repulsed. 11 enemy tanks reported in area south of Herrlisheim (R 1113). German First Army bridgeheads across Moder River between Schweighausen (Q 9924) and Mulhausen

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(Q 8631) lost and enemy battalion in Schillersdorf (Q 8430)
cut off and mopped up. Weather cold, heavy snow during
morning, clear in afternoon, visibility fair to good.

Enemy thrown back one mile by Allied attack in area
Nennig (L 0304).

In southern Ardennes German Seventh Army resistance
stiffening in Vianden area as Allies nearing Our River.

To north enemy main defenses still not reached,
although Bockholz (P 7958) reached by Allies; east of Clerf,
Marnach (8036), Fischbach (8065) and Heinerscheid (8267)
reached and Weiswampach cleared of small enemy force.
Operations impaired by continuous snow and freezing weather.

On northern Ardennes flank enemy still fighting
rearguard action which allowed Allies to capture Meyerode
(P 8993). 200 motor transport and 12 armored vehicles
observed moving north out of Schoenfeld (L 1390) attacked
by air; 51 motor transport and two tanks claimed destroyed;
other convoys also this area.

Duren sector quiet. Allied attack north of Linnich
met light opposition; Brachelen (K 9468), Randerath (K 9169)
Himmerich (9170) cleared with bag of only 64 prisoners of
war; considerable number mines encountered. Enemy still
withdrawing across Roer: Allies reached west bank area
Oberbruch (K 8975). Advances made all along line north to
Herten (K 7687).

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In western Holland enemy still holding stubbornly to Capelle (E 0949) bridgehead: Allied attack gained only momentary success and troops were withdrawn. Enemy counter attack on Allied bridgehead on island at Dyke (E 080504) repulsed.

2. Order of battle.

In Colmar pocket elements 338th Division being dragged down from Vosges to assist in Mulhouse battle and elements 1st Division similarly to assist in Colmar battle.

2nd Regiment (136) and other elements of 2nd Mountain Division now in action near Colmar; part of 137th Regiment, however, still in area Mulhouse. 106th Panzer Brigade remains in area Mulhouse.

In northern Alsace 245th Division coming into line west of Haguensau, beside or in relief of 7th Parachute.

In Ardennes 3rd Panzer Grenadier and 9th SS Panzer definitely withdrawn from line. 116th Panzer believed transferring northwards. XLVII Panzer Corps now in command of Vianden sector, presumably relieving LXXXV Corps which therefore carried unlocated.

All formations in 6th SS Panzer Army carried unlocated.

Evidence for presence of 275th Division in west considered inadequate and division no longer carried in west.

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3. Movement.

Road movement northeast from Ardennes continuing, and confused rail activity in northwest Germany. Significant rail traffic on line Kaiserslautern Hombyrg, possibly indicating arrival of formation.

4. Prisoners of war.

A. (G-1 figures not complete)

Prisoners captured 23rd January 45: 1852

B. Accumulative total since D-day: 846892

5. General.

Though document referred to in stop press in yesterday's G-2 summary accepted as genuine, it is still possible that further changes of plan have occurred or will occur in view of situation on eastern front. Document (actually dated 21st not 22nd January) was itself corrected in pencil - original order sent all four divisions to woods near Grevenbroich; and so far no confirmation from either Holland or Saar that order has been carried out, though observed rail movement perfectly consistent with it.

No change in general picture.

* Being Serviced.

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1. By Prisoner of War:

All 26 January 599 Volksgrenadier:
1127 Grenadier Regiment area Lambach (Q 7349).
19 Volksgrenadier:
74 Grenadier Regiment area north of Rouhling

(Q 4962).
17 SS Panzer Grenadier CN 38 SS Panzer Grenadier
area.

Order of battle. Identifications.
South of Pimling (Q 6553).

85 Infantry:
Battlegroup Pauls area south of Vossenack
(F 052328).

Comment: Possibly 1054 Grenadier Regiment.

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59 Infantry:
I/159 Artillery Regiment and 1034 Grenadier Regiment
area Blachelen (X 9468).

All 25 January 106 Panzer Brigade:
Elements are Richweiller (V 6609)

2 Mountain:
I/137 Mountain Regiment area Kingersheim (V 7110)
Reconnaissance Battalion area V 7348 and
III/137 Mountain Regiment area Ohnenheim (V 8354)
338 Volksgrenadier:
II/758 Grenadier Regiment area Richweiller (V 6710)

16 Volksgrenadier:
225 Grenadier Regiment area north of Holtzwihr
(V 7848) and
II/223 Grenadier Regiment area Houssen (V 7347).

363 Volksgrenadier: (Patrol)
I/957 Grenadier Regiment area F 114433.

6 Parachute:
Reconnaissance Company area Drunnen (E 2346)

By Prisoner of War statement:
689 Grenadier Regiment area Monschau (X 9418)

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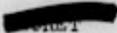
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2. Movement. Air reconnaissance 26 January.
Northwest Germany.

Lines in area Coesfeld- Munster-Osnabruck Rheine
were active, activity line Coesfeld-Munster-Haltern being
now evident.

West of Ruhr rail activity was light; southeast of
Köln 24 trains observed Siegburg.

Comment: Road activity on 25 January observed
moving east from Euskirchen and south of Bruhl may explain
activity at Siegburg.

Ardennes and Eifel.

Road movement to northeast continued; main axes of
move being Prüm-Stadtkyll-Blankenheim. Roads on north bank
of Moselle near Koblenz appeared to have been used.

Saar Palatinate.

The possibility of an arrival was indicated by
activity line Kaiserslautern-Homburg;
20 trains were observed and considerable concentra-
tion box cars present same area.

3. Prisoners of War.

A. Prisoners captured 23 January:

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First French Army.	No report
Seventh United States Army.	No report
Third United States Army	593
First United States Army	746
Ninth United States Army	Nil
Fifteenth U. S. Army	Nil
Second British Army	499
First Canadian Army	14

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 23
January 45 (excluding Seventh United States Army, 22 on
23 January,

First French Army 21 on 23 January), 846,892.

4. Tanks destroyed 25 January 45: 9

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Order of battle.

Identifications: By Prisoner of War.

1. All 25 January 21 Panzer: 192 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area west of Rohrwiller (R 1018). 10 SS Panzer: Elements 21 and 22 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiments area Kaltenhouse (R 0622). 25 Panzer Grenadier 35 Panzer of Grenadier Regiment area Schweighausen (R 0025) and 119 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area north of Dauendorf (Q 9627) State Division to follow up attack.

7th Parachute: 21 Parachute Regiment area Schweighausen (Q 9924). 47 Volksgrenadier: 103 and 104 Grenadier Regiments areas Dauendorf (Q 9626 and 9726). 36 Volksgrenadier 165 Grenadier Regiment area Kindwiller (Q 8729).

Six SS Mountain: Elements 12 SS Mountain Regiment area Schillersdorf (Q 8530). 256 Volksgrenadier: 481 Grenadier Regiment area Reipertswiller (Q 7937) states came as

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replacement from 361 Volksgrenadier and staff of letter left
for Germany. 17 SS Panzer Grenadier: 37 SS Panzer Grenadier
Regiment area Hottviller (Q 7353).

Volksgrenadier: 57 Grenadier Regiment area P 8652-
9049. 79 Volksgrenadier: 212 Grenadier Regiment Hoescheid
(P 8151).

Panzer Lehr: 902 Panzer Grenadier Regiment Hoescheid.
340 Volksgrenadier, 15 Panzer Grenadier and 5th Parachute:
Recontacted in old sectors. Three Parachute: 5th and 8th
Parachute Regiments areas Ambleve (9196) and P 9197 respect-
ively.

277 Volksgrenadier: Anti Tank Battalion area Ambleve
(P 9096): Comment unit operating in 3d Parachute Sector.
89th Infantry: 1055th Grenadier Regiment area south of Moder-
scheid (P 9298) and 1056 Grenadier Regiment area south of
Bullange (K 9502).

246 Volksgrenadier Regiment 246 Volksgrenadier: 404
Grenadier Regiment area Ambleve (P 9196). 84th Infantry:
1051 Grenadier Regiment E 77355 states division ungraded to
Volksgrenadier simultaneously receiving Third Regiment.

All 24 January.

708 Volksgrenadier: 748 Grenadier Regiment area
Guemar (V 7554). 79 Volksgrenadier: 226 Grenadier Regiment
P 8946. 9 Panzer: Anti Tank Battalion area P 7570 and 11
Panzer Grenadier Regiment area 7678. 2 SS Panzer: (Desertor)

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Anti Aircraft Battalion area Wilvedingen (P 7772)
stated 32 to 40 tanks mark V and VI in Weisampach (P8172)
morning 24 January, short of gas. 326 Volksgrenadier: 751 and
752 Grenadier Regiment area St Vith (P 8588).

By document: 24 January diary captured from tank be-
longing soldier from 15 Panzer Regiment area Nennig.

2. Movements. Air Reconnaissance 25 January. Area
west of Ruhr. Marshalling yards in Krefeld Gladbach area
appeared less active. In vicinity of Roermond sector much
civilian traffic observed moving east.

Ardennes and Eifel area. Road movement in Clervaux.
Prum area increased in tempo since 24 January but not as great
as observed 22 and 23 January. Eastbound road movement from
Euskirchen and south of Bruhl. Movement and activity observed
line Kall Euskirchen Koln; Koln Gremburg and Siegburg
marshalling yards were active.

3. Prisoners of War.

- A. Prisoners captured 22 January;
First French Army, no report (nil for 19 and 20 Jan)
Seventh US Army 167 (G2 estimate)
Third U S Army 523
First US Army 485
Ninth US Army 5
Fifteenth US Army, nil
Second British Army 102
First Canadian Army 183

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B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 22 January
(excluding First French Army 21 and 22 January and including
G2 estimate for Seventh US Army 22 January) 845207.

4. Tanks destroyed 24 January: 27.

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1. Operations.

Limited Allied gains against continued powerful opposition Mulhouse Thann sector 19th Army Front. Enemy still attacking Riechwiller without success. Amelie (V 6410) and Aise (V 6110) occupied by Allies and held against subsequent counter-attacks. West of Kingersheim 6 of 8 enemy tanks and self propelled guns knocked out in abortive attack morning 25 January. Germans suffered slight reverses east of Thann but still hold Cernay perimeter strongly. All along sector north of Colmar resistance * heavy with enemy armour active. Strong attack with tanks drove Allies from Riedweiler (V 7847) but to north Allies advanced to within one mile of Grussenheim (V 8250) and made small gains northeast of Illhausegn (V 7754). Germans driven from Hausen (V 7347).

By midnight 25 January flare up German first * flank * * contained, with enemy fighting * to protect slight gains. Enemy attack Kiltatett (R 0909) repulsed early 25 January. Night 24 January series enemy attacks all heavily prepared by artillery and mortars attempted cross Moder River in Hagenau area; several attempts failed but large number enemy succeeded area Schweighausen Neuburg (Q 92) penetrated to woods vicinity Q 9724. Another thrust by estimated 100 enemy crossed near

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Kaltenhausen (R 0623) at 0200 hours.

By midnight 25 January, later bridgehead wiped out but, after some withdrawal under heavy Allied pressure, former being strongly defended. Schweighausen (R 0024) clear except for snipers by midnight 25th Jan. Approximately 100 enemy attacked area Nieffern (Q 8730), repulsed with heavy losses: Kindweiler (Q 9029) occupied by enemy and close contact continues here. Strong enemy attack vicinity Mulhausen (Q 8631) morning 25 January contained initially but follow up by 200 infantry and 2 tanks captured Schillersdorf (Q 8430); during afternoon latter town cut off by Allies and house to house fighting now in progress against estimated enemy battalion still surrounded. Strong contact continues Mulhausen. Tank traffic on road Offweiler (Q 8634) Rothbach (Q 8434). Near Reipertweiler enemy attack early 25 January captured Saegmuhl (Q 7937). Increased vehicular movement area Bitsch. Small attack at Q 6055 north of Aolflingen repulsed. Saaralben (Q 4845) shelled accurately * guns estimated * millimeter. Rail traffic heard vicinity Geislautern (Q 3471) evening 25 January. Weather cold, visibility limited in Saar.

* Ardennes enemy sensitive * area (P 9050).

Enemy vehicular movement heard moving north on southern and eastern side of river * area Pintoch (P 765) during night */25 January * enemy resistance * (P 8453) *. * and enemy withdrew along front from inclusive Lellingen to inclusive Hupperdimr; * (*) cleared; Espeler (8079) evacuate by enemy who withdrew out of contact. Weather dry but cloudy.

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On northern Ardennes flank moderate enemy resistance aided by deep snow, * and intense cold. Enemy infantry and tank counter-attacks St Vith * repulsed and enemy forced off high ground * east of town; 3 tanks knocked out. Moderate enemy opposition in * (and *); and *) cleared. Enemy * north of * penetrated Allied line * but withdrew under fire. Enemy improving positions Linnich sector.

North of Sittard enemy withdrawing to * Roer River. Little enemy contact * Allies occupied * (K 9870 * *(8376) and Linne (7486) and reached western edge of Posterholt (8081).

Enemy regrouping southwest Nijmegen.

2. Order of Battle.

Elements 2nd Mountain Division identified north Colmar: Prisoners state entire 137th Mountain Regiment will move north.

Prisoners state 361st Volksgrenadier Division staff returned to Germany after distributing combat personnel among other divisions.

In Ardennes Panzer Lehr, 15th Panzer Grenadier and 9th Panzer still being contacted: 9 SS Panzer and 3rd Panzer Grenadier not contacted on 25 January.

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3. Movements.

Road and rail movement continues * of Ardennes with same tendencies as before: More intense traffic 25th January than on 24 but still less than on *.

4. Prisoners of War *. (G-1 figures not complete)

Prisoners captured * January 45: *

B. * Total since D Day: *

General.

4th Alpine Battalion identified in action with regiment of 2 Mountain Division in Colmar pocket: This battalion last identified in Alps with 148th Division, indicating milking of Alps garrison, which doubtless compensated for by introduction of Italian troops.

(No real success gained * by enemy in northern Alsace: Still making probing attacks in several sectors, in preparation to exploit any bridgehead he can gain across Moder River, no indications hereabouts * SS Panzer Army and no evidence to show it has gone east.

* enemy * January * officer, * line plus circumstantial detail: * SS Panzer Corps * move * Army Group (Rotterdam *) *
* night */ * January and tracks by rail.

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* Panzer Corps on move to area Army Group G: 2 SS Panzer Division to area Pirmasens Neunkirchen, 9th SS Panzer Division after relief on night 24/25 January to area Landam. Only combat vehicles to be taken and divisions to be ready for combat.

End

* Being serviced.

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Limited Allied gains against continued powerful opposition Mulhouse Thann sector Nineteenth Army Front. Enemy still attacking Richwiller without success. Amelie (V 6410) and Alse (V 6110) occupied by Allies and held against subsequent counter attacks. West of Kingersheim six of eight enemy tanks and self propelled guns knocked out in abortive attack morning 25, January. Germans suffered slight reverses east of Thann but still hold Cernay Perimeter strongly. All along sector north of Colmar resistance became heavy with enemy armour active. Strong attack with tanks drove Allied from Riedweiler (V 7847) but to north Allies advanced to within one mile of Grussenheim (V 8250) and made small gains northeast of Illhausern (V 7754). Germans driven from Hausen (V 7347).

By midnight 25 January flare up German First Army east flank either quelled or contained, with enemy fighting strongly to protect slight gains. Enemy attack Kilstett (R 0909) repulsed early 25 January. Night 24 January series

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enemy attacks all heavily prepared by artillery and mortars attempted across Moder River in Hagenau area; several attempts failed but large number enemy succeeded area Schweighausen Neuburg (Q 92) penetrated to woods vicinity Q 9724. Another thrust by estimated 100 enemy crossed near Kaltenhausen (R 0623) at 0200 hours. By midnight 25 January, latter bridgehead wiped out but, after some withdrawal under heavy Allied pressure, former being strongly defended. Schweighausen (R 0024) clear except for snipers by midnight 25 January. Approximately 100 enemy attacked area Nieffern (Q 8730), repulsed with heavy losses: Kindweiler (Q 9029) occupied by enemy and close contact continues here. Strong enemy attack vicinity Mulhausen (Q 8631) morning 25 January contained initially but follow up by 201 Infantry and 2 tanks captured Schillersdorf (Q 8430); during afternoon Lazter town out off by Allies and house to house fighting now in progress against estimated enemy battalion still surrounded. Strong contact continues Mulhausen. Tank traffic on road of Weiler (Q 8634) Rothbach (Q 8434). Near Reipertsweiler enemy attack early 25 January captured Saegmuhl (Q 7937). Increased vehicular movement area Bitsch. Small attack at Q 6055 north of Wolfingen repulsed. Saarlben (Q 4845) shelled accurately by large guns estimated 380 millimeter. Rail traffic heard vicinity Geislautern (Q 3471) evening 25 January. Weather cold, visibility limited in Saar.

In southern Ardennes enemy sensitive Vianen area (P 9050).

Enemy vehicular movement heard moving north on southern and eastern side of river Clerf area Pintooh (P 7655) during night 24/25 January. Light enemy resistance to Allied

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advance to Weiler (P 8453) and Hoescheider (8254). Clerf River crossed by Allies and enemy withdrew along front from inclusive Lellingen to inclusive Hupperding; Wilverdingen (P 7772) cleared; Espeler (8079) evacuated by enemy who withdrew out of contact. Weather dry but cloudy.

On northern Ardennes flank moderate enemy resistance aided by deep snow, woods and intense cold. Enemy Infantry and tank counter attacks St Vith area repulsed and enemy forced off high ground southeast of town; three tanks knocked out. Moderate enemy opposition Wallerode (P 8890) and Medell (8892); Ambleve (8896) and Mirfeld (9096) cleared. Enemy forced back 1500 yards south of Moderschoeid (9099).

North of Duren enemy patrol penetrated Allied line during morning but withdrew under fire. Enemy improving positions Linnich sector.

North of Sittard enemy withdrawing to east of Roer River. Little enemy contact as Allies occupied Randerath (K 9070) Porselen (9072) Dremmen (8872) K'irhoven (8376) and Linne (7486) and reached western edge of Posterholt (8081).

Enemy regrouping southwest Nijmegen.

2. Order of battle. Elements 2 Mountain Division identified north Colmar: Prisoners state entire 137 Mountain Regiment will move north.

Prisoners state 361 Volksgrenadier Division staff returned to Germany after distributing combat personnel among

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other divisions.

In Ardennes Panzer Lehr, 15 Panzer Grenadier and 9
Panzer still being contacted: 9 SS Panzer and 3 Panzer Gren-
adier not contacted on 25 January.

3. Movements. Road and rail movement continues out
of Ardennes with same tendencies as before: More intense
traffic on 25 January than on 24 but still less than on 22
and 23.

4. Prisoners of war.

22 January 45: A. (G-1 figures not complete) prisoners captured
1298
B. Accumulative total since D Day: 845040.

5. General. 4 Alpine Battalion identified in action
with regiment of 2 Mountain Division in Colmar pocket: This
last identified in Alps with 148 Division, indica-
ting milking of Alps Garrison, which doubtless compensated
for by introduction of Italian troops.

No real success gained yet by enemy in northern
Alsace: still making probing attacks in several sectors,
in preparation to exploit any bridgehead he can gain across
Moder River no indications whereabouts 6 SS Panzer Army and
no evidence to show it has gone east.

Stop press. Captured enemy order dated 22 January
signed Dietrich on body of dead officer, states following
in outline plus circumstantial detail:

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I SS Panzer Corps (1 and 12 SS Panzer Divisions)
move to area Army Group H (Rotterdam Utrecht Amersfoort
Zutphen) wheels marching by road night aa/23 January and
tracks by rail.

II SS Panzer Corps to move to area Army Group G:
2 SS Panzer Division to area Pirmasens Neunkirchen, 9 SS
Panzer Division after relief on night 24/25 January to area
Lendam. Only combat vehicles to be taken and divisions to
be ready for combat.

End

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Operations. In southern Rhine in Mulhouse area enemy resistance stiffened greatly and held Allies to small gains at Kingersheim (V 7010); heavy fighting for Reiningue (V 6206); enemy local counter attack in foothills north of Vieux Thann (V 5412) made limited gains.

At 230730A enemy attacked north of Colmar after Allies infiltrated through forest to jump off positions by dawn. Allied gains of roughly three miles made between Housen (V 7347) and area west of Schnellenbuel at V 8058. Initial weak resistance stiffened as enemy driven back east of Ill River after bridge captured intact by Allies south of Illhauesern (V 7153). Enemy forming up for counter attacks in Osthelm area (V 7251) dispersed by Allied artillery and Colmar forest being

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cleared. Troop concentrations observed at Houssen; tanks
observed at Reidwihl (7848) and east of Ilzhausen in after-
noon.

North of Strasbourg heavy enemy counter attack at
Kilstett (R 0808) repulsed; 300 prisoners taken. Considerable
movement infantry and armour in Oberhoffen area (R 0920)
enemy air bombed and strafed Bischwiller area. Strong enemy
patrols in force contacted along Hagenu-Reipterwiller front
during afternoon; armour active Hagenu area; considerable
enemy forward movement all along Wardt Mountain line.

In Bitche area enemy column of 30 vehicles destroyed
by Allied artillery; groups of hostile infantry and tanks
dispersed. Weather cold snow flurries visibility fair to
poor.

After fierce attempt to hold ground enemy forced to
retire from Nennig (L 0204). Wasserbillig (L 02) lost by
enemy. In southern Ardennes enemy opposition such as it is
has centered on Allied drive from south in area of Vianden.
However little contact reported in course of Allied gains to
Merschheid (P 8352) and to Clerf River line along western
flank. Some snow fell during day.

Along northern Ardennes flank enemy withdrew but
left strong rearguard in area north of Ourthe (P 7579)
Aldringen (P 7781) and Braunlauf (P 8084). Enemy lost St Vith

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(P 8555) at 1745 hours but heavily shelling town in evening. Enemy evacuated Mirfeld (P 9096) and Moderscheid (9099) during afternoon. Considerable number of vehicles observed north of Roherath (K 9805) during morning.

Duren Linnich sector quiet with exception of movement in rear areas Kommercheid (P 0530) and Fetz (P 0063). Weather clear and cold.

North of Sittard enemy forced back one to three miles along front from Straeten (K 8470) to Massbrecht (K 7085) and lost Waldenrath Schiefendahl and Aphoven. Enemy fighting for Heinsberg (K 8474) surrounded in Montfort (K 7482) and contacted at Erbacherbeek (7284). Over 1800 prisoners taken during operation.

In western Holland Allied patrol crossed the Mass to Capelle Island and found western tip (E 0550) free of enemy. Enemy artillery shelled Willemstadd area D 7249 night 22/23 January.

2. Order of battle. 21st Panzer Division now appearing in sector previously held by 10th SS Panzer east of Bischwiller; latter may be withdrawing. Prisoners reported from 47th Volksgrenadier garrison in line west of Hegensau. Further prisoners from 6th SS Mountain Division from northeast of Ingweiler; location of division accepted in this area though contact slight.

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2nd Panzer 3rd Panzer Grenadier and Panzer Lehr Divisions all contacted in Diekirch battle in that order from east to west: also 352nd, 9th and 79th Division in that order from east to west. Line then apparently runs 276th, 167th, 5th Parachute, 340th, 26th, 560th, 15th Panzer Grenadier, 9th SS Panzer, 326th Wier elements 9th Panzer, elements 246th, 18th, bulk 246th with element 12th SS, 3rd Parachute, 89. 9th Panzer may be transferring from west end of Bulge to north west shoulder.

3. Movements. Pronounced road movement out of Ardennes continues with general but far from sole tendency north eastwards. Rail activity-continues as before.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured 20th January: 1245. Accumulative total since D day: 842,606.

5. General. In Colmar pocket enemy initially surprised by attack in north having just transferred his own weight to south where he has been showing firm resistance.

In northern Alsace enemy's weight still at south eastern corner focusing on Brumath. Not clear whether he is concentrating for a second attack east or west of Hardt Ridge: former supported by reappearance of 6th SS Division in area.

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In Ardennes enemy has withdrawn Panzers from west of
Bulge in favour of north and south shoulders. Unlikely to
make firm stand west of Siegfried Line.

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1. Order of Battle.

Identifications.

By Prisoner of War: All 23 January 338 Volks-Grenadier: 757 Grenadier Regiment area Renspach (V 4720). 10 SS Panzer: 21 and 22 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiments area Bischwiller (R 1018).

6 SS Mountain: II/11 SS Mountain Regiment area Rothbach (Q 7534). 36 Volksgrenadier: Elements 87 Grenadier Regiment area Walck and I/118 Grenadier area Uhrwivler (Q 8831). 47 Volksgrenadier: I/103 Grenadier Regiment area Q 9728 state division area Mertzwiller (Q 9630) left Duren 1 January arriving Landau 10 January and left latter area on foot 14 January and committed Hatten-Rittershoffen battle 16 January where 103 Regiment suffered 100 casualties. 256 Volksgrenadier: 476 Grenadier Regiment area north of Lichtenberg (Q 8137). 11 Panzer: III/110 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area Hennig (L 0204) states division was to have been relieved night 21 to 22 January.
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Panzer Lehr: 901 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area
Merscheid (P 8351).

3 Panzer Grenadier: 29 Panzer Grenadier Regiment
area Fuhren (P 8947).

9 Panzer: I/10 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area
Weisten (P 8085) state unit in bad shape: Comment bulk of
division not confirmed in this area.

246 Volksgrenadier: Elements 404 Grenadier Regiment
area Hunningen (P 8489) and I/689 Grenadier Regiment area
Monschau (K 9418) and anti tank battalion area St Vith.

183 Volksgrenadier: 351 Grenadier Regiment area
Waldenrath (K 8369) and 343 Grenadier Regiment area Aphoven
(K 8373).

190 Infantry: 1226 Grenadier Regiment area north of
Venlo.

84 Infantry: 1051 Grenadier Regiment area E 7757.

2 Parachute: 23 Parachute Regiment area E 7568.

6 Parachute: (Patrol) 18 Parachute Regiment area
E 4155 state main task sabotage railway.

All 22 January 212 Volksgrenadier: 423 Grenadier
Regiment area P 9741.

5 Parachute, 246, 276, 26 and 167 Volksgrenadier
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Divisions: Elements area P 6056 to P 7569.

352 Volksgrenadier: 916 Grenadier Regiment area
Brandenburg (P 8549) and anti tank battalion area Walsdorf
(P 8748).

9 Volksgrenadier: 36 Grenadier Regiment area Landscheid
(P 8448).

12 SS Panzer: (Straggler) III/12 SS Panzer Regiment
area P 7984.

All 21 January 326 Volksgrenadier: 752 Grenadier
Regiment area P 7989, 751 Grenadier Regiment area P 7184,
753 Grenadier Regiment area P 7688 and Feld Ersatz and Engineer
Battalions P 7587 and Reconnaissance Battalion area P 7184.

2. Movements.

Information from air reconnaissance 23 January.

Northwest Germany.

Considerable rail activity line Hanover-Lohne-
Hamm, 23 trains observed moving equally east and west.

Marshalling yards area west of Ruhr showed increase
in loading late afternoon; several train sections observed var-
ious small stations, for example: Zulpich, Horrem, Modrath,
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Ardennes Sector.

Huge flow traffic continues to east and northeast,
main focal points Clerveaux, St Vith, Prum, Blankenheim,
Euskirchen, Zulpich. Evidence of some southbound movement
towards Trier-Merzig.

Saar Palatinate.

Line Kaiserslautern-Saarbrücken active, marshalling
yards this area active, military train loaded with tanks,
guns at Neunkirchen (north of Saarbrücken). Concentration
motor transport (including tanks) observed moving southwest
from Landstuhl to Zweibrücken. Motor transport movement all
directions areas Landau, Bitsch and Hatten.

Southwest Germany.

Movement line Offenburg-Donnhueschingen 5 trains
observed (3 moving southeast).

3. Prisoners of War.

A. Prisoners captured 20 January 1945:

First French Army. No report (3 on 16 January,
nil on 17 and 18 January).

Seventh United States Army 41.

Third United States Army 596.

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First United States Army 468.

Ninth United States Army 11.

Fifteenth United States Army nil.

Second British Army 92.

First Canadian Army 37.

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 20 January:
342,606.

4. Tanks destroyed 22 January 1945: 43

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ACTION: G-2

INFO: CC/S
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To: War Department

Nr: S 76299

23 January 1945

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hower cite SHGBI.

Weekly intelligence summary for 21 January 1945 no
table showing equivalent strengths included. previous para A. Div
instead graded experimentally as follows: Divisions
called as Panzer, Panzer Grenadier, Parachute and Mountain,
Volksgrenadier, Infantry, and remainder: within each class
current combat value indicated by letter AB or C, taking
all factors into account.

A means Division might get about 80 marks or more
out of 100 in general test for one of its class:
C means Division might get 50 marks or less. Gradings
naturally can give rough idea only. As follows:

1. Panzer. A 10 SS, 11.
B. 1 SS, 2 SS, 9 SS, 12 DD, 21
C. 2, 9, 116, Lehr.
2. Panzer Grenadier.
A. Nil
B. 17 SS, 3, 15, 25.
C. Nil
3. Parachute and Mountain
A. 6 and 7 parachute, 6 SS Mountain
B. 2 parachute
C. 3 and 5 parachute.

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4. Volksgrenadier.

- A. 47, 183, 275 (Query), 363.
- B. 19, 36, 79, 212, 246, 256, 257, 272,
276, 277, 352, 361, 559.
- C. 12, 16, 18, 26, 62, 167, 326, 340,
553, 560, 708.

5. Infantry

- A. 59, 319, 331, 346, 712.
- B. 4, 9, 84, 89, 76, 180, 190, 245,
269, 344, 347, 353, 416, 719.
- C. 85, 159, 189, 198, 338, 716.

6. Remainder. 3 SS, 172, 216, 405, 406, 604, 606,
786 (Query).

- B. Additions: 786 Stellungen Division
with query, 604.
- C. Eliminations: Reessler (Equated
with 606).
Tettau (Equated with 604)
- D. Total strength enemy Army engaged
in defence Western Front estimated
at not less than 1½ million men.
- E. Number of enemy tanks in West
estimated at about 600 with 300
runners.
- F. Grateful your views on proposed
method OK grading.

ACTION: G-2

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, ADM. KING, COL. PARK, LOG

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23 January 1945.

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1. Operations after initial surprise enemy resistance rapidly stiffened whole southern wing Colmar pocket. Heavy fighting all along front Mulhouse Thann in continuing heavy snows. Main suburbs Mulhouse cleared after fierce street fighting and several enemy counter attacks repulsed vicinity Kingersheim (V 7010) and Illzac (V 7109). Enemy still controls western half Richwiller (V 6608).

Area south of Sennheim (Cernay) very heavy fighting; enemy counter attacks vicinity Graffenwald (V 6009) and south-eastern suburbs Sennheim. Another enemy attack at V 5413 east of Thann repulsed, followed by Allied counter attacked tanks supporting enemy efforts Mulhouse and Sennheim areas. Attack on Bennweiler (V 6949) failed.

On German 1st Army front, fair to good visibility, cold, no precipitation, considerable movement Hardt mountains as enemy follows Allied withdrawal but no pressure. Some attacks left flank, where build up continues, but generally quiet. 2nd enemy attempt on Kiletett (R 0909) early morning

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22 January encircled town; Allied counter attack restored position. Considerable armour and motor transport movement shows continued build up area Weyersheim (R 0412) Bischweiler. Infantry, tanks, horse drawn artillery and anti tank guns observed this sector. About 10 tanks area Dettenhofen (R 1020) and estimated 25 tanks moving west from vicinity (R 1113). Concentrations seen woods R 1021 west of Gamsheim. Unknown number tanks east of Auenheim vicinity (R 1001) afternoon 21 January. Unknown number infantry and armour Oberhofen (R 0921); tanks reported near Hagenau.

Tactical reconnaissance reports heavy motor transport activity all directions area Herzheim (R 3561) Buchelberg (R 3247) Niederlauterbach (R 2742) Winzenbach (R 2737). Considerable movement vehicles and foot troops area southeast Bitsch; black uniforms Zinsweiler (Q 8935) and Gumbrechtshofen (Q 9233). However, contact negligible this sector.

Northwest of Merzig enemy infantry with tank support launched counter attacks after artillery preparation half of town and heavy fighting continues.

In southern Ardennes enemy contact light at key points; resistance chiefly from snipers, mines, booby traps and some sporadic artillery fire. Enemy withdrawal heavily attacked from air: G-round Operations hindered by snow and ice. Road west from Vianden cut at P 8850 and at Nachtsmanderscheid (8651) by Allies who also reached Grallingen (8350). Eschweiler (P 7257) and Brachtenbach (6959) occupied by Allies; gains of

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3 to 5 miles made along Lullange (P 7164) Beho (7631) front; Asselborn (7468) clear of enemy. Along north flank to Saint Vith enemy offered moderate resistance in the form of delaying action. Few tanks contacted by Allies who took Hinderhausen (K 8087). Enemy attempt to block Saint Vith road at Sart Lez Saint Vith unsuccessful. Enemy opposition south of Born outflanked by Allies to east who drove south and cut road north of Saint Vith and captured Hunningen (P 8490).

Heavy enemy artillery concentration fell west of Duren (F 1246). Julich Linnich front quiet. Weather clear, roads slippery, snow drifted.

North of Sittard enemy withdrawn some 2000 yards east of Breberen in area X 8072-8074. Echterbosch Wood being cleared and village lost by enemy. Heavy fighting in area Saint Joost.

In Nijmegen sector enemy withdrew to north of Zetten across canal: Estimated 550 to 600 enemy killed or captured during operation.

2 order of battle. Elements of 2 Mountain Division north of Mulhouse: Comment not more than 1 regiment yet present.

21st Panzer Division moving down to join 10th SS Panzer Division.

In Ardennes 9th SS Panzer and elements 12th SS Panzer in contact, and also 9 and 2 Panzers: Remainder of armour not firm. 62 and 12 Divisions out of contact and
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prisoners have stated were withdrawing: 5 parachute also missing.

Elements believed organic to 85 Division back in line in old sector.

3 Movements. Railways in northwest Germany active. Unusually heavy and incautious road traffic going by day north-east from Ardennes, especially in areas Saint Vith and Pruem: Possibly connected with apparent preparations for heavy rail activity in Cologne Krefeld area.

4 Prisoners of War.

A. (G1 figures not complete) prisoners captured 19 January 1512.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 841358.

5 General. Road and rail movement mentioned above may possibly mean departure of some at least of 6th SS Panzer Army for the east: No reasons apparent why, if movement towards Alsace, which is likeliest destination in west, it should be so hasty. However, confirmation still needed before movement away can be accepted. Meantime final stages of enemy withdrawal in Ardennes show some signs of accelerating.

No slackening of enemy pressure in northern Alsace, where regrouping consequent on Allied withdrawal continuing.

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INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, ^{End} Col Park, Log
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To: War Department
CG 12th US Army Group Tactical
Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy

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Heavy snow aiding intense enemy opposition southern flank Nineteenth Army. North of Mulhouse enemy counter attacks 20th January area Pfestatt (V 6707) repulsed and town (previous para one. Operations.) captured 21st January by Alliea. Kingersheim (V 7010) and Lutterbach (V 6607) clear, but Reiningen (V 6205) still in enemy hands. Reinweiler (V 6608), in Allied hands, counter attacked three times without success. Germans driven back north of Mulhouse-Thann road almost to Sennheim (V 5713) and slight Allied gains made in forest east of Thann.

Fair visibility, light snow and bad road conditions on German First Army Front.

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In plain of Alsace, Allies withdrew to new positions: roughly Kilstetz (R 0908)-Weyersheim (R 0513)-Buschweiler-Hagenau-Niedermodern (Q 9127)-Rothbach (Q 8434)-Reipertswiller, all inclusive; enemy maintaining contact with Allied rearguards but no pressure on most of this line. Still strong pressure Weyersheim-Buschweiler sector, however; Attack area west of Herrlnstein repulsed; of 18 supporting tanks Allies knocked out. 18 Enemy tanks reported entering Oberhofen (R 0920) afternoon 21st January. Further unestimated number between here and Buschweiler, vicinity (R 1019) and (R 1020).

Northeast Reipertswiller enemy aggressiveness of past few days subsided 21st January.

After momentary flare Saarlautern area quiet but infiltration and counter attacks northwest of Merzig continue. Enemy resisting heavily at Fraulautern (Q 2981). Enemy forced back to Orscholz (L 1201): counter attacks and infiltration Tettingen area (L 0402) repulsed.

On southern Ardennes front enemy withdrawn to north of Landscheid (P 8448) and from both banks of Hauer river north of Bourscheid (P 8041). Air reported considerable traffic moving east on road north of Vianden (9049) from Walsdorf with traffic jam at Vianden Bridge. Enemy surrounded at Kehmen (P 7846) but still resisting. Enemy withdrawing all along front from Wiltz, which is now in Allied hands, to Bovigny. Prisoner straggler captured at

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Derenbach (P 6758) stated enemy tanks and infantry withdrew night 20th January 20 kilometres to northeast. Other prisoner stated that enemy units withdrawn to river line at Clef (7763): Also in Munschausen (7860). Enemy rear-guard resistance broken and Lullange (P 7163) and high ground to north captured by Allies. Enemy withdrawn from Coofelt (P 7068). Couvy (7177) strongly held at 211500A by enemy also entrenched in goods to north. Road Limmerle-Couvy reported mined. Wattermal (7477) and Ourthe (7478) clear of enemy. Other prisoners state that 9 Panzer, Panzer Lehr and 26th Volksgrenadier Divisions have pulled back to Siegfried Line: Prisoner from 2nd Panzer states Division gone to Germany to reform.

On northern Ardennes front enemy withdrawn along forest line northeast of Bovigny. Elements of 12 SS Panzer committed in line to north of St Vith. Born (P 8594) cleared and Allies advanced along front south of town. Enemy extremely sensitive to Allies general area Bullingen and counters any forward move with heavy resistance.

Some enemy armour observed east of Hiedeggen at F 1333 Artillery and small arms fire increased Duren-Linnich sector. North of Sittagd enemy opposition increasing. Enemy lost ground east and north of Brebern to SO easting. Strong enemy opposition at St Joost (X 7281). Allied forces Eoht and Stevensweurt linked up and enemy cleared from area west of Juliana Canal. Enemy forming up at Middleaar (E 74) dispersed by Allied artillery.

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In Nijmegen sector heavy fighting in Zetten area
(E 6172). Enemy forced to give ground to line E 6172-5972.

La Rochelle area, enemy reoccupied Charron (T 3549)
and Marans (T 4451).

Two. Order of battle. Elements 21st Panzer Division
with 7th Parachute Division: Comment may be moving south-
wards but not conclusive.

In Ardennes 9th SS Panzer Division still in line,
and battlegroup of 12th SS contacted north of St Vith:
Otherwise SS have pulled out. 62nd Volksgrenadier definitely
out of line. Elements of 246th Volksgrenadier identified
in sector of much battered 3rd Parachute Division.

176th Division now assisted by a regiment of
606th and a regiment of 59th, also by General Headquarters
artillery and assault guns.

Felber Corps, between LXVI and LXVII, identified
as XIII Corps. 340th Division stated by prisoner to have
been under LVIII Panzer Corps on 14th January: Comment
puts LVIII between XLVII and LIII.

Document dated 13th January confirms Himmler in
command of Gumbheim bridgehead in capacity as Commanding
General Army Group (Heeresgruppe) Upper Rhine. On document
of 5th January 81 year old SS General Von Maur signed as

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Commanding General Army Group Upper Rhine.

Three. Movements. Large scale motor transport movements now observable going east and northeast out of Ardennes: Some about 15 miles southwest of Bonn.

Four. Prisoners of War.

A. (G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured 18th January 45: 1455.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 839,846.

Five. General. French attack on southern edge Colmar pocket took enemy by surprise. Weather hampering operations. North of Strasbourg enemy intending to develop his offensive and Allied withdrawals may see increased aggressiveness from Hardt Mountains, and also from area west of Bitsche where 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division has been quiet for some time. In Ardennes road movement indicates part at least of 6th SS Panzer Army getting via Euskirchen and today's road movement Clervaux Argeld shows 5th Panzer Army getting some of its armour behind Siegfried line. Enemy likely to oppose vigorously our attack north from Dretviroh area which threatens west wall and formations in centre of his new slender hold in Ardennes. Enemy evidently not prepared to commit any sizeable forces, if he has them, in sector west of Roer River.

No indications future employment 6th SS Panzer Army.
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Southern Wing 19th Army between Rhine and Saint Amarin (V 4720) surprised by Allied offensive in blinding snowstorm morning 20th January. Germans driven from Celzac (V 7109), Kingersheim (V 7010) and Lutterback (V 6507); also driven back to Mulhouse Thann road in area south and west of Sennheim (Cernay). Some enemy recovery made, however, and violent counter attacks reported area Pfastatt (V 6707) and Thann (V 5313).

Enemy continued heavy pressure area Drusenheim (R 1618) Sessenheim (R 1821). Pressure somewhat relaxed Herrlisheim (R 1214); some Allied troops still cut off but about one third have infiltrated back; about 36 enemy tanks observed general area southwest of town. German attacks surrounded Drusenheim but Allies cut off there control major portion of town. Allied attacks towards Sessenheim met very heavy

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reaction, made no progress. Late enemy attacks Hatten area abated after morning effort repulsed but aggressive patrolling continued. Northeast of Reipertswiller (Q 8037) heavy enemy shelling of Allied lines. Small Allied withdrawal not under pressure to better positions. Steady snow and poor visibility along Saar.

Activity increased in Saarlautern area where enemy counter attack repulsed without loss of ground. Enemy attacks with Infantry and tanks in Butzdorf area (L 0403) and to north repulsed; seven tanks destroyed.

One southern Ardennes flank snow and ice continue to hamper operations; sky overcast. Enemy concentration troops and vehicles Biesdorf area (P 9846) dispersed by Allied artillery.

North of Diekirch (P 8244) Allied progress impeded by mines; Brandenburg (P 8546) reached. Allied patrols west of river Neund Burden (P 8243) evacuated by enemy. Allerborn (P 6661), Dernebuch (P 6758) and Moinet (P 6362) lost by enemy in rearguard action. Vissoul (6369) and Tavigny (6569) found evacuated by enemy.

On northern Ardennes flank, enemy opposition slackened but key points heavily defended and withdrawals made only under pressure. Enemy cleared from Courtril (P 7081) and Bovigny. Enemy forced back area Rogery (P 7283) and to northeast in woods. Enemy forced back some two miles through forest south of Recht to area P 8090. To north, Born (8594) lost by enemy.

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Heavy movement along Cologne Julich road, and Julich rear areas during night.

North of Sittard enemy not yet offering more than moderate opposition. Bad weather and boggy ground favours defense. Enemy lost considerable ground including towns of Breberen (X 7871), Bocket, Waldfeucht (7776). Allied thrust from west captured Saint Joost (7281) and enlarged northern flank to Berkelaar (X 6982).

In Nijmegen sector enemy attack at Zetten (E 6172) repulsed and town cleared of enemy. Tactical reconnaissance found 150 motor transport parked facing northwest at Cleve (E 9153) at 1100 hours; arrival of reinforcements suspected.

Para 2. Order of battle. Elements of 6th SS Mountain Division identified on east side of Hardt ridge salient: Comment not yet confirmed that whole division is present.

Para 3. Movements. Nothing to report.

Para 4. Prisoners of war.

Para A. (G-1 figures not complete) prisoners captured 17th January: 1715.

Para B. Accumulative total since D Day:
838,391.

Para 5. General. Nil.

ACTION: G-2
INFO : CCS, CG AAF, OPD, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG

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By Prisoner of War: All 19 January 10 SS Panzer:

I/II SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment, Anti Aircraft Battalion and other elements area Herrlisheim (RA 315) state crossed Rhine 16 January and Panzer Grenadier Regiments comprise approximately 90 percent German Air Force personnel (previous)

1. Order of Battle. 1. Identifications:

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7th Parachute: I/19 Parachute Regiment area
Tessenheim (R1822).

25th Panzer Grenadiers: Elements 35th Panzer
Grenadier Regiment area hatten.

21st Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion area north of
Rittershoffen (R 1634).

6th SS Mountain: I/II SS Mountain Regiment area
south Baeren (Q 8340). Comment: Presumed stragglers or
detached unit.

257th Volksgrenadier: 457th Grenadier Regiment
area Saarreinsberg (Q 7541).

17th SS Panzer Grenadier: Elements 38th SS Panzer
Grenadier Regiment area following (Q 6055).

11th Panzer: I/III Panzer Grenadier Regiment area
Besch (L 0202) states elements 15th Panzer Regiment area
north of L 0402.

Night 18-19 January.

9th Volksgrenadier: 116th Grenadier Regiment area
P 6652.

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167th Volksgrenadier: 331st Grenadier Regiment
area east of Bras (P 6557).

59th Infantry: (deserters) Reconnaissance Battalion
area north of Linnich (K 9465) state unit relieved and
unidentified unit 17 January.

6th Parachute: 16th Parachute Regiment area north
of Heurden (E 1951) and Artillery Regiment area Wijk
(E 1954).

All 18th January .

338th Infantry: (deserter) II/759 Grenadier Regiment
area Frenz (V 4125).

719th Infantry: 723rd Grenadier Regiment area
Wellerfangen (Q 2581).

352nd Volksgrenadier: 915th Grenadier Regiment
area Gilsdorf (P 8842).

5th Parachute: II/5 Parachute Artillery Regiment
area Longsdorf P 9045 and Bettel (P 9147) and elements 12th
Parachute Flak Regiment, formerly attached, area P 9044.

2. Movements. Nothing to report.

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3. Prisoners of War.

A. Prisoners captured 16 January: First French Army, no report (nil on 13th January). Seventh United States Army 238. Third United States Army 812. First United States Army 270. Ninth United States Army 4. Fifteenth United States Army, nil. Second British Army 29. First Canadian Army 1.

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 16 January:
836585.

4. Tanks destroyed 18 January: 31.

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Log

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1. Operations.

In Rhine Valley small enemy attack area Ammerschwihr (V 6647) repulsed.

North of Strasbourg enemy capture of Bessenheim (R 1822) by 7th Parachute Division joined up Gembsheim bridgehead firmly with forces to north. 10th SS Panzer Division cut off Allied elements in Herrlisheim and forced allied line to withdraw west to Zorn River: Enemy attempt to cross canal in boats repulsed. Three prong attack by infantry and armour on Drusenheim (R 1518) succeeded in surrounding town; heavy attack west of town penetrated Allied defence. Further north attacks by 25th Panzer Grenadier and 21 Panzer against Hatten (R 1733) during morning contained after slight loss of ground. Tanks and infantry crossing Rhine on pontoon bridges. Heavy traffic reported between Wissembourg (R 1518), Riedseltz (1543) and Oberesebach (1821). Weather warm, rainy, visibility limited. In Hardt Mountains enemy continues to infiltrate

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in area Reipertsviller (Q 8238) and continues small attacks after artillery preparation. Enemy attempt to penetrate forward positions Besch (L 0101) unsuccessful. Wehr (L 0110) reported burning at 190540A.

On southern Ardennes flank snow throughout period, visibility poor. Enemy troop movement heard night 18-19 January area Longedorf (P 9045) Bestendorf (8744). Enemy resistance ceased in Diekirch (8742) and Bettendorf (914) during morning. 20 enemy tanks and infantry reported vicinity Landscheid (P 8748) at midday. Numerous minefields being encountered Bourcheid (P 8047) Nöcher (7351) area. Small enemy attack area Oberwampach (P 6659) repulsed.

On northern Ardennes flank enemy action light; Brisy (P 6575) lost by enemy. Ringlez (P 6876) still in enemy hands but Allies control town from high ground. Allied one mile advance east of Cherain hindered by mines and bad weather. Enemy withdrawn roughly one mile in woods east of Vielsalm. Small counter attack east of Petit Thier repulsed; Poteau (P 7781) and Recht (7994) lost by enemy. To north enemy opposition moderate; Montenau (P 8596) and Schoppen cleared; enemy counter attack at latter repulsed. Weather; ceiling zero, ground conditions poor.

Duren Linnich sector quiet.

North of Sittard enemy offering moderate opposition; many minefields encountered. Heilder (K7471) Hoengen, Havert and Schalbruch (7174) lost by enemy. Allied thrust from west to Schilberg (K 7180) enlarged; Gebroek (6979) lost by enemy who withdrew 3 miles to southeast.

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In Nijmegen sector enemy continued aggressiveness at
Zetten (E 6172); infiltration neutralized and situation
quiet at close of period. Civilians report only about 100
troops left at Zieriksee (D 3545) on Schouven.

2. Order of Battle.

Contact with some of more battered infantry divisions
in Ardennes now very slight, especially 62 Division, which
may have been withdrawn.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War.

A. (G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured
16 January: 1354.

B. Accumulative total since D Day (excluding
First French Army 14 to 16 January): 836,585.

5. General. Colmar pocket quiet where more forces
required if southern Pincer of enemy offensive for Alsace is
to make more rapid progress. Appearance of 10th SS Division
shows enemy intention to cut Allied off or force withdrawal
from Hagenu Forest area. Main thrust likely to be west
from bridgehead with infantry forming left flank and
possibly attacking south and southwest. Bulk, if not all,
of 6th SS Panzer Army now clear in Ardennes. 12th SS Div-
ision, in particular, probably ready for employment and

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2nd SS Division last identified on 14 January nearly ready. Unless required in Ardennes most likely place for their employment in west would be in Army Group G area and capability of reemploying Army or elements of it at early date should not be underestimated. Enemy still relying on infantry in Maeseyck sector.

End

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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Correct page 1, lines 17-24 to read:

Dahlhuden (R 1920), Stattmatten (R 2022) and Dengolsheim (R 1921) occupied by units of 7th Parachute Division. Sessenheim (R 1823) also captured by enemy morning 18 January. Further north, in strong counter attack Germans reoccupied Roschwoog (R 2225), but Leuthenheim (R 2127) and Kauffenheim (R 2228) remained in Allied hands.

Situation uncertain west bank Rhine area east of Bischweiler, but enemy probably has tenuous link between Gamsheim bridgehead and Roschwoog area. 25th Panzer Grenadier and 21st Panzer Divisions apparently regrouping

Correct page 2, lines 3-5 to read:

Air reconnaissance reports 6 dismantled pontoon

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bridge each having landings both sides Rhine plus extra
section attached on east bank at following places:

R 105065, R 136097,

Correct page 2, line 13 to read:

Noon 18 January, strong attack by Infantry and 18
tanks (of which 9 reported destroyed)

Correct page 3, line 19 to read:

Enemy pocket holding out south on Ondenal in area
P 7599 but driven from most of high ground;

Correct page 4, line 3 to read:

Havert (K 7172), Stein, Lind, Heide, Hort, Schillburg

End

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INFORMATION: CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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South of Strasbourg German inactive except for artillery and patrolling. Sector from Gombsheim to Bitschebrisk. Enemy strength east and southeast (previous para one. Operations) Bischweiler increasing. Resistance undiminished Gombsheim but some Allied progress towards Offendorf (R 1313). Enemy driven from two thirds of Hejrlusheim (R 1315) morning 18 January, but counter attacked forcing Allies from town. Dählhunden (R 1920), Stättmatten (R 2022) and Dengolsheim (R 1921) occupied by units on * Division. Sessenheim (R 1823) also captured by enemy morning 18 January. * north, in strong counter attack Germans re-occupied Roschwoog (R *), but Leutenheim (R 2127) and Kauffenheim (R 2228) remained in Allied hands. Situation uncertain west bank Rhine area east of Bischweiler, but enemy probably has tenuous link between Gombsheim bridgehead and Roschwoog area. * Panzer Grenadier and * Panzer Divisions apparently regrouping Hatten Ristershofen area, while main-

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taining penetrations both towns in continued heavy fighting. Early 18 January heavy traffic from Hatten to Buhl (R 1935). Air reconnaissance reports 6 dismantled pontoon bridge * having landings both sides Rhine plus extra section attached on east bank at following places: R 105065, R 1360*7, R 162128, R 170173, R 233213 and R 275272. Bridge at Selz (R 2733) out but indications of construction pontoon bridge nearby.

Northeast of Reipertweiler (Q 8036) enemy infiltration attempts followed by attack with estimated battalion heavies supported by artillery. On German First Army right flank enemy again showed increased aggressiveness. 18 January, strong attack by Infantry and * tanks (of which * reported destroyed) against Tettingen (L 0402) and Butzdorf (L 0403); latter captured; situation unclear at former. Prisoner of war stated attack was to be made by one to two Regiments. Weather on Saar front dry, cold with hard ground and poor visibility.

Enemy probably withdrawing from river bend bridgehead southeast Echternach; Rosport (L 1134) and Eobn (L 0312) reported evacuated. But, except in Diekirch area, Germans yielded little ground in Ardennes 18 January.

Enemy apparently surprised area Bettendorf (P 9143) and Allied bridgehead one mile deep established against light opposition except for continuous heavy shelling near Bettendorf morning 18 January; town being cleared. Two more Allied bridgeheads between here and Diekirch, one third

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of which also cleared by enemy; city ringed on east, south and west. Enemy forced from Ettelbruck salient; Erpeldingen (P 8342) being mopped up. Nocher (P 7481) clear. Small enemy attack area Winseler (P 6854) repelled, and Oberwampach (P 6559) assaulted several times 18 January by enemy forces varying from a company supported by four tanks to a battalion supported by 17 tanks.

On northern Ardennes flank stiff opposition, bad weather and mines hampered operations. Enemy resistance slackened during afternoon. In Sterpigny area Allies advanced east to within a mile of Halconreus (P 7179). Enemy with 11 tanks and Infantry in Bovigny. According to prisoners troops believe still arriving area Petithier (7492). Prisoner states tank combat team in Saint Vith area. Enemy resistance pocket by passed east of town and Saint Vith road cut at Potau (P 7791). Allied advance from north controls road and rail junction east of Recht at P 8294. Enemy pocket holding out south on Onderval in area P 7599 but driven from * on high ground; enemy counter attack this area gained 200 yards before being repulsed.

Huertoen forest sector quiet. Troop movement observed Duren Julich area. Two 15 year old deserters wearing Hitler Jugend uniforms stated they had been employed as auxiliary police on east bank of Roer River but when informed to join the Volkssturm decided to desert.

North of Sittard enemy resistance increased all along front; counter attacks with assault gun support

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launched against Susteren thrust: Enemy fighting from positions mainly in woods and farmhouses. Change in weather hampering armour; some bogged down. Havert (K 7172), * Lind, Heide, Hort, Schillburg (K 7080) and Echt lost by enemy.

In Nijmegen sector enemy attack south of Hemmen (E 6172) made minor penetration; enemy driven back during day and positions unchanged.

2. Order of battle.

10 SS Panzer Division identified in Gamsheim bridgehead together with Himmlers Escort Battalion.

In Ardennes Bulge Panzer Lehr and 9 Panzer seem fairly firmly in along western extremity where 2 Panzer perhaps no more than battle group. 3 Panzer Grenadier likewise only battle group, if as much. 15 Panzer Grenadier reappeared in force on north flank on left of 9 SS Panzer. 1 SS Panzer still has elements around St Vith but division believed now withdrawn. No contact with 116 Panzer and 2 and 12 SS Panzers. Regiment of 246 Division identified between 18 and 62 Volksgrenadier Divisions having come down from Monchau sector.

XXX Corps identified at Berendrecht (D 86) near Dordrecht. Unidentified Army believed commanding home defenses in Black Forest and Swiss frontier area. SS General (Obergruppenfuhrer) Von Maur signs document dated 5 January as or for Commander in Chief Army Group upper Rhine in which

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after usual opening (hour of destiny, staking all, etcetera)
Strasbourg indicated as objective of attack.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of war.

A. (G 1 figures not complete) prisoners captured
15 January 1945: 1801.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 835231.

5. General.

Exploitation of Gumbshelm bridgehead gathering momentum. Troops intended to make trouble south of Colmar pocket are reported to have gone north to Achern, pontoon bridges are being prepared at several places and 10 SS Panzer has put in an appearance. Uncertain whether intention is to make main push west or south: Von Maurs order of day, mentioned above, definitely indicates Strasbourg as one of objectives of original bridgehead.

No evidence yet of further build up in support of counter attacks by 11 Panzer.

Same tendencies as before continue in Ardennes bulge.

Still no noticeable reaction to Allied attack north of Sitter.

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Air Force for A 2, First United States Tactical Air Force
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Scale of enemy line crossing and parachute effort
being maintained with probable future increase. Members of
Hitler Jugend now operating (cite summary number 13 first
paragraph). Three captured. Interrogations show successful
missions being achieved.

Indications of increasing German interest ports,

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convoys and troop movements on Mediterranean coast.

Enemy making greater use of women agents.

Espionage.

A. Four parachutist with WT caught in Seine et
Marne

B. Two women agents despatched from Spain captured
in Doubs.

C. Penetration agent arrested in Partisan Guerilla
band on Riviera front.

D. Two parachutes found near Montpellier. One
parachute and WT found near Chartres.

E. German woman agent, born Luxembourg, arrested
Alsace. Three day espionage mission on Allied insignia and
AFV's Strasbourg.

F. Two agents arrested Eupen in American uniform.

Sabotage.

A. Reference Summary number 12, espionage item,
intermediaries were three women agents of AMT six believed
to know pipeline locations. Arrested at Delle having failed
to cross frontier.

B. Two Frenchmen captured while reconnoitering fuel

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and ammunition targets vicinity Haguenau. Groups in civilian clothing and German uniform were subsequently to infiltrate with explosives.

C. Reference Summary number 11 Sabotage C, remaining parachutist surrendered. Mission to penetrate factories Toulouse area and recruit agents for widespread sabotage railroads and pipelines.

D. Reference Summary number 13 Sabotage 3, safe landing reported by Pigeon. Mission to prepare reception of future large groups saboteurs.

General security and political factors.

France. Indications of considerable illegal traffic in Andorra in sale of safe conduct border passes. Officials stated to accept bribes and engage in smuggling operations. This increasing difficulties of apprehending agents passing into France.

Belgium. Military and civil police and security personnel are cooperating in increasingly frequent security checks in Belgium.

Holland. Presence of some 18,000 German nationals in province of Limburg potential danger. Appropriate measures taken include evacuation, internment, restrictions and house searches.

Germany. Evidence Hitler Jugend being trained in

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Guerilla warfare, in particular harassing transport and attacking individual soldiers. Channels of communication for passing information on Allied troops and equipment being arranged.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFO: CC/S
Gen Arnold
OPD
Adm King

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On German Nineteenth Army front frost and fog continue. Very heavy enemy artillery area Weiler (V 5016). Enemy made slight gains in Herrlisheim; fighting continues in Drusenhiem (R 1517) and resistance in bridgehead remains strong.

Except for both flanks German First Army still not aggressive. Stiff house to house fighting continues Hatten and Rittershofen with enemy infantry and tanks controlling parts both towns; more armour moved in night 16 January. Early morning 16 January infantry without tank support counter attacked Wies (L 0205) and Berg (L 0204) effecting slight penetration latter town. Prisoner states Panzer Division being ferried across Saar during nights at Trassem (L 1209). Weather good Saar front.

Enemy patrols reported Ettelbruck (P 8240). Other-

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wise quiet southern flank Ardennes. Prisoner of war 79th Volksgrenadier Division states ration supply fair, clothing scarce, oil not available but unnecessary due to lack of vehicles, ammunition sufficient. Prisoner of war 276th Volksgrenadier Division states 988th Grenadier Regiment received last food ration 10 January; no feed available for horses.

North Bastogne enemy counter attack by infantry and 15 to 20 tanks recaptured Vellegeux (P 5668) evening 15 January but town again fell to Allies 16 January. Enemy tracked vehicles hear withdrawing east from Bourey (P 6164) at 162030. Enemy also driven from Michamps (P 6262).

Enemy concentrations in woods east of Houffalize during afternoon dispersed by Allied artillery, Snipers making last stand in Teverneux (P 6173) being mopped up. Small arms fire received in towns of Vaux (P 6576) Cherrain (6677) Sterpigny (6777); heavy anti tank fire from beyond towns pinned down Allied advance. Enemy cleared from Salmchateau (P 7086) but held Vielsalm. Allied thrust from north reached Petit Thier (7391). Enemy fighting furiously in forest behind felled tree road blocks; anti tank and anti personnel mines aiding defense. Enemy still resisting in Thirimont (K 8300). Enemy defence line in woods at P 8499 to 8699. Schoppen (K 9000) recaptured by enemy and attacks in afternoon forced Allies back to north.

In Huertgen Forest enemy improving defensive positions Simmerath area (K 9924). Vehicular movement heard east of

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Roer River Nideggen area (F 1133) and to south. Duren Linnich sector quiet.

Enemy offered moderate resistance to Allied attack southeast of Maeseyck (K 6380); Dieteren lost by enemy who allowed Allied patrolling to Oud Roosteren (K 6677). Remainder of front quiet.

2. Order of battle.

11th Panzer Division reported again in Saarburg area south of Trier and accepted there.

Panzer units now in contact in Ardennes seem to be 3rd Panzer Grenadier (or battle group), Panzer Lehr (or 116th Panzer uncertain which) and 9th Panzer from north to south in the western tip, and 9th SS still holding on in old sector in north: of III may have allowed 2nd Panzer and 15th Panzer Grenadier (and possibly 116th Panzer) to leapfrog back through them. Remainder out of firm contact.

Only 176th Division identified so far in Allied attack in area Maeseyck.

XXXIX Panzer Corps identified in Haguenau corner: Comment presumably controls 21st Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier, possibly also 7th Parachute.

Divisions Raessler and Tettau provisionally equaled with 604th and 606th ZBV (that is staffs controlling local

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units): Evidence for presence both is documentary and agent
only.

Divisions unlocated are 712th, 344th, 353rd, 47th, 49th
269th (also 406th): No contact with organic units of 85th
Division for 10 days.

3. Movements.

Only unusual feature is still train movement in
area Offenbourg apparently tending northward.

4. Prisoners of war.

(GI figures, not complete) prisoners captured 13
January: 2676. Accumulative total since D Day: 832067.

5. General.

No change. No reaction yet known to Allied attack
at Masseyck and no evidence yet of any armour getting clear
of Ardennes.

End

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2. Effective ~~0001 hours~~ 13th January First United States Army will revert to Command of Central Group of Armies *under General Bradley. U.S. Ninth Army remains under Montgomery.* and the boundary between Northern and central group of Armies, subject to adjustment in detail by commanders concerned, will be: Liege-Eupen-Gemond-Euskirchen, all to Central Group of Armies. In consultation with Commander in Chief Northern Group of Armies, Commanding General, Central Group of Armies, will arrange where necessary to relieve British Units of Northern Group of Armies at present operating south of the new Army group boundary. Acknowledge. End.

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Frost and heavy fog limited activity on 19th Army Front to usual patrolling. Enemy continues build up Offendorf bridgehead but 553rd Division not very active. (Previous para one. Operations).

Cold weather and poor visibility also restrictive on First Army front; enemy generally not aggressive except on both flanks. No resistance to Allied occupation Kaufenheim (R 2228) and Roschwoog (R 2225) but heavy fighting continues to north in area Hattan Rittershoeen where repeated enemy attacks, bolstered by recently arrived 7th Parachute Division, failed night 14 January and throughout 15 January to make break through. Estimated small number tracked vehicles heard entering Oettingen (Q 4064) and large enemy tank or assault gun of new type seen moving southeast area Rodon (Q 2882) afternoon 15 January.

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Activity increased German First Army right flank; counter attack, 300 to 400 strong according to prisoner of war, failed to recapture Tettingen (L 0402) from Allies. Despite strong resistance enemy cleared from Weis (L 0105) Berg and Nennig (L 0204).

Most of German Seventh Army front quiet; weather still hindering operations. Intermittent vehicle movement unknown direction area Oberbillig (L1224) night 15 January. East of Bastogne heavy opposition all day from improved enemy positions. Considerable artillery and anti tank fire, latter especially from area Michamps (P 6262). However, Arloncourt (P 6260), Niederwampach (6458) and Oubourcy (6061) cleared of enemy. Enemy after reentering Noville (5965) driven out and Allies captured high ground northeast of town. Enemy also lost Vaux (5866) which was strongly defended and Vellereux, Rastade and Compogne (5565) but opposition here only moderate.

In western extremity of Ardennes scattered small enemy groups being mopped up west of Ourthe River. Along northern flank enemy withdrawn from Aschouffe (P 5774) and Mont (5974 R); Allied progress slowed down by snow difficult terrain and mines in addition to some tanks and anti tank positions still resisting. 6 enemy tanks knocked out at Wibrin (P 5576) 14 January. Enemy withdrawn from Houffalite and chief points of resistance shifted to Cherain (6677) Sterpigny (6777) and Bovigny (7082). Allied bridgehead established south of Salmchateau without opposition; Grand Halleux (7092) evacuated by enemy. Allied troops crossed

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Ambleve River at Pont (F 7997) Ligneuville (8198). Resistance increased during period with enemy fighting from prepared defensive positions. Enemy counter attacks Thirimont area repulsed; town cleared but enemy holding strongly to south and east. Enemy fighting in Steinbach (K 8501) after having withdrawn from Faymonville. Area heavily mined. Only light enemy contact remainder of Ardennes front.

Duren Linnich sector quiet. Vehicular movement area Dedenbern (F 0221). Undetermined number of tanks reported in Niederau (F 1241). Sleet, poor visibility, roads and soil frozen.

Holland front quiet.

2. Order of battle.

361 Volksgrenadier withdrawn from line: Comment presumably Fojlpaft. 257 and 256 Volksgrenadiers now hold salient in Hardt mountain forest having closed in from west and east respectively: 36 Volksgrenadier also shifted westwards to close up. 6 SS mountain apparently withdrawn for reemployment elsewhere.

11 Panzer carried provisionally south of Trier.

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9 Panzer now supporting 340 Volksgrenadier northeast
of Bastogne. Two Fuehrer Brigades no longer in firm contact.

3. Movements.

Rail activity, though not very pronounced, still
continues south of Karlsruhe.

4. Prisoners of war. (G-1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 12 January: 2082. Accumulative total
since D day: 829,326.

5. General.

Enemy regrouping round plain of Alsace. Main
effort should eventually be made by 6 SS and 10 SS which at
present not located.

In Ardennes evidence goes to show that SS Panzer
Division have been favoured in matter of replacements in
men and material: Army divisions receiving little. SS
Panzer Divisions being disbanded and when withdrawal com-
pleted should be in a fair shape.

End

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Part 1. Order of Battle.

Identifications:

By Prisoner of War: All January 14.

Panzer Lehr: 902nd Panzer Grenadier Regiment area
Warempangen (P 5070).

9th Panzer: Elements 11th Panzer Grenadier Regiment
area Noveille (P 5864).

560th Volksgrenadier: All three regiments area
Tacerneux (P 6374).

12th Volksgrenadier: 27th Grenadier Regiment area
P 6679 and 48th Grenadier Regiment area Chersin (P 6677).

18th Volksgrenadier: 293rd Grenadier Regiment area
south of Lirneville (P 8898).
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3rd Parachute: III/5th Parachute Regiment, III/
8th Parachute Regiment and I/9th Parachute Regiment all area
Lirneuville.

All 13 January.

416th Infantry: 713rd Grenadier Regiment area
Tettignon (L 0402).

2nd Panzer Division: 5/2 Panzer Grenadier Regiment
area Vivroux (P 4973) states tank strength 3rd Panzer Regiment
I Battalion 1 runner, II Battalion no runners, 8 tanks on
short repair in Clerveaux (P 7763).

277th Volksgrenadier: 990th Grenadier Regiment area
Rocheratte (K 9770).

15th Panzer Grenadier: 10th Panzer Grenadier
Regiment and 115th Panzer Grenadier Regiment area Givry
(P 5065).

1034th Grenadier Regiment 59th Infantry Division area
Droich (F 0261) states remnants 1035th Grenadier Regiment
apportioned among remaining 2 regiments after being virtually
destroyed.

North Holland, does not believe 1035th reactivated.

6th Parachute: I/17th Parachute Regiment area
Kappelsche Veer (E 0949): State Company 70 men strong and
reinforced by 60 to 70 men of 745th Grenadier Regiment 712th
Infantry Division, comment: Confirms deserter's statement
3 days ago that III/745th Grenadier Regiment was under division's
command and suggests 712th Division no longer present.

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12 January:

1st SS Panzer: 7th and 2nd SS Panzer Grenadier
Regiments area southeast of Bastogne state mission counter
attack 12 January forestalled by Allied advance and only
battle group of division withdrew to north.

By document:

Paybook 12197th Grenadier Regiment, 176th Infantry
Division area Born (K 6676) and PFW of elements 1219th
Grenadier Regiment area Bekenhoven (K 6676).

By Prisoner of War statement: Headquarters 19th
Volksgrenadier Division area Ormesheim (Q 5862).

13 January. Elements 2nd SS Panzer Regiment 2nd
SS Panzer Division area southwest of Langlir (P 6582).

Notes: Solitary Prisoner of War Wken area south of
Tiel states belong to "125th Regiment" of "Division Ewald".
Comment, a Colonel Dewald commanded the S'Hertogebosch garrison.

Probably "Division Ewald" is a battle group under
Dewalds command with mission of defending the wall from Tiel
to Zaltbommel.

Part 2. Movements.

Information from air reconnaissance 14 January 45.

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Northwest Germany.

8th Air Force fighters reported much rail movement from the north towards Hamburg. The lines Osnabrucko Halterm and Ohne Hamm were active but no general trend way defined.

Ardennes sector. Continued motor transport movement to the east; convoys were longer than any previously observed. (Several consisting of approximately 60 vehicles and one of 170 vehicles).

Southwest Germany. Numbers of military trains observed line Frankfurt Darmstadt Mannheim Neustadt (majority on southern half of line mostly classified as possible military trains). Confirming yesterday's impression of an arrival in this area: Aychaffenburg also contained three military trains and loaded flats.

Further arrivals possible military trains observed on line Offenburg Willinger (black forest).

Part 3. Prisoners of War.

Prisoners captured 11 January:

2nd British Army, 78 (8 to 10 January)
1st Canadian Army, nil (nil 10 January)
1st United States Army, 97.
3rd United States Army, 807.
9th United States Army, 41.
15th United States Army, nil.

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7th United States Army, 221.
1st French Army, no report (nil January 8)

Accumulative total to 2400 hours 11 January
(excluding 1st French Army 9 to 11 January): 827244.

Stop press: 14 January 7th Parachute Division:
Elements 20th Parachute Regiment area Haten (R 7733).

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On 19th Army front no enemy progress but heavy shell- ing area Huttenheim (V 8873) and Ebersheim (V 8267). Enemy patrol repulsed after crossing Rhine at Strasbourg. South- west Herrlisheim 25 man patrol repulsed. Otherwise Games- ennm bridgehead quiet.

Further north 21 Panzer and 25 Panzer Grenadier Divisions still fighting heavily area Hatten (R 1733) and Rittershofen (R 1533). Counter attack along Hatten Ritter- shofen road by Infantry, self propelled guns and flame throwing tanks midnight 14 January, failed completely; In- fantry and tanks later moved northeast from Hatten. Main opposition Hardt Mountain salient still given by 6 SS Moun- tain Division dug in with considerable mortar and artillery support; small enemy counter attack repulsed early morning 14 January. To northwest, in area Saargemund Saarlautern enemy remained quiet. Four flats loaded with pontoons ob- served by air vicinity Grosrosseln (Q 3468). Allied captured Tettingen (L 0403). Weather in Saar warmer with good visib-

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ility 14 January; cold, clear, with limited visibility 15
January.

German Seventh Army sector quiet; operations still
affected by snow and ice although weather clear. Notwith-
standing stubborn defense of area east Bastogne with tanks
and much artillery, enemy practically cleared from south of
Wiltz River between Winseler (P 6853) and Benonchamps (6258).

Enemy Infantry supported by few tanks attempted
capture Poy (5862) on 13 January and early 14 January,
succeeded temporarily then driven out. Germans driven from
Cobru and Noville (5965) but heavy fighting continues this
area. Enemy in Bertogne (5267) surrounded, then cleared
while to north, Allied moved forward against light resistance
to general line Bertogne Hubermont (4974).

Resistance stiff along front north of Houffalize;
tree to tree defense in forest, mines, mortar fire and tanks
encountered during day. Enemy cleared from area north of
77 northing between 55 and 61 eastings. Pilly (P 5473) and
Mormont (5673) lost by enemy who is still attempting to hold
Wibrin (5676) and Dinez (6078). Enemy lost roughly 1000
yards along front to and inclusive Bovigny (P 7082).

North of Saint Vith enemy resistance light except
at Thirimont (K 8300) where stiff resistance all day was
followed by counter attack in evening with Infantry and
tanks. Enemy cleared from Coulee (P 7395), from Coquiamont
Ridge (7195-7597) and from north of river Ambleve in area
(P 7799).

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Air reported enemy vehicles with white stars on road north of Houffalize, also troops and vehicles south of Saint Vith; vehicles and 60 tanks in area Hildange (P 7676); concentration trucks and possibly taps at Dahlem (L 1598).

Increased enemy artillery and small arms fire received area Simmerath (K 0923). Enemy patrols attempted river crossings area Winden (F 1138). Duren Linnich sector quiet with exception of strafing by enemy aircraft. Enemy counter attack against Bakenhoven (K 6676) dispersed by Allied artillery.

In Holland enemy continues to hold Capelle bridgehead (E 0949) in force after Allied attack repulsed.

2 Order of battle. Elements of 269 Division still in contact Colmar pocket believed stragglers only: Division carried unlocated. 7 Parachute Division confirmed in Hatten area.

In Ardennes Infantry still in contact; Panzers not firm and 2 SS, 12 SS, Panzer Lehr and 3 Panzer Grenadier seem out of contact. 353 Division out of contact since end December.

6 Parachute Division recontacted on island south of Gorinchem and 712 Division now believed left for unknown destination. Babels group under Col Dewald holds line between 2 and 6 Parachute Division. 604 Division ZBV reported by good source in Dutch coastal area, and also 311 Infantry Division, at end December.

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Prisoner states Blaskowitz commanding German Southern group of Armies: comment may well have superseded Balck in command Army Group G. General Felber reported commanding Corps on north flank Ardennes salient; comment may be GOC of Serbia Corps, reported recently in Holland, now presumably brought south.

3. Movement. Much military rail activity on line Frankfurt Mannheim Neustadt: comment probably parts of 7 Parachute and possibly 10 SS Panzer coming up. Activity also on line Flensburg Hamburg: comment probably parts of 2 Mountain Division going south, destination unknown. Activity also on lines to Offenburg on upper Rhine: comment probably reinforcements for 19th Army.

Marked eastward tendency of motor transport movement in Ardennes continues.

4. Prisoners of war. (G-1 figures, not completed)
Prisoners captured 11 January: 1244. Accumulative total since D Day: 827244.

5. General. Not much change in situation in Colmar pocket where lack of firm identification of 269 Infantry Division suspicious. On left wing First Army consider enemy will continue in his efforts to break through Maginot line to link up with Rhine bridgehead. * 7 * contacted. Further west air on 14 January observed 50 tanks in area Fischbach (Q 47) and 45 tanks in area Searburg (L 21). Latter could be 11 Panzer Division. Appreciate enemy may launch diversionary attack on right center or right of First Army designed

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to retain initiative and help his Hagenau battle. In Ardennes enemy conducting his withdrawal skillfully aided by weather but 5 and 6 Panzer Armies believed still in area though some divisions out of contact. So long as enemy appreciates an Allied intention to drive down on St Vith from north bulk of 6 SS Panzer Army must remain until he has completed withdrawal of 5 Panzer Army. Nothing to report further north except 6 Parachute Division not now on move.

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Following from SHAEF G-2 weekly Intelligence
Summary of 14 January 45, in which no table giving equiva-
lent strengths included:

1. Additions:
275 accepted with query in Cologne sector.
2. Eliminations:
711 gone to Hungary. *from Holland*
3. Total Divisions (82), including 15 Panzer/Panzer
Grenadier. No change.
4. Over 600 tanks and assault guns so far claimed
destroyed in Ardennes battle and over 100 in Alsace battle.
Casualties in Ardennes in killed captured and seriously
wounded put at over 90,000.
5. XIV SS Corps opposite Strasbourg, XC Corps pro-
bably in Hardt Mountain battle, 25th Army probably in
Holland.

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1. Operations.

In southern sector enemy raid east of Ile Napoleon (V 8707) repulsed. North of Colmar enemy artillery shelled towns along front; enemy attack area Benfeld (V 8974) repulsed with heavy enemy loss.

North of Strasbourg enemy dug in along canal southwest of Herrlisheim (R 1214). Enemy seal at Hatten (R 1833) broken and link made with Allies in town. Tanks approaching town engaged by Allied artillery. Enemy counter-attacked with tanks flame throwers and infantry during day. Stiff resistance continues this area and Rittershoffen (R 1537) where 12 tanks or self propelled guns fighting in northern and eastern part of town. Continuous traffic along roads vicinity Buhl (R 1935); reinforcements arriving. Attempted infiltration Dambach area (Q 9343) repulsed. Enemy vehicular

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traffic active north of town. Enemy counter-attacks and infiltration north of Reipertswiller (Q 7938) repulsed and Allies made small gains. Northeast of Sarreguemines enemy forced back slightly. Air observed approximately 1300 infantry and 150 vehicles including armour converging on Saarbruecken.

In southern Ardennes during night 12/13 January heavy vehicular activity heard at Gravenmacher (L 0620) moving east of Moselle River: Light vehicular and some tank activity heard south of Wesserbillig (L 1125). Enemy fallen back across Wilms River northwest of Winseler in area P 6654. Stiff resistance from enemy infantry and tanks encountered area Bras (P 6255) night 12/13 January. Command Post 13th Parachute Regiment of 5th Parachute Division overrun; all personnel except Regiment CO captured. North of Bastogne, Foy (P 5762) lost by enemy with large prisoner yield. Enemy counter-attack with 25 tanks repulsed and four knocked out after which Allies advanced to Bertogne (P 5267). Further west Salle (P 4764) and Sprimont captured by Allies who progressed northwards and linked up with Allies from north at cross roads (P 3869) west of Champlon. Main opposition this area from snow and mines.

Along northern Ardennes flank Allies occupied Ortho (P 4871) and Nisramont (5072) without enemy contact; believed only few enemy left west of Ourthe this area. Allied gains of roughly 3 kilometers along front to Bihain area at P 6182 against scattered opposition. Allied thrust south captured Mont le Ban and commands Houffalize Cheraïn road at P 6476.

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Allied attack launched in Stavelot Malmedy area
morning 13 January gained from 1500 to 2000 yards before
reaction effective:

Fighting in Henumont (P7298) where enemy counter
attack retook some ground. Enemy resistance stiffening
along line from Grand Halleux (P7093) to Ligneuville
(P8099). Heavy enemy infantry and tank counter attack
retook Thirimont (K8300) and some ground to north before
being brought under control at 132230A.

Enemy sensitive in area Faymonville (K8702). Snow
this area up to four feet deep. Weather clearing and air
observed motor transport movement southwest of St Vith.

In Huertgen Forest enemy counter attacks west and
north of Schmidt repulsed. Enemy patrol of 50 to 60
men Linnich area destroyed. Enemy vehicles east of Rander-
ath at K9470 dispersed by allied artillery. Allied attack
captured Broichhoven (K7671).

In Holland mine attached to hollowed log floating
downstream blew 150 foot gap in boom at Nijmegen two
midget submarines engaged and one destroyed at E7736.
Enemy observed reinforcing bridgehead at Cepelle (E1049).

2. Order of battle. 10th SS Panzer Division report-
ed arriving in area Kaiserslautern. Prisoners state
paratroops area Rittershoffen 12th/13th January:

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Comment might be 7th Parachute Division. 3rd Panzer Grenadiers sector now falling into allied hands so division presumed pulled out and now unlocated:

15th Panzer Grenadier still in contact. Prisoners still being taken from most of Panzer Divisions but mainly rearguards only:

1st SS Panzer 2nd Panzer and 116th Panzer in reasonably firm contact at present. Prisoners being taken in sector of 12th Volksgrenadier Division from numerous combat teams sent to Ardennes by divisions holding Cologne sector:

A contribution of one squad/section per company levied on 176th, 183rd, 59th, 363rd and 353rd divisions. 25th Army reported by agent in Holland with Christiansen (C in C Netherlands) *. Comment first identification but acceptable:

Existence of 22nd, 23rd and 24th Armies probably implied.

3 Movements. Railway movement seen in area Landau confirms reinforcements coming up to battle for plain of Alsace. Military trains seen coming south from Denmark look like first instalment of two mountain division, destination uncertain. Road movement in Ardennes shows pronounced eastward tendency:

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Noticeable movement from north into Bitburg.

Prisoners of war. (GI figures, not complete)
prisoners captured 10th January: 884. Accumulative total
since D day: 825,992.

5. General. Lull still continues in Alsace, while
reinforcements being gathered for new push. Nothing
further from Saar area.

In Ardennes withdrawal from extremity of salient
being hastened. Several armoured formations now largely
through Houffalize bottleneck and presumed regrouping
toward base of salient. Expedient of injecting small
combat teams from Cologne sector into 12th Volksgrenadier
Division illustrates either unwillingness to commit any
further divisions in Ardennes or difficulties being
experienced in bringing up replacements.

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In southern sector active enemy patrolling Schweug-house area (V 50). North of Colmar strong enemy patrol reached Ebermunster (V 8468) during night 11/12 January but forced to withdraw. Rossfeld (9171) and Herbsheim (9272) occupied by enemy. Enemy night attacks on bridge at Ost-house (V 9477).

North of Strasbourg, Gamsheim (R 1110) lost by enemy; strong enemy patrol driven off vicinity Herrlisheim (R 1315). After intense artillery preparation enemy tanks and Infantry attacked and succeeded in occupying most of Hatten (R 1733); heavy fighting continued in town throughout period. Enemy resistance at Rittershoffen (R 1533) decreased and enemy lost ground. Heavy tank and vehicular traffic night 11/12 January Steinseltz (R 1455), Reidselz (1543) and Ingolsheim (1441). Bridge at R 0820 mined and defended by enemy. Vehicular activity during night Neunhofen area (Q 9146). Strong enemy resistance along southern flank Hardt

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mountain salient but enemy forced back slightly. Civilians report enemy concentrations in Foret De Forbach (Q 3767) and town as well as in Petite Rosalie (Q 3567).

In southern Ardennes enemy offered stiff resistance in effort to halt Allied drive south of Wiltz. Sonlez (P 6353) lost by enemy. Bras (P 6254) captured and much enemy equipment destroyed. Enemy salient south east of Bastogne now cleared and up to 3000 prisoners taken. West of Bastogne enemy fighting fiercely but being driven back to Flamierge area (4761) and Lavacherie (4064). Further west enemy withdrawn out of contact.

At western extremity salient heavy mining and deep snow slowing Allied. Enemy finding road conditions difficult for armour withdrawal; strong enemy rearguards on line Excrasive Champlon (P 47) inclusive Hives (P 47). Allied advances reached Champlon and Beaulieu (P 4571); other drive along road south from Laroche reached Buisson area (P 4973). Strong enemy opposition along front from Samree east but Tailles (P 58) and Petit Tailles lost by enemy. Allied attack south from Bahain gained four kilometers to northwest of Mont Le Ban at P 6379. Enemy resisting all attempted Allied patrolling east bank Salm River. Strong enemy artillery anti tank and mortar fire from north of Bovigny (P 7082). Rest of Ardennes front quiet.

In Huertgen Forest sector small enemy attack from Schmidt area (F 7035) by 272 Infantry Division in afternoon repulsed. Vehicular traffic heard moving north along east bank of Roer area Maubach (F 0937). Enemy infiltration

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attempt area Linden (K 9368) thwarted. Remainder of front quiet.

2 Order of battle. 711 Infantry Division identified in action in Hungary 12 January.

Elements of 269 Infantry Division identified north of Selestat: comment division withdrawn from Vosges a fortnight ago and possibly refitting since.

3 and 15 Panzer Grenadiers still carried west of Bastogne: evidence for withdrawal not strong enough. Bulk one SS Panzer probably still in support of Infantry south east of Bastogne: battle group reported with 12 Volksgrenadier Division in north. 12 SS Panzer Division believed east of Salm River. 2 and 116 Panzers in nose of salient. Along north flank of salient divisions from west to east as follows: 560, 2 SS Panzer, 12, 9 SS Panzer, 326, 62, 18, 3 Parachute, 89. Battle group of 363 Division (Duren) supporting 12 Division: comment relief for 12 clearly needed and if whole of 363 Division has come down, 47 or 275 Division may have replaced it at Duren.

Prisoner states XIII SS Corps controls 19, 17 SS and 559 Divisions: comment confirms belief that some other corps must be in command in Hardt Forest for which position LXL Corps is only candidate available.

Miscellaneous. Order of 559 Infantry Division dated early January states all Alsations Lorrainers and others on Volkliste 3 to be withdrawn from units: comment possibly to prevent desertion.

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On 10 January SS Colonel Hans Lingner, age 29,
commanding 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division was captured:
formerly Chief of Staff of 1 SS, 10 SS and 17 SS Divisions.

Officer prisoner of war states conference at Reichs
Chancellery about 10 December attended by Army corps division
and brigade commanders. Hitler stated Ardennes offensive to
reach Meuse in two days and Antwerp in three weeks: objectives

(A) encirclement of 48 Allied divisions or general
Allied withdrawal

(B) gaining time, viz at least four weeks (? months)
for consolidation German war industry, especially synthetic
oil

(C) by accentuating political differences on
continent and by propaganda to detach one of Allies from war.

Para 4 Movement. Nothing to report.

Para 5 Prisoners of war. (G-1 figures not complete)
prisoners captured 9 January: 1030. Accumulative total
since D Day: 825108.

Para 6 General. Colmar project proceeding slowly,
only tanks employed are those of 106 Panzer Brigade. Left
wing of First Army not making much progress and enemy effort
to retain initiative here becoming more difficult. One or
two more formations likely to come in however. Nothing further
in centre or right of Saarfront where any action likely to be
an effort to divert Allies from elsewhere. In Eifel sector
enemy hard put to keep his Infantry in place. Somewhat

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surprising that no fresh divisions brought up unless small battle group of 363 Infantry Division is advance guard of remainder of divisions. Weather conditions partly responsible. 5 and 6 Panzer Armies faced with severe defensive fight and any floating divisions of either likely to have to return to the battle. Whereabouts Panzer Lehr Division still doubtful. Threat in *** and Russian 6 Parachute Division may be on move. Identification 711 Infantry Division Hungary good sign that enemy has not many if any surplus divisions ready in Germany. 2 Mountain Division EX Norway likely to appear soon since probably all now over. Increasing evidence of heavy losses but replacements men and material still arriving.

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Please correct page 5 line 7 to read:

Whereabouts Panzer Lehr Division still doubtful. Threat in Holland off and Russian 6 Parachute Division may be on move.

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1. Order of Battle.

Identifications by prisoner of war:

13th January 3rd Parachute: 9th parachute
Regiment area K 8300.

All 12th January 269th Infantry: 469th
Grenadier Regiment area Illwald (V 8059).
352nd Volksgrenadier: 915th Grenadier Regiment
area P 9442 with 914th Grenadier Regiment on right flank.
340th Volksgrenadier: Elements 694th Grenadier
Regiment and Reconnaissance Battalion area North of Mageret
(P 5961).
5th Parachute: Elements area Bras (P 6255).

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26th Volksgrenadier: 77th Grenadier Regiment
area Warempage (P 5071).

560th Volksgrenadier: Two regiments area east
of Samree (P 5481).

XLVII Panzer Corps: Engineer Battalion area
P 5665 comment 6th January was located area P 6751.

363rd Volksgrenadier: Battlegroup 957th Grenadier
Regiment area Le Combe (P 6683) states unit comprises one
officer and 40 men comment Regiment formerly in divisional
reserve.

272nd Volksgrenadier: 981st Grenadier Regiment
area Konzen (K 965227) stated more troops came into area
night 11th January.

176th Infantry: Reconnaissance Battalion area
Stevensweert (K 6783).

183rd Volksgrenadier: Reconnaissance Battalion
area Beeck (K 933680) states unit in line between railroad
at K 919680 and road at K 922684 but was withdrawn night
10th January and relieved by an unidentified unit and
mission to reconnaissance and capture prisoners: (Drunk
de facto deserter) I/343rd Grenadier Regiment area Wurm
(K 913676).

84th Infantry: 1052nd Grenadier Regiment area
Bruk (E 778545).

All 11th January, 26th Volksgrenadier: I/77th
Grenadier Regiment area P 518742.

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79th Volksgrenadier: 208th and 212th Grenadier
Regiments area Bockholz sur Sure (P 7548).
167th Volksgrenadier: 387th Grenadier Regiment
area Warden (P 5857) comment confirms 387th and not 315th
Grenadier Regiment as third regiment this division.

8th January 106th Panzer Brigade: Area south
of Benfeld (V 9374) states reorganized now comprising
seven companies of which three have armoured reconnaissance
vehicles, other companies have motorized infantry and also
about 40 tanks and self propelled cannons.

By document:

Undated map presumably about 1st January
places 653rd Tank Battalion area Neualtheim (Q 6863)
comment probably a heavy self propelled anti tank battalion.
Dated 19th December originated by 172nd Reserve
Division comment confirms previous prisoner statements of
upgrading 172nd Mobilization Division to Reserve Division.

By good source:

1222nd Grenadier Regiment 180th Infantry Division
area Kamp (E 8331).

By prisoner of war statement:

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11th January 116th Panzer Division should have
moved east but delayed by state of roads.

12th January boundary between 17th SS Panzer
Grenadier Division and 19th Division area Q 6055.

Notes:

Knowledgeable prisoner states 9th Volksgrenadier
was 25th division in its wave.

2. Movements.

Ardennes sector:

Slight southbound movement road Prum Bitberg;
road Trier Merzig showed signs of having been used but no
movement seen.

Saarbrücken area:

Two concentrations troops each about 500 troops
several small groups motor transport including half tracks
north of Saarbrücken.

3. Prisoners of war.

A. Prisoners captured 9th January:

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First French Army 59 (G-2 estimate (nil 6th Jan).
Seventh US Army 422
Third US Army 327
First US Army 263
Ninth US Army 4
Second British Army 10
First Canadian Army 4

✓ B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 9th January
(excluding First French Army 7th and 8th January but including
G-2 estimate 9th January): 825,167.

4. Tanks destroyed 11th January: 26.

End

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1. Operations

In Alsace plain enemy infantry and tanks overran Allied garrison Obenheim (V 7673) and captured town. Fighting around Rossfeld (V 9171) and Herbsheim (V 9272) fluid but towns last reported in Allied hands. Enemy advanced to Huttenheim from north. Enemy battalion reported concentrated north of Gerstheim at V 9678. Estimated five infantry battalions and 50 tanks across Rhine this sector. Air reported 50 tanks in woods south of Teningen at W 0746 at 101100A.

North of Strasbourg enemy holds Gamsheim (R 1110) and forced Allied withdrawal from Herrlisheim (R 1214). Tanks and vehicular movement heard Hatten area (R 1733). Ritterhoffen (R 1533) subject of heavy enemy artillery preparation and continued infantry and tank attacks during day with fighting in town at close of period. Enemy reported

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in Leutenheim (R 2027). Enemy attack north of Reipertwiller
cut Wildenguth Rothbach road at Q 7838. Enemy forced to
make slight withdrawals in area west of Rimling (Q 6654)✓

Little change in line southern flank Ardennes
sector. Ice and snow still hamper operations although vis-
ibility better. ✓ Enemy tanks reported moving northwest from
Bollendorf (L 0140) at 101800A. ✓ Undetermined number enemy
tanks heard area five miles west of Trier at (L 1222) and
enemy trucks at L 1125 moving north late 10 January. ✓ Unde-
termined number tanks also heard (L 096303) at 102200A.
Enemy infantry attempting cross river area Bigelbach (P 9841)
evening 10 January repulsed by Allied artillery. ✓ Consider-
able traffic moving northeast from Wiltz. No opposition to
Allied occupation Bockholz (P 7548) and five Parachute Divi-
sion yielded one to two miles area north and northeast of
Harlange (P 5060). Bastogne ring unchanged but enemy recap-
tured Tillet and Gerimont (P 4258)✓

Heavy vehicular movement on roads southeast towards
Wiltz reported 10 and 11 January including armour. ✓

Generally no contact western part of bulge whilst
enemy withdraws east leaving mines, road blocks, booby traps
and small delaying groups. ✓ Saint Hubert cleared and Allies
gained six miles east of Nassogne (P 2972)✓ Enemy driven
from Beusaint (P 4478) and Laroche. ✓ Heavy movement on
roads northeast out of Houffalize morning 11 January. German
counter attacks area Langlir (P 6583) repulsed. Tanks moved
towards Langlic from Bavigny (P 7082); latter town has been
source of intense artillery, mortar and tank fire ✓

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Prisoners of War say artillery ammunition limited to 5-6 rounds per piece per day, fuel shortage causing it to be brought up by wagon, then hand carried; shoes and clothing reported scarce with no salvage possible. Prisoner of War 79 Volksgrenadier Division replacement ordnance equipment slow and rations scarce but other supplies plentiful.

Traced vehicles heard Hiedeggen (F 1133) area; enemy patrols also active. Duren Lynnich sector quiet; vehicular activity in rear area.

In Holland, reliable report states many troops crossed Rhine at Wijk (E 3577) to north during past three days. Russian deserter from 712 Infantry Division stated his unit relieved paratroops at Capelle (E 9049) who withdrew to north bank of Meas.

2. Order of Battle.

9th Panzer Division replacing 15 Panzer Grenadier. 3rd Panzer Grenadier probably also pulling out.

Sector on north flank Ardennes Salient from River Ourthe to River Salm held principally by, from west to east, 116 Panzer, 2 SS Panzer and 9 SS Panzer, which support respectively the battered Volksgrenadier Divisions 560 and 326 and 12.

6th Parachute Division back in old sector (Aachen).

3. Movements.

Nothing to report.

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4. Prisoners of War. (G-1 figures not complete.)
Prisoners captured 8th January: 1773. Accumulative
total since D-Day (excluding First French Army 6 to 8 Jan):
824078.

5. General.

No material change in situation from yesterday with
weather in Salient very bad. Increased signs of build-up
in Trier sector may presage some form of attack to act as
threat to Luxembourg or down east bank of Moselle. Enemy
making strenuous efforts to get going on left wing of First
Army.

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By Prisoners of War: All 10 January 6 SS Mountain:
11 SS Mountain Regiment Reinhard Heydrich area Reipertswiller
(Q 7939).

416 Volksgrenadier: II/712 Grenadier Regiment area
Borg (previous para one.) Order of battle.

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26 Volksgrenadier: Engineer Battalion defending
along line P 5664 to P5864.

5 Parachute: Elements 15 Parachute Regiment areas
P5946 and P5750. II/13 Parachute Regiment area P6552.

9 Volksgrenadier: II/116 Grenadier Regiment area
P6851.

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340 Volksgrenadier: 696 Grenadier Regiment area
Mageret (P6059).

9 SS Panzer: 19 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment and
Reconnaissance Battalion area P6184: states I and II/20
SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment area P6885 with III Battalion
to the west.

18 Volksgrenadier: 293 Grenadier Regiment area
southeast Stavelot (K7501).

277 Volksgrenadier: III/990 Grenadier Regiment
area Rocherath (K 9504).

272 Volksgrenadier: II/982 Grenadier Regiment area
Vossenack (P 015302).

59 Infantry: 1036 Grenadier Regiment area Linnich
(K9765).

346 Infantry: II/857 Grenadier Regiment area Zijpe
(D4845): states large number of infantry in Zierikzee (D3545)
and arrived Schouwen 30 December. No knowledge of units re-
lieved.

9 Panzer: (stragglers) II/10 Panzer Grenadier Re-
giment Larea Laroche (p47).

2 Panzer: (stragglers) 2 Panzer Grenadier Regiment
area Laroche.

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2 SS Panzer: (stragglers) Artillery Regiment area
Laroche. 3 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment area P5783.

All 9 January 716 Infantry: I/726 Grenadier Regiment
area Lutterbach (V6607): stated assumed new sector 31
December.

Panzer Lehr: I/902 Grenadier Regiment area Moircy
(P3858).

116 Panzer: Elements 60 Panzer Grenadier Regiment
area Samree (P5031).

326 Volksgrenadier: I/751 Grenadier Regiment area
Salmchateau (P6886).

Both 7 January 363 Volksgrenadier: II/958 Grenadier
Regiment area F10460: states I: Battalion in area Krauth-
ausen (F0753). 85 Infantry: II/6 Parachute Regiment area
F1036.

By document: Undated two Mark IV tanks destroyed
9 January at P6687 belonging to 2 SS Panzer Divisions Tank
Regiment.

By Prisoner of War statement: 7 January 416 Infantry
Division to be relieved by unidentified unit on 8 January.
Both 10 January Headquarters 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division
area Neualtheim (Q6763) and Headquarters XIII SS Corps area
Scheidt (Q 5172).

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Notes: Prisoners from 167 Volksgrenadier Division stated ammunition sufficient but reported food shortage; some had not eaten for three to four days. Lack of radio equipment felt by Fuehrer Escort Brigade and medical prisoner reported shortage of protective footwear, 15 percent of evacuees having frozen hands and feet.

2. Movements. Air reconnaissance 11 January. Saarbrucken area. Limited use of railways and apparent heavy road movement appear indicative of difficulties being experienced on railway system in this area; no general trend of movement observed.

Freiburg area. Fighter bombers reported concentration of motor transport (including tanks) north of Freiburg.

3. Prisoners of War.

A. Prisoners captured 7 January: First French Army, no report. Seventh United States Army 330. Third United States Army 194. First United States Army 918. Ninth United States Army 9. Second British Army 151. First Canadian Army 9.

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 7 January (excluding First French Army 5, 6 and 7 January) 822305.

4. Tanks destroyed 9 January: 37. End

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Ten January quiet day on southern half Copmar bridge * enemy preparation for attack in Selestat area. South of Strasbourg German pressure (previous Para one, Operations) Still heavy and Allies still surrounded Obenheim. Violent shelling of Herbsheim (V 9272). Fighting continues heavy area Sand (V 9176) to Kraft (V 9780) with armour reported latter area.

North of Strasbourg considerable patrol activity especially brisk area Kilstett (R 0908).

Heavy fighting continues in Herlisheim (R 1214) where six tanks reported.

North of Hagenu forest enemy strengthening hold on Hatten (R 1833). Close contact in Hardt forest sector throughout period with well entrenched Infantry. German Seventh Army Front operations hindered by ice and snow. Tanks heard near Trentelhof (P 6553) morning 10th January.

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South of Wiltz, enemy made minor withdrawals and west of here Allies reached river at Winseler (P 6854). Harlange (P 6050) captured by Allies. Northeast of Bastogne minor Allied advances continue. Southeast of Flamierge (P 4762) pressure forced Allied withdrawal to positions forward of Mandé (5060); Hubermont (4659) also given up. Tillet (4259) cleared of Germans.

In western edge of Salient no resistance encountered as Allies reached Masbourg (P 2771) and Nassogne (2973) without making strong contact and only obstacles to occupation Halleux (4177) were numerous mines and unfavourable ground conditions. Samree (5081) cleared with little trouble and Allied patrols reached northern outskirts Laroche; enemy still holds town. Strong resistance vicinity Bihain (6284) but enemy forced from town. 12 to 15 emplaced tanks found north Petit Langlir (6583). Prisoner of War states that 12 SS, one SS and nine SS Panzer Divisions were to attack Vielsalm flank of Allied penetration but 12 Volksgrenadier Divisions collapse necessitated premature commitment 9th SS Panzer Divisions.

All German forces withdrawn across Salm River as far south as P 7086. Vicinity Grand Halleux (P 7093) Allied bridgehead established against negligible resistance and patrols operating 3000 yards east of river made only light contact. Area Faymonville (K 8602) considerable movement including few tanks afternoon 10th January. Small attack by about half company broken up by Allied artillery one kilometre southwest Bullange (K 9502).

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No great activity on remainder of front.

2. Order of Battle.

Sector 47 Division now believed taken over by 363 Division; Former possibly withdrawn for refitting. No news of floating Infantry Divisions: 711 and 7th Parachute from north; 47 and 344 from center; 49 in Saar area and 269th in south. 10th SS and 11th Panzer still available in general reserve. In Ardennes sector withdrawal resulting in less contact and following now appear uncommitted: 1st and 12th SS Panzer and possibly 15th Panzer Grenadier Divisions. 1st and 12th SS Panzer reported in reserve in Salm sector. 9th Panzer identified north Bastogne. 553rd Division now appears not to have enjoyed proper refitting and despite regimental identification, in Gamsheim bridgehead area, its subordinated elements consist of a variety of low grade static units, including Volksturn, formerly in west wall sector across Rhine.

3. Movements. Nil.

4. Prisoners of War (G-1 figures not complete)
prisoners captured 7th January: 1611. Accumulative total since D Day (excluding 1st French Army 5, 6 and 7 January) 822,305.

5. General.

Enemy continues his pressure north from Colmar and possible 269th Infantry Division, not contacted for some days, may move up to assist 198th Infantry Division. Object of drive to threaten Strasbourg from south and get elbow room.

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Further north of city enemy continues to build up his Rhine bridgehead presumably for further offensive action, whilst left wing of 1st Army with 21 Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier Divisions attempt thrust south through Maginot Line. Consider enemy in process of building up his offensive in sector 1st Army and reserve divisions previously in north such as 10th SS and 11 Panzer may well appear soon. Enemy must continue his offensive this area if he is to retain initiative anywhere in front. In Eiffel sector enemy's withdrawal from nose of salient continues in orderly manner while he still endeavors to keep Bastogne and Vielsalm shoulders open. Both 5th and 6th Panzer Armies still well engaged in battle. 1st and 12th SS Divisions unlocated but increasing pressure on north may see them being employed to stiffen up weary Infantry. Panzer Lehr although contacted yesterday may have got its main body away. Shorter front should permit its release. (Nothing to report further north where front generally held thinly by Infantry)

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To : War Department
CG 6th Army Group Main, Vittel, France
CG 12th US Army Group Main
CG US Strategic Air Forces in Europe,
St Germain, France

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Ref no EX 84646 signed Eisenhower.

Order of Battle, ETOUSA, as of 31st December 1944 as
follows:

Headquarters ETOUSA.

Assigned Headquarters, ETOUSA, are:

Twelfth Army Group;
Sixth Army Group;
Ground Force Reinforcement Command;
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe;
First Allied Airborne Army;
XVIII (attached First US Army) Corps (Airborne);
2nd (attached First Allied Airborne Army) Airborne
Infantry Brigade;
XXII (attached United Kingdom Base) Corps;
XXIII (attached United Kingdom Base) Corps;
8th (attached United Kingdom Base) Armored Division;
69th (attached United Kingdom Base) Infantry Division;
76th (attached United Kingdom Base) Infantry Division.

Assigned Twelfth Army Group are the following:

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First US Army;
Third US Army;
Ninth US Army;
Fifteenth US Army;
66th Infantry Division;
94th Infantry Division;
33rd (attached Sixth Army Group) Field Artillery Brigade.

Assigned First US Army are the following:

49th AAA Brigade;
V Corps;
5th (attached V Corps) Armored Division;
1st (attached V Corps) Infantry Division;
2nd (attached V Corps) Infantry Division;
9th (attached V Corps) Infantry Division;
99th (attached V Corps) Infantry Division;
VII Corps;
2nd (attached VII Corps) Armored Division;
3rd (attached VII Corps) Armored Division;
83rd (attached VII Corps) Infantry Division;
84th (attached VII Corps) Infantry Division;
7th (attached XVIII Corps) (Airborne) Armored Division;
30th (attached XVIII Corps) (Airborne) Infantry Division;
75th (attached XVIII Corps) (Airborne) Infantry Division;
106th (attached XVIII Corps) (Airborne) Infantry Divn;
32nd (attached XVIII Corps) (Airborne) Field Arty Bde.

Assigned Third US Army are the following:

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1st Tank Destroyer Brigade;
38th AAA Brigade;
III Corps with 4th and 6th Armored Divisions, 26th
and 35th Infantry Divisions;
VIII Corps with 9th and 11th Armored Divisions and
28th and 87th Infantry Divisions;
XII Corps with 4th, 5th and 80th Infantry Divisions;
XX Corps with 10th Armored Division and 95th Inf Divn;
90th (attached XX Corps) Infantry Division.

Assigned Ninth US Army are the following:

55th AAA Brigade;
XIII Corps;
29th (attached XIII Corps) Infantry Division;
102nd (attached XIII Corps) Infantry Division;
34th (attached XIII Corps) Field Artillery Brigade;
XVI Corps;
XIX Corps;
8th (attached XIX Corps) Infantry Division;
78th (attached XIX Corps) Infantry Division;
104th (attached XIX Corps) Infantry Division.

Assigned Sixth Army Group are the following:

Seventh US Army;
44th AAA Brigade.

Assigned Seventh US Army are the following:

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VI Corps with 14th Armored Division,
45th and 79th Infantry Divisions,
42nd Infantry Division (222nd, 232nd, 242nd Inf
Regiments only),
63rd Infantry Division (253rd, 254th, 255th Inf
Regiments only),
70th Infantry Division (274th, 275th, 276th Inf
Regiments only),
35th AAA Brigade;
XV Corps with 44th, 100th and 103rd Infantry Divisions;
XXI Corps with 12th Armored Division and 36th Inf Divn;
34th AAA Brigade;
3rd Infantry Division;
13th Field Artillery Brigade.

Assigned XVIII Corps (Airborne) are the following:

17th (attached Twelfth Army Group) Airborne Division;
82nd (attached Twelfth Army Group) Airborne Division;
101st (attached III Corps) Airborne Division.

Assigned US Strategic Air Forces in Europe are the
following:

8th Air Force;
9th Air Force;
8th Air Force Composite Command;
Eastern Command;
Air Service Command;
9th Troop Carrier Command;

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63rd Fighter Wing;
12th Tactical Air Command.

Assigned 8th Air Force are the following:

1st Bomb Division with 1st, 40th, 41st, 94th Comb Bomb
Wings and 67th Fighter Wing;
2nd Bomb Division with 2nd, 14th, 20th, 95th, 96th
Comb Bomb Wings and 65th Fighter Wing;
3rd Bomb Division with 4th, 13th, 45th, 92nd, 93rd
Comb Bomb Wings and 66th Fighter Wing;
8th Air Force Service Command;
8th Air Force Fighter Command with 325th Photo Wing
(Recon).

Assigned 9th Air Force are the following:

9th Bomb Division (M) with 97th, 98th and 99th Comb
Bomb Wings;
9th Tactical Air Command with 70th Fighter Wing;
19th Tactical Air Command with 84th, 100th and 303rd
Fighter Wings;
9th Air Force Service Command;
9th Air Defense Command;
9th Engineer Command.

Assigned Air Service Command are the following:

302nd Transport Wing;
Base Air Depot Area.

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Assigned 9th Troop Carrier Command are the following:

50th, 52nd and 53rd Troop Carrier Wings.

Assigned 63rd Fighter Wing is 71st Fighter Wing.

Assigned 12th Tactical Air Command are the following:

64th Fighter Wing;
42nd Medium Bomb Wing.

Assigned Communications Zone are the following:

5th and 6th Engineer Special Brigades;
61st Field Artillery Brigade (Advance Detachment only);
31st (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade;
47th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade;
50th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade;
51st (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade;
54th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade;
74th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade;
52nd (attached USSTAF, further attached First US Army
for operations) AAA Brigade;
56th (attached USSTAF, further attached 21st Army Group
for operations) AAA Brigade.

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The Combined Chiefs of Staff wish to consider the development of our strategy in northwest Europe. You are accordingly requested to submit to the Combined Chiefs of Staff, by 28th January:

- A. An account (supplementary to that contained in SCAP 141) showing the progress of operations carried out as the result of your directive of 28th October (SCAP 114) and the effect of the recent German counter-offensive.
- B. Your detailed appreciation and plan of operations for this winter and next spring, including the general disposition of your forces.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff appreciate your plans will be influenced by the result of the hard fighting now in

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progress and cannot be finally decided until Air Chief Marshal Tedder has returned from Moscow with information regarding future Russian plans. They consider it important however that plans should be agreed at the earliest opportunity and feel that you should be in a position to submit the above by the proposed date.

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To: War Department
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG, 12th Army Group, Main

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SHAEF Main from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI 10/1730 TROOPERS, AGWAR cite WDGBI, TAC 21st Army Group, Main, 21st Army Group, 6th Army Group, Forward, TAC 12th Army Group, First Allied Airborne Army Main info AFHQ cite FHGBI, SHAEF Air Rear, Main Hq 12th Army Group, Fifteenth Army, 6th Army Group, Rear, First Allied Airborne Army, Forward, S 74462. This is G-2 Summary Nr 10 Part 1 dated 10th Jan covering period 08/2400A to 09/2400R.

1. Operations.

In southern sector enemy raid after artillery preparation at Lutterbach (V 6606) broken up by Allied Artillery and infiltration attempt blocked.

North of Colmar enemy attack on Rossfeld (V 9171) beaten off and six tanks destroyed. During the night Allied troops withdrew from Boofxheim (V 9670) to Obenheim (V 9673): Lock west of Obenheim later retaken by Allies: German Infantry and tanks reported withdrawing from area. Strong enemy pressure forced Allied withdrawal to north: Line runs roughly Sand (V 9176) to Kraft (V 9780).

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More enemy crossed Rhine at Ottenheim (V 9977) where pontoon bridge in use; estimated strength this area four Battalions Infantry and 20 tanks.

North of Strasbough, Gernsheim in enemy hands but to and fro battle continues.

Allied armor halted at Rohrwiller by blown bridge. Fierce enemy attack with tanks and Infantry successful in taking Hatten (R 1733) heavy losses suffered and 10 enemy tanks destroyed.

Attack at Ober Roedern unsuccessful and costly to enemy. In Hardt mountain Salient heavy enemy pressure forced slight Allied withdrawal northwest of Reiprtswiller.

Enemy attacks in area Lemberg (Q 7445) repulsed with heavy enemy losses and seven tanks knocked out. Enemy forced out of all but northern edge of Rimling (Q 6555). Intermittent snow and poor visibility.

In Southern Ardennes light resistance encountered by Allied attacks which reached point less than one mile from Wiltz River south of Winseler (P 6853); Berle (P 6552) lost by enemy who withdrew to north. Enemy fallen back slightly east of Lutrebois (P 5653).

North of Bastogne enemy driven back Recogne area (P 5763) and to northwest. Enemy heavy resistance west of Bastogne: Bonnerue (P 3859) retaken by enemy.

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Enemy still resisting in Tillet (P 4259). Weather
in Ardennes cold, snow, overcast sky.

In northern Ardennes enemy withdrawing Marche area;
snow impeding Allied progress.

Enemy unwilling to yield Samree although allowing
Allied gains through forest to north. Local vehicular traffic
observed west of town and tanks to east. Group of enemy
tanks observed at Langlir (P 6583): Prisoner states 60 tanks
from 9th SS in area south of Langlir. Prisoner from 326th
Volks Grenadier Div stated Div attached to 9th SS Panzer
Div and would attack on 10th Jan. Rest of Ardennes front
quiet.

Duren Linfich sector quiet. Roads hazardous, soil
frozen to depth of five inches.

In Folland Capelle (E 0949) still in enemy hands.

2. Order of Battle:

106th Panzer Brigade in push at north end of Colmar
pocket. Elements of all three Regiments of 553rd Div
across Rhily at Gamsheim. 36th Div recontacted on Hardt
ridge area Phillipsbourg.

9th Volks Grenadier Div recontacted in old sector
area Wiltz. Round Bastogne 167th, 340th, 26th, 15th Panzer
Grenadier and 3rd Panzer Grenadier Divs still in contact.

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Panzer Regt and 9th Panzer Div showing evident signs of withdrawal and same probably true of 2nd and 116th Panzer: Elements 9th Panzer north of Bastogne.

LXXXVI Corps believed now controlling 180th as well as 84th Div.

3. Movements: Nothing to report.
4. Prisoners of War: (G-1 figures, not complete).
Prisoners captured 6th Jan: 1448
Accumulative total since D Day: 820,694.
5. General:

Enemy probably encouraged by comparative success with attack in Alsace and may be inclined to exploit. Reinforcement of Hardt Ridge prong temporarily held up evidently under way as shown by appearance of 36th Div at Phillipsbourg: Further reinforcements to be expected. Retention of 17th SS in old attack sector when it could be used to advantage elsewhere indicates that offensive intentions here not abandoned: Emphasize by presence of II Volks Artillery Corps. No further present evidence of trouble threatening at Trier but general impression that build up may be in progress in Ettelbruck Trier sector.

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Besides obvious reserves such as 10th SS Panzer, 11th Panzer, 7th Parachute, 344th and 49th Divs, also quite possible that forces may be released in near future from Ardennes where withdrawal from Snout now believed in full, though well conducted, swing. Determined resistance continues on north and south flanks but ground still being given.

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1. Operations.

In southern sector northwest of Colmar Allied
gain straightened line and advance to south of * (V 6645).

Enemy attacks on Rossfeld (V 9272) and Herbsheim
(V 9171) halted during morning.

Enemy Armour and Infantry driving north by passed
resistance in Roofsheim (V 9570), Obenheim (V 9673) and
Gertsheim (V 9776); Allies hold towns although surrounded.

Tank force with Infantry support from Kraft (V 9568)
attacked Sand (V 9176).

North of Strasbourg considerable enemy vehicular and
tank movement Drusenheim (R 1512) - Herlisheim (R 1214) area.
Enemy again active Aachbach area (R 1837); five attacks
repulsed with heavy enemy casualties.

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Considerable activity Phillipsburg (Q 8842) area where troops seen arriving; tanks reported to northeast at Neunhoffen (Q 9146) and Dambach (Q 9245).

Enemy attacks north of Reipertsweiler at Q 7939 repulsed. Enemy salient reduced somewhat between here and Meisenthal (Q 7241).

East of Sarreguemines enemy activity increased during morning; counter attack repulsed. Considerable enemy artillery activity Sasrlautern area. Weather clear throughout day.

In Southern Ardennes enemy tank and infantry attacks on Dahl (P 7349) from northwest and southeast during morning repulsed; estimated 8 tanks destroyed.

Enemy continued to defend and improve well organized dug in positions along Bastogne perimeter. To immediate west fierce enemy assaults forced Allies out of Flamierge (P 4761) and Humbermont (P 4559) but estimated more than half of force of 18 tanks destroyed.

Enemy continues stubborn defence of Tillet (P 4259) and road to southwest. Enemy infantry counter attacked Bonnerue (P 3859) during afternoon; heavy fighting continuing at close of period. Snow flurries hampered operations throughout Ardennes sector.

In northern Ardennes Prisoner of War reports enemy withdrawing to line P 3479 - 3278. Patrol reports indicate enemy withdrawing from area Marlois (P 2780) and Waha (P2981) after mines and booby traps sown.

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Waharday (P 3883) lost by enemy. Allied advance on north bank of Ourthe within two kilometers of Laroche and Cielle occupied.

Enemy tanks formed road block to Samree (P 5081) north of town. Ottre (P 6485) and Provedroux (P 6985) lost by enemy: Enemy pockets west of Salm cleared. Remainder of Ardennes front quiet.

Four inches of snow turning to ice hampered movement in Duren Linnich sector. Enemy alert east of Roer River. Some vehicular movement in rear areas during night vicinity Lindern (K 96).

In Holland enemy cleared from west bank of Maas at Wanssum (E 8528). Enemy patrol at Drimmelen (D 9749) were attacked and yielded corpses wearing SS and mountain uniforms. Enemy regained hold on Capelle (E 0949) after heavy mortar and artillery fire.

2. Order of Battle.

25th Panzer Grenadier Division contacted east of 21st Panzer area Hatten: 21st Panzer area Aschbach. SS patrol with all identification marks removed in sector south of Trier.

1st SS Panzer Division relieved by elements 5th Parachute Division and now unlocated. Elements of 116th Panzer Division moved north of Laroche to replace 2nd SS Panzer. 9th SS Panzer Division moved up in support of 12th Volksgrenadier Division.

Casual source reports arrival of 275th Division in area Cologne and of an unidentified division from Silesia in area Grevenbroich: Comment, both accepted provisionally.

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Corpse from sector 6th Parachute Division in Holland has connection with 2nd Mountain Division: Comment, division still believed completing crossing from Norway to Denmark. 711st Division and 7th Parachute Division now carried unlocated. Some doubts about continued presence of 331st Division.

3. Movements.

Appearance of 275th Division and perhaps another in Cologne sector perhaps accounts for movement recently observed on line muster Coesfeld: Division was reforming in Schleswig Holstein.

4. Prisoners of War. (G-1 figures not complete).

Prisoners captured 5 January, 1608. Accumulative total since D Day (Excluding 1st French Army 4 and 5 January) 819,246.

5. General.

Direction of main threat in Palatinat now clearly towards Haguenau. Infantry in Hardt Woods not progressing at present and have taken fairly heavy losses.

Trier sector, where enemy apparently very thin, wants watching, USA diversion here might appear likely to pay dividends in relieving pressure on south of Bastogne salient. An equal possibility is a renewed and reinforced attack in Pirmasens Gap. Armour is available in 10 SS Panzer and 11th Panzer Divisions, still uncommitted and probably ready for employment, while infantry could be brought from Saar or from reserve.

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In Ardennes, enemy now believed definitely withdrawing at least one bound from south of salient, but along north and south flanks still fighting back hard and using armour.

Vielsalm corner, an awkward kink in line and point of nearest approach by Allies to main ^{road Houffalize - St Vith}, now defended by two SS Panzer Division. 1st SS Panzer and 12th SS in reserve.

Reported arrival of 275th Division is first evidence that some of Corp of Volksgrenadiers shown at end of November are considered ready for employment: May however be still completing training in area where reserves dangerously non existent.

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1. Order of Battle. Identifications.

By Prisoner of War:

All 8th January 708 Volksgrenadier:
760 Grenadier Regiment area south of
Rappoltsweiler (V 7049).

25 Panzer Grenadier: 35 and 119 Panzer
Grenadier Regiment area Hatten (R 1833).

21 Panzer: 192 Panzer Grenadier Regiment
and 125 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area
Aschbach (R 1839).

212 Volksgrenadier: Engineer Battalion

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area Rosport (L 0933).

352 Volksgrenadier: Reconnaissance Battalion area Erpeldingen (P 8342): States Headquarters Division area Brandenburg (P 8547).

Elements Fuehrer Grenadier Brigade area Dahl (P 7349).

167 Volksgrenadier: 331 Grenadier Regiment and 339 Grenadier Regiment area north of Lutrebois (P 6658).

7th January 560 Volksgrenadier:

1129 Grenadier Regiment area (P 5286) to (P 5884).

8th January 326 Volksgrenadier:

751 Grenadier Regiment area Ottre (P 6585): State strength 753 Grenadier Regiment 1000 to 1100 troops.

6th January 12 Volksgrenadier:

797 March Battalion attached area (P 5888), 48 Grenadier Regiment area (P 6288) to (P 6389) and elements 12 Artillery Regiment area south of Lierneux (P 6189):

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States committed as Infantry.

7th January 18 Volksgrenadier:

Reconnaissance Battalion and 1818 Artillery
Regiment area (P 7196): State 294 Grenadier
Regiment to leave Stavelot area 8th
January for unknown destination.

8th January 62 Volksgrenadier:

190 Grenadier Regiment area Petit Their
(P 6693), 434 Engineer Construction Batta-
lion (Attached) area Arbrefontaine (P 6992).

All 8th January 9 SS Panzer:

19 and 20 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiments
area south of Ottre (P 6582).

89 Infantry: 1055 Grenadier Regiment area
Butgenbach (K 9101).

277 Volksgrenadier: 989 Grenadier Regi-
ment area Rocherath (K 9607).

Both 7th January: 272 Volksgrenadier:

(Deserters) II/982 Grenadier Regiment area
north of Steckenborn (F 0330).

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6 Parachute Regiment area (F 0330).

All 8 January 180 Infantry:

1222 Grenadier Regiment area Wanssum (E 8528):
States knows that 121 Grenadier Regiment
exists: Comment: 1221 still not contacted.

84th Infantry:

1051 area Wyler (E 7858).

9th January 116 Panzer Division reconnaissance
battalion area south of Cible: States mission
cover withdrawal 2 SS Panzer Division.

2. By Document:

8 January. Soldiers found in tank - identifies
101 Heavy Tank Battalion area Coronne (P 6789):
Comment: Identification not understood.

By Prisoner of War Statement:

8th January Headquarters 553 Volksgrenadier
Division area Maisca (R 4431).

Headquarters 347 Infantry Division area Puttlin-
gen (Q 73) on 1st January.

8th January SS Troops area Tarchamps (P 6051)

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and 2 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment was relieved
by a Parachute Unit: Comment: Presumably ele-
ments 5 Parachute Division.

8th January tanks of 9 SS Panzer Division locate
area (P 6582).

8th January Headquarters 17 Parachute Regiment
6 Parachute Division area Wijk (E 3577).

Notes:

6 January officer prisoner states general officer
commanding LIII Corps is Lieutenant General
(Infantry) Rotkirch: Comment: A Lieutenant
General (Infantry) Friedrich Wilhelm Von Roth-
kirch Und Panthen known.

5th January prisoners from 506 Motorized Batta-
lion identified area (Q 7636) now known to belong
to 506 SS Panzer Grenadier Battalion with 6 SS
Mountain Division Nord. Corpse area (D 9749)
wearing Ejelweiss badge and carried identity
disc stamped 136 Mountain Ersatz Regiment:
Comment: Known to be Ersatz Unit of 2 Mountain
Division but not accepted that division has yet
left Denmark.

2. Movements. Nothing to report.
3. Prisoners of War.

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A. Prisoners captured 5 January:

First French Army.	No report (Nil 2nd and 3rd Jan.)
Seventh U.S. Army.	289
Third U.S. Army.	205
First U.S. Army.	1046
Ninth U.S. Army.	5
Second British Army.	63
First Canadian Army.	Nil

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 5 January
(Excluding First French Army 4 and 5 Jan.)

819246.

4. Tanks destroyed 7 January: 25.

5. General.

Existence of Second Parachute Army confirmed by
document dated October 44.

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1. Operations.

North of Colmar enemy infantry with armour support attacked Neunkirch during the morning and forced Allies to withdraw towards Witternheim (V 9268). Enemy tanks reported northeast of Herbstein at V 9373 and east of Erstein at Kraft (V 9881). Enemy reinforced Rhine River bridgehead with armour and attacked Dusenheim (R 1518) and Rohrwiler (R 1217); 3 enemy tanks destroyed south of latter town.

In northern Alsace plain enemy tanks of 21st Panzer Division forced withdrawal of Allied outposts from Stundwiler (R 1836) and Asback (R 1837). Vehicle movement heard in area Oberseeback (R 1941) Ingolsheim (R 1542) Cleebourg (R 1245) early morning 7 January. Southern half Damback (Q 9244) found unoccupied but enemy vehicles arrived later. Fighting ceased in Wingen (Q 7535) but considerable part of enemy force exfiltrated in groups of 20 to 40. Light enemy contact in hills east of town and to north. Allies advanced one kilometer north of Gros Rederching (Q 5949) on a 3 kilometer front.

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In southern Ardennes active patrolling along most of front. Allies made gains Lutrebois area (P 55) and on western side of Bastogne to Flamierge (P 46) where enemy counter-attack repulsed with loss of 5 enemy tanks. Prisoner stated 340 Volksgrenadier Division attack called off 6 January due to heavy casualties from Allied artillery fire. Moderate enemy resistance allowed Allies advance to Tillet (P 4259). Snow and ice continued to hamper operations on both northern and southern flank.

In northern Ardennes the enemy resisted doggedly in an effort to halt Allied attack east of Marche: Grimblemont (P 3581) and Cheux however lost by enemy and Allies advanced 1,000 yards in most sectors.

Enemy resistance Laroche-Vielsalm sector generally disorganized. Light opposition substantially aided by terrain conditions Marcouray area (P 4481) but enemy lost both Marcourt and Marcouray. Regne (P 6185) and Verleumont (P 6388) also lost further east. Enemy counter-attacked at Geronne (P 6689) in attempt to break out of a pocket and strong resistance offered on Du Mont ridge (P 6887) by considerable body of enemy with artillery and Nebelwerfer support; ridge however finally lost to Allies who advanced up to Saim River though enemy pockets remain at P 6993 and P 6989. Tanks also in area. Artillery fire main enemy activity on remainder of Ardennes front.

Duren-Linnich sector quiet.

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Small party from 6th Parachute Division which crossed River Maas at Capelle (E 0949) mopped up except for few snipers.

2. Order of Battle.

338th Infantry Division replaced 269 in Vosges: latter stated withdrawn for reforming but this not confirmed. XIV SS Corps under SS Obergruppen Fuehrer Von Dem Bach commands upper Rhine defences in Strasbourg sector (north of XVIII SS Corps), and commands 553 Volksgrenadier Division participating in Rhine crossing area Gamburgheim.

No contact with enemy armour round Bastogne except for 15 Panzer Grenadier Division. Of Panzers in nose of salient only 116 contacted. 2 SS Panzer moved eastwards from area Marcourt to area Regne Vielsalm in support of sagging 12 and 62 Divisions. Further elements of 3rd Parachute Division stuffed eastwards towards Vielsalm. 10 SS Panzer still believed moving southwards from Dueren area.

6th Parachute Division contacted across Maas on island south of Gornichem.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War. (G-1 figures not completed)

Prisoners captured 4th January: 1,706
Accumulative total since D Day: 817,638

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5. General.

Still no new forces identified along upper Rhine and present indications are that most serious effort is from direction of Palatinate. In salient bulk of enemy armour now missing but intentions still obscure. Indications are that he is pulling 5 Panzer Army in. Allied progress on north shoulder may soon endanger his remaining East-West Road and therefore more armour required. Candidates are 9 and 12 SS Division. Heavy snow on front however hiding any enemy movements today. Division or two from nose of salient may take over Bastogne sector. Enemy must hold open shoulders of salient if he is getting back. Reidentification of 6th Parachute Division has tied up one of spare divisions. 10th SS still missing and 11th Panzer.

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Identifications: By Prisoner of War. All 6th Jan.
1. Order of battle.

81st Grenadier Replacement Battalion area Offendorf (R 1312). Reconnaissance battalion and 988th Grenadier Regiment, both 276th Division, area Goesdorf (P 7348) Merscheid (P 709510): States 276th (previous) has relieved 9th Volks Grenadier Division. 696th Grenadier Regiment area Foy (P 5955): States Regiment attached to 9th Volks Grenadier Division on 5th January. 695th Grenadier Regiment and Reconnaissance Battalion all 340th Infantry Division area Bizory (P 5959). 331st Grenadier Regiment 167th Volks Grenadier Division area south of Lutrebois (P 5754) and 167th Engineer Battalion area P 5955.

All 5th January.

Reconnaissance battalion area Vesqueville (P 325582) and Engineer battalion and elements artillery regiments,

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all Panzer Lehr Division, south of Saint Hubert. I/10th Panzer Grenadier Regiment area southeast of Saint Hubert (P 381), reconnaissance battalion area P 2473 and I/11th Panzer Grenadier Regiment, all 9th Panzer Division, area south of Marche (P 3281): Comment later relieving elements 156th Panzer Grenadier Regiment now with 112th Volks Grenadier Division.

6th January II/60th Panzer Grenadier Regiment 116th Panzer Division area P 382 and 5th January I/156th Panzer Grenadier Regiment area Lierneux (P 6189): Later states attached to 48th Grenadier Regiment, 12th Volks Grenadier Division, and mission to seize high ground around Lansival (P 6090) 5th January.

II/3rd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment 2nd SS Panzer Division area Ierneux (P 6091).

All 6th January 25th and 26th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiments, 12th SS Panzer Division area Bourcy (P 6264). 752nd Grenadier Regiment 326th Volks Grenadier Division area Fraiture (P 5836): States were to relieve battle group of 116th Panzer Division by 06/2000 and attack left morning. 27th Grenadier Regiment and Engineer Battalion both 12th Volks Grenadier Division area Fraiture. 8th and 9th Parachute Regiments, 3rd Parachute Division area Waimes (K 8502) and (K 8302) respectively. 1055th Grenadier Regiment, 89th Infantry Division area K 9401 and K 9405. 958th Grenadier Regiment, 363rd Infantry Division area Krauthausen (F 0754).

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By prisoner of war statement:

352nd Grenadier Regiment, 24th Infantry Division
relieved 751st Grenadier Regiment, 326th Volks Grenadier
Division on 3rd January.

6th January (5th Parachute Division) 6th and 7th
Parachute Divisions to join Ardennes battle.

6th January east boundary 103rd Division runs
through or east of Lindern (K 9367): Comment would represent
extension of division sector.

2. Movements. No report.
3. Prisoners of war. Prisoners captured 3rd January:

Second British Army	Nil
First Canadian Army	Nil
First United States Army	1675
Third United States Army	490
Ninth United States Army	16
Seventh United States Army	385
First French Army	No report (Nil 31st Dec)

Accumulative total to 2400 hours 3rd January:
815,932.

Stop press. Identifications. All 6th January.

5th Motor Replacement Battalion area Sessenhein
(R 1822): State unit to be absorbed by 1120th Grenadier

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Regiment 553rd Volks Grenadier Division which now reconstituting east bank of Rhine, and giving no mission and told to live off land.

455th Grenadier Regiment and 476th Grenadier Regiment both 256th Division area Philippsbourg (Q 8843) and Baerenthal (Q 8442) respectively.

73rd Grenadier Regiment 19th Volks Grenadier Division area Q 5956.

38th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division area Q 5956.

21st Panzer Division Reconnaissance Battalion area Ingolsheim (R 1441).

Engineer Battalion 47th Panzer Corps area P 6751.

By captured document: Undated Command Post 1120th Grenadier Regiment 553rd Volks Grenadier Division area Leiberstung (R 2617).

By prisoner of war statement: I and III/12th SS Mountain Regiment 6th SS Mountain Division out off at town of Wingen (Q 7235) for past 48 hours, living on captured American rations, morale high and will probably attempt breakthrough if no help reaches them. 6th January tank concentration 12th SS Panzer Division in area woods P 634628.

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To: War Department
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1. Guidance on treatment of operations west of former group boundary, contained in SIXAG consolidated guidance for 24 December 44, is cancelled.
2. As of 1200 A 7 Jan 45, 6th Army Group will take over reporting of operations in the sector west of the former group boundary. The arrangement by which this sector was reported by 12th Army Group is discontinued.
3. It is expected that there will be no immediate announcement of the widening of the 6th Army Group front by shift of the boundary to the west. The intention is to avoid calling attention to the stretching in our lines during this period of enemy counter offensive.
4. When mention is made in the SIXAG ORB of places which had previously been reported under 3rd Army dateline, it will become obvious that there had been some regrouping. As such mention occurs, the obvious fact of the extension of

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6th Army Group and 7th Army front to include the places named may be passed.

5. Despite prior publication of the statement that the Seventh Army has taken over part of the Third Army sector, and now has a front 100 miles long, nothing should be passed which indicates extension beyond the places named in the SIXAG ORB.

End.

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INFO: Gen Arnold
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To: War Department

No: S 74039 SCAF 168 7 January 1945

S 74039 to AGWAR for the Combined Chiefs of Staff
from SHAEF signed Risenhovan to for information AMSSO for
British Chiefs of Staff, TOP SECRET, this is SCAF 168.

1. The German divisions engaged in the present
offensive have undoubtedly lost heavily in tanks, material
and men. Replacements in personnel and materiel continue
to arrive, however, and the German soldiers are fighting with
great stubbornness.

Volks grenadier
Companies and battalions of half-trained men from the
V. G. divisions have been sent into battle at the shortest
notice, often not even knowing their tasks. There are many
instances of men who, wounded for two days, refuse to give
up the fight.

There seems to be a kind of fanaticism or "German
Fury" behind the present operations and I have no doubt but
that the Germans are making a supreme and all-out effort to
achieve victory in the West in the shortest possible time. The
Ardennes battle is in my opinion only one episode and we must
expect attempts in other areas.

2. The situation would be much relieved if the
Russians launched a large offensive as the available replace-
ments, etc., would then have to be divided between the East
and West. I hope that Tedder will be able to inform us on
this point. If, however, it is not the intention of the
Russians to attack, we may be faced in the West not only with
replacements for the divisions already here but the arrival
of new divisions from Russia and other fronts. Indeed some
may be already on their way.

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3. This would place us in a most difficult situation, but it is one I feel we should face up to. In fact, it is imperative that we meet this all-out German effort by an all-out effort of our own.

4. To meet this possible eventuality drastic steps are being taken in this theater:

(A) To comb out personnel from the Communications Zone, Lines of Communication Units, and Army Air Forces and to train these personnel as replacements for combat units.

(B) To convert units which are the least essential to our requirements.

(C) To make the maximum use of liberated man power, both for combat and rear area duties.

(D) To restrict the expenditure of those types of ammunition which are in short supply.

(E) To make full use of French and captured equipment.

5. I recommend that the following further steps should be taken:

(A) That the two US divisions, which I understand are at present unallocated, and any regiments or brigades which could be spared from the US or UK, be allocated to this theater.

(B) That the diversion of units and formation from other theaters to this theater be considered.

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(C) That there be no question of reducing the Air Forces in this theater because they constitute my main strategic reserve. These to be maintained at full combat efficiency.

(D) That the following equipment ^{for} liberated manpower * be released and shipped earliest possible so as not to conflict with our other requirements and dispensing if * necessary with bookkeeping formalities:

(1) Equipment required to complete the existing three French Infantry divisions.

(2) Complete equipment for two French Infantry divisions.

(3) Equipment for liberated manpower units.

(E) That the maintenance of the fighting efficiency of ground and air forces *(see attached correction)

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To: War Department

No: S 74059

7 January 1945

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1. In southern sector original positions restored by Allied counter attack at Ile Napoleon (V 7403).

Operations north of Strasbourg enemy bridgehead considerably reduced: Fire fight in Gamsheim (R 1110), Offendorf; (R 1312) still occupied by enemy morning of 6 January.

In Saar Palatinate considerable vehicular movement reported between Neunhoffen (Q 9146) and Dambach. Enemy counterattack at Phillipsbourg (Q 8742) repulsed. Light

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contact at Baerenthal (Q 8342) but strong west of Reipersviller area Q 7737 and 7636. Heavy enemy resistance encountered east of Soucht at Q 7239.

Heavy enemy fire concentration received east and north of Wesfling (Q 5954) during morning. Considerable movement Rehlingen area (Q 2487) stopped by Allied artillery.

In southern Ardennes Allied attack north from Sure River knocked out five enemy tanks and captured Goesdorf (P 7348): Scattered resistance encountered to north and Dahl (P 7349) lost by enemy.

In Bastogne area enemy continued to improve defensive positions and responded with small arms and mortar fire concentrations on movements in forward areas.

Some enemy combat patrols, spearheaded by tanks painted white and crew wearing white caps probed Allied line during day: 6 enemy tanks knocked out during morning. Attempted enemy counterattack area Hubermont (P 4569) in morning dispersed by Allied artillery. Moderate resistance at Tillet (P 4059) resulted in enemy loss of town.

Enemy pressure at Bure (P 2268) and southeast of Menil (P 3786) held line static.

In northern Ardennes progress initially slow east of Ourthe but resistance softened in afternoon.

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Opposition south of Devantave (P 4383) apparently from rearguard only and area cleared during day. Enemy pulling out north of Dochamps at P 4986. Allied advanced to within 200 yards of important road junction Vielsalm-La Roche Road after capture of Fraiture (P 5886): 300 to 400 prisoners taken by enemy believed to have reinforced troops in Vielsalm area.

Allies advanced from two bridgeheads over Ambleve River between Trois Ponts (P 6898K) and Stavelot (K 7001) to 3000 yards south without meeting opposition. Sector to east quiet.

Some enemy has been observed in Duren. Enemy forming up for company attack on front north of Sittard (K 77) dispersed. Enemy pocket still remains west of Maas at Wanssum (E 82). Ferry activity seen at E 1893. Enemy patrol activity Geertruidenberg area (R 0148) and Willemstad.

Civilians report troops left Dussen (E 0851) and Hank (E 0352) going north on 2nd January. Allied patrol on Schouwen Duke Road at D 4744 saw no enemy activity.

2. Order of battle.

21st Panzer Division contacted south of Wessenbourg. 19th Division identified in sector of 36th Division: comment, latter may move eastwards.

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9th Volksgrenadier Division relieved by 276th Volksgrenadier PB Panzer Lehr, 2nd Panzer, 9th Panzer and 116th Panzer still in old sectors despite detaching battle groups to main battle areas.

326th Division brought up from Monschau to sector between 560th and 12th Divisions. Elements 3rd Parachute Division identified in support of 62nd Division.

Prisoner states 6th and 7th Parachute Divisions to come to Ardennes: comment, not confirmed.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of war. (GI figures not completed)

Prisoners captured 3rd January:	2566
Accumulative total since D-day:	815932

5. General.

Presence of 21st Panzer Division south of Messenbourg confirms that enemy has shifted weight of offensive across from west to east. Likely that he will attempt a two-pronged drive on Saverne from northeast (21st Panzer) and north (6th SS Mountain Division): 25th Panzer Grenadier might be used to reinforce either thrust. Infantry being brought across eastwards to support, and 17th SS Panzer Grenadier may also be needed.

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- (1) Equipment required to complete the existing three French Infantry Divisions,
- (2) Complete equipment for two French Infantry divisions,
- (3) Equipment for liberated manpower units.

(E) That the maintenance of the fighting efficiency of Ground and Air Forces in this Theater be assured by the prompt provision of the necessary ammunition and replacements in personnel and materiel. If the views in Para 1 above are accepted, it is inescapable that these demands will be high.

End

NOTE: Supplementary copy of CM IN 6465 (8 Jan 45)

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Admiral Leahy, General Arnold, OPD, Admiral King

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In Ardennes Salient enemy still fighting grimly and not showing signs of withdrawing. Has seemed determined to press on with attacks at Bastogne, and also to retain westward extremity of Salient despite increasing gravity of situation in north. This letter met initially by bringing up more Infantry. No new divisions yet found.

End

NOTE: Corrected copy of CM IN 6536 (8 Jan 45)

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OPD, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Log.

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To: War Department
CG, 12th Army Group Main
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Re: S 73921 6 January 1945

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Army Group, Fifteenth Army. 6th Army Group Rear. First Allied
Airborne Army Forward. This is G-2 summary number 6 part 2
dated 6th January covering period 04/2400A to 05/2400A.

1. Order of Battle. Identifications by prisoner
of war:

All 5th January elements regiment E/V area Drusenheim
(R 1518): State crossed Rhine with only one day's ration
and mission unknown:

Comment one of series of "letter" regiments
controlling replacement battalions from Wehrkreis V.

12th SS Mountain Regiment 6th SS Mountain Division
area Montauville (Q 7436).

477th Grenadier Regiment, 257th Volksgrenadier
Division area Foret De Paco (Q 8236).

Reconnaissance battalion 361st Volksgrenadier
Division area Q 8236.

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59th Grenadier Regiment 19th Division area Pagny Sur
Moselle (Q 7444).

Both regiments 15th Panzer Grenadier Division area
Millomont (P 4759).

9th Parachute Regiment 3rd Parachute Division area
Geromont (K 8203).

6th January elements I/156th Panzer Grenadier Regiment
116th Panzer Division area II/2nd SS Panzer Regiment 2nd SS
Panzer Division area P 6091: State from battle group in
support of 2nd Volksgrenadier Division.

5th January 10th Panzer Grenadier Regiment area
Jemelle (P 2376) and 102nd Panzer Artillery Regiment area
Wacreille (P 2272) both 9th Panzer Division: States
artillery headquarters area Masbourg (P 2872) and 6th January
11th Panzer Grenadier Regiment area southeast Verdenne (P 3383).

5th January 689th Grenadier Regiment 246th Division
area Eicherscheid (K 9723).

6th January 1130th Grenadier Regiment 560th
Volksgrenadier Division area Odeigne (P 5386): States I and
II Battalions withdrawing to south.

All 5th January 295th Grenadier Regiment 18th
Volksgrenadier Division area Arbrefontaine (P 6592) state
this Battalion attached to 62nd Volksgrenadier Division.

Reconnaissance battalion 272nd Infantry Division
area Konzen (K 9723): States Division Headquarters area
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By document: 16th December 116th Panzer Division had 62 tanks. Undated Soldbuch 404th Grenadier Regiment 246th Division area Kalterherbert (K 9413): Comment area formerly held by 326th Volksgrenadier Division. Undated Soldbuch on corps II Bz K/V Regiment area Kembs: Comment same series as regiment E/V above.

By prisoner of war statement: All 5th January elements 991st Grenadier Regiment 277th Division area Hellenthal (F 0811) were relieved by a Volksturm unit.

1st January 26th Volksgrenadier Division Headquarters area Hompre (P 530515).

5th January Headquarters 256th Division area Fey (Q 8349).

2. Movements. Information from air reconnaissance 5th January 45: No activity or movement of a military character observed on line Flensburg Hamburg (from Denmark).

In Eifel area lack of movement again suggested avoidance of use of railways during daylight. There was however a limited southbound movement from Grevenbroich (west of Koln). Preliminary observations revealed northeast movement of motor transport (including tanks) from St Vith and Houffalize; no indication of size of this movement was obtained.

In the south the line Landau Zweibrücken was active and roads leading south from the latter place to Sarregemund were

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Jammed with convoys heading south. There was a northbound rail movement from Speyer towards Frankfurt probably of enemy trains.

3. Prisoners of war. Prisoners captured 2nd January:

Second British Army	12
First Canadian Army	4
Ninth US Army	7
First US Army	27
Third US Army	518
Seventh US Army	271
First French Army	No report (on 30th Dec 47).

Accumulative total to 02/2400 hours (excluding First French Army on 31st December and 1st and 2nd January): 813,366.

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To : War Department
CG 12th Army Group, TAC
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1. Operations. In far south enemy raids after artillery preparation at Kembs (A 8399) and Loehle (A 8395) repulsed. Violent enemy raid on Ile Napoleon (V 7480) without results. North of Colmar enemy continues to harass Allied forward elements, patrolling in strength at Erstein (V 9580) and Heunkirch (V 9268). Enemy patrols in force contacted in all directions from Offendorf (R 1312); Allied troops pocketed in Herlisheim (R 1214). No report of any further enemy crossing yet.

In Saar Palatinage light enemy contact made at Wissembourg (R 4815). Movement in rear area indicates enemy committing more troops in Hardt mountain sector. Fighting continued in Phillipsbourg (Q 8742) where Allies hold 3/4 of town. Baerental (Q 8341) lost by enemy. Enemy reported fighting in Wingen (Q 7336) but bulk of German forces driven

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back to line roughly Reipertweiler-Kohlsutte (Q 8438).
Enemy thrust toward Rohrbach (Q 6649) blunted. Estimated
350 MM artillery fell this area and Binning (Q 6448).

In southern Ardennes continued enemy pressure, counter
attacks and fierce resistance forced Allies to withdraw to
better defensive positions east and west of Bastogne.

Enemy attempted to halt Allies in Rochefort-Larche
sector by locally successful counter attacks at southern and
northern points. Ground conditions all through Ardennes
very bad due to ice; mine detection difficult due to snow;
visibility very limited. Charges with time fuses left behind
in houses as enemy retreats. Allies forced back to vicinity
Bure (P 2369) in south and lost ground Waharday area (P 3976)
in north. To east strong enemy positions established in
Eeffe (P 4282) Dochamps (P 4983) area. South east of Odeigne
(P 5386) enemy battled fiercely for road junction and slowed
Allied advance. Enemy tanks withdrew area Lierneux (P 6289)
and Infantry lost town. Bergeval (P 6796), center of enemy
resistance, captured by Allies. Enemy lines as far east as
Salm River believed to be withdrawing southwards. Stavelot-
Malmedy sector quiet but armour reported in area by fighter
bomber afternoon 5th January. Sector to east and north quiet.

Movement heard rear area Julich-Linnich and enemy
patrols crossed river (F 0164).

In Holland enemy patrols over Maas area S 82. Report
Vianden Bridge (S 1781) collapsed after direct hits. Large

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concentrations of barges on canal V 9202. South of Utrecht heavy traffic, pedestrian and cyclist moving generally east.

2. Order of Battle. Units attempting crossings of Rhine north and south of Colmar pocket identified as E/V and K/V, scratch formations from Wehrkreis training units.

15th Panzer Grenadier Division recontacted 5th January south west of 3rd Panzer Grenadier, west of Bastogne.

No further news on any of divisions out of contact.

3. Movements. Railroad Landau-Zweibruecken very active on 5th January and much road movement from Zweibruecken towards Saaregemund.

Such road movement as was seen in Ardennes salient on 5th January appeared to have an eastward tendency.

4. Prisoners of war. Prisoners of war (Q-1 figures not complete) prisoners captured 2nd January : 839. Accumulative total since D day: 813,366.

5. General. Attacks in Nineteenth Army sector have not so far been large or produced impressive identifications however, further trouble to be expected.

In Saar offensive enemy's armoured striking force still not committed; Indications still favour its going southeast rather than southwest but leading Infantry

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elements not yet clear of forest.

In Ardennes contact with enemy in snout of salient is fairly light except in case of 9th Panzer and still on the cards that enemy may withdraw behind Ourthe River. Meantime is concentrating his main effort on Bastogne attacking with considerable violence while on northern flank Infantry still fighting unsupported except for 2nd SS Panzer and 116th Panzer on left wing. Elements of these two Divisions sent to assist on right wing indicating unwillingness to commit further reserves of armour.

No additional signs of trouble impending further north. 6th and 7th Parachute Divisions both floating and their moves may provide clue to enemy's future intentions.

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1. Operations. Strong raid made on Kembs night 3/4 January. Infiltrations eventually obliterated. North of Colmar Allied action against Hill 216 (V7048) stopped by enemy counter attacks. Some artillery activity against Allied positions Selestat, Ebermunster, Ostheim and Beblenheim. North of Strasbourg enemy crossed Rhine morning 5 January surrounded Herbesheim (R1214) occupying Offendorf (R1312) and Gamsheim, reported in area Weyersheim (0513). Barges are being used and so far one Battalion known to be across.

In Hardt area enemy infiltrated into Wingen (Q7335) whilst between Hardt mountains and Rhine Allies fell back voluntarily across frontier followed up by German contact forces. Very little activity from remainder Saar front.

Only patrol activity reported from Echternach Diekirch

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sector and east and northeast of Bastogne salient. Increase in enemy resistance and build up and counter attacks with tanks put in area Michamps Bourcy late 3 January. During day 4 January German attack by infantry and 12 to 15 tanks put in area P 6055 dispersed and 7 tanks knocked out. Fierce fighting continued western perimeter Bastogne salient where numerous tank infantry counter attacks launched on 4 January. One Allied division claims destroyed 23 tanks and very heavy casualties inflicted on enemy personnel. Counter attacks area Longchamps (P5463) by approximately an infantry regiment and company of tanks which began 040845 broken up by Allied artillery fire. Some Allied advances made to west of salient against heavy opposition and counter attacks from 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division.

To north of Ardennes salient Bure cleared by Allied despite stiff opposition. Between Maroche and Hotton Allies advanced 2,000 to 3,000 yards before finding 116th Panzer Division well dug in. Only small counter attacks and light artillery fire reported from remainder this northern flank where snow and bad weather in general greatly impeding Allied progress. Stiff patrolling area Butgenbach (K9503).

Generally quiet on Duren front. Patrolling continues in Holland. No new identifications made.

Final count enemy equipment abandoned Rochefort Dinant:

(81 tanks, 405 vehicles, 76 guns plus 7 self propelled)

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guns.

2. Order of battle. In Colmar pocket location 269th Div considered uncertain owing recent identification of elements at Kaisersberg. Prisoner states only II Corps (LXIII and LXIV) in pocket:

Roman 90 Corps therefore carried unlocated.

21st Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier still uncommitted:

Latest Prisoner of War statement puts former east of Bitche.

In Ardennes all divisions in general still being identified in previous locations. 15th Panzer Grenadier Division still missing probably still west of Bastogne:

11th Panzer missing. 10th SS Panzer still not firmly located despite several indications putting it in Houffalize area. 326th Division probably relieved by 246th though not yet confirmed.

712th Division still present on island south of Gorinchem but 711st reported leaving for Germany:

Increases probability that 6th Parachute and 7th Parachute have likewise been released from line for fresh employment.

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3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War (G-1 figures, not complete)
Total prisoners captured 1 January: 684. Accumulative total
prisoners captured since D day: 812,480.

5. General. Enemy bridgehead established across
Rhine north of Strasbourg lends colour to reports from good
sources that a similar attempt will be made south of the
Colmar pocket also: likely that Nineteenth Army, inside
pocket will start pushing north and south in sympathy. No
good information on forces to be employed, but evidence shows
some have been brought up.

In Saar, in view of enemys lack of success on his
right in attempted crossing of river Blies, and his comparat-
ively successful advances towards edge of forest on his left,
possible he may decide to throw in his main weight on the
left, and try to join up with pushes across Rhine.

In Ardennes, weather greatly favoured enemy. He is
holding firm with armour in snout of salient, and indications
still are that he is not withdrawing at present. Evidence
increasing that his troops are short of supplies, including
food, and that his losses in men and material have been heavy.
Over 2700 prisoners taken from 5th Parachute Division; figures
given above for equipment lost in sally out to Dinant speak
for themselves. Non appearance 10th SS Panzer Division casts
some doubt of its move south from Duren.

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North of Bulge, to be expected that enemy will launch attacks to tie down Allied forces. Threat south of Gorinchem somewhat abated, but concentration on Schouwen still present.

End.

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1. Order of battle. Identifications:

By Prisoner of War. 2nd January assault battalion Nineteenth Army area Lac Noir (V 5446). All 4 Jan 951 Gren Regt 361st Volksgrenadier Division area Lemberg (Q 7349). 1559th Artillery Regiment area Q * 1126th Grenadier Regiment area Q 7349 both 559th Volksgrenadier Division. 1/12th SS Mountain Regiment 6th SS Mountain Division "Nord" area (Michael Galssmair) and 506th ZBV Motorized Battalion area Q 7835: Comment latter presumably 506th Mobile Battalion: State 6th SS Division left Denmark 24th December, arriving Sturzelbronn 30th December. Regiments have 3 battalions, each 6 companies plus 19th Company. Comprises 70% Volkdeutsche including large percentage Hungarians. Commanding General in SS Gruppenfuehrer Brenner and not Major General Prinner as reported in G 2 summary number 4 dated 4th January.

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Also 506th Battalion under command this division. 17th SS Panzer Battalion 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Division area Aachen (Q 5949); States battalion has 3 companies each 15th Assault Huns also 20th attached mark V.

1st January 713rd Grenadier Regiment 416th Division area Tettingen (L 0602).

All 4th January 9th Engineer Battalion 9th Volksgrenadier Division area Nothum (P 6651). 694th Grenadier Regiment 340th Infantry Division area Foy (P 5962). 26th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment 12th SS Panzer Division area P 5962. 29th Panzer Grenadier Regiment 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division area Renuqant (P 4660). 102nd Panzer Artillery Regiment 9th Panzer Division area Bure (P 2171). 60th Panzer Grenadier Regiment area Menil (P 3784) and 156th Grenadier Regiment Nois de Larochette (P 3281) and reconnaissance battalion all 116th Panzer Division area P 4085. 208th Grenadier Regiment 79th Volksgrenadier Division area Welscheid (P 78 *). 916th Grenadier Regiment 352nd Volksgrenadier Division area south of Burden (P 8243). 19th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment 9th SS Panzer Division area Champ (P 5363); State elements 10th SS Panzer Division area Houffalize (P 6172) on 3rd January.

3rd January 1130th Grenadier Regiment 560th Volksgrenadier Division area P 5489; States division headquarters area P 5882 and command post 1560th Artillery Regiment area Mont (P 5974).

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4th January 27th Grenadier Regiment south of Malempre (P 5688) and 48th Grenadier Regiment area Floret (P 5993) both 12th Volksgrenadier Division all 4th January 295th Grenadier Regiment 18th Volksgrenadier Division area Abre-tontaine (P 6592). 164th Grenadier Regiment area Trois Ponts (P 6798), 162nd Fel Ersatz Battalion area La Chapelle (P 6393) both 62nd Volksgrenadier Division: States boundary between this division and 12th Volksgrenadier Division P 630925 to 670870: Regimental identifications show 164th holding left flank of divisional sector, 190th in the center and 183rd on the right and to east of Trois Ponts. I/1055th Grenadier Regiment area K 9603, II/1055th Grenadier Regiment area K 9001 and 89th Reconnaissance Battalion and (deserters) 1056th Grenadier Regiment area F 0532, all 89th Infantry Division area K 9301.

(Deserters) 991st Grenadier Regiment 277th Volksgrenadier Division area Elsenbuechel (K 9605). 689th Grenadier Regiment 246th Division area Eieberscheid (K 9721): States I Battalion arrived 2nd January. Comment area 326th Volksgrenadier Division which may have been relieved.

3rd January 1222nd Grenadier Regiment 180th Division area E 8528: States intention establish bridgehead base for raiding parties west of Mass.

By good source: 3rd January 711th Infantry Division left district of Feusden and Altena possibly for Arnhem and/or Germany.

4th January 712th Infantry Division still area Altena with headquarters at Woudrichem (E 1260): Idea of counter attack across Mass dropped and mission of

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division to contain Allies and disturb by continuous patrol activity.

By Prisoner of War statements: Both 4th January 25th Panzer Grenadier Division area Steinsausen (Q 7965) on 28th December. 26th SS Panzer Division in process of formation at Kurmark on 18th December.

21st Panzer Reconnaissance Battalion moved to Bitche on 2nd January. Elements 233rd Reserve Panzer Division probably located two kilometres east of Camp de Bitche area: Comment not yet shown to be anything more than stray replacements.

3rd January 77th Grenadier Regiment 26th Volksgrenadier Division relieved 78th Grenadier Regiment in area north east of Bastogne (P 5558).

4th January 326th Volksgrenadier Division withdrawing from battle area: Comment last divisional identification 30th December.

2. Movements. Nothing to report.

3. Prisoners of War.

A. Prisoners captured 1st January:

Second British Army	10.
First Canadian Army	8.
First United States Army	40.
Third United States Army	416.
Ninth United States Army	18.

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Seventh United States Army 192.
First French Army no report.

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 1st January
(excluding first French Army 30th, 31st December and 1st
January): 812,480.

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Enemy casualties for December difficult to assess at present.

Estimates by armies to follow:

Prisoners of war	50,000
Killed	30,000
Seriously wounded	46,000
Total	126,000

Figures for seriously wounded not complete, but would probably be covered by additional 4,000, making total 130,000. Prisoners of war thus considerably less than half total. In view of nature of fighting this considered not unreasonable, but prefer cut figure to 110,000.

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About half casualties occurred since opening of
enemy offensive on 16 December. Estimates from Army Groups
still to come in. Above estimate provisional.

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1. Operations.

In southern sector small enemy counter attack Kembs area (A 8399) repulsed. Small allied gains northwest Colmar; numerous enemy infiltration attempts repulsed. Air reconnaissance reported motor transport convoy moving south on eastern side of Rhine south of Strasbourg.

In Saar Palatinate heavy enemy pressure continues in central sector ~~but activity elsewhere negligible~~. Definite identification of 6th SS Mountain Division arriving west of Baerenthal area as well as at least one more infantry division. Some enemy activity heard Lauterbourg area (R 3340). South of Obersteinbach (Q 9548) enemy infiltration resulted in fire fights. Light resistance to Allied advance north of Phillipsbourg (Q 8742). Baerenthal area scene of heavy fighting where

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enemy attack repulsed and Allied troops in outskirts of town. Groups of tanks operating to west and south of town morning 3rd January. Air operations reported infantry and artillery moving south from Mouterhouse (Q 7942) at 031700. Enemy attacks repulsed at Reipertwiller (Q 8037) and town captured by Allies. Enemy attacks Goetzenbruc area (Q 7442) held. Considerable movement reported in Lemburg (Q 7345). On western flank of Bitche salient enemy armour advanced to Petit Rederching (Q 6851). Tanks moving in Erching area (Q 6557) where infantry coming into line. Advance south west gained initial success to Achen (Q 5949) but Allied counter attack drove enemy back to Gros Rederching (Q 6259). Enemy attacks later in period repulsed. German concentration in woods at Q 6056 believed dispersed by Allied artillery. Strong resistance against Allied attempt to force enemy back across Saar area Volkslingen (Q 3473).

In southern Ardennes build up enemy forces continued in Bastogne area resulting in heavy attacks throughout day and into the night. In Diekirch sector enemy active patrolling front while tanks and vehicles moving in rear area attacked by Allied air south of Bockholz (P 7858) and at Niederschlinder (P 8250). Heavy tank battle which developed area Michamps (P 6162) during night 2nd to 3rd January repulsed and Allies advanced to north approaching area southeast of Bourcy (P 6162). Enemy tanks and infantry penetrated Allied line at Longchamps but forced to withdraw. West of Bastogne Allied salient widened in Mandé area (P 5060) and line straightened to west as Allies gained ground in area Gerimont (P 4258). 10645 prisoners taken by Third US Army between 15th December and 2nd January.

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On northern Ardennes flank Allied attack successful in advance to beyond Beffe (P 4185) where 2nd SS Panzer Division quickly returned from reserve to counter attack. To east Allies made gains to three miles against infantry opposition. Heavy resistance encountered south of Amonins (P 4587) Vaux Chevannes (P 5491) and south of Trois Ponts (P 6799); mines also encountered. South of Malmedy Allies advanced to K 7700 exclusive Bellevaux to K 8100. Allied patrolling met with varied reactions Bullingen area and to north. Unconfirmed total enemy prisoners taken in operation northern flank 3rd January 1100.

(Prisoner from 89th Infantry Division states his regiment holding 5000 yards plus front.

In Holland prisoner taken west of Meuse in area south of Geisteren at E 8528 stated the enemy intends to establish base for raiding parties this area. Five AFV's possibly tanks seen on south coast Schouwen. Colijnsplaat (D 3140) shelled by enemy from Schouwen afternoon 2nd January.

2. Order of battle.

6th SS Mountain Division confirmed in Saar battle and reported in area northwest Bennstein (Q 84). No identification 25th Panzer Grenadier and 21st Panzer but evidence suggests former to be committed east of Saargemund; later southeast Bitche.

Mobile reserve recently built up in Houffalize area now committed against Allied attacks. In Bastogne armoured ring from southeast to northwest with 1st SS, 12th SS, 9th SS

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Panzer Divisions. From there to southwest 15th Panzer Grenadier, Fuehrer Escort Brigade and 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division. 2nd, 9th and 116th Panzer Divisions still in western extremity with indications of sidestepping eastwards by 2nd and 9th Panzer Divisions. Panzer Lehr puzzling with identifications both sides of Bastogne salient. Bulk still accepted on west. 2nd SS Panzer Division committed east of Ourthe River in Marcourt area.

89th Division identified as replacement for 12th Volksgrenadier Division in Bullingen (K 90) sector. Extensive patrolling successfully identifying 3rd Panschute, 89th, 277th Division in northern shoulder failed to turn up 246th Volksgrenadier which not identified recently and may have been relieved possibly for employment in pocket.

18th SS Corps under command SS Gruppen Fuehrer Reinefarth reliably reported opposite Colmar bridgehead.

3. Movement. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures, not complete).

Prisoners captured 31st December: 457. Accumulative total since D Day: 311,796.

5. General. Nothing to report from the front between North Sea and Monschau which indicates offensiveness though rumors prevail about activity on Schouwen. In the bulge enemy has definitely lost initiative. Faced with strong attacks on north and south shoulders he is engaged in heavy defensive fighting and slowly losing ground, last few days

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have seen regrouping of 5th and 6th Panzer Armies for attack on Bastogne while the edged in infantry divisions westwards to take over front. Our attacks have meant recommitting defensively this armour on the north flank while 1st, 9th and 12th SS Panzer Divisions are being themselves attacked in south. Still outstanding however is 10th SS Panzer Division and 11th Panzer. Former may be expected to appear any moment. Extent to which bulk of 2nd, 9th and 116th Panzer Divisions still west of Ourthe difficult to assess but no doubt efforts will be made to put infantry on ground so that they can be employed in main battle area. Next 48 hours should disclose whether enemy hangs onto present westerly positions or pulls in. His position not favourable. In Saar sector more divisions yet to come in notably 21st Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier Divisions. Enemy failure to get flying start south and east of Saargemines has been considerable setback but unlikely he will give up efforts this sector if his eastern bulge blunted. Slightly more evidence in area of Upper Rhine which points to enemy intention to assume offensive this sector.

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1. So far not great deal of evidence to assess morale of prisoners of war taken in present offensive but following available.

2. General morale and fighting spirit high at commencement of offensive. This aided by pep talks just before attack of objectives of offensive and power of German Army, bolstered up during opening days of battle by erroneous statements as to progress of advance. For instance, prisoners from 1st Division were told Liege was captured when in fact line had been stabilized.

3. Special units such as 1501 Panzer Brigade and Von Der Heydts parachutists composed of extremely good type young soldier with high morale and considerable faith in victory. Some adopted view that it was either case of victory or death since nothing left if Germany lost war. SS troops generally very high morale, who are fighting with good deal fanaticism.

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4. Volksgrenadier Division rather mixed but morale generally good. As has been said previously good type men from Navy and Air Force and also young men newly called up resulted in good fighting spirit.

5. Not slightest doubt German Army in west went into battle offensively minded with the will to win. Now that battle has not gone so well signs that first high spirit falling slightly and disillusionment in some cases setting in as result of reverses, but this by no means general. Difficulties of communication resulting in lack of food supplies also playing their part.

6. Generally German soldier is fighting with great determination and bravery. Desertions few, but have come from all types of units including SS. Only case so far of unit desert on was surrender of 30 men from remnants of company from 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division on 2 January.

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First Allied Airborne Army Main info AFHQ cite FHGBI, SHAEP
Air Rear, Main Headquarters Twelfth Army Group, Fifteenth
Army, Sixth Army Group Rear, First Allied Airborne Army
Forward. S-73527. This is G-2 summary number 3 dated 3rd
January.

Part 1 covering period 012400A to 022400A.

1. Operations.

In southern sector enemy followed Allied raid with
counter attack east of Kembs (A 89). Artillery and air
active Mulhouse area. Light rain and snow fell during day.

In Saar Palatinate strong enemy pressure exerted
along west and east flanks of Hardt Mountain Salient.
Enemy resistance somewhat lighter Phillipsburg area (Q 84).

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German advances south and east of Bitché reached six miles
to north of Reipertweiler (Q 8037).

In Bitché area Infantry and tank attacks repulsed
during morning. Enemy established bridgehead over Blies
River in company strength but halted by Allied artillery
with severe losses amounting to 50% in some units, according
to prisoners. Attack with Infantry and armour in Sarregue-
mines area (Q 6155) broken up by Allied artillery.

At Bastogne enemy unable to halt Allies but held
them to small gains: Lutrebois (P 55) lost by enemy;
further Allied gains made to west of Salient and Gerimont
captured.

In northern Ardennes contact with 9th Panzer Re-
cognition Unit at P 2068. Prisoner of war from 116th
Panzer Division at P 3381 states his unit rearguard. In-
dication Panzer buildup continues Houffalize area, Panzers
in line being replaced by Infantry.

Tactical reconnaissance showed concentration tanks
and motor transport north of Houffalize (P 6171). 510
motor transport converging on St Vith from east and south.
Civilians reported evacuated eastwards from K 7300, south
of Stavelot, and from southern part of Trois Ponts. Stacks
of mines seen on road leading north from Trois Ponts.

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Duren sector quiet. Weather colder with snow flurries;
roads icy.

In Holland troops withdrawing north from Heusden-Land
Van Altena area. Civilians state 1000 troops in Kalden-
Kirchew (E 9203) 24th December. Also 160 paratroops with-
drawn from area Tegelen (E 8808) 27th December and replaced
by Infantry. Troops still reported arriving northern part
of Schouwen; garrison now estimated to be five to 6,000,
no tanks. Rumour enemy intended attack Tholen and peninsula
night 2nd/3rd January.

2. Order of battle.

Unconfirmed identification of 6th SS Mountain Div-
ision south of Pirmasens in Hardt. 21st Panzer still present
but not committed.

12th Volksgrenadier Division relieved 9th SS Panzer
Division which joins 2nd SS and 11th Panzer and 15th Panzer
Grenadier in reserve. 10th SS Panzer still unlocated but
indications are that it may have come south to Ardennes.

Indications 7th Parachute Division being relieved by
190th but not confirmed.

3. Movements.

Most notable rail activity on 2nd January was ob-
served in rear of German First Army.

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4. Prisoners of war.

G 1 figures not complete. Prisoners captured 30th
December: 1036. Accumulative total since D-day: 811319.

5. General.

Enemy has still not put forth his full effort in the
Saar. May well attempt attack from Colmar pocket to tie
down Allied forces. If 6th SS Mountain Division genuinely
in south 2nd Mountain Division quite likely to follow it
shortly.

Enemy situation in Ardennes Salient obscure. Great
majority of armour out of contact or in very light contact.
Attitude at Bastogne as well as elsewhere now defensive, but
no sign of general withdrawal from Salient, on the contrary
fresh Infantry being committed; and no good evidence of
limited withdrawal onto River Ourthe an obvious capability.
If defense to be prolonged more Infantry will have to be
found possibly further parachute divisions will be brought
down from Holland.

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Airborne Army Main info to AFHQ cite FHGBI SHAEF Air Rear
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First Allied Airborne Army Forward from SHAEF Main from Strong
signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI 021825 S 73418. This is G-2
summary number 2 part 2 dated 2 January covering period
310000 to 012400A.

Order of Battle. Identifications.

1. By Prisoners of War: All 28th December 1212th and
1213th Grenadier Regiments 189th Volks Grenadier Division
and SS Regiment Braun attached to 189th Division area
Sigolsheim (V 64).
326th Grenadier Regiment 198th Division area Sigolsheim
(V 6849).

27th December II/469th Grenadier Regiment 269th
Infantry Division area Kaisersberg (V 6047) and I/760th
Grenadier Regiment 708th Volks Grenadier Division and
II/736th Division same area.

All 1st January 481st and 456th Grenadier Regiments
area Foret de Katsenthal (Q 9244) and 476th Grenadier Regi-
ment area Lieschbach (Q 8846) all 256th Division.

1127th Grenadier Regiment 559th Volks Grenadier
Division area south of Dambach (Q 9244).

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992nd Grenadier Regiment 361st VolksGrenadier Division
area southeast Bitsche.
87th, 118th and 165th Grenadier regiments 36th Division
area Rimlingen (Q65).
37th and 38th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment 17th SS
Panzer Grenadier Division area Q 5258.
73rd and 74th Grenadier Regiments 19th VolksGrenadier
Division area Reicheim (Q 5960).
860th Grenadier Regiment 347th Infantry Division
area Ludweiler (Q 3370).

31 December. 723rd Grenadier Regiment 719th Infantry
Division area Frsulautern (Q 2981); states 19th VolksGrenadier
was to have relieved division Christmas day but failed to
and 719th Division scheduled for rest area.

Both 29 December 423rd Grenadier Regiment 212th
Division area Berdorf (L 0137). Reconnaissance Battalion
5th Parachute Division area Kaundorf (P 6848).

31 December 339th Grenadier Regiment 167th Volks-
Grenadier Division area Lutrebois (P 5653).

28 December I/33rd Artillery Regiment 15th Panzer
Grenadier Division area northwest Bastogne (P 5354).

1 January 78th Grenadier Regiment 26th VolksGrenadier
Division area Mageret (P 6059).

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2 January. Reconnaissance Battalion 340th Division
area P 6059.

28th December. 190th Grenadier Regiment area Besse
Bodeux (P 6597) reconnaissance battalion area P 6496 and
29 December elements 183rd Grenadier Regiment P 6698 all
62nd Volksgrenadier Division.

1 January 116th Panzer Engineer Battalion area Bois
de Larochette (P 3381).

31 December 1128th Grenadier Regiment 560th Volksgrenadier
Division Area Amonines (P 4587).

Both 1 January. 990th Grenadier Regiment 277th
Volksgrenadier Division area northeast of Elsenborn Camp
(K 9411). 981st Grenadier Regiment 272nd Infantry Division
area Konzen (K 979237): States mission division defend
area.

29 December. 751st Grenadier Regiment 326th Volksgrenadier
Division area Hofen (K 9716) states regiment to
receive replacements and to participate in an attack with
another division.

28 December. 326th Field Ersatz Battaion also 326th
Division area forest Monschau (K 9913.)

25 December. Battle group Dreyer (85th Infantry
Division) area Mausbach (F 0831) and 27th December 185th

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Anti Tank Company same division area F 0731.

27 December 6th Parachute Regiment attached 85th
Infantry Division area Leversboch (F 1136).

By civilian report:

31 December. 400 to 500 enemy troops in Tarchamps
(P 6152) observed in US uniforms some equipped with white
camouflage suits radio and a few US tanks: Comment possibly
150th Brigade.

By prisoner of war statement:

30 December command posts 36th and 116th Grenadier
regiments 9th VolksGrenadier Division area Knaphoscheid
(P 673587); rumour 90 tanks plus equipment for artillery
regiment was to arrive to support division but only 30
tanks and 36 artillery pieces received because of Allied air
activity.

29 December. 5th Parachute Division Headquarters area
Binsfeld (P 7870). Headquarters 59th Infantry Division area
K 976741 and command post 1036th Grenadier Regiment area
K 960678.

Notes: 29 December prisoner states 276th, 352nd and
212th Volks Grenadier divisions comprise LXXX Corps and
saw document promoting Colonel Daempwolf to CO 276th Volks-
Grenadier Division. Prisoner detached service with 5th

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Parachute Division states previous to German counter offensive G-3 map showed 5th Parachute as being one of two component divisions of LXXXV Corps. Further states on 25 or 26 December a new corps became operational to the left of LXXXV Corps: Supposed to be LIII Corps and at that date the division was sole unit under its control. Comment: LIII Corps previously mauled in Latvia: Seems probable it now controls 9th Division as well as 5th Parachute; 352nd Division known from document to be under LXXXV Corps presumably with 79th.

2. Movements.

Information from air reconnaissance 1 January:

Northern Germany. Movement mainly southbound continued on the line Osnabruck Munster. Area west of Ruhr was relatively inactive.

Eifel Area. Considerable number of trains observed line Remagen Hillersheim, presumably due to Ahrweiler bridge on this line now being passable. Motor transport concentrations no general trend of movement seen near Houffalize.

3. Prisoners of War.

A. Prisoners captured 29 December:

Second British Army, nil.
First Canadian Army, 1.
Ninth US Army, 6
First US Army, 353.

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Third US Army, 549
Seventh US Army 48
First French Army, 135 (G-2 estimate)

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 29 December
(including G-2 estimates First French Army): 810577.

4. Total tanks reported destroyed 31 December: 60.

Stop press: Both 1 January document on corpse
identified I/1052nd Grenadier Regiment 84th Infantry Division
area E 766535. Also reconnaissance battalion safe division
area E 758525. Comment: 84th Division now in sector recently
occupied by 190th Division. 1227 Grenadier Regiment 190th
Division area E 919208: States left area E 7846 13 days ago
and relieved paratroops in present position.

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1. Following is table giving estimated equivalent
strength in divisions by Armies from SHAEP G-2 weekly in-
telligence summary for 31st December 44:

	Pa	2 Equiv	INF	Equiv
Netherlands	0	0	6	4:
First Parachute	0	0	6	4:
Fifteenth	0	0	13	7 1/3:
Sixth SS Panzer	4	3 1/3	4	3:
Fifth Panzer	7	4 1/3	3	2 1/2:(2)
Seventh	0	0	6	4 1/2:
First	2	1	11	6 2/3:
Nineteenth	0	0	8	3 1/2:
Totals in line or immediate reserve	13	8 2/3	57	35 1/2:
Transferring re- fitting or un- located	2	1 1/3	1	1/2:
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Defence works and lines of communication	0	0	6	3:
Fortresses	0	0	1	2:
Grand totals	15	10	65	41.

51

Fortress Infantry not yet contacted might amount to one further equivalent Infantry division.

2. Additions: 9 *inf* 79 *inf* 167. *inf*

3. Eliminations: Nil.

4. Tanks estimated at 550 to 600 and assault guns (including fairly numerous light assault guns) at same number. Runners not more than 60% of above. Total of both types in Ardennes about 800. Panzer Divisions which had long period reforming have from 70 to 90 tanks of which one half to two thirds heavies, remainder mediums. Only Tigers so far identified are elements of 501st SS Tiger Battalion incorporated in 1st SS Panzer Regiment.

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1. Operations. This is number 1 of new series of G 2 summary cables dated 1 January 1945 covering period 301200A to 312400A. Last G 2 summary of old series was number 100 dated 31 December.

In southern sector enemy counter attacks repulsed areas Vieux Thann (V 51) and north of Colmar at Ammerschvir (Sector 64).

In Saar Palatinate, contact was limited throughout Zone; movement of personnel and vehicles in immediate rear areas along front. Air reported many tracks leading into houses and barns at Plittersdorf (R 3032). Small enemy attack southwest of Reisdorf at R 1133 repulsed. Active patrolling all through Hardt Mountains; some infiltration attempted area Stockbronn (Q 8048). Tank movement head Bitch area. East of Sarreguemines enemy improving positions. Considerable motor vehicle movement Forbach area (Q 36).

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Photo reconnaissance 301400A shows enemy pontoon bridges under construction in Saarburg area at L 1511 and L 1614 about 1/4 finished. Air reports bridge at Keughingen (Q 1699) partially destroyed by direct hit. Dreisbach (Q 1599) found clear of enemy night of 30-31 December.

In southern Ardennes heavy vehicular activity areas Dehl (P 7349) and Goesdorf (P 7248) morning 31 December. Counter attacks launched southeast of Bastogne where enemy making determined attempt to halt Allied progress north and to cut Bastogne corridor. Estimated 25 tanks knocked out during 30 December. Prisoner from 167th Infantry Division on 29 December claims to have heard Commanding General 167th Infantry Division issue attack order stating, "We are to clean up pocket in 8 days."

Allied thrust southeast from Bastogne captured Wardin. Enemy counter attacks southwest of Bastogne enable to contain Allied thrust from south which has expanded east and west. Chenogne (P 4857) captured and Hubermont (P 4559) reached. Heavy resistance from 88 MM and self propelled artillery and tanks reported by Allied armour at Remagne (P 3955) and Moirey (P 3857) during afternoon 30 December; enemy occupied towns by morning. Remagne later retaken by Allied infantry without opposition.

St Hubert Marche sector quiet. Civilian reported Marcourt (P 4281) prepared for troop arrival and he saw "10 SSD" written on doors of houses. He further stated unidentified troops arrived night of 30 December.

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On north rt flank attempted infiltration by combat patrol southwest of Erxee unsuccessful. Strong attacks by infantry with no artillery or tank support west of LaFosse at P 4987, and at Grandmenil repulsed during afternoon. Allied patrol advanced to P 556895 at 312230A without enemy contact. Floret (P 5993) was found unoccupied. Possible 2 SS Panzer Division withdrawn to Houffalize Bastogne area. Reinforcements reported arrived Stavelot Malmedy sector. Activity Bullingen sector in rear areas.

Enemy sensitive to patrols east of Roer in Duren sector; enemy outposts strengthened. Counter battery fire received; one concentration of 14 rounds netted 12 duds. Fires seen burning in Niederzier (F 1655) and Broich (F 06). German attack on Tripsrath (K 8768) repulsed; 120 prisoners taken. One tank destroyed, one knocked out area (K 9468).

In Holland indications enemy build up continued south of Gorinchem (E 05). *711, 712, 6 Para*

2. Order of battle. Himmler identified as Supreme Commander upper Rhine by prisoner of war.

352nd Division not contacted for some days. 12th Volksgrenadier and 3rd Parachute Divisions not in firm contact.

712th Division moved onto "island" between Waal and Meuse north of Gertruidenberg.

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3. Movements. Rail troop movement continuing south from Denmark. Considerable road movement west of Ruhr, and up to Saint Vith.

4. Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures, not complete). Prisoners captured to 28 December: 1,881. Accumulative total since D day: 809,326.

5. General. Enemy attack in Saar Palatinate puts reserve of divisions accumulated in this sector to use: Intended at least pin down Allied forces and to draw off Allied reserves from south flank of Ardennes salient. Nothing known of further objectives. In addition to divisions already in action, 21st Panzer and 25th Panzer Grenadier likely to be used forward of Pirmasens. In view recent thinning out in Wissembourg sector and north of Volklingen, attacks not thought likely to spread to these sectors.

In Ardennes enemy continually concentrating more forces in south for Bastogne battle: Definitely on defensive now in north. 2nd Panzer Divisions and possibly two infantry out of line.

Stop press: Early on 1 January enemy launched attacks in German First Army sector. 256th Division attacked at Neunhoffen (Q 9146) and 559th Division at Bennstein (Q 8345), both through sector of 361st Division. Further west, 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division and 36th Division attacked through sector of 257th Division, between Bitche and Saargemuend.

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19th and 347th Division, further west still, put in holding
attacks. Attacks so far only reported on limited scale and
no sig advances made.

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Para I. Order of battle. Identifications: This is G2 summary number one part two dated 1st January covering period 301200A to 312400A. 29th December (deserters) 1210th and 1211th Grenadier Regiments 159th Division area Vieux Thann (V 5412). 31st December 712th and 714th Grenadier Regiments and reconnaissance battalion all 416th Division area west of Bethingen (Q 1099): states division headquarters moved to Taben (L 1706) 28th December. 30th December 339th Grenadier Regiment 167th Volksgrenadier Division area Lutrebois (P 5853). 31st December 116th Grenadier Regiment 9th Volksgrenadier Division area Wiltz (P 6451). 30th December Engineer Battalion 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division area Lavaselle (P 4656): elements 29th and 8th Panzer Grenadier Regiments all same division area P 4966. All 31st December 77th Grenadier Regiment 26th Volksgrenadier Division area Fond de Laval (P 5161) : states regiment badly mauled.

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33rd Engineer Battalion 15th Panzer Grenadier Division area Chisogne (P 455587). 901 and 902 Panzer Grenadier Regiments area Moircy (P 374589) and 130th Anti-Tank Battalion area P 375550 all Panzer Lehr Division. Elements 560th Volksgrenadier Division are Bois De Tave (P 4787: states division received 300 replacements recently.

2nd SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment 1st SS Panzer Division area Bastogne (P 5653). All 30th December (deserters) 4th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment 2nd SS Panzer Division area Amonines (P 4487): state ordered dig by night 30th December against allied attack. Elements 20th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment and 19th SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment both 9th SS Panzer Division area Floret (P 5892): state had little artillery support result allied air attack, destroyed artillery and assault gun pieces.

Fuehrer escort brigade area Lavaselle (P 4656). All 31st December elements 62nd Volksgrenadier Division area Quartiers (P 6896). 1243 assault gun battalion and 309th Anti-tank Battalion area Tripsrath (K 8767): comment former belonged to disbanded 243rd Division and latter to disbanded 309th Division: possible both units working independently: further evidence of extent of tendency to use divisional anti-tank units as general headquarters troops. 732nd Grenadier Regiment 712th Infantry Division area Scharlo (E 0949). By prisoner of war statement: 31st December, 256th Division reinforced recently by 1500 replacements moving northwest to Bitsch for onward movement to Aachen: division to be replaced by low calibre Volksgrenadier Division.

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Notes: Prisoner of war states Himmlers title in new capacity in south is Supreme Commander upper Rhinartd captured document dated 13th November shows following authorities for defense sectors in west: high command western fortified area, inspectorate of land fortifications west, high command lower Rhine, high command Eifel, high command Saar-Palatinate, high command Vosges, Headquarters of Commander Brabant, headquarters of Commander upper Rhine. Comment upper Rhine and Brabant seem to have had at that time lower status than others (corps) but since Himmlers advent upper Rhine evidently has at least Army status and he may actually control 19th Army as well as the line of the upper Rhine.

Para 2. Movements.

Information from air reconnaissance 31st December: A limited movement of military trains was observed on line from Denmark (Flemsurg, Hamburg, Uelxern). Considerable road movement observed area west of Ruhr. Two focal points Munich Gladbach and Niederier (southwest Julich), also roads leading into St Vith full of convoys.

Para 3. Prisoners of war.

A. Prisoners captured 28th December: 2nd British Army 91. 1st Canadian Army 4. 1st US Army 702. 3rd US Army 888. 9th US Army 11. 7th US Army 185. 1st French Army 159 (G2 estimate).

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B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 28th December
(including G2 estimates for 1st French Army 26th to 28th
December): 809560.

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