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Forward, Rheims, France

To: War Department
Headquarters 6th Army Group, Advance
Headquarters, 12th Army Group
Headquarters, 15th Army Group
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 18390 31 March 1945

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1. Operations.

Enemy continued to give only sporadic resistance and delaying action in Odenwald. Advance south of Neckar cleared Schwetzingen (R 6187) and Heidelberg where all bridges down with one passable for Infantry. Enemy group estimated 300 blocking road east of Breitenbuch (M9914) by-passed and Allies penetrated line Eberbach (R9097) Miltenberg (M0923).

Crossing of Main in Woerth area met light resistance advancing six miles east. Push north from Sulzbach (N0146) encountered heavy mortar and artillery fire. Stubborn defense to contain Aschaffenburg bridgehead continued with indications aggressive enemy reinforced in this area.

Mopping up of enemy west of Wiesbaden continued with capture of Neudorf (M2761) and Eltville (M2558) Advance

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from Lauterbach against negligible opposition reached woods
(H 5050) southeast of Hersfeld.

Northeast Marburg Allied thrust met little resistance. Eder Dam captured and crossing river advance reached outskirts of Kassel. Advance north from Korbach (G 7998) reached Rolsen (B 8910) and Marsberg (B7880) and Allied forces have been reported two miles south of Paderborn. Allied attempts to cross Sieg River area east of Weigburg at F 6744 repulsed.

Opposition continued heavy in Ruhr area. Enemy reported marking vehicles with Allied star in Duisburg to evade artillery fire in evacuation of materiel. South of Lippe Canal Allies advanced against moderate to heavy resistance to Buer Hassel (A 5234) and Polsum (5236) where 11 enemy tanks knocked out.

To north negligible resistance encountered in advances to Dortmund Ems Canal. Canal crossed and Allied spearheads reached Sued (A8747) and Ascheberg (A9250). Heavy opposition northeast of Dülmen:

Appelhuelsen (A7866) reached. Other Allied thrusts reached Horstmar (A 7087), Heek (A5691), Winterswijk (3075) and north of Aalten (2070).

2. Order of battle.

36th Volksgrenadier counter attacking at Aschaffenburg, and remnants or staffs of 256th and 416th in same area.

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11th Panzer has elements as far north as H03.
166th Division is being driven ahead of Allied drive to
Kassel.

116th Panzer firmly in contact in area Polsum
(A 5236). Further elements of 245th Division contacted at
Stadtiln (A47), and some elements of 346th in same area,
though no evidence whole division has moved from Emmerich.

3. Movements.

Observation of movement suggests tendency of
traffic still westwards into Ruhr rather than eastwards out
of it.

4. Prisoners of war.

(G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured 27
March: 14853. Accumulative total since D Day; 1,203,157.

5. General.

Enemy in south has plainly been trying his best
to hold on eastern side of Allied breakthrough, especially
at Ascheffenburg, while gathering a force for an eventual
counter attack in the Siegen area to the northwest. These
plans, however, outstripped by speed of Allied advances;
Allies have both penetrated through the Miltenberg Eberbach
line and penetrated into Siegen, quite apart from the R Main
breakthrough which is still not sealed off.

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In north, II Parachute Corps being swung back on
Emmerich and into Holland by Allied thrust, thus losing
contact with remainder of parachute army. All informed.

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INFO : CC/S; CG AAF; OPD; Adm King; Col Park; Log

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Headquarters, 15th Army Group
CG, 12th US Army Group, Advance
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Nr: FWD 18359 30 March 1945

This is G-2 summary number 89 part one dated 30th
March 1945 covering period 28/2400A to 29/2400A. From
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1. Operations.

Citizens committee surrendered Mannheim after enemy
withdrew. Bridgehead over Neckar expanded against light
resistance and Neckarhausen (R 6296) and Seckenheim (R 5996)
occupied. Mayor and other civilian officials attempted to
negotiate surrender of Heidelberg late in period by telephone.

Spotty resistance in Odenwald and civilians fighting
with Wehrmacht. Loaded ammunition train captured in tunnel
(M 7708) west of Michelbach. Aschaffenburg cleared after
stiff opposition from pillboxes in town and in hills to
south. Heavy fighting at Sulzbach (N 0146) where Nebelwerfer
fire in fairly heavy concentrations.

Thrust east from Hanau cleared Gelhausen (N 0379).
Rapid advance north from Marburg cleared Allendorf (A 6570)

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and Winterburg (A 6588). Unconfirmed report had Allied column 10 miles south of Paderborn early yesterday evening. During day three prisoner of war cages with Allied personnel were overrun and 5700 enemy personnel (not counted in prisoner of war totals) overrun in German hospitals. Prisoners state tanks and assault guns in repair shop at Langenberg (P 924460) immobilized for lack of fuel.

Area of lower Rhine crossings quiet on southern sector. Enemy strongpoint broken at Sterkrade (A 3723) but attempts to cross Rhein-Herne canal to prevent breakthrough into Ruhr from north. Gladbach cleared. North of Lippe River Allied thrusts cleared Duimen (A 6859), Coesfeld (A 6172) and Weseke (A 3968). Bucholt and Angolt cleared but considerable resistance this area. Must of Emmerich now cleared after heavy fighting.

2. Order of battle.

553rd Volks Grenadier apparently shifted northwards to area south of Aschaffenburg and Headquarters of 2nd Panzer reported in area west of Fulda.

9th Panzer reported concentrating in Siegen area, and Panzer Lehr, 3rd Panzer Grenadier, 12th and 59th Divisions recontacted same area.

166th Training Division from Denmark also reported same general area.

3rd Parachute Division reported on Rhine south of Cologne.

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Unconfirmed report that elements of 245th Infantry Division contacted north of Coesfeld. 15th Panzer Grenadier and 116th Panzer not yet proved to have shifted far from old sectors.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

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

Prisoners captured 26th March: 18,084.

Accumulative total since D Day: 1,188,302.

5. General.

Little change in enemy's position, except for the worse. He is still holding on the north and south flanks of both the Allied breakthroughs comparatively firmly, but has produced nothing with which to seal off the main penetrations.

All informed.

End

ACTION: G-2

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

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CG, 15th US Army Group

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This is G 2 summary number 89 part 2 dated 30 March 45 covering period 282400 A to 292400 A. From Strong sgd Eisenhower cite SHQBI ref FWD 18360.

1. Order of battle. Identifications by prisoner of war: 30 March: 553rd Volksgrenadier: elements Sulznach (W 0346).

All 29 March: 246th Volksgrenadier: battlegroup M 7618. Elements following division identified southern sector "Oppenheim" bridgehead:

352nd Volksgrenadier: 198th Infantry, 719th Volksgrenadier and 559th Volksgrenadier.

Elements following divisions recontacted in sector Frankfurt Giessen: 9th, 347th, 6th SS Mountain.

59th Infantry: 1035th Regiment G 1141 state regiment left area F 4771 eight days ago and brought no artillery.

2nd Parachute Replacement Battalion A 3926; 23rd and 7th Parachute Regiments A 42.

190th Infantry: 1225th and 1226th Regiments old sector.

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176th Volksgrenadier: 1176th Artillery Regiment
A 3926 state fighting as Infantry and came from Dortmund
(A 83).

116th Panzer: 156th Panzer Grenadier Regiment south
of Lippe River and 60th Panzer Grenadier Regiment Dorstel.

447th Armoured Medical Company south of Lippe River.

180th Infantry: battle school and 1080th Artillery
Regiment south of Lippe River.

464th Replacement Training Battalion: 2 companies
south of Lippe River.

15th Panzer Grenadier: 115th Regiment Signals and
Artillery east of Bocholt.

7th Parachute: III/19th Parachute Regiment and I
and II/20th Parachute Regiment area Bocholt.

346th Infantry: 858th Regiment Emmerech.

All 28 March: Elements following divisions identified
in Allied drive on Giessen Marburg:

Parachute, 11th Panzer, 26th Volksgrenadier, 18th
Volksgrenadier (remnants), 89th Volksgrenadier (remnants),
272nd Volksgrenadier, 106th Panzer Brigade, 340th Volksgrenadier,
326th Volksgrenadier, and 167th Volksgrenadier (remnants).

Following identified along Sieg River:

Panzer Lehr, 62nd Volksgrenadier, 363rd Volksgrenadier,
3rd Panzer Grenadier, 9th Panzer, 12th Volksgrenadier.

By prisoner of war statement:

Remnants 212th Volksgrenadier Division incorporated
into battlegroup 246th Volksgrenadier Division.

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9th Panzer Division assembling and refitting in
Bursach (G 2254) Liegen (2053) Freudenberg (1055) Betzdorf
(0943) Vissen (0042) Dekklingen (F 9458) and Whebrohl (F 9153).

✓ Captured sketch apparently confirms this.

166th Infantry Division arriving west of Marburg and
is 166th Training Division from Denmark renamed.

Notes: Prisoner states 466th Division dissolved
four days ago.

2. Movements: Nothing to report.

3. Prisoners of war. G 1 figures 26 March (G 2
figures 28 March):

First French no report, 1 on 3 March. (42).

Seventh US 3808 (2762).

Third US 3838 (5510).

First US 5082 (7038).

Units US 1457 (1235).

Second British 3899 (2173)

First Canadian nil (1).

4. Tanks destroyed 28 March : 53.

All informed.

End

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

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Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG, Fifteenth Army

Nr: FWD 18306 29 March 1945

This is G 2 summary number 88 Part 1 dated 28th March 1945 covering period 272400A to 282400A. From Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI ref number FWD 18306.

1. Operations.

Resistance light and disorganized in Worms bridgehead. Advance cleared northern part Mannheim but enemy still holds island north of town.

All Neckar bridges except 2 between Mannheim and Ladenburg (R 6397) reported blown. Advance east cleared Lindenfels (M 7521) and continued at Aschaffenburg joining up with Oppenheim bridgehead.

South bank Main River cleared from Aschaffenburg to Frankfurt. Stiff fighting in Frankfurt with town almost cleared.

Hanau cleared and 35 mile thrust north reached Gruenberg (G 8522). Allied forces crossed Main at Florsheim

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and Rhine at Mainz clearing Hochheim and Biebrich and entering Wiesbaden.

Advance east from Boppard bridgehead cleared Bad Schwalbach against moderate resistance and contacted Allied thrust from north at Idstein (M 3880).

Light scattered resistance continued in Remagen bridgehead. Idstein cleared. Bypassing Wetzlar advance east on 12 mile front reached Giessen (G 6621) and Marburg (G 7245) which was cleared against slight opposition.

Considerable 88 millimetre fire northwest of Giessen late in period.

In Ruhr, Hamm and most of Duisberg cleared against scattered opposition. Ruhr River crossed and Allied forces entered Hochfeld.

Heavy opposition area Gladbach Dorsten with enemy armour active. North of Lippe River advance through Dorsten along railway reached beyond Haltern without opposition. Thrusting through collapsing defences Allies reached Lambeck (A 4852) and Borken.

Enemy paratroops gave stiff resistance Bocholt area.

On left flank of bridgehead Haltern (A 1253) and

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Werth (A 1559) cleared and thrust west reached Emmerich.

2. Order of Battle.

553rd in vain attempt to block on Odenwald front south of Darmstadt.

11th Panzer in path of Allied thrust from Hanau to north.

Central front disorganized.

No change south of Lippe River.

84th and 466th Division being overrun between Morken and Haltern.

7th Parachute in Bochholt area joined by battle group 15th Panzer Grenadier and 31st Parachute Regiment and 4th Parachute Training Regiment from Winterswijk training area.

Subordination unknown but presumably sent from parachute troop concentration in Enschede area.

3. Movements.

Heavy eastbound road movement area Kirchheim - Giessen - Nidda.

Westbound military trains, loaded flats line Erfurt - Bebra - Alsfeld.

4. Prisoners of war: (G 1 figures not complete)

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Prisoners captured 25th March: 20,822.
Accumulate total since D-day: 1,170,217.

5. General.

Collapse of Infantry in centre of lower Rhine
bridgehead has resulted in another Allied breakthrough, but
strong resistance still being offered on both flanks.

Reinforcements arriving piecemeal from parachute
centres to north and further Infantry battle groups from
neighbouring Armies and home Army likely to appear.

Questionable whether enough will arrive in time to
overcome mounting pressure.

Still no sign of effective enemy counter measures
against penetration in Frankfurt - Cassell Corridor, though
feeble effort being made to contain right flank on Main
River and in Odenwald.

Dispersion of armour by Allied penetration to Giessen
and Limburg making more difficult assembly of mobile forces
to counter attack breakthrough spearheads.

Enemy thus reduced to strongpoint defense and block-
ing measures.

Former bypasses; latter suffering from lack of forces.
All informed.

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INFO: CC/S; CG AAF; OFD; Adm King; Col Park; Log

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To: War Department

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Previous para one operations. This is G-2 summary number 87 part 1 dated 28 March 1945 covering period 262400A to 272400A. From Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHQBI ref FWD 18268.

Good progress continued in Worms bridgehead against scattered resistance, centered in towns, from remnants of First and Seventh Armies. Advance of 12 miles to east cleared Bensheim (M 6320) with Allied forces holding line from outskirts of Weinheim (M 6707) to Ober Rasstadt (M 7237) and now joined up with Oppenheim bridgehead. Thrust east from Aschaffenburg cleared Ober Bessenback (N 0851). Street fighting continued in Hanau. Advance through Offenbach cleared Muehlheim (M 7870). Still resistance in Frankfurt slackened lessening and advance of 7 miles along Wesel Dorsten highway reached Soehrmbeck (A 3943) while to north Bruenen (A 2748) and Dingden (A 2253) were cleared. Thrust north of Rees late in day. Allies now hold south bank of Main from Frankfurt to Rhine.

Boppard crossing extended against light resistance from Lorch (M 0560) to Lahn River with small enemy groups still holding out in Ober Lahnstein. Advances east of 8 to 12 miles have reached Kemel (M 2074) Nastatten and Dienethal (M 0389). Prisoner of war from 276th Division states ordered to withdraw to Giessen night 26/27 March.

Resistance in Remagen bridgehead disintegrating south of Sieg River. Allied thrust along Autobahn south of Limburg
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encountered some artillery fire but advanced approximately 20 miles to clear Koenigshofen about 6 miles northeast of Wiesbaden. Prisoners confirmed civilian reports that elements of 11th Panzer with 20-30 tanks passed south through Limburg night 25/26 March with intention of stopping Allied drive from Frankfurt area. Many of tanks found stranded near Limburg. Other thrusts have reached Laubueschback (G 4200) Oberbiel (G 4917) Fleiabach (G 4027) and Herborn (G 4031). South bank of Sieg River cleared to 90 easting.

South of Lippe River resistance in southern sector of bridgehead moderate to scattered with enemy strongpoints at approximately 1000 yard intervals. Advance east reached line Bottrop Kirchhellen (A 4334). Area Gahlen strong resistance with 2 Infantry battalion counter attacks supported by artillery and 12-15 tanks repulsed. North of Lippe resistance cleared Isselburg (A 1260) and advance toward Emmerich reached Vrsasselt (A 0159).

2. Order of battle. Formations between Sieg and Neckar Rivers disorganized and only isolated contacts reported. Elements 559th, 553rd Infantry and 172nd Reserve Divisions on south of Main River penetration; elements 559th, 159th, 17th SS and 2nd Panzers on north and east. 11th Panzer east of Frankfurt. 6th SS Mountain Division contacted Limburg from Bingen sector of Rhine. Remnants 276th Division east of Koblenz.

- Ex Remagen Infantry routed and armour concentration south of Sieg River in full retreat eastwards.

176th Division confirmed in Dusseldorf area by prisoner

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of war statement.

190th Division committed south of Lippe River and 116th Panzer opposing advance up Lippe River. 84th Division largely destroyed with sector covered by 466th Division. 15th Panzer Grenadier Division largely out of contact withdrawing to new positions.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of war. (G-1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 24 March: 28861. Accumulative total since
D day: 1149369.

5. General. Enemy feverishly attempting to restore some sort of blocking position on central front but lack of means defeating every attempt and resulting only in further destruction of his remaining forces. Main River line from Mainz-Aschaffenburg broken despite belated attempts to move armour from Remagen bridgehead. Lahn River similarly lost as blocking position. Concentration north of Giessen may possibly represent armour withdrawn from north of Remagen bridgehead to block Frankfurt-Kassel corridor in Ohm River area.

Lower Rhine battle showing effects of heavy losses and increasing pressure. 116th Panzer still offering stiff opposition in Dorsten area. North of Lippe River where loss of 84th Division being felt and 466th Division will require reinforcement if front is to be maintained. 15th Panzer Grenadier Division disengaged and may have to come to assistance of LXXXVI Corps leaving II Parachute Corps to own resources. All informed.

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ACTION: G-2

INFO : CC/3, CG AAF, OPD, Adm King, Col Park, Log

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To: War Department

Mr: FWD 18206

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9th Armored Division of First Army today captured
a bridge intact over the Lahn River at Limburg and is
directed on Wiesbaden.

End

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-27699 (26 Mar 45) Gen. Hull.

ACTION: Gen. Hull

INFO : CC/S, Gen. Arnold, Gen. Bissell, Col. Park, Log.

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Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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Operations.

All organized resistance ended west of Rhine. In Oppenheim bridgehead advances up to 25 miles have been made against scattered light resistance.

Darmstadt captured and thrusts east cleared Babenhausen (M 8752) and Stockstadt (M 9554).

Bridges over Main at Aschaffenburg, Stockstadt and Grossauheim (M 8668) south of Hanau captured intact.

Griesheim, (M 5940) and Gross Gerau cleared and Allied forces reached Langen (M 6755).

On north, bridgehead extended to southern bank of

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Main where Bischofsheim (M 4454) occupied and Allies have
reached Ruesselsheim (M 4855).

South of Koblenz Allies established 2 further bridge-
heads across Rhine area Boppard (L 9082) and Thens (L 9185).
Heavy initial resistance from small arms, machine guns and
mortars with intense fire from 20 millimetre flak. Resistance
reported slackening end of period.

In Remagen bridgehead advance of 6 miles cleared
Bendorf and reached Vallendar (F 9100). Grenzhausen almost
cleared after stiff resistance.

Along Axis of Autobahn advances east against light
resistance of 2 to 4 miles cleared Hardert (F 8413),
Oberhonnefeld (F 8417), Markrunkel (F 8320) and Neustadt
(F 7825).

South of Altenkirchen Forest stiff resistance en-
countered from enemy armour and self propelled guns.

Kescheid (F 8229) and Piersbach (F 8333) cleared.
Enemy counter attack area Bucholz (F 7238) contained and
Allies advanced east 3 miles.

56 * men in uniform reported captured in bridge-
head.

Resistance to Lower Rhine crossings moderate but

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uncoordinated. Advance along southern bank of Lippe Seiten
Canal cleared Huenze (A 3338) extending south to Wehofen
(A 3226).

North of Wesel Allies have advanced 2 miles crossing
Issel River. North of Haffen (A 1149) small counter attack
by enemy paratroops repulsed. Rees now cleared and bridge-
head area extended to Bienen (A 0657).

Order of battle.

Panzer Lehr Division firmly established in northeast
sector Remagen bridgehead where bulk 11th Panzer Division
also identified.

Concentration of armour between Sieg and Wied River
also includes 9th Panzer and 3rd Panzer Grenadier as well
as numerous General Headquarters support units. 3rd Para-
chute out of contact.

116th Panzer largely committed south of Lippe Canal
and against bridgehead over canal to north.

15th Panzer Grenadier operating in 2 battle groups
in Rees area.

2nd and 6th Parachute Divisions identified on flanks
of crossing area.

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Order of 21st February confirms transfer 245th
Division from First Army to north Holland.

Elements left behind included one Grenadier Regi-
ment, two Artillery Battalions.

Movement.

Limited westbound military traffic continued from
Halle, appeared to be directed north.

Prisoners of war.

(G 1 figures not complete)

Prisoners captured 22nd March: 11,208
Accumulative total since D day: 1,099,495

General.

Rapid development of Seventh US Army bridgehead
across Rhine at Worms and speed of General Patton's thrust
presenting enemy with almost insoluble problem to contain
our forces.

Lack of strength and mobility of Army Group G show
that own logistics may play more important part than enemy
resistance.

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Enemy now in unfortunate position of having First Army and bulk of remnants of Seventh Army south of our penetration and thus having little or no influence on our operations.

Southern flank of Remagen bridgehead becoming fluid with enemy armour placed in wrong position.

Location of Panzer Lehr shows enemy anticiapted a drive northeast by First US Army. Tough fighting north of Ruhr with XLVII Panzer Corps fully committed.

More reinforcements in form of battle groups from neighbouring divisions likely to appear.

Overall enemy situation in west continues to deteriorate steadily. Average 10,000 daily prisoners of war bag for first 24 days of March is a rate German Army cannot stand. Over 60 % these combatant troops. All informed.

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Headquarters 15th Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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To AGWAR TAC 12th Army Group rptd AFHQ, 15th Army from
SHAERF Forward. This is G-2 Summary number 84 Part 1 dated
25th March 1945 from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SEGBI.*

1 Operations covering period 232400A to 242400A.

Alcedon Valley of Upper Rhine now cleared except three small packets in
Bien Wald area Gernersheim and south of Ludwigshafen. Remnants
disengaging and crossing by raft; Allied pursuit hindered by
mines.

Resistance in Oppenheim bridgehead still disorganized
but enemy aircraft bombed and strafed afternoon and evening.
Allied forces have cut Mannheim Frankfurt Autobahn and reached
Ekerstadt (M 6535) clearing Pfungstadt. Buettelborn (M 5645)
occupied and advance penetrated Gross Geran. Counter attacks
area Trebur with Infantry and Armour repulsed. 2 tanks destroyed
and Allies entered Beuschheim (M 4651).

Two prisoners of war in rubber suits with mission
destroy bridge taken from river.

In Remagen bridgehead resistance generally light in
south but stiff with numerous counter attacks in north. In
south thrust across Wied river advanced two miles on four

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mile front clearing Ober Bieber (F 8308). Advance northeast from Rossbach across Autobahn cleared Borscheid (F 8022).

Seifer (F 7432) cleared and Uckerath (F 7436) reached. Heavy counter attacks with tanks, self propelled guns and Infantry continued throughout day this area.

Allied crossings Dinslaken Wesel area opposed mainly by light small arms, machine gun and artillery fire. Duzslaken and Wesel road cut between 32 and 34 northings and both towns cleared against some oppositions. Resistance generally light, uncoordinated with no counter attacks or enemy air raft reported this sector during 24th March.

Enemy lost Hamminkeim (A 2148) and driven to east of Wesel Lamminkeln road; cleared from Diersfordter Wald as Allies combined bridgehead at Wesel with bridgehead north of Zenten pushing latter north to Haffen (A 1149). Small counter attacks this area had no effect. Crossing at Rees more stiffly contested but bridgehead appreciably expanded to north and northwest. Enemy surrounded in Rees being mopped up.

Estimated 7000 prisoners of war taken lower Rhine battle yesterday; approximately 35,000 processed on entire front 24th March.

German Flak against Allied Airborne troops troublesome but less than anticipated.

New Allied crossings reported area Boppard (L 9081) and Rhens (L 9181).

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2. Order of Battle. Identifications.

Alarm Company 172nd Training Division suggests at least elements possibly this area.

553rd Division reappeared in Darmstadt area and 159th Division reidentified south flank of bridgehead. Otherwise only a miscellany of replacement and flak and engineer units opposing break-through east of Darmstadt.

276th Division contacted in new crossing south of Koblenz. Probably detached elements only.

In Remagen bridgehead battle group 11th Panzer Division identified south of Sieg. Prisoners of war state 3rd Parachute Division to be relieved.

2 battle groups, 5th Parachute Division identified in sectors 26 and 11th Panzer Division.

Remainder of 5th Parachute stated to be reforming Limburg area.

In lower Rhine area contact made with 15th Panzer Grenadier Division north of Rees. 116th Panzer Division not yet in action but expected soon. Elements division Hamburg reported under command 180th Division; may have been absorbed as replacements. No more than artillery elements 190th Division identified so far. Otherwise division still unlocated.

6th Parachute Division not yet committed.

Dutch SS Division confirmed in Wageningen area.

3. Movements.

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Extensive cover main lines northwest and western Germany revealed almost complete lack movement military traffic and few sightings military trains.

4. Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete.)

Prisoners captured 21st March:

15461. Accumulative total since D Day:

1088287.

5. General.

Lower Rhine bridgeheads meeting varied resistance. In Rees area 15th Panzer Grenadier Division and 8th Parachute Division offering stiffest opposition in attempt to prevent exploitation to north and west. Resistance increasing in Wesel but still moderate south of Lippe Canal. 116th Panzer expected soon possibly blocking on Wesel line. Bulk of 190th still available. 25th Army and Fifth Panzer Army likely to make early contribution.

Pattern in Remagen bridgehead remains unchanged with stiff resistance and numerous counter-attacks on Hanf River front in north and generally light opposition in south.

In South Army Group G not yet recovered from the disorganization resulting from recent route unable to prevent * further crossing south of Koblenz creates further great

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difficulty for enemy which he will be unable to overcome. All
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Headquarters, 15th Army Group
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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24 March 1945

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Heavy resistance continued throughout period east of Hardt Mountains in Rhine Valley sector. Allied forces broke through Siegfried positions north of Wissembourg and occupied Bergzabern with two thrusts to east reaching Hayna (R3458) and Herzheim (R3560). West of Hardt Mountains mopping up continues. Masses of enemy equipment destroyed or immobilized Zweibruecken Homburg area and many small enemy groups still roaming around being picked up by prisoner of war escort.

West of Speyer allies have reached Westheim (R4272) two miles from Germersheim where bridge still intact. Thrust from Schifferstadt reached Speyer where both bridges blown yesterday. Moderate resistance encountered southwest Ludwigshafen where mopping up continues.

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Allies have established another bridgehead across Rhine south of Mainz and advanced east five miles against scattered resistance. Erfelden (M5237) Dornheim (M5342) and Trebur (M4847) occupied. Enemy planes active over bridgehead during day with increased artillery fire late in period.

In Remagen bridgehead enemy apparently withdrawn to 86 easting in southern sector where little resistance encountered. Meisbach (F8210) occupied and to north bridgehead over Wied River advanced two miles east extending from Nejder Reibach (F7714) to Rossbach (F7719). South of Sieg River Allies hold west bank of Hanf River from Stocken (F7037) to Hennef (F6841).

Yesterday in Ruhr area Allies successfully launched several crossings on Rhine from Orsoy to Rees. Preliminary reports indicate initial opposition light to moderate. Weather clear visibility good soil trafficability good whole front.

2. Order of battle.

Continued stubborn resistance in Bienwald continues, mainly from Raessler and 905th Division, but battalion commander states latter ordered to withdraw across Rhine. 17th SS believed already across; 19th, 16th, 36th and possibly 257th crossing. All of these in tolerable though not good shape.

So far, mainly Ersatz units and oddments contact in bridgehead opposite Darfstadt. Infantry in south of Remagen

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bridgehead split by two-prong Allied drive to Kurtscheid
and Reasdorff, 326th and 272nd (controlling remnants 277th)
pushed to * 26 (controlling remnants * 18th and 167th)
left *.

In Wesel-Rees operation 180th and 84th Infantry 2nd,
7th and 8th Parachute contacted in sectors anticipated.

346th Division confirmed north of Nijmegen.

3. Movement.

23 March. Possible medium tank trains observed line
Hamburg-Bremen; slight westbound flow military traffic
continues from Halle; general lack activity Ruhr area.

4. Prisoners of war.

(G-1 figures not complete) prisoners captured 20
March: 7142. Accumulative total since D-Day: 1072826.

5. General.

Crossing of Rhine in Wesel Dinslaken area produced
no surprises. Initial opposition moderate but may be expected
to harden as attack develops and mobile reserves are committed.

Remagen bridgehead marked by arrival of further
remnants of destroyed divisions. These hardly replace daily
casualties and position on south flank continues to deteriorate.

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Earlier crossing south of Mainz achieved complete surprise with no opposition on far shore. Only emergency home Army and rear area units encountered so far with no signs of remnants of divisions of Seventh Army as yet.

Crossing of Rhine in force removing last defensive barrier protecting heart of Germany. Economies permitted by prepared positions of west wall and Rhine River no longer possible and with no reserves in sight enemy expected to have considerable difficulty in containing coordinated assaults with which he is now concerned unless prepared to move divisions from east to west. No evidence of this however.

All informed.

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SCAF 244.

The recent series of victories west of the Rhine
has resulted as planned in the destruction of a large
proportion of available enemy forces on the Western Front.

While not desiring to appear overoptimistic, it is
my conviction that the situation today presents opportuni-
ties for which we have struggled and which must be seized
boldly.

The dash and daring in First and Third Army sectors
have gotten us 2 bridgeheads very cheaply which can be
consolidated and expanded rapidly to support a major
thrust which will assist the northern operation and make
our exploitation more effective.

While we are continuing to plan for and to be ready
to meet stern resistance, it is my personal belief that
the enemy strength on the Western Front is becoming so
stretched that penetrations and advances will soon be
limited only by our own maintenance.

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There is already deployed in the north all the strength that can be effectively maintained east of the Rhine for the next few weeks and I am directing the most vigorous action on all fronts.

I intend to reinforce every success with utmost speed. "

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Headquarters 12th Army Group
Headquarters 15th Army Group
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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1. Operations.

Weather excellent along whole front. Early 22 March enemy raid south of Kehl repulsed. Otherwise upper Rhine quiet. In Rhine Valley west of Karlsruhe German pivot defended strongly to cover withdrawal from Hardt; Allied gains limited this sector but Neuberg (R 3743) cleared. Maximilian-sau bridge at Karlsruhe reported unserviceable leaving only Germersheim and Spayer bridges still intact. Complete enemy withdrawal from Hardt evident with only scattered interference as Allies closed in rapidly; Pirmasens cleared and Allies gained over six miles through forest to east without opposition and thrust from Annweiler overran Landau where resistance light. To north resistance stronger at key terrain

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points and in towns but Allied reached Edenkoben (R 2876) and Gommersheim (R 3877) cleared Dpidesheim (R 3290) and Iggehiem (R 4185) and entered Schifferstadt (R 4687). Mopping up continued Ludwigshafen at end of period. Unknown number German planes strafed and bombed area Dannstadt (R4292) and Gruenstadt (M 3107) morning 22 March.

Only few small isolated points of resistance still holding out on left bank Rhine north of Ludwigshafen. Organized resistance Mainz ceased afternoon 22nd March; 3000 prisoners of war taken. Over 2200 prisoners of war taken in final clean up of Worms. Some entrenching observed along east bank but activity south of Allied bridgehead mainly sporadic artillery and movement of small enemy groups.

Stubborn fighting northern perimeter Allied bridgehead but only weak delaying action offered in south where Allies pushed flank to Wied River; resistance not stiff and artillery light. Crossings effected at F 802112 at Segenedorf (F 8106) and at junction with Rhine; Neuvied cleared against little resistance by 2300 hours. Resistance light Waldbreitbach (F 7717). Stocken (F 7037) and Hofen (F 6937) cleared but fighting heavy in Hennes (F 6841). Stossdorf and Buisdorf (F 6443) lost by enemy after short fight. Officer prisoner of war 180th Division says enemy expects attack between Wesel and Emmerich with feint south of Wesel; thinks prepared position along Wesel Dinslaken railway not occupied.

2. Order of Battle.

Other than continuing strong resistance being

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offered by 257th, 905th and 36th Divisions in west wall sector in Rhine Valley little can be made of melange to north of this line. Elements 6th SS, 47th, 198th, 559th and 2nd Panzer Divisions known to have crossed Rhine between Mainz and Mannheim.

In Remagen bridgehead 277th remnants now known incorporated in 272nd. Both regiments 3rd Panzer Grenadier and 943rd Grenadier Regiment of 353rd identified between 363rd and 3rd Parachute; these regiments not necessarily present in Toto.

3. Movements.

22 March: General lack of military movement continued over extensive area of rail system in west, though a certain amount of spasmodic movement of equipment including armour has been observed moving west.

4. Prisoners of war.

(G 1 figures now complete) Prisoners captured 19 March: 10667, Accumulative total since D Day: 1,063,684.

5. General. First Army indetermined defense of remaining bridgehead east of Hardt Mountain. Opposition in remaining west wall positions continuing stiff. Withdrawal from Saar Mosel Rhine triangle has diverted remaining units of Army Group G to south of Axis Koblenz Mannheim though scattered elements Seventh Army escaped between Mainz and Mannheim. This stretch of Rhine between Mannheim and Koblenz left inadequately manned. In view of lack of mobility

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and state of his communications enemy will have considerable difficulty in redeploying his surviving forces to protect vital Frankfurt corridor.

In Remagen bridgehead enemy has thickened northern sector with newly committed infantry and offering increased resistance. 9th and 11th Panzer still in contact as well as elements of 3rd Panzer Grenadier which enemy may not have succeeded in extracting as yet. In south however, only light opposition offered by still weak infantry forces as Wied River reached and crossed.

Inability of enemy to provide adequate forces to contain successfully this vital threat to German position in the west has been a striking index of the tenuousness of his forces on the Rhine and his vulnerability to ~~any~~ further threat. All informed.

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Following is counter intelligence summary number 23 for week ending 23rd March 1945.

1. Parachute operations considerably decreasing but GIS very active in other fields and no signs disorganization in face of success of Allied Armies. Captured line crosser states enemy organization Eifel area having some success (Summary number 22, introduction). PW and agent interrogations show enemy concentrating on northern part of front; increased use of pigeons expected and Russians believed being trained as line crossers.

2. Abwehr WT Training Centre at Sand near Baden Baden effectively bombed 16th March 1945. Believed large number trained agents concentrated there.

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3. Interrogations reveal increasing German interest in south France and particularly Cannes-Nice area.

Espionage.

A. Two Naval section agents arrested Monte Carlo had been instructed contact agent there arrested in December.

B. Two WT agents arrested Euskirchen area.

C. Woman line crosser captured by Ninth Army.

D. German woman line crosser captured Third US Army area has given information on stay behind network in Metz.

E. Two agents arrested Bordeaux area after coming from Atlantic pocket.

F. Wehrmacht member in civilian clothes surrendered Krefeld with mission report on political and economic conditions there.

G. WT stay behind agent arrested near Cologne.

H. Woman Rhine crosser arrested Cologne was to establish sites WT sets and contact four agents. Additional assassination mission. Female companion believed drowned during crossing.

Sabotage.

A. Three swimming saboteurs captured First US Army 19th March with mission destroy pontoon bridge with charges in metal container mounted on wooden platform. SS Lieutenant among prisoners who states team was of six trained at Vienna and mission started from Haamerstein. Swimmers were picked out by searchlight beam.

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B. Dumps of buried sabotage equipment including explosives and tyre bursters found in village near Ahrweiler. Dump prepared by Wehrmacht unit a week before leaving village.

C. Further evidence German plans pipeline attack in south France (summary number 22, sabotage B).

D. Cans, uncamouflaged high explosive, and oxygen cylinders similar to those normally used in acetylene gas torches but filled with high explosive, have been found in an electricity generating station at Trier. These were to have been initiated by staybehind agents.

E. Six Jagdverbände staybehind saboteurs arrested 9th August.

General security and political factors.

France

Faulty distribution of food in big cities is causing some dissatisfaction accompanied by demonstrations.

ACTION: Gen Bissell

End

INFO : CCS, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Adm. King, Col. Park,
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To: War Department
CG, 12th US Army Group, Advanced
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Headquarters 15th US Army

Nr: FWD 18079

22 March 1945

This is G-2 summary number 81, Part 1, dated 22 March covering period 202400A to 212400A. From SHAEF Forward to for action: TROOPERS, AGWAR, TAC 21st Army Group, Main 21st Army Group 6th Army Group Main, 6th Army Group Tac, Tac 12th Army Group, 1st Allied Airborne Army Main to for information: AFHQ SHAEF Air Rear, Main Headquarters 12th Army Group, 15th Army FWD 18079 from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHOBI.

Operations:

Enemy continued stiff resistance along Siegfried Line in Rhine Valley. Steinfeld (R 2250) occupied. North of Zweibruecken Allied forces broken.

(Q 5983) and Homburg (Q 7160) areas and advanced to wooded area south of Kaiserslautern where thrust south has cleared Annweiler (R 1667) cutting Firmsen's Landau railway. Mopping up proceeding area north Kaiserslautern. Double thrust east from Huenchof (R 1293) along main roads cleared to Speyer and Ludwigshafen cleared Neustadt (R 2983) to south and Baddueukheim (R 3195) to north. From Gruenstadt (M 3007) advance cleared Frankenthal (M 4505) and entered Ludwigshafen reaching Rhine at M 5100 and M 4905. Worms now cleared and Allies holding Rhine west bank north to Bingen except pocket at Mainz.

Allies reached outskirts of Mainz where moderate resistance encountered from perimeter defences.

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Resistance in bridgehead moderate in south. Small Infantry counter attack north of Leutesdorf (F 7506) wiped out. In north bridgehead extended 3 1/2 miles north to Sieg River from Rhine to Buisdorf (F 6342), clearing Dambroich (F 6339), Pleiserhohn (F 6836) and Berghausen (F 6933).

Remainder of front no change.

Order of battle. Of divisions in Army Group G 905 and 257 still in position, 36 withdrawing; all others completing disorganized, withdrawn.

In bridgehead 353rd Division contacted on Sieg River in sector Siegburg to Rhine. 62nd Division in line along Autobahn south of Siegburg. To south of 62nd, 363rd Division relieved 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division. Latter out of contact. In south, 26th Division with elements 89th Division attached has taken over sector east of Rhine.

272nd and 277th together on its right.

2nd and 7th Parachute Divisions confirmed areas Duisburg and Rees respectively; indications 8th Parachute slipping in between 7th and 6th Parachute.

Civilian states LXXXIX Corps left Bergzabern (R 15) 11 March for Koblenz.

Number of knowledgeable prisoners of war confirm Kesselrings take over 13 March from Rendstedt; latter re-

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tired. Lt Gen Foertsch, formerly Chief of Staff Army Group F, commands 1st Army since 6 March; Major Gen Von Hauser, former Chief of Staff to Kesselring in Italy, now Chief of Staff 1st Army; General Obstfelder now commands 19th Army, in place of Raspeill. Obstfelder described as directly under Kesselring as Commander in Chief west.

Para 3.
Movements. Arrival PMT's line Munster Haltern; several further arrivals military trains Mannheim area.

Para 4.
Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete). Prisoners captured 18 March: 5182. Accumulative total since D-Day (excluding 1st French, 17 and 18 March): 1,053,017.

Para 5.
General. Disordered retreat in Saar nearing completion, though west wall positions in Rhine Valley holding firm to last. Losses staggering with nearly 100,000 prisoners of war taken so far and count still rising. Enemy's potential for defense of middle Rhine seriously reduced. Reinforcements will be needed, but other than small numbers of replacements, little in sight.

In bridgehead enemy holding right flank on Sieg River. Employment of 353rd and 363rd Divisions has permitted relief of 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division. Enemy may intend to extricate further armour, defending with Infantry buttressed by 6 Headquarters support units, while assembling for counter attack or possibly using armour.

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Elsewhere. Prospect of effective effort now slight.

Army Group H now arrayed on river. 361st and 346th
Divisions from interior of Holland have reinforced sector
west of Arnhem-west of Emmerich;

7th and 8th Parachute Divisions have joined 6th Para-
chute in general area Emmerich-Rees. Not all regiments of
forward Divisions identified and others undoubtedly deployed
in depth, with 15th Panzer Grenadier and 116th Panzer Divi-
sions in general support.

9. Kesselring reputed to have informed his staff that
HE is new secret weapon V 3 period presumably successor to
Volksturm previously reported in that capacity. All in-
formed.

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Appreciation and plan called for in FACS 160 is in
course of preparation and should be ready for despatch by
26th March, 1945.

End

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To: War Department
CG, 12th Army Group
CG, 15th Army Group
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Fr: 18045 21 March 1945

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1. Operations.

Determined resistance in Rhine valley sector of Siegfried line along Lauter river from Rhine west to R 2047 with thrust reaching Buechelberg (R 3247), and then north 2051 and west through Ober Otterbach (R 1752) to Reisdorf (1254). Allied Forces occupied Zweibruecken with little opposition and to west have captured Saint Ingbert (Q 5576), Kirkel (Q 6476) and passed through Siegfried line clearing Homburg (Q 7180). Saarbruecken and Volklingen cleared and advance reached Sulzbach (Q 5077). Northeast of Saarlautern Allies cleared Saar Wellingen (Q 3284) and Reisweiler (Q 3885).

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South of Ottweiler Allied Forces cut both rail-
ways at Q 5684. East of Ottweiler Allies hold general line
along 90 northing east to Muenchof (R 1193) with numerous
pockets having cleared Kaisserslautern and Otterburg (M 0200).
Resistance disorganized and sporadic and Allied thrusts
reached Frankenthal (M 4505) northwest of Ludwigshafen and
entered Worms (M 4515) against no opposition. East of Bad
Kreunach Allies have cleared Koengerheim (M 3638) Nieder
and Ober Olm (M 3345 and 3248) and entered Mainz meeting
only scattered opposition.

Resistance in bridgehead generally light with
scattered artillery fire. In south Ober Hammerstein (F 7308)
cleared.

In north Nieder Windhagen (F 7327) and Wulfscheid
(F 7230) occupied. Airfield (F 7330) captured, counter
attack in morning repulsed. Ittenbach (F 6631) cleared
and advance continued along Autobahn to include Bellinghausen
(F 6634) and Boseroth (F 6737) reaching Wajlfeld (F 6636).
Only moderate resistance to advance along Rhine to Beuel
(F 5637) extending east to Birlinghoven (F 6339).

Remainder of front no change.

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2. Order of battle.

All divisions on southern flank of First Army to and including 347th Division recontacted. In north Seventh Army has 2nd Panzer, 47th, 198th, 559th, 159th and 212th Divisions in fair contact. Little contact with remaining divisions in central sector. Over 55,000 prisoners of war taken to 20 March this operation, and divisions formerly on Saar and Mosel fronts account for bulk of these.

In bridgehead, 11th Panzer still blocking in centre at southern exit of Autobahn from bridgehead; 340 Volksgrenadier to north of 11th Panzer, then 9th Panzer, 3rd Parachute, 3rd Panzer Grenadier and 62nd Division.

Prisoner of war reports headquarters LXIII Corps (ex-19th Army) in area A 4208. Presumably in control 2nd Parachute Division.

Elements 7th Parachute Division reported northeast Rees, but bulk of division likely to be refitting in immediate rear of river in lay back role.

Civilian sources state 116th Panzer Division now in Aalten area and 361st Volksgrenadier Division arrived

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3. Movement.
Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of war.
(G-1 figures not complete.) Prisoners captured
17th March: 5420.
Accumulative total since D Day: 1,047,835.

5. General.

Left flank of First Army holding firm in west wall between Rhine and Pirmasens. Enemy must hold this southern hinge if withdrawal to Rhine of Seventh and right flank of First Army is in any way to be coordinated. Sector to west abandoned to conform with precipitate withdrawal on remainder of Saar front. Toll in men and equipment rising. 35,000 prisoners of war 19 and 20; total of nearly 55,000 since 14th March.

In Remagen bridgehead still no signs of substantial reinforcements. Resistance in north continues to deteriorate as enemy falling back on Sieg river. Infantry in south will have difficulty in meeting sustained attack unless supported. All informed.

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INFO : CG/S; CG AAF; OPD; Adm. King; Col. Park; Log

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To: War Department
CG, 12th US Army Group, Advance
Headquarters, 15th Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy.

Nr: FWD 18020 20 March 1945

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1. Operations.

Enemy apparently thinning out in Siegfried but remaining elements offering stiff resistance in sector west of Saarbruecken to Rhine. West of Lauterbourg advance continued against light resistance, to Lauter River. Scheibenhardt (R 2942) Wissembourg (R 1648) occupied and thrust across river cleared Rechtenbach (R 1651). Reisdorf (R 1154) captured and advance continued to Siegfried line with increased resistance.

Allied Forces hold line Nieder Schettenbach (R 0854) Schoensau (R 0051) Fischbach (Q 9854) Ludwigswinkel (Q 9453) Roppeville (Q 8355). East and west of Zweibruecken enemy held firmly in Siegfried positions. Civilians were observed evacuating Volklingen (Q 3673) where heavy resistance continues. Saarlautern and Dillingen (Q 2784) occupied and Nalbach (Q 3187) reached.

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Front south of Mosel extremely fluid, enemy resistance scattered and disorganized with one counterattack by 300 infantry supported by artillery west of Ottweiler (Q5889). Numerous thrusts reaching points of farthest advance at Huettig (Q5188) Ottweiler and Werschweiler (Q 6394). Saint Wendel (Q 5995) occupied. To east, Kollweiler (L 8802) reached with thrust south cutting highway to Kaiserslautern at Bruchmuehlenbach (Q 7887). Baumholder (L 7113) cleared and thrust reached Lauterecken (L 8917). Advances from north reached Schneckenhauser (M 0004) Winnweiler (M 0807) Raumbach (L 9424).

Bad Kreuznach cleared and reached Flonheim (M 2232) and Gumbsheim (M 1834): east of Sprendlingen (M 1840) thrusts cleared Biebelnheim (M 3133) and Bubenheim (M 2447). Koblenz cleared in morning. Allies hold west bank of Rhine south of Koblenz to Bingen. Resistance in bridgehead light except in northeast. Rheinbrohl (F 7110) occupied Dinkelbach (F 7525) on Autobahn cleared. Allies entered Eudembach (F 7131) against moderate resistance. On north Heisterbracherott (F 6433) occupied without opposition. Advance along Rhine cleared Ober-cassel (F 6035) where heavy 88 millimetre and 20 millimetre fire received. Remainder of front no change.

2. Order of battle. Division Raessler, consisting some 3000 mixed Fortress Volkssturm and other units identified Manning West Wall north of Wissembourgen.

19th, 36th, 47th Infantry and 17th SS Panzer Grenadier Divisions last contacted on 18 March and believed no longer in West Wall. 17th SS reported by civilians to have left for east bank of Rhine.

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One regiment however remaining northwest Neunkirchen Q5983.
47th Division recontacted north of Kaiserslautern. 6th SS
Mountain split by thrust to Bad Kreuznach. Had previously
detached one regiment to LXXXII Corps.

No contact with remnants 212th Division. All others
Mosel and Saar front still in contact. 2nd Panzer between
Bad Kreuznach and Worms. 3rd Panzer Grenadier in general
support of 62nd and 3rd Parachute Division in Remagen bridge-
head. 89th Division joined other Eifel relics in southern
sector. No contact with battle group of Panzer Lehr Divi-
sion since 13th March. Bulk believed still in Duesseldorf
area reforming.

Patrol identifies 59th Division opposite Dormagen
F 3878. No indication destination 361st Division.

3. Movements.

Northwest Germany. Considerable number medium and
heavy tank trains area northeast and east of Ruhr, probably
carrying replacements (armour self propelled guns) and/or
small units scraped together from such places as Sennelager.

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

Prisoners captured 16 March: 4815. Accumulative total

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5. General.

In Saar area enemy withdrawal in full swing towards east but First Army still in pillboxes in Siegfried Line.

Indications point to general assembly area Neustadt Landau for crossing of Rhine at Speyer. First Army likely conform and withdraw right flank with Seventh Army's left. Enemy faced with heavy losses since his Infantry and horse drawn transport incapable of keeping pace with our forces. Result is forces being overrun. Over 9000 Prisoners of War yesterday with estimated 5000 remaining in pocket east of Mosell. Resistance slackening in Remagen bridgehead and counter attacks by enemy armour on north flank ineffective. South flank held by weak Infantry Divisions and enemy will require to find more than relics of Fifel battle (such as 89th Division) if he hopes to form reasonably firm flank.

Total Prisoners of War this operation to date 10000. Other sectors of front quiet. Prisoner of War report Kesselring succeeded Rundstedt on 13 March. Will be interesting to see whether any improvement in enemy tactics. So far none discernible, but Kesselring determined and decisive commander. All informed.

End.

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To: War Department
CG, 12th Army Group Advance
Headquarters, 15th Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 18000 19 March 1945

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1. Operations.

In Rhine Valley enemy continued withdrawal to Siegfried Line; Maginot positions undefended. Allied Forces cleared northern Alsace except small pockets west of Lauterbourg. Reach Line Lueterbourg, Oberlauterbach (R 2439) Salmbach (R 2442) Oberssach (R 1841) Wissembourg (R 1518) Bobenthal (R 0851) Obersteinbach (Q 9648) to Bitche. West of Zweibruecken Allied advance encountered stiff resistance from Siegfried positions with considerable 240 millimeter fire on our artillery area Q 6571. East of Merzig (Q 2094) advance continued against scattered resistance reached Landsweiler (Q 4188) and Thalexweiler (Q 4494). Birkenfeld (L 5916) cleared. Some increased resistance this sector but advance continued to Baumholder (L 7113) clearing from Hausen (L 7117) Berschweiler (L 6808) Hofelf (L 5801) and Winterbach (Q 5497). Stubborn opposition reported area Q 5798. South of Mosel narrow thrusts reached Nahe River at Bergen (L 7731) Hochstetten (L 8333) and Sobernheim (L 9431). Large concentration enemy vehicles including armour east of Kirn (L 8032).

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Niedermoschel (M 0426) cleared. Some further Allied
penetrations made into Soon Wald.

Mopping up proceeding in Bad Kreuznach, natives
hostile. East of Nahe River Sprendlingen (M 1840) Horweiler
(M 1644) and Gensingen (M 1344) cleared. West bank Rhine
cleared from Boppard (L 8981) to Bingen (M 1152). Re-
sistance in Koblenz ceased.

Allied Forces held to limited gains in bridgehead.
Solscheid (F 7612) occupied. Windbagen (F 7327) reached
and resistance from enemy armour increased in afternoon.
Considerable resistance area Orscheid (F 7128) Wullscheid
(F 7132). On northern front Bennert (F 6433) and Nieder
Dollendorf (F 6032) reached. 25 to 30 shells estimated
14 inch received in Honwe (F 642279) before daylight.

Remainder of front no change.

2. Order of Battle.

6th SS Mountain (bulk) being pushed back across
Rhine south of Koblenz: may be expected to move southward
and reappear. Location of 198th uncertain, but probably
pushed southeast of Nahe River. In area of Remagen
bridgehead, a general shift to northwards is noticeable:
11th Panzer has moved north of 9th Panzer and 340th has
closed up to 9th Panzer. All armour thus concentrated in
sector where Allies across Autobahn, and evident more re-
inforcements must be coming up to southern sector in
compensation.

3. Movement.

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Only pronounced rail movement was up to Rhine in
sector Mainz Karlsruhe.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 15 March: 4167. Accumulative total
since D day (exclusive First French 13, 14 and 15 March)
1,037,596.

5. General.

In Remagen bridgehead shift of armour to north and
northeast and flank confirms his preoccupation with our
crossing of Autobahn. Enemy likely to continue his counter
attacks this area. Infantry similarly shifting northwards
to fill gap thus created, but gradual extension of bridge-
head and threat presented by bridgehead over Wied in
Hausen area must soon attract additional reinforcements.
Host of general headquarters support troops (including
370 millimeter artillery) compensating in part for weakness
of divisional formations.

Army Group G struggling back out of Hunsruck Mountains
while resisting further advances from Nahe River and Sieg-
fried Line toward Kaiserlautern. Difficulty will lie in
blocking thrust through junction of First and Seventh Armies,
where precipitate retreat yielding large numbers of prisoners
of war. All informed.

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1. Operations.

East of Hagenau enemy offered only light resistance early in period covering apparent local withdrawal into Siegfried positions. Drusenheim (R 1518), Schirrhoffen (1322), and Soufflenheim (1625) cleared, opposition light but many mines. North of Hagenau Gunstett (0235) defended, but town cleared late in period. Contact broken with enemy who left many mines and obstacles. Advance continued along Bieberbach Valley with occupation Woerth and Allied Forces reached Fyret de Katzenthal. Niederbronn Les Bains (Q 9339) occupied without contacting enemy or even artillery fire. Dambach (9245) cleared and advance through woods reached outskirts of Stuzelbronn (8950). Advance continued against disintegrating resistance and Walschbronn (Q 8161), Rolbing (7863), Dietrichingen (7665) and Mauschbach (7565) occupied, bridges in latter two towns intact. Hornbach (7365) taken against small delaying force. Bockweiler (Q 6764) and Blickweiler (6468) cleared against moderate resistance. Mimbach (6670) occupied. On approaches to Siegfried Line Allies took Reelbach (Q 6070) and Alschbach (Q 6372) against heavy enemy fire. East of Saarbruecken stiff resistance

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encountered clearing Heckendalheim (Q 5670). Counter attack
area Q 5471 broken up by artillery with 70 enemy killed.

South of Mosel and east of Saar only spotty re-
sistance encountered throughout period. Extremely disorgan-
ized enemy cleared from Beckingen (Q 2488 Herlingen (2191)
Brottdorf (2397) Bachem (2598) Wahlen (3099) Michelbach
(3597) Noswendel (L 3703) Beuren (L 4125) and Thonn (L 3327).
Nonnweiler (L 4412) cleared and thrust along railroad reached
Turkismuhle (L 5509). Advance east from Hermeskeil (L 4317)
cleared towns of Adentheuer (L 5417) and Buhlenberg (L 5517).

Advances beyond Mosel bridgehead continued at
great rate against only scattered and ineffectual resistance,
chiefly from small arms and road blocks. Advances made due
east Traben Trarbach of about three miles. Spearhead which
reached Bzankenrath (6960) on 16 March split in two: one
column reached Buchenbeuren (6647) other reached Kirchberg
(7649). Two thrusts to north and south of Kreuznach slightly
widened at bases. Elements 2nd Panzer Division encountered
at Winterburg (9340). Withdrew to southwest after four
hour engagement: reported Panzer Grenadiers organizing at
Kirn (8031) to break through to Rhine. Allied eastward
thrust out to Rhine reached river between Saint Goar (9872)
and Boppard (8981).

Allied Forces across Mosel west of Koblenz reached
L 9095 where house to house fighting in progress and
western third of town cleared.

Remagen bridgehead further expanded during period
against generally moderate resistance. Bridge itself
collapsed due to wear and tear. Swimming saboteurs observed

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in area but did no damage. In south, Honningen completely cleared and found heavily booby trapped and mined. Allied advance of nearly two miles through Rheinbrohler Wald reached outskirts of Solscheid (F 7613). Three kilometers to north of here Hausen (7616) taken and Wied River crossed against light resistance due to weight Allied artillery barrage. To north river closely approached from 760190 to 750207 and Reifert fell. Allied control of Autobahn considerably extended and now stretches from 710280 to 675315 with penetration to north capturing Huscheid (6832). Resistance along Autobahn heavy particularly on southern extremity. At Iittenbach (6631) on northern flank Commander and Staff 3rd Parachute Division captured (surrendered) as were their predecessors eight days ago.

From rest of front nothing of significance to report.

2. Order of battle.

9th Volksgrenadier Division crossed Mosel in area Zell and still in area. 2nd Panzer recontacted counter attacking flank of Allied spearheads area L 83. Both 198th and 159th Divisions reported to have absorbed combat units of 716th Division, which considered reduced to staff only for time being.

5th Parachute Division east of Rhine area Bendorf. Remnants of 26th and 326th Divisions committed at south of Remagen bridgehead. Panzer Lehr not contacted for four days. Regiment formed from 160th Training Division (Denmark) in sector of 340th Division.

2nd Parachute Division area Duisburg. Reports not
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yet confirmed that 361st Division left hurriedly eastwards
on 14 March.

General Kleffel reported commanding XXX Corps.

3. Movements.

Heavy rail activity continues in Rhur area and
Munster Bay.

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

Prisoners captured 14 March: 4771. Accumulative
total since D day (exclusive First French Army 13 and 14
March) 1033429.

5. General.

Army Group G facing disaster. LXXXII Corps on
right wing of First Army is collapsing and late reports show
Siegfried Line already pierced at Zweibruecken. Meantime
Seventh Army failed to make any impression on Allied
spearhead to Bad Kreuznach by counter attacking from west
with remainder of its scanty forces (LXXX and XIII Corps),
and spearhead now reported nearing Kaiserslautern.

Remagen bridgehead still expanding and considerable
numbers of prisoners being taken. Collapse of 3rd Parachute
Division will weaken 3rd Panzer Grenadier in charge of
Autobahn. Bringing up of further forces, probably including

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general headquarters artillery, to be expected in this area.
More efforts by water saboteurs against remaining Allied
bridges to be expected.

No indication of any withdrawals from parachute army.

In view of disastrous situation developing in west,
and slackening of unprofitable enemy counter offensive in
Hungary, must watch possibility that some of Sixth SS
Panzer Army may be recalled, though no confirmation of this.
All informed.

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
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During day 16th March enemy made tactical recon over all sectors of battle front. Ten long range recon also reported. Tactical fighter activity was continuous and included some fighter bomber operations total sorties being estimated at 300 to 325 principally in central and southern sectors. Between 30 to 40 ground attack sorties were also flown mainly against Remagen bridgehead. Number of aircraft operated from Trondheim area apparently on search for allied shipping.

16/17 March: Night fighter sorties provisionally estimated at 50 to 75 with main effort directed against bomber commands raid on Nuremberg.

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Operations.

In Bischweiler area enemy broke contact during night of 15/16 March apparently falling back to Souffenheim (R 1625) area. Allies reached Bieberbach River west of Gunsetz (R 0135) where bridge found blown.

In Hardt Mountain area enemy withdrawing into Siegfried positions and opposition in form of rear guard action and roadblocks, artillery fire negligible. Allies reached UK Derbromm Les Bains (Q 9389) in forest south of Philippsbourg (Q 8742) and cut east-west road north of Baerenthal at Q 8444. Bitche cleared against light opposition and enemy showing considerable fight in area Camp De Bitche (8050); small counter attack with tank support at midday repulsed. Considerable troop movement heard Bitche area at 2100 hours. Heavy self-propelled fire received from vicinity Weiskirch (Q 7156) early in period. Enemy withdrew from Breidenbach (7759), Loutzwiller (Q 7460) and Peppenkum (6760)

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end bridge at latter town captured intact; patrols to Q 7062
without enemy contact.

Pocket at Eliesbruck (Q 5957) still holding out. Tanks observed in area Wittersheim (5865); at close of period Allies advanced to inclusive Seyweiler (6662), Rubenheim (6164), Balleweiler (6267) and reached Abweiler (6068). North of Enschheim enemy attempts to halt Allies in southern band of Siegfried line unsuccessful and Allies made gain of three kilometers to Q 5571. Fighting continued east of penetration in Omyersheim (5869) and to west in area Bischmishom (5169). Southern end of Saar River cleared west of 4869.

Enemy offered heavy pillbox resistance and artillery fire along front from Weiskirchen (L 3407) north to Mosel during day but lessened in late afternoon allowing Allied eastward gains to inclusive Thailen (L 3504), Bierfeld (4312) and Hermeskeil (4317).

In Mosel Treis bridgehead enemy forced to withdraw from Merl (5960), Granderich (6363) but still fighting in Alt Stimming (6866), Blankenrath (E960) and Bell (7762). Despite arrival of reinforcements enemy offered no real threat to Allied drive which captured two railroad bridges intact over Nahe River at Bad Muenster (M 0835) afternoon of 16 March. Headquarters and most of staff of 560th Volksgrenadier Division captured at Hufelsheim (M 0936). Mines and roadblocks main annoyance to Allied drive from northwest which advanced through Rheinbollen (L 9556) to Heddesheim (M 0743). Along northern flank stubborn enemy cleared from Pfaffenheck (L 8482) but resistance in area continued strong throughout period.

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In southern sector of Remagen bridgehead enemy resistance light against Allied advance to northern outskirts of Rheinbrohl (F 7110) and along general line north-east to Frorath (7515). Allied patrols crossed Wied River northeast of Reifert (7518) after Bremscheid (7517), Feifert, Steinhardt (7520) and Strodt (7322) cleared. Indications enemy forming defense line on east bank of Wied. Enemy fighting stubbornly for Vettelschoss (7224); German counterattacks in Rottbittz area (7027) repulsed in morning and concentration of troops in same area dispersed by Allied artillery in afternoon. Autobahn cut by Allied at F 6831 but fighting continued in Aegidienberg (6929) and Ittenbach (6731). Prisoner stated that 3rd Parachute Division strength about 750 men; numbered units no longer exist and Commanding Officer gave order to hold ground at all costs. Remainder of front quiet.

2. Order of battle.

559th Division contacted south of Bad Kreuznach; left Saarbrücken area 14 March staff of 560th Division overrun in same area.

198th Division contacted in Rheiniollen area L 9656 in path of Allied thrust to Bad Kreuznach: Left Karlsruhe 16 March: Reformed month ago from remnants other divisions.

3rd Panzer Grenadier Division latest arrival in Remagen bridgehead: Contacted in area F 6832; last located as reserve in Cologne area.

Small elements 26th Division and 2nd Parachute

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Division identified in northern sector of bridgehead and of
326th Division in south.

84th and 180th Divisions now holding sections
north and south of Wesel respectively.

3. Movements.

Continuing observation of numerous troop trains
on main north south lateral through Bebra, and also on next
north south lateral through Halle. Some MT movement with
easterly tendency towards Mainz. And numerous MT vehicles
and tanks in areas surrounding Remagen bridgehead.

Good source reports elements of 199th Infantry
Division from north Norway passing south through Trondheim.

4. Prisoners of war. (G-1 figures not complete).
Prisoners captured 13 March: 4345. Accumulative total since
D day: 1028658.

5. General.

Withdrawal to Siegfried line in full swing in
First Army area. Any benefits from withdrawal likely to
be nullified by Allied thrust in deep rear of both Armies
where hurried appearance 559th, 560th and 198th Divisions
has not yet stabilized situation. Delay in reacting to
three-sided threat confronts enemy with possibility of fresh
disaster comparable to rout from Liff.

Rhine bridgehead has now attracted last mobile

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Nr: FWD 17953

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reserves of Army Group B and drawing in more Infantry as well. Enemy may plan to hold line in south along Wied River, mainly with Infantry and to contact with Infantry in north. Armour probably intended for counter attack in centre to split bridgehead, and though increasing pressure making assembly by striking force more difficult daily, this may yet be attempted. All informed.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CCS, CG AAF, OPD, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG

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Forward, Rheims, France

To: War Department

Nr: FWD 17956 SCAF 237 17 March 1945

From SHAEF Forward to AGWAR for Combined Chiefs of Staff, AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff sgd Eisenhower, cite SHGCT. Ref nbr FWD 17956. This is SCAF 237.

Centre span of Remagen railway bridge, which was damaged by enemys original attempt to destroy it collapsed today. This will not interrupt continued build up of bridge-head, because of adequacy of floating bridges.

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Signature- *RAH*

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To: War Department
Headquarters 12th Army Group Adv.
Headquarters Fifteenth US Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 17915 16 March 1945

This is G 2 summary number 75 part 1 dated 16 March
covering period 142400A to 152400A. From Strong signed
Eisenhower cite SHGEE FWD nr 17915.

1. Operations.

Fair weather aided air ground operations along
entire front. Enemy in contact all along line Bischweiler
area. Stiff enemy opposition encountered north of Oberhoffen
(R 0821). Bridgehead over Mojer River Haguenau area
enlarged and town being mopped up.

Allied attacks in Hardt mountain Saarbruecken sector
met with tight to moderate resistance; prisoners state
attack came as complete surprise. Gains of up to five
miles reported: Enemy counterattack at Q-9726 repulsed
and Mertzheimer captured and Allies advanced five kilometers
along eight kilometer front to west. Hardt mountain
thrusts reached Baerenthal (Q 8442) and 78 easting south
and north of Bitche were large fires observed in town;
Epping Urbach (6957 being cleared; tanks or self propelled
guns plus flak wagons active.

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Guiderkirch bridge found blown and town booby trapped: Resistance increased during day as Obergailbach (6758) captured and Reichen (5960) reached. East of Saarbruecken enemy reported withdrawing under cover of small arms and automatic weapon fire into Siegfried positions. Allies advanced three kilometers northeast from Ensheim (5467) and into Brebach (4968). Enemy counter attack east of Bois De Saarbruecken (4369) repulsed.

In Trier Sector enemy resistance initially moderate but increased later in period; numerous minefields and anti tank obstacles encountered and intense fire received from fortified positions as Allies pushed forward three miles in woods east of Saarhoelzbach (L 1802).

Small enemy counter attack northwest of Scheiden (2705) at 0735 hours repulsed. Weiskirchen (3307) and Kell (3415) reached and Reinsfeld captured by Allies. Enemy counter attack by Infantry and two tanks area Weiskirchen repulsed at 1900 hours. Enemy attempted unsuccessful infiltration night 14/15 March area Waldrach (L 2929).

Allied attack from Mosel bridgehead met initially strong resistance which decreased during afternoon. Southwest of Treis enemy withdrew over four miles on a three mile front. After Eveshausen (L 7573) cleared Allies advanced through Laubach (8462) to Simmern (8453) encountering only small arms fire and road blocks.

To north Liesenfeld (8673) and Ney (8676) reached. Several strong

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counter attacks launched by 6th SS Mountain Division during morning against northern and northeastern flanks of bridgehead area Herschtesch (8379) Nortershusen (8281) and enemy stubbornly defending Pfaffenheck (8482) at end of period.

Air observed column of truck armoured vehicles and troops moving east from Gondershusen (L 8273) at midday and roads area Korbach (9173) clogged with eastbound horse drawn vehicles and foot troops at 1900 hours.

In Remagen bridgehead Allies made small gains to west of Bremscheid (F 7417). Small enemy counterattack by Infantry and tanks at Hargarten (F 7120) repulsed in late afternoon and slight Allied gain registered to immediate north and northeast of Honnef to F 6631.

Remainder of front relatively quiet. Further damage to Wesel railroad bridge possibly by the time bomb. Air successfully attacked ten tanks on railroad east of Bocholt (A 2266) also observed convoy of more than 50 motor transport moving west from Haltern (A 6149).

Stop press: Bad Kreuznach reported entered by Allies morning 16 March.

2. Order of battle.

559th Division missing from the line in German First Army sector: Probably was responsible for some of the road movement northbound observed recently in area Neunkirchen.

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Small elements of 17th SS Division contacted in southwest Hunsruck but bulk still in south: One regiment of 6th SS Mountain Division came south to same area but bulk still in Coblenz area.

2nd Panzer Division out of contact.

The 40th Division contacted at south end of Remagen bridgehead: Comment believed extremely weak: 2nd Regiment of 62nd Volksgrenadier same area. Documents show day strength of 276th Division on 1 March was 686 men.

6th Parachute Division in Emmerich sector.

331st Infantry reported to have moved westwards to Dordrecht area.

3. Movements.

Same tendencies throughout as were reported yesterday still continuing.

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

Prisoners captured 12 March : 2071.
Accumulative total since D Day: 1,024,308.

Correction: Accumulative total to 112,400 reported yesterday should have read 102,227.

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5. General.

Enemy fairly clearly surprised by attacks in Saar Palatinate and across Mosel. Was switching reinforcements from Mosel to Trier Sector when Mosel crossing occurred: Was switching further reinforcements towards Mosel when Saar attack began. No good evidence that he appreciated seriousness of position in time or that he is ready or able to execute a rapid pull out across Rhine though there has been some increase in bridging and ferrying activity lately.

715th Infantry Division believed still in process of leaving Italy for Germany, ultimate destination unknown. No good evidence that any other division is yet designated to follow it and conditions on railways are making all transfers away from Italy most difficult. All informed.

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To: War Department
CG, 12th US Army Group, Advanced
CG, Fifteenth Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: FWD 17876 15 March 1945

From Strong signed Eisenhower cite SEBGI ref no
FWD 17876.

This is G2 summary number 74, part 1 dated 15 March
1945 covering period 132400A to 142400A.

1. Operations.

Good weather and visibility along whole front
aided operations. Enemy combat patrol active in southern
Rhine Valley in area Belzenheim (V 8742).

During night 13-14 March enemy infantry with two
tanks made determined effort but failed to reduce Allied
bridgehead over Moder River at Haguenau. Further west enemy
withdrew to Ensheim north of Saar in Saarbruecken area and
Allies along river west of city. Furstenhausen (Q 3671)
being mopped up; bridge over Saar north of town blown.

Wehrden cleared against slight resistance.

Enemy launched two unsuccessful counter attacks in
area Britten (L 2303) Greimerath (2407) but lost both towns;
despite continued stubborn defensive attitude enemy forced

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back to Waldholzbach (L 2906). North of Mosel Allies made further gains and cleared northern half of river bends between Ediger (L 5867) and Cochem (5971).

Allies attacked across Mosel at 140200 and established bridgehead south of Mosel from Treis (L 6975) to Brodenbach (L 7931) and made advances from three to five miles against light to moderate opposition and Lutz (L 7273), Macken (7675) and Oppenhausen (L 8178) cleared; enemy infantry with two tanks in support fighting stubbornly for Morshausen (L 7977) at end of period.

Fifteenth Army Front quiet except for bridgehead where enemy resistance was relatively light during morning but stiffened during afternoon. Strong enemy counter attack at Honningen (F 6913) repulsed and fighting continued in town. Enemy tank, self propelled and direct artillery fire received area Hargarten (F 7220); counter attack repulsed, six enemy tanks knocked out and Allies made one kilometre gain. Further north allies reached Notscheid (F 7123).

In northern sector initially light resistance allowed Allied gains of one to two kilometres east and north of Honnef but resistance stiffened in afternoon in areas F 6828 and F 6927 where elements of 3rd Parachute Division committed.

Tactical reconnaissance observed considerable motor transport and some armour east and northeast of bridgehead; estimated 500 vehicles and some armour in

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area Gratzfeld (F 7131) and along all roads between
Uckerath (7536) and Altenkirchen (F 9432).

Sector Cologne Duisberg quiet. Enemy regrouping
along northern flank.

2. Order of battle.

30th SS Division not heard of for considerable
time and dropped from western front.

Elements 6th SS Mountain Division in same sector
as 416th Division at southwest end of Hunsrueck: Comment,
evidently not all of division moved northeast.

Elements 3rd Parachute Division committed at north
end of Remagen bridgehead.

346th Division, from Dordrecht sector, identified in
Nijmegen sector.

3. Movement.

Considerable rail activity in Munster Bay,
presumably incoming. Considerable rail movement on main
north south Lateral through Bebra for which no very obvious
explanation. Road movement with probable main tendency
northbound observed in German First Army rear areas.

4. Prisoners of War.
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Prisoners captured 11 March : 4520.
Accumulative total since D Day: 1,002,237.

5. General.

Correction. In General Para of G 2 summary number
73 part 1, for 15 March serious casualties read casualties.

All informed.

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CG 12th Army Group Advance
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
Headquarters, Fifteenth Army

Nr: FWD 17857 14 March 1945

FWD 17857, this is G-2 summary number 73, Part 1,
dated 14 March 1945 covering period 122400A to 132400A.
From Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

Part 1.

1. Operations.

Enemy offered light to moderate resistance to
limited Allied attack to enlarge bridgehead over Moder
River at R 0424 area Hegenau. Slight increase in artillery
fire Saarbruecken area where tracked vehicles heard during
night and early morning.

Civilians report enemy evacuated northwest part of
Stiring Wendel (Q 4268) and Petite Roselle (Q 3568)

Night 12/13 March:

Allied patrols this area out of contact west of
41 easting later in period: Forêt De Saint Arnual cleared.

In Trier sector enemy offered moderate resistance
and launched counter attacks in effort to halt Allied

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attack eastward but forced back 2 to 5 kilometers along line from Greimerath (L 2307) to Riol (3233). Counter attack from Infantry with tank support launched west of Hedert (2916) in afternoon, repulsed after stiff fight;

Sommerau (2824) and Morscheid (2926) cleared; Counter attacks with artillery preparation south of Riol in afternoon repulsed.

Allies along Mosel from Kesten (L4445) to Ediger (5866) with exception of cxbow river bends at Traben Tawbach (5550) and Zell (6058) and bends between Ediger and Cochem (5971).

Entrenched enemy Infantry reported defending Mosel River bridges area Trittenheim (L 4036) and Traben (5550): Eller railroad bridge reported still intact. No aggressive enemy action to east.

Enemy made more determined effort to contain Allied bridgehead over Remagen with arrival of elements of 9th Panzer Division and further Infantry reinforcements, but unable to deny Allied advance of one mile between northern section of Honninger * and just west of Kalenborn (F 7025) also east of Honnef. Hargarten area (7120) object of continued unsuccessful enemy counter attacks.

Enemy artillery fire shifted from bridge to Honnef

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area. Relatively little damage to bridge from air attacks.

Air reported 2 groups of 50 tanks and armored vehicles and a smaller group of 15 tanks in area Lorscheid (F 7322).

Enemy activity increased all along east bank of Rhine area Cologne, Duesseldorf, Duisburg, where defensive work continues.

Allied patrol crossed Rhine south of Orsoy (A 2725) but forced to retire by heavy small arms fire.

Incomplete preliminary reports show following materiel captured by I Allied Corps along in area west of Rhine.

Tanks; Mark IV 19, mark V 32, mark VI 5, others 12.
Guns; self propelled 23, 150 millimeter 12, 170 millimeter 9, 88 millimeter 166, 75 millimeter 14, 105 millimeter 29, 20 and 40 millimeter anti aircraft 100, 75 millimeter anti tank 41, half tracks 38, mortars 80 millimeter 51, various machine guns 200, rifles 2,000.

2. Order of battle.

Divisions of Seventh Army on Mosel from south to north are 79th, 212th, 560th, 246th, 352nd, 9th, 159th and 6th SS Mountain:

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2nd Panzers position in line uncertain.

9th Panzer now at north end of Remagen bridgehead,
and remnants of 272nd and 277th Volksgrenadiers at south end.

106th Panzer Brigade, 11th Panzer and Panzer Lehr
from north to south on east of bridgehead.

Elements of 62nd Volksgrenadier in action with
9th Panzer, possible incorporated.

338th Division believed in area Benrath south of
Dusseldorf and 180th Division in area Drevenack east of
Wesel, on basis of prisoners statements.

Channel Islands now under command Vice Admiral
Hofmeyer, Vice Lt. Gen Von Schmettow.

3. Movements.

Apart from movement connected with bringing in of
reinforcements to Remagen bridgehead, main interesting
feature was collection of rolling stock and some movement
with no very definite tendency in rear areas of German
First Army.

Good source states Parachute Division (unidentified)
arriving on 3rd March in area over * Twente in Holland.

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

Prisoners captured 10th March: 4,669. Accumulative

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total since D-Day: 1,017,715.

5. General.

Enemy prisoners by Armies in Rhineland battles from
8th February to 14th March estimated as follows:

Parachute Army	22,000
Fifth Panzer Army (Cologne)	43,000
Fifteenth Army (Eifel)	27,000
Seventh Army	37,000

Overall serious casualties, including prisoners,
likely to have been over 210,000, that is an average of over
5000 per division engaged.

Hausser Commander of Army Group G, signed order for
shooting of all stragglers in same terms as Blaskowitz
order quoted yesterday. Order no doubt universal and
indicates extreme seriousness of straggler problem.

Allied attacks south of and across Mosel River
threaten whole of Saar Palatinate bulge. Much depends on
enemy holding firm from outset, which he is not, at present,
showing signs of doing. In south of bulge, he is at least
in parts (west of Saarbruecken) withdrawing from advanced
positions into Siegfried Line, and may be willing to do so
generally, under slight pressure. Withdrawal in Saarbruecken
sector might liberate one of the divisions there.

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Remagen bridgehead continues to attract more troops and now contains all Panzers of 5th Panzer Army except 3rd PZ Grenadier, which remains unsupported at Cotognea. Likely that more infantry divisions will come up. Very dubious if Parachute Army will be called upon, in view of obvious threat north of Ruhr.

Light opposition to Allied crossings Mosel in area L 7075, 8082.

All informed

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To: War Department
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Headquarters, 15th Army Group
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 17854

14 March 1945

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1. Order of battle. Identifications: By prisoner of war:

Haguensau (R 0424).
257th Volksgrenadier: 457th Regiment north of
47th Volksgrenadier: 115th Regiment Q 9726.
16th Volksgrenadier: 225th Regiment Q 7447.
416th Infantry: 713th Regiment L 1804 and
elements 712th Regiment 203076.
2nd Mountain: I and III/137th Regiment west of
Schillingen (L 3115) states artillery committed as Infantry
area L 2512.
9th Panzer: I/11th Regiment F 649281, Engineers
F 7316 and Reconnaissance unit F 640281.
Panzer Lehr: I/901st Regiment F 7220.
272nd Volksgrenadier: II and III/981st Regiment
F 6513 and Alarm Unit, 980th Regiment F 7014.

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* 1/990th Volksgrenadier: Anti Tank Unit F 7316 states
I/990th Regiment and 989th also in area and 991st Regiment disbanded.

62nd Volksgrenadier: 164th Regiment F 6427.

106th Panzer Brigade: Elements F 6727.

11th Panzer: Reconnaissance F 6826, 111th Regiment 7024 to 7323 and Engineers 7421.

338th Volksgrenadier: 1074 Security Battalion
Benrath (F 3884) states incorporated in division and crossed
Rhine 11th and 12th March.

180th Infantry: Elements 1222nd Regiment A 1939
state bulk crossed river to east bank.

By prisoner of war statement:

13th March elements 180th Infantry Division staff
area A 3145.

12th March 167th Division artillery lost all
weapons and moving Wiesbaden (N 3664) for refitting.

13th March 12th Parachute Assault Gun Brigade of
II Parachute Corps had all guns destroyed.

12th March Headquarters 85th Infantry Division
had moved to Fulda to reform and cadre to be provided by
unidentified non commissioned officer candidate school.

9th Volksgrenadier Division ordered to withdraw
to Zell (L 6059) and another prisoner states same division
withdrew 6th to 7th March from Wittlich (L 3954) across

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Mosel River to Traben Tarbach (L 5550) and Bernkastel
(L 4552).

2. Movement. Eastern Ruhr:

Munster marshalling yard very active; loading
at Dortmund heavy; some rail activity between Hamm - Soest.

Siegen area: About 20 trains, not specifically
military present at Siegen; heavy westbound road traffic
vicinity of Olse (north Mueltegen).

Middle Rhine: 15 tanks observed between Koln and
Bonn, 10 moving east, 5 moving west.

Concentration motor transport at Selters (G 0015)
and Gillesheim (F 8522).

Heavy road traffic at Kaub (south of Koblenz).
40 flats loaded with AFVs at Limburg on line Koblenz
Giessen.

Saarbrucken area: Loaded flats observed at Saarbrucken,
Zweibrucken, Saint Wendel and on lines area Nonnweiler
Neunkirchen Lebach.

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3. Prisoners of war.

G 1 figures 10th March (G 2 figures 12th March):

First French no report. Nil 9th March. (Not yet available).

Seventh US 6 (31).
Third US 2,583 (4,508).
First US 1,256 (753).
Ninth US 371 (63).
Second British nil (3).
First Canadian 450 (58).

4. Tanks destroyed 13th March: 2.
All informed.

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To: War Department
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Nr: FWD 17832 13 March 1945

This is G2 summary number 72 part 1 dated 13 March covering period 112400 A to 122400 A. From Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI FWD 17832.

1. In northern Alsace harassing fire received in Drusenheim (R 1518); tanks reported heard in vicinity in morning. Previous para 1 Operations.

Allied patrols drew intense enemy fire north of Schweighausen (Q 9925). Enemy nervous and increased patrols on west side of Hardt Mountains; infiltration attempt northwest of Rimling (Q 6555) repulsed. Artillery fire increased south of Saarbruecken.

Southeast of Trier enemy forced back $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles; intense enemy artillery fire received vicinity of road block north of Nieder fell.

Moderate opposition, mainly from mines and road blocks, to Allied advance of 5 miles along Trier Coblenz railroad to west of Alf (L 5662).

Pocket west of Mosel River reduced along southern flank from 2 to 5 miles.

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On northern flank Weiler (5271) Buelhel (5375) and Faid
(5572) cleared. Enemy observed digging in area Burgen L 7579-
7780.

Considerable activity east of Rhine vicinity Bandorf
(F8802). Good visibility and dry weather aided operations.

Major General Heilmann Commander of Five Parachute
Division captured near Kaltenborn (F 4903).

In Remagen bridgehead enemy continued to launch counter
attacks south and north along eastern flank and held Allies
to small gains; enemy lost ground all round.

On southern flank fighting in Hommingen (F 6913);
enemy forced back 1 to 2 kilometres to east in 2 places and
to northern outskirts of Honneh (F 6428); artillery fire on
bridge decreased but 1 large calibre shell reported.

Considerable activity noted in Dusseldorf Duisburg
area. Large explosion observed vicinity A 3118. Cleve (E 9054)
shelled heavily night of 11/12 March. Enemy AFV's destroyed
or captured in course of operations in lower Rhine Plain from
8 Feb to enemy's loss of Wesel bridgehead at 102000 A estimated
at 20 assault guns, 10 JAGD Panthers, 4 mark IV, 8 mark V.

In western France heavy enemy traffic in graves sector area
Saint Vivien (Y 3653); enemy patrols active La Rochelle and
Royan sectors.

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2. Order of Battle. Nothing of significance.
3. Movement: Nothing of significance.
4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete).
Prisoners captured 9 March: 12201. Accumulative total
since D day: 1013046.
5. General. No change in battle situation.

Parachute Army shown by documents to have taken extreme measures against disintegration of morale. General Wadehn, Commander of Eight Parachute Division, is holding Nazi indoctrination officers personally responsible for all cases of desertion; General Schlemm, Commander First Parachute Army, issued order of day on death sentences for cowardice in face of enemy.

Colonel General Blaskowitz, Commander of Army Group H has ordered that any man announcing himself a straggler will be shot: duty of all men when lost to attach themselves to nearest unit in the line, guided by noise of battle towards it.

All informed.

End

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To: War Department
Headquarters 12th US Army Group, Advanced
Headquarters 15th US Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 17831 13 March 1945

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Para 1. Order of battle.

Identifications: By prisoner of war: All 12th
March: 47th Volksgrenadier: Recce unit Schweighausen (R
0025).
36th Volksgrenadier: 118th Regiment Kindwiller (Q
8929) and 165th Regiment Rothbach.
16th Volksgrenadier: 221st Regiment west of Reipert-
swiller (Q 7837).
17th SS Panzer Grenadier: 38th Regiment southwest
of Erching (Q 6356).
19th Volksgrenadier: 73rd Regiment Gudingen (Q
5067).
2nd Mountain: Elements 137th Regiment south of Zerf
(L 2511).
79th Volksgrenadier: 212th Regiment Riol (L 3030)
and 208th Regiment L 2828.
159th Infantry: II/1211th north of Berhen (L 7781)
states Command Post II Battalion L 819810.
6th SS Mountain: Recce unit Winnigen (L 8491).

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Panzer Lehr: II/902nd Regiment east of Linz (F 6819)
state part of group of 60 arriving from Dusseldorf on 11 March
comprising remnants of I and II Battalions.

All 10th March:

257th Volksgrenadier: (Deserter) 477th Regiment
Bischwiller (R 0919).

352nd Volksgrenadier: 915th Regiment, anti tank and
replacement units L 339.

9th March:

352nd Volksgrenadier: Artillery L 3359.

By civilian report: 12th March remnants 167th
Volksgrenadier Division ordered reorganize Arenberg (L 9496).

By prisoner of war statement:

9th March 79th Volksgrenadier Division Hq Heidenburg
(L 4133).

5th March 103rd Panzer Battalion 3rd Panzer Grenadier
Division crossed Rhine area Rodenkirchen (F 4755) with maximum
ten serviceable assault guns and artillery. Regiment also
assembled same area same date.

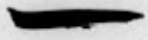
12th March 245th Infantry Division Staff Artillery
Medical and Signals Units left direction Cologne 25th February
combat units remaining with 16th Volksgrenadier.

10th March anti tank unit 560th Division ordered with-
draw to L 4450 mission protect troops withdrawing southeast
across Mosell and remnants Division formed into battlegroups
20 to 100 men each.

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Notes: On 5th March LIII Corps only controlled
326th Volksgrenadier and 340th Divisions.

Para 2. Movements.

12th March: Considerable number military trains
observed line Hamburg Flensburg; trains did not appear to be
loaded, no direction of movement indicated.

Comment: Flow of empty trains to Denmark probably
continuing.

Para 3. Prisoners of war.

G-1 figures 9th March (G-2 figures 11th March):
First French no report, nil 7th and 8th March (5).
Seventh US 19 (19).
Third US 7829 (2413).
First US 3123 (1840).
Ninth US 391 (186).
Second British nil (nil).
First Canadian 839 (522).

Para 4. Tanks destroyed 11th March: 5. All informed.

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To : War Department
CG, 12th US Army Group Advanced
Headquarters Fifteenth Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr : FWD 17798 12 March 1945

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Order of Battle. Identifications: By prisoner of war:

All 11 March: 47 Volksgrenadier
103 Bitschhoffen (Q 9228)
16 Volksgrenadier:

I/937 Regiment Q 7449 and I/935 Q 7351 state former under command 16 Volksgrenadier Division and believe same applies to latter though organic units of 245 Infantry. 246 Volks Grenadier:

352 Regiment Platten (L 4450).
79 Volksgrenadier:
212 and 226 Regiments Riol (L 3233)
560 Volksgrenadier:
Elements Riol.

159 Infantry: 1211 Regiment L 7280 State I Battalion Command post Burhen (L7579) and 1209 Regiment area L 6875 and whole division came from area Swiss border. 6 SS Mountain:

Elements area L 764814 state two unidentified companies Brodenbach (L 7981) and other prisoner states

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12 SS Mountain Regiment moving to new sector.

106 Panzer Brigade: Honnef (F 6427) state unit
comprises tank battalion with 13 Tiger tanks and Panzer
Grenadier Battalion.

183 Infantry: (Deserter) states division holding
Rhine line area F 2996 and has 330 and 351 Regiments only
and 176 Division on left.

Parachute battle group Fuchs: 3 Company 3 SS Police
Regiment area Ammerzaden (E 2653) states I Battalion in
Hague, II in Amsterdam and III Battalion in Wezep (Z 8131) and only
3 company in line following recent infantry training.

8th Parachute: 23rd Regiment Winnenthal.

All 10 March: 11 Panzer:

15 Panzer Regiment and reconnaissance unit Remagen
Bridghead.

102 SS Infantry Brigade: Remagen bridgehead.
Comment probably replacement unit of II SS Panzer Corps.

346 Infantry: 5/858 Regiment Overflakkee (D 634476)
states remainder battalion had left being relieved by the
rear.

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To: War Department
Headquarters 12th US Army Group Advanced
Headquarters 15th US Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

No: 17605 12 March 1945

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1. Operations.

Enemy road blocks observed by air in Haguenau
Forest from R 0025 to R 0026. Enemy alert and sensitive
to patrolling area Bitschhoffen (Q 9128). Enemy raid south
of Lemberg (Q 7444) at 2000 hours repulsed. 8 tanks or
self propelled guns reported Fechingen (Q 5166) Brebach
(Q 4969) area.

East of Trier, counter attack with support from three
tanks repulsed and enemy driven back beyond Kessel (LH 730)
which is now clear. Concentration vehicles, possibly tanks,
observed in Osburg (L 3224) in morning. On Mosel south bank
in Schweich area, enemy lost Longuich (L 3034) and Riol
(L 3233): German counter attack with tank support latter
town repulsed. From latter to Kesten (L 4445) enemy cleared
from north bank Mosel. Between here and Urzig (L 4753) where
Allies also breached river, Germans still hold small bridge-
head west of Bernkastel, but resistance light. Enemy forced

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from Neuenburg (L 4356) and Gipperath (L 3760). After over-coming heavy resistance, Allies occupied Briesch (L 4970). Estimated 200 to 300 enemy infantry observed in Lutzerath (L 4670) at 1000 hours. Prisoners state enemy withdrawing to defences south of Mosel River in area southwest of Cochem (L 5970). East of Cochem Mosel left bank clear of enemy, as is left bank of Rhine north from Mosel junction. At Koblenz, bridge at L 8794 reported blown; bridge at L 9096 over Mosel, bridge at L 879 Mosel, although blown, reported passable for infantry. Sporadic small arms fire received from east bank of Rhine at Andernach (F 7604).

No resistance met in taking Brohl (F 7009).

Only scattered small arms opposed Allies in clearing Oberbreisig (F 6711), Niederbreisig (6812) and Rheineck (5910). No enemy movement observed on east bank between F 6912 and F 7110.

In Remagen bridgehead enemy resistance continued strong on north and east and light in south. Estimated 50 tanks now reported in bridgehead area of which approximately 30 used in infantry support and probing counter attacks in company strength throughout day. Artillery fire mostly of medium and heavy calibre was light to moderate intensity. Bridge damaged several times but each time successfully repaired. 23 of 47 planes which attacked bridge in 29 raids destroyed. No damage to bridge from raids. Arrendorf (6815) captured and Allies advanced east over two kilometers. Heavy enemy fire held Allies at Hargarten (7020) but further advances made to north. German counter attack with six to

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seven tank supporting at F 6922 broken up by Allied artillery. Two small enemy counter attacks at Honnef (F 6427) easily repulsed. Russian worker states 300 enemy of parachute unit in Hildorf (F 4273). Weather overcast with intermittent rain.

Road bridge at Wexel destroyed; southern approaches to railroad bridge heavily damaged and northern span in water.

Allied patrols made contact with enemy in Overflakkee (D 64) and Schouwen (D 34) Islands.

2. Order of Battle.

Panzer Lehr Division contacted in action against southern portion of Remagen bridgehead. Officer prisoner states 5th Panzer Army now in command in Cologne sector, and 15th in Eifel sector: Accepted.

Deserter states 183rd Volksgrenadier holds sector just north of Dusseldorf, with 176th on its left: Accepted.

General Heilmann Commander of 5th Parachute Division captured.

3. Movement. No observed movement.

4. Prisoners of War.

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Prisoners captured 8 March: 5434.

Accumulative total since D Day: 1,000,845.

5. General.

Surviving divisions of Seventh Army now back across Mosel River include 212th, 560th, 245th and 9th: 2nd Panzer and presumable other remnants still north of river. No sign of further movement into or out of Saar Plateau sector at present.

Remagen bridgehead continuing to attack more enemy forces, which have still not stopped Allied expansion.

First Parachute Army got out of Wexel bridgehead in fair order with most of its equipment, and strength, in view of its probable priority in matter of reinforcements, should not be underestimated. All informed.

End

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Forward, Rheims, France

To : War Department
CG, Twelfth US Army Group Advanced
Headquarters Fifteenth Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

Nr : FWD 17772 11 March 1945

This is G-2 summary number 70 part 1 dated 11 March 1945 covering period from 092400A to 102400A. From Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHQBI FWD 17772.

Para 1. Operations. German 19th Army quiet: German 1st Army defensive and generally inactive except in area Haguenau (R 0424) and stirring Wendel (Q 4167) areas where enemy artillery fire received.

In Trier Sector five enemy tanks reported active area east of Kessel (L 2828). Enemy forced back east of Schweich and lost Longen (L 3234), also surrendered Wittlich (3954). Allies advanced five miles east from Bleckhausen and reached Gillefeld (4070).

Para 2. Enemy pockets to north being reduced general area 4080. Greimersburg (5776) and Illerich (6078) cleared and Allies reached Cochem (5972). To northeast Rhine western bank cleared from mouth of Mosel (9095) to Urmitz (FR401) against light resistance. Allies linked up along line Niederluetzingen (F6908) Oberbreisig (6812) Loehndorf (6214). Considerable enemy equipment captured; one Allied Division alone captured

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137 trucks, 22 75 millimeter guns and 10 105 millimeter howitzers. Major General Viebig, Commanding General 277 Volks Grenadier Division was taken prisoner on 9 March. Light rain late in day with visibility fair.

Pars 3. Enemy interdiction fire decreased as Germans lost further ground on bridgehead east of Rhine. German counter attacks at Ohlenberg (F 6821) with infantry and tanks, and at Honnef (6427) with infantry, both repulsed and bridgehead enlarged to inclusive Leubsdorf (F 6816). Pattenberg (6817) western part of Hargarten (7020), Erl (6822) and 359 (6626). Enemy still fighting in northern section of Honnef (6328). Large quantity of enemy materiel captured in tunnel area 5013 and ammunition dump at 5614. Small group German troops in civilian clothes captured in Glehn (F 1923).

Para 4. Oil tank fired by Allied Artillery night of 9/10 March at Hechfeld (A 3014) still burning at end of period.

Wesel bridgehead eliminated with surrender of Fort Blucher (A 2139), last enemy held stronghold west of Rhine, at 2145 hours. Area being mopped up. Large enemy concentration reported moving northeast area A 1841.

Enemy raid from Channel Islands on Granville (T 13) at 090050A caused damage to Port installations and shipping

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before the Germans withdrew at 090330A.

Two Order. Battle. 189 Division probably contributed combat units to 16 and 338 Divisions and considered for time.

Para 5. Being hors de combat like 708 Division.

Elements of 688 Mountain Division contacted on Mosel Area L 78 northeast of 159.

At Remagen elements of 106 Panzer Brigade in action to the north area Honnef: 11 Panzer to the south. Numerous other miscellaneous units present including a fair amount of artillery and flak and several units contacted from Waffen SS Replacement Personnel of II SS Panzer Corps.

183rd Division identified by prisoner from patrol in Dusseldorf Area.

Elements 346 Division identified on over Flakkee Island.

Para 6. Commander of 7th Army Vice General Brandenberger is General Felber from XIII Corps. Corps fieldt reported to have become XIII Corps last December and therefore dropped.

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Three movements. Nothing to report.

Four prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete).
Prisoners captured 7 March: 6714. Accumulative total
since D day: 995411.

Five General. Enemy build up on Mosel River and
against Remagen bridgehead continuing, though neither yet
particularly formidable. All informed.

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To: War Department
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy
CG 12th US Army Group Advanced
Headquarters 15th US Army

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Correct page 3 line 12 to read:

(F 3905) and then proceed to Remagen (F 6420).

Remnants three infantry regiments 189 Division
absorbed by II/223 Regiment 16 Volksgrenadier Division and
only 189 Division staff and cadre went north.

End

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COSITINTREP NO 339. PART 2 NAVAL.

EARLY MORNING 9TH MARCH REPORTS WERE RECEIVED OF A
SEABORNE LANDING AT GRANVILLE BY GERMAN TROOPS FROM

THE CHANNEL ISLANDS. LATER, IT WAS REPORTED THAT
BETWEEN 2200/8 AND 2230/8, 3 TARGETS WERE DETECTED BY

RADAR BETWEEN JERSEY AND ILES CHAUSSEY PROCEEDING ON
A SOUTHWESTERLY COURSE. DEFENSE FORCES AND ALL OTHER

NECESSARY AUTHORITIES WERE INFORMED. PATROLS WERE
STRENGTHENED OFF CHERBOURG AND PATROL CRAFT 564 AT

GRANVILLE WAS SAILED AND INTERCEPTED THE ENEMY SHORTLY
AFTER MIDNIGHT WHEN ALL CONTACTS HAD CONGREGATED NEAR

ILES CHAUSSEY AND WERE HEADING EAST. HEAVY GUNFIRE
WAS SEEN IN THE VICINITY OF ILES CHAUSSEY AFTER WHICH

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RADAR CONTACTS WERE TRACED ON AND ARRIVED AT GRANVILLE AT

0120/9 FROM WHICH TIME A FORCE OF ROUGHLY 100 ENEMY WERE AT
LARGE ON PORT AND TOWN AREA UNTIL ABOUT 0300. EARLY INFORMA-

TION INDICATES SEVERAL CRANES DEMOLISHED. SOME COASTERS ON
HARBOR SET AFIRE AND PROBABLE OTHER DEMOLITION. PATROL

CRAFT 561 WAS LATER REPORTED BEACHED AT CANCALE WITH HEAVY
DAMAGE AND 50% CASUALTIES. AT 0311 RADAR TRACKS INDICATED

ENEMY VESSELS DEPARTING TOWARDS JERSEY. ENEMY NAVAL STRENGTH
ESTIMATED FOUR VESSELS, TYPE UNKNOWN. RUBBER BOATS WERE

EMPLOYED IN LANDING.

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Headquarters, 6th Army Group, Main, Vittel, France
Headquarters 12th Army Group, Main
Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces,
Forward, Rheims, France

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Force, 6th Army Group, 12th Army Group and SHAEF Forward.

Order of battle, European Theater of Operations,
US Army as of 28th Feb 45 is follows:

Headquarters, European T of Opns, US Army.
Assigned HQ, ETOUSA are:

12th Army Group
6th Army Group
Ground Force Reinforcement Command
US Strategic Air Force in Europe
1st (attached to SHAEF for operational control)
Airborne Army
XVIII (attached 1st AB Army) Corps (Airborne)

Assigned 12th Army Group are the following:

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1st US Army
3rd US Army
9th US Army
15th US Army
66th Infantry Division

Assigned 1st US Army are the following:

32nd FA Brigade
49th AAA Brigade
III Corps
9th (attached III Corps) Armored Division
1st (attached III Corps) Infantry Division
9th (attached III Corps) Infantry Division
78th (attached III Corps) Infantry Division
V Corps
7th (attached V Corps) Armored Division
2nd (attached V Corps) Infantry Division
28th (attached V Corps) Infantry Division
69th (attached V Corps) Infantry Division
106th (attached V Corps) Infantry Division
VII Corps
3rd (attached VII Corps) Armored Division
8th (attached VII Corps) Infantry Division
99th (attached VII Corps) Infantry Division
104th (attached VII Corps) Infantry Division.

Assigned 3rd US Army are the following:

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1st TD Brigade
33rd FA Brigade
38th AAA Brigade
VIII Corps with 6th and 11th Armored Divisions and
4th, 87th and 90th Infantry Divisions
XII Corps with 4th Armored Division and 5th, 76th
and 80th Infantry Division
XX Corps with 10th Armored Division and 26th and
94th Infantry Divisions.

Assigned 9th US Army are the following:

34th FA Brigade
55th AAA Brigade
75th Infantry Division
95th Infantry Division
XIII Corps
5th (attached XIII Corps) Armored Division
84th (attached XIII Corps) Infantry Division
102nd (attached XIII Corps) Infantry Division
XVI Corps
8th (attached XVI Corps) Armored Division
35th (attached XVI Corps) Infantry Division
XIX Corps
2nd (attached XIX Corps) Armored Division
29th (attached XIX Corps) Infantry Division
30th (attached XIX Corps) Infantry Division
83rd (attached XIX Corps) Infantry Division.

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Assigned 15th US Army are the following:

61st FA Brigade
13th Armored Division
16th Armored Division
20th Armored Division
65th Infantry Division
71st Infantry Division
86th (Advance Det) Infantry Division
89th Infantry Division
97th (Advance Det) Infantry Division
XXII Corps
XXIII Corps

Assigned 6th Army Group are the following:

7th US Army
44th AAA Brigade

Assigned 7th US Army are the following:

34th AAA Brigade
45th Infantry Division
3rd Infantry Division
79th (attached XVI Corps) Infantry Division
13th FA Brigade
VI Corps
14th (attached VI Corps) Armored Division
36th (attached VI Corps) Infantry Division
42nd (attached VI Corps) Infantry Division
103rd (attached VI Corps) Infantry Division
35th (attached VI Corps) AAA Brigade

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XV Corps

12th (attached XV Corps) Armored Division

44th (attached XV Corps) Infantry Division

100th (attached XV Corps) Infantry Division

63rd (attached XXI Corps) Infantry Division

XXI Corps

70th (attached XXI Corps) Infantry Division

Assigned XVIII Corps (Airborne) are the following:

13th Airborne Division

17th Airborne Division

82nd Airborne Division

101st Airborne Division

Assigned US Strategic Air Forces in Europe are the
following:

8th Air Force

9th Air Force

Air Technical Service Command

IX Engineer Command

IX Troop Carrier Command

63rd Fighter Wing.

Assigned 8th Air Force are the following:

1st Air Division with 1st, 40, 41 and 94 Combat
Bomb Wings and 67th Fighter Wing

2nd Air Division with 2nd, 14th, 20th, 95th and
96th Combat Bomb Wings and 65th Fighter Wing

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3rd Air Division with 4th, 13th, 45th, 92nd and
93rd Combat Bomb Wings and 66th Fighter Wing
VIII Air Force Service Command
VIII Air Force Fighter Command
325th Photo Wing Recon

Assigned 9th Air Force are the following:
IX Bomb Division (M) with 97th, 98th and 99th
Combat Bomb Wings
IX Tactical Air Command with 70th Fighter Wing
XIX Tactical Air Command with 100th Fighter Wing
XX Fighter Command with 84th and 303rd Fighter
Wings
IX Air Force Service Command
IX Air Defense Command

Assigned Air Technical Service Command are the
following:
Base Air Depot Area
302nd Transport Wing

Assigned IX Troop Carrier Command are the following:
50th, 52nd and 53rd Troop Carrier Wings

Assigned 63rd Fighter Wing are the following:
71st Fighter Wing
XII Tactical Air Command with 64th Fighter Wing and
42nd Medium Bomb Wing.

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Assigned Communications Zone are the following:

5th Engineer Special Brigade

6th Engineer Special Brigade

31st (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

47th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

50th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

51st (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

52nd (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

54th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

74th (attached USSTAF) AAA Brigade

56th (attached USSTAF, further attached 21st Army
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To: War Department
Headquarters 12th Army Group
Headquarters 15th Army Group
Allied Force Headquarters Caserta Italy

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(Previous para 1 Order of Battle.) Identifications:

This is G 2 Summary number 69 part 2 dated 10th
March 1945 covering period 082400A to 092400 A.

By Prisoner of War: all 9th March: 16th Volksgren-
adier: artillery Reipertewiller (Q 7638) and I/221st
Regiment seen 7738 and II/223rd Regiment Q 7541.

11th Panzer: 110th and 111th Regiments and Engineers
north Linz (L6922).

2nd Mountain: service elements 136th Regiment
L246108.

79th Volksgrenadier: I/208th Regiment L 2946.

560th Volksgrenadier: elements 1130th Regiment north
of Foehren (L34).

159th VG: II/1210th Regt Kail (L 6276).

Parachute battle group Fuchs: battalion Krahs A 1634.

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2nd Parachute: 7th Regiment Ossenberg (A 1732).

All 8th March:

2nd Parachute: 2nd Regiment Ossenberg (A 1932)

6th Parachute: 18th Regiment Ossenberg.

6th March: 905th ZBV: Treutler battalion east of
Bischwiller (R 1318).

By Prisoner of War statement: I/84th SS Regiment Oothen
(E 5170), II/83rd Regiment Oothen Tiel (E 4268) and I/83rd
Regiment Tiel. Company commanders and above German;
remainder Dutch.

2 Movements. Air recce 9th March revealed increased
military movement from Hamburg area. Now evident that
large part of movement heading southwest via Bremen and
Hanover. Main destination appears to be Ruhr area, but
movement via Hanover may well eventually head further south.
Some Mossholt military trains noted northbound from Saar
toward Moselle. Northbound movement all on line Rastatt-
Karlsruhe. Fighter-bombers reported large number loaded
trains moving southeast on line Hanover-Brunswick-Magdeburg.
May be withdrawal material and rolling stock from threatened
areas on western front.

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figures 8th March): First French no report nil 4th March
(0). Seventh US 116 (18). Third US 1845 (1853). First
US 2147 (2981). Ninth US 1682 (456). Second British 0
(0). First Canadian 427 (636). All informed.

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United Kingdom, France, Belgium and Netherlands also reintroducing double summer time 2 April.

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To: War Department
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1. Operations.

In Rhine Valley enemy patrol attempts to cross river repulsed. Enemy inactive along German First Army Front.

In Moselle sector north of Trier enemy cleared from Schweich (L 2936) against strong enemy resistance, and counter attacks repulsed. Air reported 75 vehicles moving northwest from Orscheid (L 2926) and small concentration including tracked vehicles in Thomm (L 327). Spasmodic shelling by enemy chief opposition to Allied advance to Rievenich (L 3642) and Sehlern (L 3545). Allies established bridgeheads over Salm River from Bruch (L 3151) to Desserath (L 2667) and over Klein Kyll River from south of Manderscheid (3366) to Udersdorf (3373). Musweiler (3357) and Manderscheid

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cleared but enemy infantry and tanks fighting vicinity Gogslittgen (3559) and Bleckhausen (3170). Hambuch (608), Brohl (6780) and Roes (6683) cleared by Allied Southern drive from Dungenheim; other drives cleared Gondorf (8088), Winnigen (8490) and reached Rubenach (8497) and captured Andernach (F 7604); enemy opposition collapsed and over 13,000 prisoners of war were taken.

Allied drive from Muellenbach (L 4191) drove northeast over 30 kilometres through Dottingen (L 4895), Kempenich (F 5604), Nieder Zissen, to the Rhine south of Brohl (F 7009).

To north enemy offered only scattered resistance and other points reached were Adenau (L 4298), Reifferscheid (F 3900), Oberheckenbach (F 5307) and Koenigsfeld (F 6011).

Despite stiffened resistance and increased artillery fire from enemy, Allied bridgehead over Rhine at Remagen expanded over 3 kilometres to north to Honner (F 6427). Remagen bridge eliminated from inclusive sinxig (F 6516) to Orsoy (A 2725).

First Parachute Army continued its stubborn defence of remaining enemy bridgehead on west bank of Rhine area Wesel but bridgehead being reduced and resistance slackened during day on western and northern flanks. More German elements apparently being prepared for withdrawal over Rhine. Rosenberg (A 2030), Drupt (1632), Veen (1135), Zanten (1041) cleared and Birten (1238) reached.

2. Order of Battle.

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159 Division, ex Colmar pocket, identified north of Moselle in area east of Cochem, arriving piecemeal from Freiburg area.

General line up Moselle front now believed as follows:

LXXX Corps with 79 Division south of Trier; 212, 560 Divisions between Wittlich and Moselle.

LIII Corps with 352, 9, 246, 276 and 340 on front north of Wittlich to north of Cochem. 2 Panzer north of Manderscheid. 167 and 326 Division crushed by armored thrusts with XIII Corps staff probably suffering similar fate.

LXVI Corps in similar predicament and to judge by statement of captured Corps Staff appears to have assumed responsibilities of LXVII Corps. Latter presumably shifted eastwards in abortive attempt to form blocking front on Ah River. Captured map dated prior to 23 Feb shows Corps or Corps Group Beyerlein (ex General Officer Commanding Panzer Lehr Division) does not equate with 58 Panzer Corps. It is shown in area 11 Panzer Division and probably was intended to command 11 Panzer and Panzer Lehr. May prove to be with 11 Panzer at Remagen bridgehead. If so, Panzer Lehr likely to be not far away. Good source reports 331 Division replaced 6 Parachute Division on Maas.

3. Movements.

Fairly numerous military trains including medium

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tank trains seen on lines southwest from Hamburg area towards Ruhr and Wesel. Comment: Probably replacements and training units coming up from Denmark, Wehrkreis 10 and parachute and tank training areas.

Heavy motor transport movement from Saarbrücken area to north and northeast. Comment: Possibly reinforcements for Mosel flank.

Rail activity continuing on upper Rhine, possibly damaged by enemy artillery but later repaired. Bonn (F 5438) cleared of enemy; two spans of Bonn bridge found blown. All enemy resistance west of Rhine connected with move of 159 Division to Mosel.

4. Prisoners of War.

(G-1 figures not complete).

Prisoners captured 6th March: 6217.

Accumulative total since D Day: 988,697.

5. General.

In Wesel bridgehead, enemy has had time for evacuation valuable heavy equipment and now appears ready to accelerate withdrawal. Sudden collapse Eifel front confronts enemy with problem of eliminating Remagen bridgehead, blocking Moselle front and screening newly based banks of Rhine.

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11 Panzer though fighting with traditional excellence
not enough for first task and may be joined by Panzer Lehr.
Seventh Army attempting orderly withdrawal behind Moselle
with two Panzer at pivot in center.

Appearance 159 Division northeast Coochem shows Army
Group G scraping up forces for blocking Moselle. 6 SS Moun-
tain likely candidate for this task and possibly further
elements from front of First Army.

Very little of remains of Fifth Panzer Army likely
to escape from pincers of First and Third Army to east
bank of Rhine. Lack of forces and difficulties of movement
preventing effective counteraction.

General Patton enemys predicament remains the same
and none of problems yet nearer solution.

All informed.

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

All 8th March:

16 Volksgrenadier:
118 Regiment o 8928.

17 SS Panzer Grenadier:

38th Regiment Q 6456 and
Battalion Sachsen Q 5956 state comprises division
train personnel which in turn replaced by Volksturm.

272 Volksgrenadier:

II Battalion Artillery F 6219 state remainder
regiment went east of Rhine 7th March.

253rd Replacement Regiment:

142nd, 78th and 365th Replacement Battalions area

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Bonn comment LAAC identified under 526th Division.

8 Parachute:
II/24 Regiment Veen (A 1135) and elements 22nd
Regiment Alpon.

7 Parachute:
Elements 19 and 21 Regiments Alpon.

190th Infantry:
Remnants Alpon.

180 Volksgrenadier:
Elements all three regiments Veen.

84th Infantry:
1052nd Regiment Veen.

6 Parachute:
All Zenten, Anti-Tank and Mortar Units and I and
II/16 Regiment state fighting as one battalion with
strength 250 and I and III/17 Regiment state strength 2 days
ago was 400.

83rd SS Regiment:
II Battalion area E 5569 and marked map on course
indicates regiment left Amersvoort (E 3997) 13th February,
and 84th Regiment under command and no brigade or division
shown.

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7th March:
87th Regiment Q 9236.

By prisoner of war statement: (Officer)
On 8th March LXVI Corps included 18, 26, 272, 277
and 5 Parachute Divisions.

Para 2 movements. Nothing to report.
Para 3 Prisoners of War G1 figures 5th March (G-2
figures 7th March):
1st French, no report, 7 on 3rd March (nil).
7th US 311 (43).
3rd US 1747 (1614)
1st US 3098 (3704)
9th US 1544 (1068)
2nd British nil (nil)
First Canadian 379 (324)

Para 4 tanks destroyed 7th March: 25.

All informed.

End.

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1. Operations.

Southwest of Saarbrücken elements 559th and 347th Divisions continued defensive fighting, though activity generally decreased. Northeast of Trier the bridgehead over Moselle in vicinity Ruwer (L 2632) held firmly against counter attacks and considerable sniping fire. North of Moselle Allied Forces reached Schweich (L 2936). Others advancing from Zemmer (L 2544) cleared Dierscheid (L 2944).

To the north, Landscheid (L 3054), Aprenrath (L 2851) and Greverath (2948) were occupied with moderate opposition. Large number enemy reported heard moving south vicinity Waldmonigen (L 3381).

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With no opposition thrusts were made east of Kettig (L 8099) reaching outskirts Kelsenheim (L 8999) cutting Bonn Koblenz railway line and south clearing Wolkewolven (L 8193) and Kobern (L 8090).

Another rapid thrust from Kelberg (L 4188) cleared Mayen (L 6392) and reached Kruft (L 7198). North of Kelberg town of Muellenbach (L 4191) occupied.

Crossing Ahr River at Ahulete (L 3193), Wirft (L 3797) was cleared.

All Germans cleared from north bank of Ahr with exception of pockets at Vedelhoven (L 3097) and Bodendorf (F 5317) southwest of Remagen.

Remagen bridgehead now over five miles wide by three deep. All high ground commanding site in Allied hands. No extensive defenses yet met; no wire, anti tank ditches or mines. Resistance, generally light and disorganized, centered mainly in towns. Lynx (F 6718) and Bruchhausen (F 6623) cleared. Honner (F 6427) entered. Enemy artillery becoming more active bridgehead area. Late yesterday noon four aircraft bombed and strafed bridge; all shot down and 15 minutes required to repair damage. Bridge now capable carrying any military load.

Bad Godesberg (F 5932) occupied yesterday. Northern third of Bonn cleared and Allies within 500 yards of bridge which is prepared for demolition and protected by self propelled guns. Resistance very stubborn.

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Sechtem (F 4443) cleared and Allies now on Rhine from Wesseling (4647) to Homberg. Two deserters taken vicinity F 4657 state no troops or mines on east bank. No change in enemy Orsoy Rheimberg bridgehead. Millingen (A 1830) cleared. Resistance still very stiff this area, particularly from Mark IV's of 116th Panzer. Allies entered Alpon (A 1581) and encircled town from south; resistance heavy. Zanten three fourths cleared but 6th Parachute division still opposing bitterly. A Prisoner of War estimated 4,000 enemy still in Wesel bridgehead and have been told will not be evacuated.

Weather on whole front wet with poor visibility.

Stop press: Information as of 090900: Two spans of Bonn Bridge reported destroyed; artillery from east of Rhine light. Early this morning 105 millimetre artillery fell Remagen area rate of 30 rounds per hour. At 0115 hours 9th March 80 man German Commando raid made on Granville (Normandy). Some damage done to port and small number casualties among military and civilians including capture five UNRRA personnel.

2. Order of battle.

2d Mountain apparently shifting north of sector of 6th SS Mountain.

Both Panzer Grenadier Regiments of 11th Panzer re-contacted at Remagen morning of 9th March. In pocket south of Ahr River elements of 26th, 167th, 272d, 353d, 277th, 89th, 62d, 3d Parachute and 9th Panzer Division all identified.

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3. Movements.

Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War.

(G-1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured 5th
March: 7,079. Accumulative total since D-Day: 982,480.

5. General.

Enemy's willingness to surrender local gains recently made by 2d Mountain and 6th SS Mountain in sector south of Trier indicates major regrouping: 2d Mountain now defending Hunsruck southeast of Trier and 6th SS may have been relieved and sent further northeast to form backbone of a defence along line of Moselle and Hunsruck. Whether any remnants from Colmar pocket or even from main defence line of 1st Army will be drawn up in same direction remains to be seen. Clearly is vital for enemy to retain control in area Koblenz: He is however already failing to keep Allies away from Moselle.

Divisions in Ahr River pocket seem to have orders to fight on and some are doing so. Ahr River pocket had been told to go on fighting thus Gen Schimpf Commanding 3d Parachute Division was captured. Remagen bridgehead will need more to contain it than just 11th Panzer, counter attacks by which have been ineffective: Enemy cannot afford to leave Panzers in this futile area for long in view of serious threat

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to Ruhr further north. Consequently will use every method
and effort to eliminate bridgehead.

Wesel bridgehead still stubbornly held, but doubtful
if enemy will find any advantage in retaining it much longer.

All informed.

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1. Operations. German First Armt continued strong defensive fighting southwest of Saarbruecken and held Allies to small gains in Forbach Forest (Q 4068). South of Trier strong enemy counter attack at Lampaden (L 2517) at 0910 hours repulsed and German troops forced back roughly two miles along line north of town; later enemy counter attacks thrown back and line held.

North of Trier Allied bridgehead established despite heavy enemy opposition over Kyll River in Ehrang Area (L 2435); Quint (2636) cleared against light resistance. Allies cleared Binsfeld (L 2652) and reach Niederkail (2553) in eight kilometer advance against spotty opposition; to north counter attack with enemy tanks and infantry repulsed area Schwarzenborn (L 2660) in morning and one tank destroyed. Enemy destroyed three of own tanks area Neunkirchen (L 3278) when engaged by Allies. Enemy is disorganized state and Allied

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thrust made 20 mile advance from Laubach (L 5381) northeast over bad roads and reached Kettig (L 8090) two miles from Rhine against negligible resistance. Enemy offered spotty but stubborn resistance in sector east of Gerolstein (L 2380) but strong points reduced and Dockweiler (L 3284) Bozberg (3886) and Kelberg (4288) cleared in ten mile advance. To north Allied bridgehead at Krimm expanded to inclusive Wiesbaum (2494) Mirbach (2496) and Esch (2096).

Enemy resistance collapsed completely along northern Eifel front and Allies made large advances; Dahlem (L 1599) Rohr (F 2906) Schoenau (F 3213) Queckenberg (4022) and Kalenborn (4717) cleared. Altenahr cleared and enemy forced south of river Ahr between Ahrweiler (5416) and Honningen. Elements Staff LXVI Corps overrun this general area. Heimersheim (6016) and Sinzig (6516) reached and Allies captured railroad bridge intact over Rhine at Remagen (6520) and established bridgehead on east bank. Evidence of German sudden collapse supplied by document indicating withdrawal route 18 and 26 Volksgrenadier Divisions to Bonn via Remagen. To northwest following places captured against only light resistance bringing Allies to within two or three miles of Rhine: Birresdorf (5821) Berkum (5725) Gimmersdorf (5826) Liessem (5928). Other Allied forces advancing on Bad Godersberg (5831) and capture of Impekoven (4935) and Rolsdorf (4939) bring Allies to within two miles of Bonn. South of Cologne Sechtem (4443) and Bruehl (4148) fell, the latter after stiff resistance. Allies along line Godorf (4650) Rodenkirchen (4755). Cologne clear of enemy by 1400 hours 7 March and Allies along whole west bank of Rhine in city and north to Dusseldorf.

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Opposition continues heavy in Wesel bridgehead especially in areas Ossenberga (A 2030) Veen (A 1135) and Zanten.

2. Order of battle. Elements and probably whole of 79th Volksgrenadier south of Moselle area Trier. Chief of Staff or LXVI Corps captured. 85th Division no longer carried: Combat elements handed over to 272nd Volksgrenadier.

3. Movement. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 4 March: 7777. Accumulative total since D Day: 975394.

5. General. The upper Rhine must now produce another division or two. Possibly 716th and 708th may come up to line banks of Rhine north of Coblenz. War front quiet except for counter attacks south of Trier with object of eliminating threat to back door of Siegfried Line. Enemy too weak here to achieve anything startling. Forces in Eifel now split and Fifth Panzer and Seventh Armies in state bordering on collapse. Large parts of former may be cut off since little has crossed Rhine. Seventh Army will probably withdraw south-east to cross Moselle and form right flank to Saar. Doubtful how far its present strength and mobility will permit it to achieve this. Allied bridgehead at Remagen will necessitate Panzer formations (possibly Lehr and 11th Panzer) being moved to it from north. Enemy will do utmost to destroy bridge and may employ swimming saboteurs. Bulk of Panzer Divisions now east of Rhine. First Parachute Army still fighting

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stubbornly and withdrawing with skill. Will not be able to hold bridgehead for long however. Losses inflicted or about to be inflicted on enemy renders his position such that he must bring fresh divisions or battle groups of divisions refitting in Germany to west to line the Rhine.

All informed.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S
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To: War Department

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and to ANSSO for the British Chiefs of Staff signed
Eisenhower TOPSECRET. This is SCAF 223.

Last night First Army captured railway bridge intact
at Remagen. Bradley is rushing troops to secure adequate
bridgehead with the idea that this will constitute greatest
possible threat as supporting effort for main attack.

End.

ACTION: CCS

INFO : ADM LEAHY
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1. Operations.

Rhine Valley and Hardt Mountain Sectors quiet. In Saarbruecken are elements of 559th and 347th Division continued resisting strongly north of Forbach (Q 3965) held Allies to small gains: Bois De La Reserve cleared. Elsewhere German First Army inactive with exception of heavy defence and unsuccessful counter attacks from elements of 6th SS Mountain Division newly arrived in Hentern (L 2514) Lampaden (L 2517) area. East of Trier enemy lost Kenn (L 2734) and Moselle eastern bank to L 29 easting where Allies established bridgehead and entered Schweich (2936).

Allied spearhead advanced eastwards over 16 miles from Salm (L 2573) against scattered disorganized resistance

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and numerous undefended road blocks: Considerable Ordnance equipment and several ammunition dumps captured intact. Oberstadtfeld (L 3075) Schonbach (L 4379) Berenbach (L 4482) and Uess (L 4384) among towns captured by Allies and Heunehof (L 5587) reached.

Moderate enemy resistance encountered in clearing of Michelbach (2376) Buescheich (2477) and Gerolstein (2381). Allied bridgehead established over Kyll at Krimm (L 1993) after Lissendorf (L 1991) cleared. Intermittent rain all along front.

East of Schleiden no firm enemy line contacted with points of farthest advance Sistig (F 1311) Roderath (F 2812) woods vicinity F 3920 Bolinlen (5319) Adendopf (5224) Wormersdorf (4623) and Lueftelberg (F 4828).

Prisoners state 277th Division withdrawing to area F 2204. Rheinbach (4425) lost by enemy after stubborn defence. To north Morenhoven (4430) Heimerzheim (4136) and Kerdorf (4341) cleared. Enemy fought hard along front south and west of Bruehl in attempt to protect Rhine ferries operating between F 4750 and 5153; counter attack at Pingsdorf (F 4147) repulsed and town lost.

Only light resistance offered by enemy in city of Cologne. One span of Hohenzollern bridge blown. To north Allies reached river at Niehl (F 4666) and from Merkenich (4370) to Langel (4273).

Seln propelled artillery fire from east of Rhine

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received in Orsoy (A 2725); town cleared of enemy as well as area west of road Orsoy Rheinberg. Enemy strong point at A 1729 impeded Allied progress northwards. Enemy in Ossenbergl (A 1930) hampered bridging operations north of Rheinberg. 1704 prisoners captured this sector 5th March. Intermittent rain during day.

Civilians report no defensive positions in Ruhrport (A 3718) but Duisburg being fortified; fresh troops seen in Ruhrport on 5th March and some going to Buchholz (A 3210). Dinslaken (A 3030) reported as assembly point for troops forced over Rhine.

Allied advances between Issum (A 0927) and Zanten (A 1141) hindered chiefly by craters with exception of latter town where stiff resistance forced Allied withdrawal to A 0942: Allies cut railroad at Bonninghardt (1232) and reached Veen (1136). Low clouds and rain prevented flying.

Press: By morning 7th March vicinity Mayen (L 6392) reached; also outskirts Remagen (F 62) reached.

2. Order of Battle.

In Eisel order of battle growing confused: Seems clear that bulk of remainders of 26th and 62nd Volksgrenadier Divisions were committed in area southwest of Euskirchen but not clear how much of 272nd was there.

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(9th Panzer 11th Panzer and 59th Divisions)
has now followed XII SS Corps across the Rhine.

3. Movements

Nothing of significance.

4. Prisoners of War.

(G-1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured
3rd March: 8939. Accumulative total since D-Day: 967615.

5. General.

General enemy withdrawal from Eifel now a foregone
conclusion: Only question is how much of his forces he can
save.

2nd Mountain and 6th SS Mountain Divisions on
Hunsrueck ridge clearly intended to defend flank of First
Army and side entrance to Saar. Not likely that enemy will
surrender Saar/Palatinate without a fight, though he must
be prepared to go back to Rhine if sufficient pressure is
exerted.

All informed.

ACTION: G-2

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INFORMATION: CC/S; CGAAF; OPD; Adm.King; Col.Park; Log

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1. Order of Battle.

Identifications:

By Prisoner of War: All 6th March:

257th Volksgrenadier: 2nd SS Police Regiment R 0622 state. attached this division. 47th Volksgrenadier: 115th Regiment Q 9825. 559th Volksgrenadier: 1125th Regiment Q 4068. 19th Volksgrenadier: 73rd and 74th Regiments Q 5165.

245th Volksgrenadier: Battlegroup Leuxe Q 7451 state Division Staff and 935th Regiment Staff left for Germany. Comment: This confirmed by captured letter so that Leuxe possibly under command 16th Infantry.

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16th Infantry: Reconnaissance unit Q 7540 and 223rd
Regiment Q 7444.

347th Infantry: 880th Regiment Q 3766, 860 Regiment
Q 3667, Reconnaissance and Replacement Units Q 4068 and Anti
Tank Unit Q 3767.

6th SS Mountain: 12th Regiment Schomerich (L 2515)
and 11th Regiment Lampaden (L 2517) state mission capture
Paschel (L 2416) Hentern (L 2413) and Schopkricht (L 2515).

246th Volksgrenadier: 352nd Regiment Meisburg (L
2565).

9th Volksgrenadier: 116th Regiment Meisburg.

277th Volksgrenadier: 989th and 990th Regiments
F 0903.

89th Infantry: Elements F located there by captured
map.

8th Parachute: III/24th Regiment area A 0839.

By Prisoner of War Statement: 6th March:

Tank Regiment of Panzer Lehr Division has only 5
tanks and 2 armoured Anti Aircraft cars left and division
crossed Rhine 5 to 6 days ago.

914th Regiment and 352nd Division Headquarters Com-
pany Arrenrath (L 2851). 989th and 990th Regiments 277th
Volksgrenadier Division withdrawn and former 1525 and 1317.

272nd Volksgrenadier: Major elements F 1525 and 981st

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and 1053rd Regiments area unspecified state latter absorbed
by 272nd Volksgrenadier two weeks ago.

217th Assault Tank Battalion: Area F 3025.
26th Volksgrenadier: 78th Regiment F 4135.
353rd Infantry: Elements F 4641 and 4046.
12th Volksgrenadier: All elements except 48th
Regiment area F 5442.
363rd Infantry: Major elements Cologne.
59th Infantry: Elements Cologne.
3rd Panzer Grenadier: All elements F 5242 and
Cologne.
9th Panzer: All elements Cologne.
11th Panzer: 110th and 111th Regiments and Recon-
naissance Unit F 3383.
6th Parachute: 17th Regiments A 0735 and 18th Regi-
ment Wardt (A 1044).

5th March:

2nd Parachute: 23rd Regiment A 1033 state relieved
fortnight ago by Infantry, possibly Naval Unit, and another
prisoner states same unit relieved south of Arnhem by troops
with old French tanks. Comment: Possibly 224th Tank Com-
pany shown now Blankenheim (F 2204).

2. Movements.

No report.

3. Prisoners of War. G-1 figures 3rd March.

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First French no report; 3 on 28th February. (Nil)

Seventh US 195 (88).
Third US 1651 (1002).
First US 3172 (3655).
Ninth US 3092 (1740).
Second British Nil (Nil).
First Canadian 829 (Nil).

4. Tanks destroyed 5th March: 2.

All informed.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S
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1. Operations.

In southern Rhine Valley patrols clashed in Hart Forest near Nieffer (V 8402) and south of Strasbourg. Hardt Mountain sector quiet. Enemy resisted heavily but lost part of Stiring Wendel (Q 4167) and Forbach but continued to fight in forest two kilometres north of town and to west in Bois de la Reserve (Q 3666). South of Trier 2nd Mountain Transport Division continued aggressive attitude with small counter-attacks at Niederzert (L 2412). Poor visibility and snow flurries during day; ground fairly firm.

Along southern Kyll River Allies established bridge-head areas Osten (L 2043) and captured Orenhofen (2244) against scattered opposition. Kyll bridgehead to north expanded; Dudeldorf (2153) reached and Badem (1956) cleared, and Allies one kilometre south of Kyllburg (1860). Allied advanced eastward into Gerolstein Forest to a line four to five kilometres west of Kyll between Kyllburg and Gerolstein.

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Prisoner states 506th Tank Battalion had 16 runners at Oberherresdorf (L 1375) and four at Ehlenz (L 0461) on 26th February. East of Pruem, Wallersheim (L 1379), Hinterhausen (1979), Budesheim (1580) and Gondelsheim (1282) cleared. To north Allies east of Schoenfeld (L 1390) and Scheid (0696); Allied patrols between latter town and Schwalenbach along seven easting met no opposition. Schleiden (F 1015) captured, Olef River crossed, and Allies west of Broich (1214).

Enemy offered light resistance at woods east and north-east of Gemund (F 1220) cleared. Hergarten (1525), Enzen and Euskirchen in Allied hands; Allied bridgeheads established over Erft at Derkum (3555) and Weilerswist (3640) and Allies advanced to forest north of latter town where heavy opposition encountered. Heavy enemy resistance also encountered in capture of Bliesheim (3743). Estimated 2,000 prisoners taken this sector.

West of Cologne 5,000 to 8,000 civilians milling around and obstructing progress at Frechen (F 3457) where Allies control three fourths of town. Fire received from self propelled and anti-aircraft guns in ground role as Allies reached Weiden (3660) and Widdersdorf (3663). Prisoners state important assembly area at Berg Gladbach (F 5766). Northeast of Pulheim enemy stiffened resistance but unable to halt Allies who reached Worrigen (F 3924) where enemy ferrying troops over Rhine. German counter-attack by 200th Infantry at Rogbendorf (3772) repulsed. To north Delhoven (F 3375), Gohr (2879), Hoisten and Norf (2984) cleared. 10 tanks were seen north of Hackenbroich (3574) and six tanks moving north from Straberg (3177). Prisoner CM-IN-5477 (6 Mar 45)

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from 59th Volksgrenadier Division said Division to withdraw to Udesheim (F 3486) and take ferry across Rhine.

Allies cleared west bank of Rhine between Neuss and Hohenbudberg (A 2508). Prisoner from 2nd Parachute Division stated his unit moved east across river to defend bridge at Dusseldorf; bridge blown at eastern end. Enemy column overrun vicinity Moers (A 2117) and many prisoners taken. Allies reached Rhine at Homburg against heavy resistance and found road bridge at A 2918 and railroad bridge at A 2620 still intact but no details of present condition. Estimated 1,900 prisoners taken Dusseldorf-Krefeld-Homburg area. No resistance encountered in area east of Geldern (A 0225).

First Parachute Army failed to hold Marienbaum (A 0645) and Vynen (A 0824) and allowed Allies to reach Rhine to east, Le Vins small pocket cut off east of Appeldorn. Hochwald clear; Kapellen and Issum also lost by enemy, only patchy resistance met along whole line.

On western French front in La Rochelle sector, enemy troops and artillery moving toward Thaire (T 4225) and Aigrefeuille (T 4229); rumours from German soldiers of impending action.

2. Order of Battle.

6th SS Mountain Division still out of contact.

Elements of numerous divisions, probably Army reserves, identified in area of Hosten (L 1944), most southerly crossing of Kyll River, and possible 79th Volksgrenadier

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moved south handing over to 246th.

9th Panzer Division directly in path of Allied drive to river at Worringen (F 1974): 59th Infantry Division to north of it with elements of 11th Panzer. Probable that remnants of XII SS Corps, that is, 176th, 183rd, and Panzer Lehr Divisions, are already across Rhine, and so is 476th Division: none of these being contacted.

Parachute Army still has 15th Panzer Grenadier and small elements of 2nd Parachute on south side of bridgehead, 190th and 406th north and south on west side, and 6th Parachute, 180th and 7th Parachute from east to west on north side. 84th, 8th Parachute and 116th Panzer not well located and perhaps elements dispersed, but two latter at present lending support on north and south flanks.

3. Movement.
Nothing of significance.

4. Prisoners of War. (G-1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 1st March 1945: 6,544.
Accumulative total since "D" Day: 949,585.

5. General.
Enemy resistance, after disappearance of routed XII SS Corps, is steadying forward of Wesel and Cologne, and more determined defence of two bridgeheads may now be expected on something like the present line. Parachute Army in particular has considerable number of good troops available.

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Enemy line throughout the Eifel still loosening up,
and with fall of Euskirchen and further Allied crossings
of Kyll River, to oppose which he has no reserves,
enemy's position continues unstable.

All informed.

End

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022400A to 032400A March 1945.

Operations.

1. Upper Rhine and * sector quiet.
2. Order of battle. Elements of 2nd Panzer Division
still in contact east of Bitburg.
Elements of 62nd Division in line area Eupkirchen.
Elements of 59th Division between 9th Panzer and 11th Panzer.
106th Panzer Brigade from Colmar pocket and numerous other
GHQ combat units in plain forward of Cologne.

Situation in lower Rhine plain growing confused: small

3. Bridges over Moselle at Ehrang (L 2435); Highway

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bridge south of Schweich (L 2935) reported intact; all bridges over Kyll at Coordel (L 2138), and at L 175612, 187636, 179627 and 189618 found blown. Deserter states that flak batteries in Apeicher (L 12149) moved south on 27th February.

Allies established bridgehead over Kyll, north of Huttingen (L 1752) and reached Gondorf after clearing enemy from high.

4. Ground; tanks in groups of 4 to 5 active in areas Speicher, Duseldorf (2153). Gondorf, and woods north of Metterich (1854); group of 9 tanks observed in woods northeast of Badeb (1956) at midday:

Enemy infantry reported in Duseldorf. East of Prum Allied thrust reached Frerengen (L 1179). Enemy counter attack in area to north repelled. Prisoner stated 150 millimeter howitzers in area L 112684 and armoured.

5. Pieces in position vicinity Neuheilenbach (L 1668); also, evacuation route of 276th Volksgrenadier Division runs via Balesfeld (1367)-Neustrarsburg (1369)-Seiwerath (1172)-Wetteldorf-Schoenecken (0974):

Allies reached Lauter fast and Allies along Rhine from A 2405 to 2509 and fighting in Kaldenhausen (A 2411) and Mors (2117).

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6. Town and Giesdorf (0876) to north.

Allies cleared Kemeter Forest east of Urfttalsperre (F 0823) to 10 easting. Sinzerich (2329), Zulpich (2333) cleared against light resistance; enemy counter attacks repulsed at Lommersum (3335), on western bank of Erft, at Weilerswied (3640), and at Liblar (3446). Heavy enemy resistance from Infantry and tanks along 3 main roads.

7. Leading to Cologne from west unable to stop Allied drives which reached 31 easting from 56 to 64 northings. To north Geyen (3365), Pulheim (3467) and Stommeln (3170) captured. Intermittent snow flurries during day.

Neuss cleared and Allies along Rhine from F 2989 to 2797. All Dusseldorf bridges blown. Krefeld area opposition weakening launched at 0817 has forced the enemy from woods northeast of Forbach (Q 4965) despite determined opposition.

Vehicles south of Besseringen (Q 1797) engaged by Allied Artillery. Enemy counter attack east of Hamm vicinity L 2008 repulsed night of 2/3 March; fighting died down with no loss of ground by Allies. Pockets in areas Kommlingen (L 1820) and Mattheiserwalk (L 2124) reduced; bridge at L 2608 blown.

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Railroad and highway.

8. To West Kempen cleared; Allied drive from Nieukerk cleared Andekerk (A 0816), reached Chaephuysen (1217), Rhedrat (1219) and advanced northeast of Sevelen (0922).

German First Parachute Army offered very little resistance on its left wing. Allied from north and south linked up.

A Solidly at Geldern (A 0125); other Allied thrust from Winnenkendonk (E 9934) reached Kapellen (A 0431) and cleared most of Balberger wood. Fighting continued in the Hochwald.

On Western French Front enemy of estimated 200 to 300 Infantry launched attack at grave sector at 020800A and pushed along coast south of Montalivet (Y 2747); at 1600 hours enemy reported four kilometres south of town and west of Dune Des Frayres (J 2845). Attack died down by 031200A.

10. But movement continued in eastern subsector:

14th anti-tank company identified after arrival from La Rochelle. In La Rochelle sector, enemy evacuated Cosse (T 4549).

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11. Elements of numerous divisions in Krefeld area, including 190 and 476. 7th Parachute Division reported crossing Rhine and 15th Panzer Grenadier about to do so:

8th Parachute, 2nd Parachute and 180th Divisions not in contact.

116th Panzer practically out of contact and perhaps gone to protect Wesel bridgehead, area Zanten-Rheinberg.

3. Movement. Nothing of much significance beyond natural. Eastward bound movement in Duisburg area. A report received that 169th Division beginning to leave Denmark.

4. Prisoners of War. (G-1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 28 February: 6399. Accumulative total since D Day: 943,038.

5. General. Plain of Cologne being cleared as rapidly as lower Rhine plain. Enemy's efforts apparently concentrated on getting back as much as possible across Rhine in the north in orderly.

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Part 1. Operations.

Enemy raids and patrols active along the Rhine front from Neuenburg (V 81) to Bischwiller (R 1020).

Enemy inactive Harbt mountains-Saarbruecken sector while regrouping units due to relief of 6th SS Mountain Division.

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Trier cleared against disorganized resistance by 02/1620A and bridge over Moselle captured intact: Pocket south of city reduced to one square kilometer by end of period and town cleared including Konx-Karthaus (L 1623); 3000 prisoners taken during period.

West of Moselle Allies from north cleared Trierweiler (L 1529), Sirzenich (1730) and reached Lorch (2033).

Volkssturm reported now being used as replacements in Army units.

In southern Eifel north of Bitburg bridge over Nims River captured intact at Seffern (L 1264); Heilenbach (0963) cleared. To north defended minefields held Allies to small gains west of Fuerscheid (L 0867). Approximately 100 enemy in 12 pillboxes surrendered west of Dingdorf (0773). Air observed 15 enemy tanks in two kilometers radius area Stadtkyll (L 1495) during afternoon and tanks and motor transport south of Muellenborn (L 1983) late in morning. Snow flurries during day and soft ground hampered ground and air operations; maximum temperature 43 degrees fahrenheit.

Civilians report 272nd Infantry Division moved out of Urftalsperre area (F 0825) on 28th February and no enemy remain there; Allies occupied Germeter Forest from F 1024 to Heimbach (1227) and found extensive mines and roadblocks. Enemy withdrew one to four kilometers along line from Vlaten (F 1628) to Hovenich (2635): Allied reached one mile from Zulpich and have entered Mueineim (F 2935);

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further north Friesheim (3240) cleared and bridge over Roth captured intact. Over 1200 prisoners taken in this sector.

1300 civilians, many ex-miners, found in ERP who discharged Volksturm armbands and became civilians when convenient.

Gymnich (F 2949) cleared after heavy opposition and bridge Erft northeast of town captured intact.

Allied bridgehead at Oedraath (2955) expanded after enemy counter attack repulsed but heavy opposition from Infantry and tanks. To northwest gains of up to four kilometres made east of Erft; Oberaussem (F 2564), Neurath (2072) and Frimmersdorf (1872) among towns cleared and over 1200 prisoners taken.

Enemy counter attack with support from 8 tanks made slight gain at Kappelen (F 2281) before being repulsed with 4 or 5 tanks and some half tracks knocked out. Enemy resigned to loss of Neuss (F 2790) and Krefeld-Uerdingen and both cities being mopped up, road bridges at Neuss blown but railway bridge still intact. Viersen cleared; Rhine reached by Allies northeast of Buorderich (2696). Enemy screened withdrawal across Rhine at F 2402. Spotty resistance at stream crossings, road junctions and critical points encountered along Niers River line from Suechteln (F 0599) to Langerdorf (A 0014) in defence of approaches to Kempen (A 0808), where armour and infantry attempting to stall Allies during withdrawal of troops to east of

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Rhine. Enemy pressed for time and space as Allied thrust advanced northeast through Nieukerk (A 0518) to inclusive Sevelen (0922). Southern arm of pincers reached Geldern (A 0125) whilst northern arm captured Winnikendonk (E 9934).

Weeze (E 9337) cleared without opposition. Continued heavy resistance and counter attacks in and beyond Hockwald Forest held Allies to small gains.

2 Order of battle.

On Hardt Mountain further elements of 16th Division identified and 36th Division also extended sector slightly westwards. Comment whole of sector of 6th SS Mountain Division thus taken over and division considered withdrawn from line.

In Eifel elements of 246th Division contacted down east of 79th Division and elements of 26th Division in sector of 246th. Comment not yet clear how far these transfers are to go.

Elements of 62nd Division contacted between 3rd Parachute and 353rd. Probable that neither 62nd nor 85th Division staffs have many combat troops still under command.

Elements of 338th and 189th and possibly also 331st Divisions contacted in Cologne plain believed only detached battlegroups but strong suggestion that remainder of Divisions will be coming up on east bank of Rhine.

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Advance elements of 15th Panzer Grenadier in Krefeld area with ~~also~~ of 2nd Parachute on their left and of 84th Division on their right as per captured map: Small elements of 116th Panzer in same area.

476th Division Staff south of Neuss behind Erft and 406th Division staff pushed back from Roermond both controlling regiments made up from Wehrkreis VI Replacement Units.

In lower Rhine battle 180th Division pulled across to former sector of 84: 190th Division presumably taking over on left wing which however is not in contact. An Independent Parachute Battalion in the battle for some time now claims to be part 111th Parachute Division. Captured map of recent date shows II Parachute Corps commands left of battle line while Roman LXXXVI Corps had taken over quieter Meuse River sector in exchange.

A prisoner states Lt General Bayerlein no longer commands Panzer Lehr Division and recent map shows Corps group Bayerlein forward of Cologne which believed probably equates with LVIII Panzer Corps.

3 Movements.

Considerable road movement with eastward tendency in lower Rhine plain. Rail movement northwards along Rhine between Coblenz and Cologne continues and also south of Karlsruhe suggesting further departures for north.

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Possible troop movements into west from directions
Hamburg and Hannover and also from Ulm.

4 Prisoners of War.

(G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured 27
February: 9268. Accumulative total since D Day: 936639.

5. General.

Active patrolling across upper Rhine designed to
find out our dispositions and strengths. Enemy probably
alarmed at what we might be up to.

Fall of Trier leaves enemy with hole in line at
Moselle Gateway. Probable that 6th SS Mountain Division will
be brought up.

Enemy putting up determined fight for Erft River line
and struggling hard to retain Zulpich position to link
up with old Roer line: This latter however is itself
beginning to crumble and has been greatly denuded of troops.

Further north enemy faced with crisis. Rapid Allied
breakthrough to Geldern has found Parachute Army hanging
on too long in north and patching up its back door in south
too late with probable result that neither line will be
strong enough to maintain order in withdrawal. At any rate
two bridgeheads will be sundered.

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Reinforcements coming up from Nineteenth Army and from Holland believed mainly taking up positions on east bank of Rhine though some may still come up into what remains of Erft position. Enemy must now concentrate of forming strong bridgeheads in order to get maximum possible of his forces and equipment behind the Rhine. Essential for him particularly to hold north and south flanks of his remaining hold in west Krefeld area if he is to get back First Parachute Army and that part Fifteenth Army which has been driven northeast. All informed.

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By prisoner of war: All 2nd March:

1. Order of Battle.
47th Volks Grenadier: 115th Regiment area Q 9726
and 104th Regiment area Q 9227.
36th Volks Grenadier: I/87th Regiment area Q 8237.
16th Infantry: II/225th Regiment area Q 7444.

Identifications:

17th SS Panzer Grenadier: Reconnaissance unit area
Q 5658.

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246th Volks Grenadier: 404th Regiment area
Malbergweich (L 1562).

26th Volks Grenadier: Elements 78th Regiment area
L 0598.

277th Volks Grenadier: (Deserters) 989th Regiment
area F 0704 and replacement unit east of Ramscheid (F 0908).

3rd Parachute: 5th Regiment area F 1731 and 8th
Regiment area F 1528 - 1835.

62nd Volks Grenadier: II/183rd Regiment area Geich
(F 2234) and replacement unit area Borr (F 3038) state 190th
Regiment dissolved.

353rd Infantry: Elements area F 3049. 12th Volks
Grenadier: 48th and 89th Regiments area F 1357.

Panzer Lehr: 901st Regiment area F 116988 state
ordered to hold area and I/130th Panzer Regiment area Vort
(F 0490) states battalion has three companies with total
14 Panthers.

II Parachute Corps: 12th Parachute Assault Gun
Brigade area E 9737 states unit has three battalions with
10 guns each.

406th ZBV: 416th Replacement Regiment and 286th
EAR Battalion area E 955080 state division includes 416th
Replacement Regiment comprising 37th and 58th Battalions,
276th STOMACH Battalion, and 426th Replacement Regiment
with * 59 and 464th Battalions and 286th EAR Battalion,
and relieved 8th Parachute Division area Roermond (K 7889)
late February and left Roermond 28th February and 416th
Regiment formed mid January area Osnabruck.

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Battalion CRAHS: (Straggler) Area E 9038 states unit is II Battalion 32nd Parachute Regiment comment: CRAHS Unit in area for some time and identifications should show part of 11th Parachute Division.

7th Parachute: Engineers area Weeze (E 93).

116th Panzer: 60th Regiment and artillery area southeast of Krefeld.

84th Infantry: Engineer Battalion area A 0504 state on reconnaissance and division was to come south to Toenisberg (A 1313) to incorporate odd troops and division headquarters area Toenisberg and main elements still "Area Cleves".

15th Panzer Grenadier: Elements 104th Regiment area Saint Tonis (A 1303) state regiment mission erecting obstacles.

6th Parachute: III/17th Regiment area A 0640.

2nd Parachute: 23rd Regiment and 21st Regiment of

7th Parachute Division area southeast of Krefeld.

180th Infantry: Elements 122nd Regiment area A 02388 and artillery area A 035388.

8th Parachute: II Battalion Parachute Lehr Regiment: Area A 022388.

All 1st March:

340th Volks Grenadier: Elements 694th Regiment area Waxweiler (L 0166).

167th Volks Grenadier: Elements 331st Regiment area L 0071 and elements 339th and 387th Regiments area L 0269.

326th Volks Grenadier: Elements 752nd Regiment area L 0274.

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18th Volks Grenadier: Elements 294th and 295th
Regiments area L 0893.

By prisoner of war statement:

2nd March Headquarters 276th Volks Grenadier Division
area Neustrassburg (L 1369).

1st March Headquarters 256th Volks Grenadier Division
area Kell (L 3415) state strength 23rd February approximately
1300 men.

(Straggler) 7th Regiment 2nd Parachute Division
states unit withdrawing to Sonsbeck (A 0535).

By document: Dated 16th February from unspecified
area shows 476th Division ZBV includes 536th Replacement
Regiment with 77th and 454th Battalions.

2. Movement. North Germany.

Slight military activity on line from Denmark to
Hamburg, and on lines Hamburg, Bremen, Osnabruck and
Bremen Hannover. Some rail activity Ounster Wesel.

Rhineland. Much motor transport movement crossing
Rhine in east at Duisberg. General heavy road movement
east from Eoln area, around Euskirchen and in Trier Koblenz
area.

Saarbrucken - Kaisers - Lautern - Mannheim area.
Much rail movement on lines in this area. 5 trains moving

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east, 3 moving west on line Saarbrücken Kaiser Lautern. 8
trains on line Zweibrücken Landau. 20 trains seen on line
Mannheim Karlsruhe.

Southwest Germany.

Some military movement evident on line Offenburg
Immendingen Singen, 4 military trains seen moving north.

3. Prisoners of war.

G-1 figures 27th February (G-2 figures 1st March):

First French no report; nil 24th February (1).
Seventh US 48 (31).
Third US 1896 (2369).
First US 1469 (1061).
Ninth US 3754 (3052).
Second British nil (16).
First Canadian 2101 (540).

4. Tanks destroyed 1st March: 17.

4. Miscellaneous.

Russian General Staff report 2nd, 9th and 10th SS
Panzer Divisions contacted on central fronts.

1000 "heavy assault mortar battery" contained 438
millimeter recoiled howitzers on mark VI chassis (see G-2
summary number 60, part 2, 1st March 45). Rocket assisted

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projectile about 5 feet long.

Press: Battlegroup Loetze (see G-2 summary number
61 part 2 dated 2nd March) composed of elements of 245th
Infantry Division which were under command 47th Volks
Grenadier Division while in area Mertzwiller (Q 9(30):
Present affiliation in Bitch area uncertain but 245th
Division not present.

By prisoner of war statement: 1st March 902nd
Assault Gun Brigade supporting 5th Regiment of 3rd
Parachute Division.

All informed.

End

*Being serviced.

ACTION: G-2 .

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

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Main, Versailles, France
CG, 21st Army Group, France
CG, 12th US Army Group, France
CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe,
St Germain, France
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Headquarters Provisional Allied Naval Command
CG, 9th Air Force, France

No: FWD 17545 (SCAF 220) 3 March 1945

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2. Reference is made to SCAF 180, 20 January 1945, as amended by SCAF 194, 31 January.

3. The series of operations north of the Moselle designed to destroy the enemy and close the Rhine north of Dusseldorf (paragraph 21A, SCAF 180 as amended) are well under way. Operations "VERITABLE" and "GRENADE", together with the attack by 12th Army Group with its left in support of "GRENADE" and in protection of the right (south) flank of 21st Army group, are making excellent progress.

4. On its right 12th Army Group, employing minimum forces, has advanced to the Kyll River north of Trier and to the Ruwer River south of Trier.

Sixth Army Group has completed regrouping after the elimination of the Colmar pocket, is maintaining an aggressive defense and is planning operations in the Saar.

5. The enemy's forces, reduced by losses in the Ardennes and by contributions to the eastern front, have shown themselves inadequate to contain simultaneous attacks on a broad front. As a result, further damaging losses have been incurred, fighting spirit has suffered a decline, and at certain points the defense is at present disorganized. Few or no reserves of trained troops from outside the west are believed to be immediately available; reserves from within the west have virtually all been thrown in. The enemy must now be prepared, as and when pressure is exerted, to get back behind the Rhine, at least north of the Moselle, endeavoring cross river, to retain bridgeheads across it.

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6. As quickly as possible after the early and complete achievement of "VERITABLE" and "GRENADE" objectives is assured, 12th Army Group will initiate operations in force to invest Cologne and to close the Rhine north of the Moselle.

These operations, executed while preparations are in progress for crossing the Rhine in the north, will have as their object the protection of communications to the north and the elimination of enemy forces west of the Rhine which constitute an obstacle or potential threat to our subsequent Rhine crossing operations (paragraph 21B, SCAF 180 as amended).

7. For CCS and ECOS this is SCAF number 220.

8. Acknowledge.

End

NOTE: SCAF 180 is CM-IN-19766 (20 Jan) CC/S.
SCAF 194 is CM-IN-30458 (31 Jan) CC/S.

ACTION: CC/S

INFO: General Arnold; General Hull; General Bissell;
Admiral King; C of S

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To: War Department
Headquarters, 12th Army Group
Headquarters, Fifteenth US Army
Allied Force Headquarter, Caserta, Italy

Nr: FWD 17495 2 March 1945

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1. Operations.

Enemy attitude remained defensive in Rhine Valley and Hardt Mountain sectors while considerable regrouping continued. Prisoners from 245th Infantry Division state they relieved elements 6th SS Mountain Division; also they expect relief in three or four days. Weather continued good, ground improving.

German First Army quiet Saarbruecken Saarlautern sectors.

Allies made large advances north and south of Trier. 2nd Mountain Division mounted small nuisance attacks at base of southerly pincer in area east of Oberzerf (L 2300) and counter attacks were put in at Irach (L 2525) which were repulsed during early morning and in outskirts of Trier.

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Allies reached Moselle below Trier at L 2531 and entered southern part of town. Allied drive from north reached within three kilometers of town along Trier Birburg main road and captured Neuhaus (L 1631).

Pocket of pillboxes at Inden (L 0936) still resisting.

In southern Eifel enemy quiescent in area south of Bitburg where Allies along general line two kilometers from Kyll River from Butzweiler (L 1935) to Malberg (L 1761).

Tactical reconnaissance reported tanks and concentration of vehicles in woods at L 2548 at 0930 hours. Enemy armour making effort to halt Allied northern expansion suffered loss of three tanks destroyed and four damaged area Malbergweich (L 1562) and five tanks and eight motor transport in Sefferweich (L 1363): Air reported latter town full of armoured vehicles and troops at midday.

To north along Pruem River enemy apparently withdrawing eastwards: Fluetscheid (L 0666) Lascheid (0568) and Matzerath (0373) among towns captured. Heavy enemy opposition east of Pruem and Olzheim (L 0986) held Allies to small gains.

Counterattack east of Hermespond at L 1082 repulsed late morning and estimated 200 enemy to north at L 1083 dispersed by artillery fire in afternoon.

Dumont (L 0893) lost by enemy. Allies made one mile gain east of Hollerath and reached Hescheid (F 0907).

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Disinclination to fight shown by enemy infantry but support weapons very active.

Enemy with self propelled gun support strongly defending approaches to Zulpich along general line exclusive Hausen (F 1228) Wollersheim (1730) road east of Froitzheim (1735) exclusive Sieverich (2437) road northeast from Zulpich at F 2536 and at Weiler (2739). Enemy cleared from Pingsheim (2645) and Rath (2546) but 9th Panzer and 363rd Infantry Divisions denied Allied further gains towards Cologne at Moedrath (F 2854).

Heavy infantry resistance supported by heavy mortar and artillery fire encountered over Erft Canal area Horrem (F 2857) Quadrath (2660) Bergheim (2362) where enemy attempting to contain Allied bridgeheads.

More than 50 enemy tanks, motor transport and armoured vehicles dispersed by air in Ades south of Bruhl at F 3843. Rain fell throughout afternoon and low ceiling.

Enemy along east bank Erft from Grevenbroich (F 1977) to Neuss; fighting fiercely in latter town. Enemy offering only disorganized opposition to Allied Forces advancing north which have reached line roughly Venlo north of Viersen south of Krefeld Rhine at F 2797. Runchen Gledbach (F 1090) cleared. Roermond cleared but found heavily mined.

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First Parachute Army still resisting strongly but could not prevent small Allied gains on whole Maas.

Rhine sector. Between Afferden and Weeze enemy withdrew roughly one half to one mile and Allies reached northern outskirts Weeze. Further east Germans lost Kervenheim (E 9938) and were driven from northwest corner Belbergenwald and from Hochwald gap where Allies advanced over one half mile eastward astride railroad.

116th Panzer Division still fighting fiercely in Hochwald but Allies penetrated nearly half way through between 43rd and 44th Noruhings.

East of Calcar enemy cleared from Hanselaer (A 0149) Myhlenfeld (A 0451) and Appeldorn (A 0448) and Allies reached Rhine due east of Honnepel.

2. Order of Battle.

Elements of 331st Division identified in area Elsdorf east of Julich: Comment unconfirmed and not believed more than a battlegroup, division last heard of on Dutch West Coast.

Captured map believed recent shows projected main line of resistance running east west through Krefeld: 15th Panzer Grenadier Division in center at Krefeld, 2nd Parachute Division on its left between Krefeld and Rhine, 84th Division on its right between Krefeld and Kempen. Line not shown beyond Kempen.

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3. Movements Military Rail Activity.

Army Group G area with no interpretable tendency:
Possibly more departures for north and reshuffling in First
Army Sector.

4. General.

Expected withdrawal on left wing of Parachute Army has
not yet occurred despite some loosening up on both wings
yesterday, and no sign yet of withdrawals across Rhine.

If captured map reported above is genuine, it
evidently represents plan by Parachute Army rather late in
day to protect its rear: Doubtful if there will have been
time to implement it. Geldern will clearly be critical point
in any orderly withdrawal by Parachute Army which may have
meant to retain bridgehead Rees Geldern Krefeld eventually
crossing Rhine if necessary at Zanten Wesel Dinslaken and
Duisburg.

LXXXI Corps now behind Frft River XII SS Corps
being flung back onto Parachute Army.

Further reinforcements still struggling round from
Holland and up from Army Group G.

Stop press: 5th Parachute Division shifted south
to Pruem sector which it now holds with elements of 340th.
246th Volks Grenadier to north of it also shifted slightly

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southwards, to close up, while 18th Volks Grenadier seems
to be definitely in line to north of 246th in area Ormont.

All informed.

End

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INFO: CC/S; CG AAF; OPD; Adm King; Col Park; Log

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CG, 12th US Army Group Advanced
Headquarters 15th US Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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28 February 1945

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1. Operations. Drizzly showers in Rhine Valley, sky overcast in Hardt and ground soft. Increased movement between Haguenau Forest and Hardt Mountains. Two small enemy groups dispersed by artillery north of Engwiller (Q 9131). Enemy reinforced Nieffern (Q 8729) after Allied patrol raid. Disbath of 2nd Mtn Div to Saarburg area thinned enemy line in Hardt sector; Allied patrols found Posimioni prepared but unoccupied. Enemy sensitive to patrols on western side of Hardt during night 26 to 27 February. Small enemy force with self propelled artillery support made unsuccessful attack in Hinterwald woods (Q 5264). German infiltration vicinity Stiring-Wendel (Q 4266) caused slight local Allied withdrawal to high ground.

In area Saarburg, where Siegfried positions breached by Allies, enemy opposition to Allied drive heavy, mainly from anti tank guns and road blocks. 2 Mountain Division

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being brought up to reinforce defense of area. Enemy forced back 2 kilometers north of Baldringen (L 2413) along road to Trier and lost some ground in woods east of Ockeen to L 1915.

In southern Eifel enemy cleared from Irrel (L 0839) and Allies advanced four miles to east against light opposition and cut Trier-Bitburg road in areas L 1441, 1445 and from 1447 to 1549. Enemy offered only scattered opposition west of Kyll River as Oberstedem (L 1247) and Nattenheim (1358) cleared: Allies entered Bitburg from north and outskirts reached from south. Walweiler (L 0266) cleared in afternoon after fierce fight. Southeast of Kinzberg enemy made vain attempt to hold Prum river line but forced from high ground to area L 0269. South of Schleiden enemy withdrawn to east of Reifferscheider River from F 1006 to 1010 and towns in area to west cleared as Allies made gains of roughly one mile along four mile front.

Fifteenth Army's position even more precarious as result of inability to coagulate in face of three Allied drives which on 27th February made large gains towards Cologne, Grenvenbroich and Munchen Gladbach. On southern flank of bridgehead some resistance Nideggen (F 1133), particularly self propelled, automatic weapon and artillery fire, but insufficient to hold town. Fragenheim (F 1737) and Vettweiss (F 1938) cleared and Allies advanced 3 miles northeast, capturing Kelz (1941); Irresheim (F 2144) and Oberheim (F 2247) defenses lightly and easily taken. Infantry and tanks in small groups reported area Gladbach (F 2241)-Eggersheim (F 2244) Dorweiler (F 2544) during afternoon. Stiff house to house fighting in Kerpen (F 2652). Allies took Heppendorf (F 2358),

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Esch (F 1661) and Tollbausen (F 1561); Grouven (F 2060) Andelsdorf (F 1760) cleared against scattered resistance. Artillery fire heavy Sindorf (F 2557), Heppendorf and Mannheim (F 2054). Allied spearhead captured Glesch and crossed Erft Canal. Over 900 prisoners of war taken in sector Sindorf-Tollhausen on 27 February.

Before Allied drive towards Grevenbroich enemy fell back beyond line Konigshoven (F 1572)-Garzweiler (F 1375)-Borchemish (0976), despite continued strong Infantry and armoured opposition (11 Panzer) area north of Titz. South of Munchen Gladbach, collapse of enemy resistance particularly costly in personnel and ground lost. One Allied Corps took over 1500 prisoners of war 27th February. In one sector alone 11th Panzer lost 500 prisoners of war and in another an artillery battalion, complete with Commanding Officer, was captured. Allies broke through in Ekelenz area, captured Rheindahlen (F 0384) and Wegberg (K 9883) and drove to Waldniel (K 9791) and Merbeck (K 9687); 500 prisoners of war taken this sector. Prisoner said his division (Panzer Lehr) moved south night 27th/28th to defend Munchen Gladbach; police from that city say few civilians or troops there. Enemy yielded Gerderath (K 9478) without a fight. After stumbling block at Hilfarth was removed day before yesterday, Allies made good gains to north, clearing area Gerderath-Wassenberg (K 8979)-Orsbeck (K 8877).

First Parachute Army still being shaken. Losses moderate southwest of Goch where Siebengewald cleared and Allies advanced to within one kilometer of Groote Horst

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(B 3639). West of Niers River, no evidence of enemy pulling back and resistance stiff on Weeze-Udem axis where four counter attacks regained some ground; however, forest north-east of Weeze cleared. East of Udem only light opposition to Allied penetration to west edge Hochwald and capture of high ground vicinity A 0400. Calcei taken and Allies reached Rhine from north of Honnepele (A 0351) to Grieth (A 0255); all 3 towns cleared against slight opposition. First Parachute Army has lost about 13,000 prisoners of war since beginning of Allied offensive, 116 Panzer and 6 Parachute Divisions being heaviest sufferers recently.

2. Order of battle. 352 Volksgrenadier Staff reported by prisoner withdrawn into Germany and troops incorporated in 9 Volksgrenadier.

Prisoner states 12 Volksgrenadier under LIII Panzer Corps, probably mistake for missing LVIII Panzer Corps. 338 and 11 Panzer Divisions still coming up and being committed piecemeal. Panzer Lehr Division contacted southeast of Munchen Gladbach, coming down from lower Rhine battle. 502 Tiger Tank Battalion in Dugen area fresh from reforming in Germany, showing eastern front no longer has monopoly.

15 Panzer Grenadier still missing from lower Rhine.

Khrea. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 24 February: 3974. Accumulative total

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General. No change in general situation. Enemy facing further major showdown as Allies close up to Kyll River in Eifel and to line Erft River and Munchen Gladbach in Cologne plawn, while penetrating Hochwald Bastion in north. Doubtful in Panzer Lehr alone will prove enough in crucial sector Munchen Gladbach, and 15 Panzer Grenadier, though also badly needed in north, may perhaps come down to help.

Clear that, on whatever line enemy hopes to stabilize, he can only reach it critically short of troops. Therefore to be expected that old game of "emergency" units, even "divisions", formed from personnel of schools and training areas, and with a mixture of Volksturm, will begin again, on same lines as on Eastern Front.

All informed.

End

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INFORMATION: CC/S
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1. Operations. Enemy patrols active on western bank of Rhine during night from Meuenberg (V 8712) to north of Strasbourg. Hardt mountain sector quiet.

South of Saarbruecken enemy continued aggressiveness vicinity Stiring-Wendel (Q 4266); two counter attacks launched east of town during morning without artillery preparation easily repulsed; infiltration attempts continued unsuccessfully throughout day; some small Allied gains made. Allied patrols found enemy line thinly manned Northwest of Rimling (Q 6554). Civilian escaped from Saarbruecken states very few enemy troops in town; defenses being repaired by Volkssturm. Sky overcast, ground soft.

South of Trier enemy resistance mainly along Irsch (L 1217) Nieaerzerf (L 2412) road. Pockets northeast and east of Buerig (L 1512) mopped up. Strong German attack at 0600A vicinity L 2011 initially successful but later forced

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back. Enemy stubbornly holding Siegfried pillboxes but unable halt Allied spearhead which reached Niederzorf (L 2412) by close of period. To north, Schoden (L 1716) reported clear of enemy. Wasserbillig (L 1124) entered without enemy contact.

In Southern Eifel after German counter attack repulsed enemy forced back to Nims river line where fighting heavy in area Alsdorf. Dockendorf (L 0848) and Birtlingen (L 1050) among towns captured by Allied advance. Brech (L 0754) subjected to heavy artillery and mortar fire immediately after being cleared night 25/26 February. Scattered delaying action met by Allies advanced to outskirts Bitburg (L 1353) where self propelled, anti tank and harassing artillery fire received. Erdorf (L 1656) on Kyll River, entered but bitter enemy resistance forced Allied withdrawal from town. To north enemy lost Liessem (L 1059), Bwersdorf (L 0758) and Echtershausen (L 0559). Area west of Prum River clear in area Phillipsweiler (L 0362) and Allies along west bank from Mael (L 0464) to and inclusive Waxweiler (L 0266).

Weather generally poor to fair for operations but Fifteenth Army lost heavily again 27 February. Unable prevent rapid expansion Allied bridgehead, now advancing eastward all along line from area north of Nideggen (F 1133) to Hilfarth. Kreuzau bridgehead, established 25th February, yesterday spread out to south and east against only light opposition, clearing Boich (F 1236) and most of woods to east of town and cutting main Zulpich Duren Road from Solier (1638) to Stockheim both of which are clear. About 1700 Germans

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captured this sector. East and northeast of Duren enemy driven back to general line Stockheim Rommelsheim (1643) Eschweiler (1947) Blatzheim (2251) Mannheim (2054) Berrendorf (1959) Steinstrass; almost all of large woods northeast of Duren cleared. Opposition remained only light to moderate in general but at Steinstrass, 9th Panzer Divisions strong reactions succeeded in limiting Allies eastward advance. Enemy resistance reported area Rodingen 25th February only momentary and on 26th February Allies pushed on reaching Pquz (1467) Kirchherten (1268) and Titz (0868), and joined thrust moving northeast beyond Linnich in area Ralshoven (0368); at Titz, counter attacks by 11th Panzer Division provided only real obstacle this part of front. Enemy fell back rapidly before latter drive, losing Venrath (F 0478) and after some heavy fighting, Erkelenz (F 0176). Heinsberg Erkelenz road cut at 96 easting. Prisoner of war 15 Artillery Replacement Battalion state new division expected Erkelenz 24 February and his battalion was committed temporarily to hold town till new division arrived. Another prisoner of war heard report of large concentration tanks Dusseldorf on 23 February. Enemy lost Hilfarth but allied progress hindered by thickly sown mines and booby traps. Enemy's loss of 2000 prisoners of war on 26 February brings total this operation to over 6000. Prisoner of war 183rd Division state received orders to report to places already in Allied hands.

Before renewed Allied attacks on 26 February, First Parachute Army suffered moderate reverses southwest of Goch and large holes in Udem Calcar area. In former sector, enemy driven from Schanz and northern part of Siebengewald cleared.

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To southeast, Allies advanced over one mile to woods east of Groote Horst (E 8639) and made small gains north of Weeze. Keppeln (E 9844) and Hollen (9744) occupied by Allies, main opposition coming from mines, but counter attack with 20 to 30 tanks later recaptured Hollen. Udem occupied and Enema cleared from west of line running roughly from there to Calcar, southern outskirts of which Allies reach; just southeast Calcar, Allies cut main road to Zanten. First Parachute Army lost 2300 prisoners yesterday, mainly from 6th Parachute, 116 Panzer and 84 Divisions.

2. Order of battle. 2 Mountain Division transferring entire to area south of Trier: Its former sector (Bitsche) being taken over by 6th SS Mountain which is stretching. Elements of former 49th Division contacted also south of Trier: Comment no evidence yet that this division has been properly reformed or is all present. 262nd Division shown on a recent document in area Wittlich: Comment rumoured coming up to Eifel since mid January, but no good evidence yet that it has been reformed since destruction in east.

3 Panzer Grenadier relieved at Schleiden by 89, and recontacted northeast of Dueren.

In Lower Rhine Battle 15th Panzer Grenadier Aid Panzer Lehr not in contact: 116th Panzer firmly in line.

3. Movement. Nothing to report.

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

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prisoners captured 23 February: 3276. Accumulative total since D Day (excluding First French Army 21st to 23rd February: 912356.

5. General. Enemy surprisingly sensitive to threat South of Trier, perhaps only because Army Group G has no bigger worries on its hands at present.

In Cologne plain only real resistance being put up by 11th Panzer and 9th Panzer, which are holding two main roads out of Julich towards Dusseldorf and Cologne. Three Panzer Grenadier coming up to take charge, rather inadequately, of main road east from Duren to Cologne, but no good quality formation yet brought in for roads out of Linnich towards Dusseldorf. Resistance in this sector very disorganized. Seems essential that a Panzer Division should move there, possibly from north.

In lower Rhine plain resistance not disorganized and quite tough: however, 2300 prisoners in one day, mainly from Elite formations, is a killing pace. Total of prisoners on western front on 26th February over 8000.

All informed.

End

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This is G 2 special summary number 12 giving latest
picture enemy morale.

1. Last few days has revealed noticeable deterior-
ation in enemy will to resist. Cannot yet be classed as
general collapse in morale. Nevertheless, it is now quite
plain that the German Volksgrenadier Division in the west is
incapable of withstanding strong Allied offensive action in-
cluding armour in country remotely suitable for tanks. They
require backing by armour, or preferably by SS formations.

2. In Roer battle where villages have been by-passed
by tanks and surrounded, infantry offer only feeble resistance
and on occasions surrender. For instance Erkelenz a strong
fortified township was taken in an hour. Some of the panzer
formations, notably 9th Panzer Division, are giving up pris-
oners too easily. Generally however panzer and parachute
divisions show no real deterioration in morale and still re-
sist tenaciously and counter-attack energetically, normally
without success. There is noticeable difference for example
between 1st Para Army and 15th Army tenaciousness.

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3. In some sectors of front, considerable confusion exists and this is partly reason for lack of power of resistance but it can safely be said that average German soldier's morale and will to resist has slackened, but there are at the moment no indications that will to resist will collapse. Nazi fanatics, especially the young, are as stubborn and stupid as ever.

4. Difficult to see how this state of affairs can be rectified by Rundstedt without new blood including some SS formations.

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1. Operations. Enemy patrol activity in Rhine Valley. Hardt Mountain Sector quiet with exception of some heavy calibre artillery fire placed on Saverne (Q 7215) during night 24 and 25 February. 380 millimeter railroad gun reported firing from vicinity Haffen (R 1536) and 170 millimetre gun from Beerenthal (Q 8442).

Saarbruecken sector inactive during morning with exception of light exchange of fire in Saint Arnual woods (Q 4667): In afternoon enemy counter attacks in Saint Arnual woods and in Forbach repulsed; fighting continued in town. Attack anticipated East of Stiring Wendelon basis of prisoner of war statements failed to develop. Saint Avold (Q 2556) received estimated 170 millimetre artillery fire. Fighter bombers engaged 15 armoured vehicles, possibly tanks, in Ravine area Guchenbach (Q 4378) during morning.

3 Saarburg bridgeheads solidly linked up and Allies hold East bank of Saar from Tabon at L 1805 to North of Schoden

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at L 1717. Strong counter attacks beginning in the early morning hours continued on into the late afternoon with the resultant expending of enemy reserves in unsuccessful efforts to push the Allies back. Allies gained roughly 3 miles along main road running east from Saarburg. Enemy reinforced area with replacement battalions with tank and 88 millimeter guns support which were committed to counter attacks immediately on arrival.

In Southern Eifel Allies crossed Prum River 15 kilometer front from inclusive Holsthum (L 0544) to inclusive Bettingen (L 0450) and made gains to 3 kilometers on East bank, Meerk disorganized resistance and scattered artillery fire; Dockendorf (L 0848) and Ingendorf reach. Vehicles observed converging on Meckel (L 1244) from Northwest and Southwest. Mettendorf (P 9951) captured and Allies advanced East across Enx River. Enemy forced back to East from Brimingen through Baustem to Brecht (L 0654) where he retired to East bank of Prum and blew bridge. Allied drive to North cleared Altscheid (L 0358). Bridges at Hermesdorf (L 0756) and Hamm (L 0558) reported captured intact by Allied against no opposition. Armoured reconnaissance observed 14 enemy tanks and many vehicles West of Liessem at L 0959 and 15 stationary tanks South of Rittersdorf (L 1156) at 251700A. Air reported heavy enemy vehicular movement to East in area Oberweiler (L 0761) and Ehlenx (L 0961) in morning. Unknown number enemy vehicles to North in area L 0663. Prisoner stated Infantry dug in North of Bael at L 0464 to 0465. Weather dry, foggy in morning, ground muddy.

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As Roer continues to subside and roads and soil improve, Fifteenth Army resistance still has not hardened and loss of ground is accelerating. Allies now hold continuous bridgehead from area Winden (F 1238) to area Hilfarts (K 9472).

In Duren Sector light to moderate opposition to Allied attack which turned South along Eastern bank of Roer and captured Kreuzau (F 1139) and Drove (F 1437). German troops cleared from Stockheim (F 1540) Binsfeld (F 1544) Duren (F 1246) and Merxenich (F 1448). Allies reached Girelsramh (1646). Night 24/25 February enemy aircraft on almost hourly schedule dropped flares Duren-Julich sector, seeking Allied bridge sites. Germans driven from Forst Hambach Woods and from Wekt edges Escher Burge vicinity F 1257; Ellen (1252) and Steinstras (1260) also cleared of enemy small tanks observed in woods to Southeast of latter town. 59th Division unable to hold Ellen (1063) Gusten (0863) or Welldorf (0762) but offered some resistance Rodibgen (1064) which Allies reached. Pattern (0563) and Mersch (0463) also taken after heavy fight.

In area Northeast and North of Linnich enemy also recoiling; resisting at Muntz (0466) holding one half of town but Ralshoven (0428) fell to Allies. Katzem (F 0372) and Granterath (K 9974) also lost. 183 Division, disorganized and confused, gave little trouble to Allied capture of Hetzerath (K 9774) and Houverath (K 9675). Area Doveren (K 9574) enemy used 6 tanks (including 1 Sherman with German markings) and 8 assault guns in unsuccessful counter attack.

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after which withdrawal made to dig in in woods North of town; by end of period, Allies had cleared area. Enemy aircraft active along river Southwest Erkelenz strafing and dropping anti personnel bombs in Allied bridge sites and causing some damage. Artillery activity moderate but still having effect in bridge areas. Enemy continued to patrol river line Northwest of Hilfarth but nothing important developed. Sky overcast, intermittent rain.

River level dropping rapidly in First Parachute Army Sector. Enemy held firm during 25th February, suffering only small loss South of Goch where Allies took Hulm (E 9040).

Press: Armoured counter attack West of Calcar, against Allied attack early morning 26th February, was repulsed. Elements of 560 Volksgrenadier withdrawn from Eifel and coming in South of Trier.

352 Volksgrenadier and 326 Volksgrenadier reported by prisoners to be reduced to battle groups and subordinated to 9 and 167 Volksgrenadier Divisions respectively: 326 called a divisional combat team in a document. 9 Volksgrenadier also stated to be subordinated to 2 Panzer. Divisions along Prum River considerably jumbled at present.

3 Panzer Grenadier still in contact in sector Schleiden Gemuend.

9 Panzer now more or less all in in area Steinstrass East of Müllich. Tank element of 11 Panzer Division contacted area Tito East of Linnich.

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Panzer held in light contact forward of Uedem; 116 Panzer now stated to be back in Hochwald area. Third Regiment (17) of 6 Parachute Division now contacted.

3. Movement. Concentrations of armour seen in area Grevenbroich Blatzheim, presumably 11 and 9 Panzer Division. Activity continues on lines East of Rhine between Coblenz and Cologne.

4. Prisoners of war (G 1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 22nd February: 2590. Accumulative total since D day: 909,080.

5. General. Enemy resistance in Eifel threatening to become, if it is not already, disorganized. At Rittersdorf, where river Nims crossed by Allies without difficulty North of Bitburg, 1,000 prisoners taken, and same Allied Corps took over 1000 other prisoners. Enemy's last prepared defence line in Eifel is on Kyll River: This is better obstacle than Pruem River but not clear where troops to be found to hold it.

Enemy's concern for Trier Sector shown by bringing down at least elements of sorely needed 560 Division from Eifel, and stop gap units now being dragged up also from divisions in Saar/Platinate.

In Cologne battle enemy resistance has not yet cristalized. 1,000 prisoners taken at Granterlth, and 100 from tank regiment of 9 Panzer Division. Panzer reserves being committed piecemeal, though 11 Panzer may yet give trouble.

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Press. Further good indications from Prisoners of War that 3 Panzer Grenadier Division getting out and being relieved by 89 Division. Several units of 338 Division contacted South of Erkelenz.

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1. Operations. In Rhine valley enemy raiding parties repulsed in areas Marckolsheim (V 8651) and Strasbourg (W 0297). Hardt mountain sector quiet; increase in vehicular traffic north of Reipertswiller (Q 8037). In Saarbruecken sector enemy lost Bliesransbach (Q 3363) and Bubingen (Q 4964) after heavy fight. 10 tanks or self propelled guns seen vicinity Habbkirchen (Q 3659) during morning. Enemy asking determined try to retake high ground south of Saarbruecken: Counter attack by German infantry and tanks on east side St Arnual woods (Q 4767) made temporary penetration but line restored by midday. Enemy also aggressive east of Stiring-Wendel (Q 4266) where small enemy attack temporarily successful. Enemy counter attacks at Forbach repulsed; fighting continues in town and woods to northwest being mopped up. Weather dry, ground soft, visibility fair to good.

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In Saarburg sector allied bridgehead established area Taben (L 0517) and advanced to one mile east of river. Despite heavy enemy pillbox resistance Allied drive advanced northeast from Serrig and controls Niederzerf-Irsch road in area L 2012. Volksturm prisoner captured Serrig area stated his unit of 150 men mobilised vicinity Losheim (L 2801) 14 February; occupied Serrig defence positions 22 February. Allied bridgehead at Ockfen further expanded. Enemy artillery concentrations against bridgeheads moderate.

In southern Eifel enemy apparently withdrawn bulk of forces to Prum river defence line. Pocket west of river caved in rapidly and opposition scattered. Heavy resistance encountered at Niederrader (P 9954) and Outscheid (L 0156), both groups having tank support. Fighting also progressing in Brimingen (L 0153) later in period. Allied northern and southern flanks joined along Linz running roughly north to south through Neuerburg (P 9658); enemy resistance to west by-passed and pocketed. In northern Eifel, allied advanced eastwards to inclusive Berkoth (L 0061), Oberpiersheid (L 0263) reached Prum river and captured Niederpiersheid (L 0265). Enemy contesting Allies in Wazweiler (L 0266) but unable to deny Allies Prum river crossings after Manderscheid (L 0167) and Kinzenburg (L 0069) lost. Large numbers of prisoners still being taken.

Sector Roer dams quiet. Schwammenauel dam now empty. River at Heimbach (F 1127) dropped 16 inches between 240600A and 241200A; drop commenced to be felt downstream; no change

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In rate of discharge from Urftalsperre via pipe to Heimbach.

Concentration of enemy artillery fire on bridging sites in Duren sector continued during morning but became lighter in afternoon. No enemy counter attacks developed during period. Heavy fighting continued in Duren. Heavy pressure south of city forced slight allied withdrawal. To north enemy resisting in Arnoldsweiler (F 1250):

Oberzier cleared. Prisoners taken exceed 300.

Allies hold east bank of Roer solidly from Krauthausen (F 0753) to Brachelen (K 9469). Opposition heavy in northern sector and enemy launching counter attacks. In Julich sector enemy offering considerable opposition but unable to halt allied drive from Nieferzier which cut Julich Eledorf road by capturing Steinstrass (F 1260). Julich citadel surrendered and town cleared. Western section of Foust Hambach and Stetternich (F 0659) lost by enemy. Approximately 400 prisoners taken during period.

Prisoners of war runner from 958th Grenadier Regiment of 363rd Infantry Division states he heard Regiment commander tell division staff officer he had lost 600 to 800 men and could not hold out. Staff officer replied Volksgrenadier Division coming to rescue with assault gun battalion and Werfer Regiment.

In Linnich sector enemy driven back roughly three miles, lost Hottorf (F 0268) and fighting for Lovenich

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(F 0071) after German counter attacks repulsed. Enemy mounted heavy counter attacks at Baal (K 9871) and attempted to retake Doveren (K 9473) which was lost during day: all counter attacks repulsed without loss of ground. Estimated 900 prisoners taken during 23 and 24 February. Some rain fell.

Venlo sector quiet.

South of Goch enemy lost ground along road Goch Weeze to E 9339 after offering moderate resistance. Two enemy counter attacks northwest of Calcar repulsed with no change in front line. About 250 prisoners taken during day. Indications enemy thinning out slightly this sector; still fighting bitterly but losing heavily.

2. Order of battle. Further evidence that two Mountain had taken over Bitch sector from 559 and latter moved into line south of Saarbruecken.

Prisoner states elements 246th Volksgrenadier relieving 18th Volksgrenadier.

Advance elements of 9th Panzer in action southeast of Julich (Hambach) and ditto of 14th Panzer northeast of Linnich (Hottorf): latter however not up yet and rear elements still left in area Taben. Fusilier battalions of 363rd and 176th Divisions flung in, away from divisional sectors, At Tetz (F 0063) and Baal (K 9771) respectively.

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further elements of 176th Division brought down to area
Hottorf (F 0267).

Remainder of 8th Parachute Division probably now
coming up in rear of 7th Parachute Division. 15th Panzer
Grenadier firmly in on right of 8th Parachute. Remnants 84th
Division with elements 2nd Parachute Division protecting
Udem. 116th Panzer not in contact. Panzer Lehr in light
contact. 6th Parachute Division (still less 17th Regiment)
holding line of Cleve-Calcar road.

3. Movements. Road movement east and west in
Roermond sector 23, 24 February suggests remainder of 8th
Parachute Division moving out and relief arriving. Rail
movement continues heavy on lines east of Rhine between Cologne
and Dusseldorf. Rail activity in Heimbach-Trier area may
indicate an arrival. No activity seen in south.

4. Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete)
prisoners captured 21 February:

3200. Accumulative total since D day: 906483.

5. General. Enemy's heavy losses in men clearly telling
on him in Saarburg and Eifel sectors in both cases he has
failed to prevent allies taking bridgeheads across river
line. Reinforcements particularly necessary south of Trier
and may be arriving, but 2nd Panzer alone proving insufficient

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stiffening for Volksgrenadiers on river Prum.

Enemy defence on Roer river completely failed, main cracks occurring around Linnich (59th Division) and south of Julich (363rd Division) both in sector of LXXXI Corps. 11th Panzer and 9th Panzer being hurried up to these breaches, and enemy likely to counter attack in attempt to eliminate bridgeheads. Difficulty of move forward of divisions to assembly areas however will make coordinated attack extremely difficult from mines.

Enemy line in lower Rhine battle now fairly established: idea may be to release some of Panzers if possible after bringing up sufficient parachute units to hold line.

Press: Whole of I Battalion 10th Panzer Grenadier Regiment 9th Panzer Division surrendered at Rath (P 138501) All informed.

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cite SHGBI.

Following are divisional gradings from SHAEF G-2
Weekly Intelligence Summary for 25 February 1945: (Previous
para A.)

1. Panzer.

A - nil.
B - Lehr, 11.
C - 2, 9, 116.

2. Panzer Grenadiers.

A - nil.
B - 3, 17 SS.
C - 15.

3. Parachute and Mountain.

A - 6 SS Mountain.
B - 2, 6, 7 and 8 Parachute.
C - 3 and 5 Parachute, 2 Mountain.

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4. Volksgrenadier.

A - 257.
B - 12, 36, 47, 183, 212, 256, 363, 559.
C - 9, 16, 18, 19, 26, 62, 79, 167, 246, 272,
276, 277, 326, 340, 352, 361, 560, 708.

5. Infantry.

A - 190, 319, 331, 346.
B - 59, 85, 180, 245, 347, 353, 416, 719.
C - 84, 89, 159, 176, 189, 198, 338, 716.

6. Remainder: 30 SS, 216 (?), 405, 406, 805, 905,

B. Additions: 361 Volksgrenadier, from reforming in Germany.

C. Eliminations: 786 Stellungen, existence no longer credited.

D. Total divisions 69, including 8 Panzer/
Panzer Grenadier.

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1. Order of Battle. Identifications:

By Prisoner of War: All 23rd February: 47th Volksgrenadier: Elements I/935th Grenadier Regiment 245th Infantry Division attached area Q 9128 states 36th Volksgrenadier Division on right flank 22nd February.

6th SS Mountain: III/12th SS Mountain Regiment area east of Reipertshueller (Q 8237) state Division received approximately 1,300 replacements since 1st February of which 800 are Moslems.

2nd Mountain: I/136th Mountain Regiment and 67th Recce Battalion area Q 7452 state Regiment relieved a Volksgrenadier Division on 20th February and 137th Mountain Regiment on right. Comment presumably 559th Division.

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103rd Anti Tank Brigade area Q 4668.

559th Volksgrenadier: IX/1127 Grenadier Regiment
area Q 4463 state left Bitche sector 18th February for
Geerstof (R 0259) where they remained until 22 February
and then left by truck for Saarbruecken.

19th Volksgrenadier: I/59th Grenadier Regiment.
area Q 4467.

12th Volksgrenadier: Recco battalion area F 1051
and elements 48th Grenadier Regiment area F 1246, 89th
Grenadier Regiment area F 1243 and 27th Grenadier Regiment
area F 1048.

353rd Infantry: Elements 943rd Grenadier Regiment
area F 1241.

363rd Volksgrenadier: 559th Grenadier Regiment from
Broich (F 019619) to Jullich (F 0359) and I/957th Grenadier
Regiment area F 0557 and 958th Grenadier Regiment area
Salgeredorf (F 065553)-Selhausen (F 085375) and Artillery
regiment area unspecified and 957th Grenadier Regiment area
Hombach (F 0956) and Recco battalion area Boslar (F 0164).

59th Infantry: 1034th Grenadier Regiment area
Roerdorf (R 9764) and 1036th Grenadier Regiment same area
state 1035th Grenadier Regiment not in area.

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183rd Infantry: 330th Grenadier Regiment area
Kranzes (K 8974) and II/351st Grenadier Regiment area unspeci-
fied.

176th Infantry: 1218th Grenadier Regiment area K 8776
and 1176th Artillery Regiment area unspecified. 741st Anti
Tank Battalion area Weeze (E 9337) states each company has 5
hetzers.

15th Panzer Grenadier: I/104th Panzer Grenadier
Regiment area woods E 9140 state I and II Battalions Amalgamated.
Elements 115th Panzer Battalion area E 9441 state 3rd Company
lost all 5 of its mark IV tanks and battalion has only 15
runners.

2nd Parachute: I/7th Parachute Regiment area E 9540
state remainder of regiment also in area.

655th Heavy Anti Tank Battalion: Area E 9541 state
unit reduced to 20 runners.

Panzer Lehr: Recce Battalion area E 9542 and I
and II/901st Panzer Grenadier Regiment area E 9641 and II/902nd
Panzer Grenadier Regiment area E 9807 state expect relief by
paratroops. 346th Inf Div: III Bn Crahs atchd 858th Grenadier
Regt area E 980527 state unit ordered to leave Moyland (E 9651)
for Calcar 21st Feb.

All 22nd February:

2nd Panzer: Elements 304th Panzer Grenadier Regiment
area L 0350 and elements 2nd Panzer Grenadier Regiment area

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L 0050.

9th Volksgrenadier: All three regiments area L 0250
to 0350.

8th Parachute: II Battalion Parachute Lehr Regiment
area E 9441.

6th Parachute: Elements 16th Parachute Regiment
area E 9949 states III Battalion nearby.

By prisoner of war statement: Headquarters LXXXV
Corps area Wiesbach (Q 4586). Brigade Staff 1005 area Nueunburg
(V 81) commanding 7th Upper Rhine Grenadier Regiment on 31st
January.

Notes a winding up staff for 16th Volksgrenadier
Division is mentioned in a document dated 21st January.

2. Movements. 23rd February: Area west of Ruhr:

Considerable amount rolling stock loaded AFV and
motor transport observed area west of Ruhr Krefeld Grevenbroich
Köln Düsseldorf. Considerable road activity mostly westbound
Roermond area. Comment rail activity indicates further arrivals.

Köln area:

Northbound rail activity line Siegen Seiburg. Comment
trains carrying motorized equipment observed this line 22nd Feb.

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Eifel area:

Many tanks and motor transport area From Bitburg;
empty and loaded flats Blankenheim, loaded military trains
line Ahrweiler Remagen. Comment entraining probably taking
place in this area.

Southwest Germany: Loaded flats observed Saarbrücken
St Wendel and Landau. Little rail movement observed upper
Rhine area.

3. Prisoners of War.

G-1 figures 20th February (G-2 figures 22nd February):

First French Army	No report	(Nil)
Seventh US	91	(313)
Third US	1521	(1922)
First US	27	(15)
Ninth US	Nil	No report
Second British	Nil	(Nil)
First Canadian	832	(80)

4. Tanks destroyed 22nd February: 12.

5. Miscellaneous.

Roumanian General Staff states that advanced units
of 12th and 1st SS Panzer Divisions are operating on the Hron
River. All informed.

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAF, OHD, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Log
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1. Operations.

In Rhine Valley enemy combat patrols continued their sorties across river southeast of Schoenau (V 9357) during night 22/23 February and were driven back. Enemy alert to patrols Bischwiller and Hardt mountain sectors. Enemy continues to show concern over Saarbruecken threat and brought elements of 2nd Mountain Division north of Spicheren whilst bulk still defending old sector. Enemy attempt to infiltrate in Vorderwald woods area Q 5163 removed by midday. Considerable mortar and artillery fire received southwest of Buebingen (Q 4863); estimated 5 to 10 tanks or self propelled guns heard in town night 22/23 February. Prisoners state town strongly held. Enemy continued efforts to dislodge Allies from high ground vicinity St Arnual. Counter attacks with tanks vicinity Q 4668; Infantry counter attack in morning vicinity Q 4767 unsuccessful. Enemy forces northwest of railroad tracks in Forbach (Q 3965) and houses east of tracks being mopped up. Weather clear and cold, ground soft.

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In Saarburg sector enemy counter attack against Allied bridgehead at Serrig (L 1608) repulsed; town reported cleared. Allied bridgehead at Ockfen (L 1614) counter attacked by enemy Infantry and armour; attacks repulsed and town lost by enemy after heavy fighting.

In southern Eifel Allied patrol reported enemy withdrawn from Irrel (L 0739) in early morning. During afternoon stubborn enemy cleared from Niedergeckler (P 9753) and Obergeckler (9653); heavy fighting in area Sinspelt late in period. In northern Eifel enemy disorganized and allowed large Allied gains to Engelsdorf area (P 9361) Ammeldingen (P 9562) Plascheid (P 9661) Krautscheid (P 9963) thence north along 00 line to east of Kopscheid (P 9968); some spotty enemy resistance encountered along eastern flank. Air operations observed 25 enemy tanks moving west from Muerlenbach (L 1973) in afternoon and large concentration tanks vehicles and troops west of Oberweiler at L 0561. Considerable enemy vehicle activity heard in Lunebach (L 0072) during early morning. Sector Roer dams quiet.

South of Duren Allied attacked at 230330A and established bridgeheads over Roer in area Niederall (P 1241) and Roelsdorf in area F 1144 and by close of period advanced to Stockheim (P 1441) and fighting in Duren. Sector north of Duren railroad reported clear of enemy. Huchem and Stammeln (P 1051) cleared against rocket and artillery fire. Artillery concentrated mainly against bridgeheads and decreased during latter period; resistance in general was moderate. Estimated 25 prisoners taken this sector.

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In Julich sector Allies attacked at 230430 A and established bridgeheads at Selgeradorf (F 0755) then advanced and captured Niederzier (F 1055) and Hambach (F 0956) by end of period. Allied bridgeheads at Julich and north of town joined up; Julich being mopped up and Broich lost by enemy. In Lianich sector Roerdorf bridgehead linked up with bridgehead at Koerrenzig and Boslar (F 0164) Genanich (F 0066) and Baal (K 9872) among towns lost by enemy. Enemy counter attack with tanks general area Genanich repulsed. Enemy continues to pound Allied bridges with artillery. Four enemy tanks and six enemy vehicles knocked out along Baal Rurich road by Allied artillery. Allied attack area Heinsberg exploited and enemy driven to east of Roer along a five mile front but continued firing with all arms.

Between Maas and Rhine in Goch sector only appreciable change was enemy loss of woods east of Host (E 9340); Moyland (E 9651) cleared.

Good weather all along front.

2. Order of Battle.

2nd Mountain Division in contact in sector of 559th Volksgrenadier (Bitche) while elements of 559th have gone to join Melange in Forbach Searburg Spicheren triangle: Whole Division may be transferring.

Prisoner states 406th Division moved away from Eiffel. Deserters state 3rd Panzer Grenadier pulling out of line: Comment presumably to move north. No identifications in

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Cologne plain except for infantry divisions previously known
to be holding line.

In lower Rhine battle 15th Panzer Grenadier still in
contact in reduced condition: Contact with 116th Panzer faint
and it may be trying to get out. Same may be true of Panzer
Lehr which prisoners state being relieved by paratroops.

3. Movements. Loaded flats observed in area
Saarbruecken and Landau. Loading of military trains in
northern Eifel probably connected with departure of 9th Panzer.
Motor transport and tank activity between Prum and Bitburg.
North-bound rail movement up east of Rhine towards Cologne
still in progress. Further arrivals by rail in area west
of Ruhr.

4. Prisoners of War. (GI figures not complete)
prisoners captured 20 February: 2,471. Accumulative total
since D Day: 903,283.

5. General. Enemy evidently feeling weak in face
of Allied attack at Saarbruecken where 19th Volksgrenadier
collapsed. 106th Panzer Brigade is possible reinforcement
available. Army Group G will not feel like sparing assistance
for north.

Western extremity of surviving Eifel bulge collapsing
without much resistance and enemy clearly prepared to go back
to line of Prum: doubtless anxious to salvage 2nd Panzer
for employment elsewhere, if possible.

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Reserves for use in Cologne plain being sought everywhere and likely 3rd Panzer Grenadier (for which no worthwhile relief available) will be called up. Enemy so far not reacted at all seriously and reserves available will not be sufficient to stem all Allied penetrations. Combined effect of Cologne and lower Rhine battles may be to drive enemy slowly back onto line Rees Geldern Munchen Gladbach Erft River which cannot however be regarded in long run as more than delaying position preparatory to falling back across Rhine. All informed.

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In southern Rhine valley enemy patrol crossed river area Blodelsheim (V 8621) but forced to withdraw. Counter attack in Pfaffenwald woods repulsed during morning after which woods cleared. Enemy patrol infiltration into Spickgren (Q 4466) mopped up and enemy forced to north of road Stieringen Wendel Saarbruecken area Q 4267. Enemy driven from two thirds of Forbach (Q 3965) despite heavy opposition. Enemy continued counter attacks in Saarlautern Roden area. Enemy withdrew east across Saar river from area Mettlach (L 1700) to junction Saar Moselle rivers area Konz Karthaus (L 1622); area clear with exception of one chateau at Saarburg. Allies established bridgeheads over Saar area Hamm (L 1808) and Ockfen (L 1614), resistance in Serrig (L 160E) initially light but increased during morning; considerable mortar and automatic weapon fire received. Prisoner captured 21 February area Tawern (L 1219) claimed his unit ordered to retreat northeast across Moselle river and occupy defensive positions between Saar Moselle confluence and Wasserleisch (L 1423). Tactical reconnaissance reported seven to nine enemy tanks camouflaged in woods area L 2319 at midday.

In southern Eifel enemy aggressive during early
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morning area Minden (L 0837); raiding party repulsed. Enemy counter attack by infantry in company strength with five tanks west of Mettendorf at P 9851 repulsed without loss of ground; stubborn resistance here to Miesl (L 0151) continued throughout period. Allies made slight gain north to outskirts Obergeckler (P 9653). Deserter from 79 Volksgrenadier Division captured north of Vianden stated only half bunkers at Bauler (P 9053) occupied. In northern Eifel, Eschfeld (P 9069), Reiff (P 9167), Arzfeld (P 9566) and Lichtenborn (P 9769) cleared of enemy against scattered small arms and mortar fire supported by sporadic 88 millimeter artillery fire. Weather cloudy but dry, visibility good. Throughout evening enemy air active Schleiden (P 1014) sector dropping photo flares.

At 221200A Roer river seven feet over normal and three feet above 8 February level; velocity of current decreased. Roer lake during morning receding at rate of four and one half inches per hour.

Enemy reported increasing artillery density, mostly single guns, along line F 1239-2440-1744.

Weather clear on German Fifteenth Army front and roads improving. Sporadic artillery and small arms fire and some hostile air activity against Allied forward areas reported. Otherwise quiet.

Between Maas and Rhine First Parachute Army resistance greatly stiffened and enemy has prevented any

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Allied progress in Afferden Udem sector. Very heavy opposition to attack on Siebenewald (E 8641) forced Allies to withdraw. Goch now completely clear but to east Allied bridgehead over rail road area E 9442 contested viciously by elements 84th Division and 7th Parachute Regiment. Only minor Allied gains registered in areas south of Moyland; town itself clear.

Para 2. Order of Battle. Deserter from 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division states his unit being relieved by an Army Mountain Division:

Comment might be 2 Mountain Division from Colmar pocket, which however in very poor shape. Deserters from 2 Mountain Division west of Bitch (Q 7252) and its reconnaissance battalion contacted at Forbach (Q 4467).

In northern Eifel remnants of 89, 62 and probably 85 Divisions all now out of contact and available, for what they are worth, for use further north. 5 Parachute, 3 Panzer Grenadier and 3 Parachute all still in line.

Let's reports on Allied crossings of Roer show 176, 183, 59, 86, 12 and 353 Divisions all in sectors as expected: no other identification yet.

Elements of a regiment of 2 Parachute Division identified with 84 Division east of Goch.

361 Volksgrenadier reported moving across from Zvolle
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23 February 1945.

to Amersfoort.

Colonel General Blaskowitz reported since 10 Feb
visiting Headquarters in Holland and possible he has replaced
Student in command of Army Group H.

Para 3. Movements. Troop trains seen in Utrecht
Amersfoort area possibly connected with arrival of 361 Volk-
sgrenadier. Continued unloading west of Ruhr, possibly con-
nected with arrival of 11 Panzer. Military activity on lines
east of Rhine from Koblenz to Cologne but no definite tend-
ency.

Para 4. Prisoners of War.

A. (G 1 figures not complete) prisoners captured
19 February: 1288.

B. Accumulative total since D day (excluding
First French Army 17 to 19): 900812.

Para 5. General. No sign of any more withdrawals
from sector of upper Rhine but 245 Infantry Division from
Hagenau sector probably involved recently in rail movement
away from Saar and may move northwards. Still uncertain as
what role of newly arrived 2 Mountain Division is to be but
most reasonable would be relief of 17 SS Panzer Grenadier
Division Sector south of Trier very weak and enemy lost
large number of prisoners. In Eifel enemy resistance stubborn

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and in lower Rhine battle enemy resistance stiffening. Recent arrivals in Holland, for example, 361 Infantry Division indicates enemy has no intention of withdrawing from Holland at present.

Stop press: Duren Linnich Roermond sector no longer quiet. Morning 23 February Allied offensive over Roer succeeded in establishing 10 bridgeheads: area Niederau (F 1241), southern outskirts Duren vicinity 1244, Birkesdorf (1048) area Huchem Stammeln (1051), area Krauthausen Selgersdorf (0755), Julich, Broich (0262), two on either side of Linnich, and large one northeast of Heinsberg. Opposition light; small counter attack near Huchem repulsed. However, enemy artillery taking toll of Allied bridges. All informed.

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Col C.R. Peck 77500

22 February 1945

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Rheims, France

British Joint Staff Mission
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By RHP, NLR, Date MAY 15 1974

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book message to SHAEF Rheims for Eisenhower for action,
to AFSSO pass to British Chiefs of Staff for information,
FACS 142 from the Combined Chiefs of Staff.

The Combined Chiefs of Staff consider that at present
it is unwise to undertake operation MATCHBOX as outlined in
your SCAP 166, 5 January, due to adverse effects which the
plan might have on the allied public at this time. At a
later date, when the disintegration of Germany has progressed
to a point where you can foresee that collapse is imminent,
you should consider re-submitting MATCHBOX or a similar plan.

propaganda plan?

SCAP 166 dated 5 January 1945 is CM-IN-4923 (6 Jan 45)

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INFORMATION: Adm Leahy -- Gen Arnold -- Gen Hull -- Gen Bissell
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To: War Department

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22 February 1945

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1. Operations.

Rhine and Hardt front quiet. South of Saarbrücken 347th Infantry Division offered moderate to heavy resistance, receiving aid from 719th Infantry Division. Enemy launched fierce counter attack with one battalion infantry with tanks, northeast of Spicheren vicinity Q 4567 and forced allied withdrawal of 1/2 mile. Spicheren (Q 4466) lost by enemy after fierce fight. Enemy being cleared from woods south of Stieringvandel (Q 4167): Allied patrols believed town itself strongly held. Fighting continues in Forbach where enemy holds half of town; civilians, probably Volkssturm, reported aiding defence. No enemy armour although two tanks observed north of Spicheren. Small enemy infantry counter attack at Saarlautern Roden (Q 2881) repulsed by artillery fire in morning. Intermittent rain with overcast sky.

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Enemy unable to make a stand in face of Allied attack which raced into Saarburg (L 1413) against crumbling resistance of 256th Infantry Division. South of town enemy forced to outskirts of Taben (L 1706). Allies reached Saar east and southeast of Gestel (L 1508) and patrols across river. Allied northern drive captured Tavern (L 1220) and reached Tonnels (L 0821).

In southern Ardennes enemy forced to make withdrawal to west of Mindon (L 0837): Considerable vehicular traffic heard moving east from town night 20/21 February. Schankweiler (L 0345) lost by enemy who was driven to east bank of Prum River. After 2nd Panzer Division counter attack southwest of Mettendorf (P 9950) repulsed with enemy loss of several hundred prisoners late 20th February enemy lost Freilingen (P 9947) Lahr (P 9650) and Geichlingen (P 9551). Enemy stubbornly holding to the part of Vianden (P 9049) east of river. Allies advanced $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in bridgehead at Stalzburg (P 8753) without enemy opposition. To north Dahnen (P 8665) and Langfuhr (P 8767) captured and enemy withdrawn to Reipeldingen (P 8866). In northern Ardennes Binscheid (P 9369) and Stalbach (P 9570) centers of furious fighting before enemy evicted from towns; Enemy lost ground west of former and east of latter town. Roer Dams sector quiet.

Weather overcast on 15th and First Parachute Army fronts. Nothing to report in Duren Julich area; light artillery and mortar activity sector Linnich Roermond.

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First Parachute Army resisting strongly, but Allied gains made on southern and southeastern edges of bulge. Road Goch Hasum cleared, enemy withdrawing to outskirts of Schanz (E 8642) with Allies in contact. Goch clear north of Niers River and only few snipers remain southern part of town. Officer Prisoner of War state 15th Panzer Grenadier Division was to hold Goch but had too few men. South of Buchholt (E 9543) Allies cut Goch Udem Railroad and in heavy fighting captured bridge over Niers intact. North of Keppeln (E 9844) Allies reached Udem Calcar Road on two mile front.

South of Moyland woods cleared and Allies advanced eastward 1 1/2 miles on two mile front. Enemy positions Calcar area believed well defended.

2. Order of Battle.

In northern Alsace 719th Division has pushed a regiment south to help 347th Division.

In southern Eifel 79th Volksgrenadier now firmly in old sector of nine Volksgrenadier centering on Vianden, while nine is in critical sector Mettendorf Bettingen with 2nd Panzer.

|| Movements indicate both 9th and 11th Panzer Divisions possibly moving north to Cologne Plain.: Both still out of contact. 62nd Division out of contact and probably withdrawn from line.

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In lower Rhine battle one regiment of 190th Division now committed west of Goch, with elements of 180th and 8th Parachute between them and Maas. Goch sector held by 7th Parachute with 15th Panzer Grenadier giving feeble support. Remnants of 84th Division in woods to east of town, possibly still under command of 116th Panzer protecting Udem. Next comes Panzer Lehr in Louisendorf sector. Finally elements of 6th Parachute with miscellaneous remnants holding sector Calcar to Rhine. Uncertain whether 6th Parachute Division staff yet in command here.

General Blumentritt, former Commander of 12th SS Corps announced in German press as commanding an army: Only such vacancy in west at present known is 25th Army.

3. Movements.

Observation of main lateral line north from Giessen via Bebra shows troop trains going north; Also loading of troop trains observed in area Duesseldorf.

Comment: Both could be consistently explained as phases in movement north of 11th Panzer Division. Road movement east and northeast still seen in Eifel, especially in area Pruem Gerolstein.

Comment: No ready explanation unless 9th Panzer moving north.

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4. Prisoners of War:

(G-1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 18th February 1106
Accumulative total since D Day 899,524

5. General.

Fairly clear indications that both 9th and 11th
Panzer Divisions going to Cologne Plain to replace divisions
expended further north.

Line of Maas north of Roermond still further weakened
by committing of elements of 190th Division west of Goch.
All informed. Press: 526th Division staff identified by
good source replacing Tettau at Amstelveen in Holland.

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Headquarters 15th US Army
Allied Force Headquarters, Caserta, Italy

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1. Order of Battle.

Identifications: By Prisoner of War: All 21st
February: 190th Infantry: 1225th Grenadier Regiment area
Hassum (E 8944*).

6th Parachute: Elements 18th Parachute Regiment
area E 9650 state Regiment left Tiel 13th February and II
Battalion in area E 9849.

905th ZBV: 2nd SS Police Regiment area R 0622.
47th Volksgrenadier: 104th Grenadier Regiment area
Dauendorf (Q 9427).

6th SS Mountain: III/11th SS Mountain Regiment area
Q 7441 and III/12th SS Mountain Regiment area Q 7542.

17 SS Panzer Grenadier: III/37th SS Panzer Grenadier Regi-
ment area Q 6656.

719th Infantry: 723rd Grenadier Regiment area Q 4667
states unit left Dillingen (Q 2784) 20th February.

416th Infantry: All Regiments and Engineer and Signal
Battalions area south of Freudenburg (L 1201).

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256th Volksgrenadier: 476th Grenadier Regiment area
Wincheringen (L 0513).

79th Volksgrenadier: 208th Grenadier Regiment area
P 9347 and Artillery Regiment area L 0349.

7th Parachute: III/19th Parachute Regiment area
E 8942 and I and II/21st Parachute Regiment area Goch (E 9042)
state 21st Regiment left Moyland night 19th to 20th February.

84th Infantry: Elements 1051st Grenadier Regiment
area E 9442 and 1052nd Grenadier Regiment area E 9543.

20th February: 9th Volksgrenadier: All three
regiments between P 9546 and L 0149.

By document: Headquarters 176th Infantry Division
area K 915840 and a division-type Headquarters (query rear)
at K 902938.

By PW statement: 20th February: Headquarters 167th
Volksgrenadier Division area Kinzenberg (L 0070).

22nd February: Headquarters Regiment Huebner.
8th Parachute Division in Roermond.

Note: Four companies Volkssturm in Cleve disinte-
grated.

2. Movements. 21st February:

Northwest Germany. Several military trains (one
loaded) line Flensburg-Hamburg no direction indicated.

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Loaded military trains and loaded flats line Lohne-Hamm, limited movements south. Westbound rail movement from Paderborn area; Scest heavily loaded, two military trains present.

Ruhr area. Loaded military trains (including two motorized troop trains) at Wedau possibly unloading; Hohenbidberg heavy, two military trains present. Road movement west from Dusseldorf.

Koln and Eidel area. Motor transport activity and supply dumps in Duren area (west of Koln). Road movement east, including tanks and half tracks in Frum-Gerolstein area. Eastbound motor transport movement from Saarburg (north of Merzig); two trains loaded flats at Nonnweiler.

Saar area. Rail activity Saar area very light.

Frankfurt area. Limited northbound movement military trains on lateral line Frankfurt-Fulda-Bebra; marshalling yards Gemunden, Wurzburg active.

3. Prisoners of War. G 1 figures 18th February (G 2 figures 20th February): First French no report (two) 15th February: Nil; 16th February: One.

Seventh US 360 (119).

Third US 208 (1521).

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First US 52 (nil).

Ninth US 4 (nil).

Second British nil (nil).

First Canadian 492 (no report).

4. Tanks destroyed 20th February: 11.

All informed.

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To : War Department

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1. No significant change from report dated 2nd February 1945 and German soldier still generally fighting tenaciously. Incidents continue however, of small units surrendering. Furthermore, prisoners are being taken more easily than heretofore, though this cannot be classed as desertion and hardly as straggling. Nevertheless, it is encouraging sign.
2. General trend appears to be that when enemy launches counter attacks, as he invariably does, to regain important ground, men attack bravely. Owing however, to indifferent training and fact that usually unit undertaking counter attack has been hurriedly moved forward, they suffer heavy casualties. Almost inevitable result is complete failure of attack and subsequent gain in ground by own troops, with good bag of prisoners.
3. Cannot be said that any general signs of serious deterioration in morale exist, but now noticeable difference in morale from beginning of Ardennes offensive, with enemy

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were apathetic then before. No doubt continual orders re-
garding desertion and looting and strict enforcement of
these by punishment is considerable deterrent to men giving
up. However, is also sign that enemy himself is worried.

4. Several instances in last few days of German
divilians turning on German soldiers after capture in Goch
area.

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1. Operations.

In Rhine Valley enemy patrols which crossed river area Arzenheim (V 8347) and Robertsau (R 0300) repulsed. Hardt Mountain sector quiet. South of Saarbrücken 19 Infantry Division, damaged by recent fighting, unable to prevent loss of Kleinblittersdorf (Q 4962); woods to north of town also cleared. 347 Division also showed weakness and unable to hold firm line and forced to withdraw roughly one mile on 8 mile front; Zinsingen (Q 4764), Alstingen (Q 4665) among towns lost by enemy. Street fighting reported in Forbach (Q 3965) where resistance stiffened. One small enemy counter attack repulsed area Q 4367. North of Spicheren (Q 4467) enemy tracked vehicles engaged by Allied artillery; one destroyed and two disabled. Small enemy counter attack with support from two tanks area Saarlautern Rothen (Q 2881) re-

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pulsed in morning. Light rain and muddy ground, visibility fair.

Follow
Allied attack in area between Saar and Moselle rivers met with spotty and disorganized resistance and Allied gains up to 14 kilometers reported. Orscholz (L 1201) Weiten (L 1304) and Kirf (L 0906) among towns lost by enemy. Allied armour driving north made headway to north of Koerig (L 0911). Allies crossed Moselle vicinity L 0413, captured town of Wincheringen (L 0513) and made contact with Allied armour to east. Weather dry, ground muddy, poor visibility.

In southern Ardennes, enemy lost Stockem (L 0248) after heavy fight. Western flank of our river bridgehead exploited and enemy lost Seimerich (P 9447) and Korperich (P 9448) and forced to withdraw to Obersiegen (P 9349). In northern Ardennes enemy forced from Sevenig (P 8771). To east Allied advances made to 2 kilometres along a 7 kilometre front against heavy opposition. Enemy fighting fiercely to hold Binscheid (P 9369). Considerable enemy movement south and east of Schleiden (F 1015) suggested possible regrouping.

Sector Roer dams-Duren-Linnich-Venlo quiet:
Some movement area north of Julich at Tetz (F 0064) early morning; tracked vehicles heard vicinity Orsbeck (K 8877) night 19/20 February.

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Goch (E 9043) still being mopped up; slight Allied gain made south of town. Enemy counter attack by newly arrived troops reinforcing line area F 9847 repulsed and Allies made small gains along Goch Calcar highway. Enemy continued attacks against eastern flank in area Moyland (E 9651) and forced Allies to make slight withdrawal but losses regained later. 500 prisoners taken during period.

At Dunkirk prisoners from patrol stated they went on reconnaissance for proposed enemy attack from northwest area Loon Plage (H 1380); indications attack unlikely before 22 February.

2. Order of battle.

256 Volksgrenadier stated by prisoners to be withdrawing across Saar and events confirm both it and 416 doing so; also stated that 11 Panzer Division entrained and left Saarburg area on 13 February.

2 Panzer Division now confirmed on south of Eifel salient area Stockem (L 0049) with 9 Volksgrenadier and elements 352. 340 Volksgrenadier confirmed area Pruem, 276 area Hersfeld (P 9071) and 326 (remnants) area Pronsfield (L 0074). Officer prisoner states 167 Division also to move to area Pruem but identifications have not yet con-

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firmed this. Some prisoner gives headquarters XIII Corps at Wavern (L 1069) and Seventh Army at Oberweiler (L 0761). Shows that Seventh Army commands from south to north LXXX, LIII and XIII Corps while Fifth Panzer Army commands from south to north LXVI, LXVII and possibly LXXIV Corps; XIII and LXVI Corps have apparently changed places.

3 Parachute and 3 Panzer grenadier in firm contact in old sectors: 9 Panzer not in contact and believed moving away.

12 Volksgrenadier reappeared north of Dueren between 363 and 353 Divisions. Elements of both Panzer Grenadier Regiments of Panzer Lehr Division contacted on enemy right flank in lower Rhine battle in area Calcar, and more of 8 Parachute Division coming up on left.

3. Movements.

Eastbound road movement area Saarburg including AFV's. No doubt due to evacuation across Saar river. Westbound road movement seen into Cologne and concentration of tanks in area Dueren.

4. Prisoners of War.

(G 1 figures) Prisoners captured 17 February: 2384. Accumulative total since D Day: 898417.

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5. General.

In upper Rhine area enemy developing defenses but nothing to show what formations have moved northwards. At least two and possibly three divisions now left Black Forest area. Enemy has suffered fairly heavy casualties particularly in 19 Volksgrenadier Division, in fighting in Saar sector. In Trier area enemy's withdrawal more precipitate than planned, and in Eifel where Panzer Division still fighting, enemy will be forced to further withdrawals. Battle in north is eating up good quality troops at faster rate than he can afford. Committing of Panzer Lehr greatly weakens his armoured reserve in Cologne plain but enemy probably relying in Roer dams as sufficient obstacle. 9 or 11 Panzer Divisions may fill gap vacated by Panzer Lehr Division. North of Moselle enemy is being faced with alternative of slow withdrawal to Rhine unless more reinforcements are brought up. No evidence that these for moment exist.

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rptd: GHR Home Forces, 21st Army Group Main and Rear,
15th Air Force, ANCXF, MAAF Advanced, Hq 6th Army Group,
12th Army Group TAC. File Ref: SHAEP M/A/S. 35004/OR.
Originators Nr: A 0281 date: 21/1145 hours February
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Part III Air. Sunset 19th February to sunset
20th February 1945.

A. Summary of Operations: Over 2,000 tons of
bombs were dropped on rail targets at Nurnberg by Flying
Fortresses of 8th Air Force with good/unobserved results.
Fighters on escort patrols and fighter sweeps destroyed
57 enemy aircraft, 159 locomotives and 114 freight cars.
Targets of opportunity were also attacked.

During the night 19/20 February Lancasters of
Royal Air Force Bomber Command bombed a synthetic oil plant
at Bohlen on PFF. Mosquitoes attacked Erfurt with good
results and Bremen and Wurzburg with unobserved results.

No daylight operations were carried out. Four rail
targets at Vienna and Kopfenburg and the harbors at Fiume
and Pola were bombed by over 550 bombers of 15th Air Force.

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Results were observed were fair.

Bombers of 9th Air Force did not operate. 300 fighters on armed reces and air cooperation had fair claims against rail targets in the First and Third United States Army sectors.

Bombers of First Tactical Air Force were abortive due weather and the 200 fighters made good claims against road and rail targets while on armed reces and air cooperation to the Seventh United States Army and First French Army.

Aircraft of 2nd Tactical Air Force were fog bound again.

B. Details of Operations: Tactical Air Forces:

9th Air Force 308 fighters.

2nd British Tactical Air Force seven fighters.

1st Tactical Air Force 194 sorties (18 bombers and 176 fighters).

Claims: Nil.

Losses: One aircraft.

Royal Air Force Fighter Command 85 sorties.

Claims: Nil.

Losses: Nil.

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Strategical Air Forces:

8th Air Force 1945 sorties (1264 bombers, 478
fighter escort and 203 fighter sweeps).

Claims: Enemy aircraft 14-0-1 air, 43-1-22 ground.
Losses: 15 bombers, 31 fighters.

RAF Bomber Command 404 sorties.

Claims: Enemy aircraft 0-1-0.
Losses: One aircraft 15th Air Force: 850 sorties
(571 bombers and 279 fighters).
Claims: Nil.
Losses: 3 bombers 9th Air Force:

Night 19/20 February nil due to weather.

Day 20 February:

9th Tactical Air Command.

56 aircraft dropped 23.5 tons GP and 1.4 tons frag
on armed recon north of Duren in the area of Siegburg and
Gladbach. 20 gun positions were attacked at Hochkirchen
(F 2344) of which 16 are claimed destroyed.

19th Tactical Air Command:

184 aircraft dropped 75.5 tons GP 8.1 tons frag and 28
leaflet bombs. Armed recon flown in area of Coblenz,

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Homburg and Mainz and air cooperation given to VIII, XII and
XX Corps.

A convoy of 45 met moving into Waxweiler from east to
southwest attacked and 38 destroyed. Groups of 40 met in
woods and near Everscheid (L 0868) attacked.

Claim 50-35. A further 23-11 claimed in area of Oldorf.
An RR bridge at Ocken (L 1614) destroyed.

29th Tactical Air Command: Two aircraft on armed
recces east and west of Rhine, dropped five tons GP. Attacking
rail targets near G 3292 10 aircraft dive bombed Julich,
report hits in target area.

Second British Tactical Air Force:

Night 19/20 February nil due to weather.

Day 20 February: Four Spitfires on uneventful
weather recces over Munster and Paderborn. Three aircraft
on air sea rescue. 1st Tactical Air Force: Night 19/20
February: One aircraft intruder uneventful. Two aircraft
scramble against reported bogie. Two aircraft fighter
patrol uneventful.

Day 20th February: 42 Bomb Wing 18 Marauders
abortive due to weather.

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12th Tactical Air Command: Nine missions dropped 39.97 tons and 36 rockets. 16 aircraft gave air cooperation to Seventh United States Army in area of Fulbach. 78 aircraft on armed recce in area of Wissemburg, Ludwigshaven, Worms, Karlsruhe, Kaiserslautern, Heidelberg, Landau, Freiburg, Mannheim. 20 railroad cars were destroyed at Kaiserslautern marshalling yard, and others near Weibenburg (R 2855), east of Karlsruhe (R 7146) west of Landau (R 2068) and east of Germersheim (R 5563) supply and met depot attacked near Ludwigshaven (Q 9452) with claims of 50-12.

1st French Tactical Air Command: 32 aircraft on fighter sweep of Luxeuil, Colmar, Basle, Freiburg, and Strassburg. 45 aircraft on armed recce in area of Mulhouse, Colmar, Offenbourg, Neunburg and Staffen. One loco and 40 railroad cars destroyed at Untereggigen marshalling yard.

Royal Air Force Fighter Command: Night 19/20 February: Seven aircraft offensive patrols over northwest Germany, on bomber support uneventful. Four aircraft on interception patrols uneventful.

Day 20 February: 52 aircraft offensive patrols, attacked rocket targets in Hague area, mainly abortive due to 10/10 cloud. Six Spitfires attacked rail junction south of Alkmaar, 1 1/2 tons, poor. Six Spitfires attacked rocket site Haagsche Bosch, 1 1/2 tons, good. Two aircraft interception patrol uneventful. 14 aircraft escort to Halifax one special patrol over Holland. Six aircraft shipping recce.

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Strategical Air Forces: Eighth Air Force:

Day 20 February: 840/831 Fortresses on Nurnberg
marshalling yard and main station, 1593.3 HE and 510.4 IB,
good/excellent.

16 Fortresses on target of opportunity Schiltach (W 46)
39.0 tons HE, and one ton IB unobserved.

12 Fortresses and one Liberator on 13 targets of
opportunity, eight tons IB, 24 tons HE, unobserved.

74 Fortresses and 360 Liberators on abortive target,
recalled due weather. Fighter sweeps Nurnberg to Wessenburg and
Newmarket to Straubing. Rail bridge and road traffic attacked.

Royal Air Force Bomber Command:

Night 19/20 February: 260/237 Lancasters on Bohlen
Synthetic Oil, 964.5 tons HE and 2.2 tons IB, unobserved.

82/80 Mosquitoes on Erfurt town, 99.1 tons HE and .7
tons IB good.

6/5 Mosquitoes on Bremen/ Deschimag shipping yard,
8.9 tons HE unobserved.

6/6 Mosquitoes on Wurzburg 10.7 tons HE unobserved.

12/12 Mosquitoes on Siren Tour, 10.2 tons HE
unobserved.

38/37 Mosquitoes on bomber support.

Day 20 February: No operations scheduled.

15th Air Force:

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850 aircraft attacked Vienna Lobau, Vienna Schwechat, Vienna Florisdorf Marshalling Yard, Kopfenburg Marshalling Yard, and Fiume and Pola harbors dropping 1179 tons, with unobserved to fair results. All attacks visual except Vienna Schwechat which was PFF.

German Air Force activity:

During the period over 30 enemy aircraft were observed in the air.

Royal Air Force Bomber Command reported several enemy aircraft attacks while bombing Bohlen synthetic oil plant, and one FW 190 is claimed as probably destroyed.

The 8th Air Force sighted 23 enemy aircraft, and ensuing combat claims were 14-0-1. Two FW 190's were destroyed in the vicinity of Ingelstadt, while near Nordlingen, and southwest of Nurnburg two lone ME 109's were destroyed.

Fighters surprised 7/8 Peischler Storch 35 miles north-east of Nurnburg and claim 6-0-1, similarly of 5/6 light enemy aircraft sighted near Straubing airfield, four were destroyed. Numerous airfields were strafed with claims of 43-1-22. 9th Air Force reported one FW 190 eight miles north of Wurzburg, but no combat ensued. No enemy aircraft were sighted by the other Air Forces. Flying bomb activity over the United Kingdom: Nil.

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To : War Department

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for information to AMSSO for British Chiefs of Staff signed
Eisenhower this is SCAF 214.

At this time my command is terminated and is divided
into its British and US components, each under its own
Commander-in-Chief, the question will arise of the continued
applicability of the administrative and jurisdictional agree-
ments with the several liberated countries and various auxiliary
agreements.

It is considered important that certain provisions of
the agreements, such as the right to requisition, jurisdiction
over troops, trial by indigenous courts of offenses against
the safety and security of British/US forces, immunity from
taxes and customs, et cetera, particularly in those countries
through which the British/US supply lines will run, and in
which British/US military installations will be located,
continue in force. It is possible that the liberated
countries concerned will object to continuance of the
special rights under operational conditions, but these will
be inoperative by their own terms. Accordingly, the simplest
method of dealing with the problem appears to be agreement
on the continuance in force of the agreements.

Therefore I recommend that negotiations be immediately
undertaken on behalf of the respective US/UK governments,

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through such diplomatic or other representatives as they may select, with the appropriate authorities of the various countries with a view to confirming that the British and US Commanders-in-Chief, respectively, succeed to my authority under the agreements and that all the provisions of the agreements, from the time of termination of combined command forward, apply to them respectively and to the forces under their commands.

There is another important aspect. Some logistical matters, particularly the allocation of transportation means and fuels will require coordination between the requirements of the armed forces and the economic needs of liberated governments. Machinery for dealing with these problems must be created or be left after SHAEF ceases to exist, in order to insure administrative support for forces occupying Germany and adequate facilities for redeployment. In principle it would be desirable if measures for economic relief could be coordinated with continued military requirements as to facilitate necessary negotiation on behalf of the latter.

We are giving further study to machinery which may be necessary for above purposes. Policy guidance would be helpful.

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INFO: Adm Leahy; CG AAF; OPD; Gen Bissell; Gen Hilldring;
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By prisoner of war: All 20 February: 805 ZBV: Elements 3 Russian Depot Regiment area Ibringen (V9338) states unit part of division with headquarters.

Previous para 1 order of battle. Identifications:

At Unkirch comment probably 805 Division. 5 Volk-saturn Regiment: (Deserter) along Rhine southeast of Colmar. 905 ZBV: 405 Engineer Battalion area Drusenheim (R1616). 347 Infantry: Field Replacement Battalion area Q4171. 2 Panzer: I and II/2 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area P 9949. 277 Volksgrenadier: 989 Grenadier Regiment area F0707 states 991 Grenadier Regiment combined with 989. 9 Anti Tank Replacement Battalion: (Deserter) area Duren (F1144) states command post 12 Recce Battalion 12 Volksgrenadier Division area F0948 and remainder division in neighborhood. 3 Panzer Grenadier: (Deserter) III/8 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area Schleiden (F1015). 7 Parachute: III/21 Parachute Regiment and Flak and Engineer and Anti Tank Battalions all area Goch. 401 Volks Artillery Corps: Area Buchholt (E9543). 15 Panzer Grenadier: (Straggler) 104 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area

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Goch comment unconfirmed. 84 Infantry: All three regiments area E9645 comment reported operating as battle group. 2 Parachute: II/2 Parachute Regiment area E3239. Panzer Lehr: 1 Company 901 and II/902 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area E9648 states mission unit with 2 tanks restore situation Luisendorf and believes remainder of division on way and unit received replacements on way from Ardennes. 504 Fortress Anti Tank Battalion: Area Goch Calcar road.

All 19 February: 416 Infantry: All three regiments and anti tank company and engineer battalion area L0906. 256 Volksgrenadier: All three regiments and anti tank battalion and artillery regiment area L0906. 276 Volksgrenadier: 986 Grenadier Regiment area P9072. 340 Volksgrenadier: Elements 695 Grenadier Regiment area L0679. 167 Volksgrenadier: 387 Grenadier Regiment and 167 Artillery Regiment area P9272. 246 Volksgrenadier: 689 Grenadier Regiment area L0595. 18 Volksgrenadier: 294 Grenadier Regiment area L0888. 3 Parachute: (Deserter) 5 Parachute Regiment area Hausen (F1228) states II and III Battalions of regiment arrived Heimbach (F1126) on 17-18 February and 9 Parachute Regiment also committed and 8 Parachute Regiment in reserve at unknown location. 26 Volksgrenadier: Anti Tank Battalion area T0400. 59 Infantry: 1034 Grenadier Regiment along east bank of Roer River north of Roer-dorf states 1035 Grenadier Regiment on left. 8 Parachute: II Battalion Regiment Huebner area K7584 state covered withdrawal of 156 Panzer Grenadier Regiment and element 16 Panzer Regiment both 116 Panzer Division. Comment prisoner states Huebner Regiment listed as 24 Parachute Regiment 10 days ago. 6 Parachute: II/18 Parachute Regiment area E9849.

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18 February: 406 Division ZBV: 1075 Security
Battalion area Kehr (L0593).

By prisoner of war statement: 20 February 11 Panzer
Division entrained with tanks 13 February area Wadern (L0905).
20 February headquarters 7 Parachute Division area E9737 and
180 Infantry Division area Weeze (E9337).

Notes: GOC LXXXVI Corps given on document dated
23 December 44 as General Straube.

Correction: G2 summary part II 20 February read
Headquarters LIII Corps area Wisemannsdorn (L0735) and not
LXIII Corps.

2. Movements. Koln area. Intense westbound road
movement at Mulheim (east of Koln); many tanks parked along-
side buildings in villages north and east of Duren (west of
Koln). Several loaded military trains moving line from Koln
towards Ruhr.

Eifel area. Eastbound road movement, including AFV,
or assault guns from area Prum and Bitburg.

Saar area. Heavy eastbound road traffic, including
AFV's from Saarburg (north of Merzig). Rail activity Saar-
brucken area light; military trains moving west line Kaisers-
lautern Saarbrucken.

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Karlsruhe area. Limited rail movement area Karlsruhe
Stuttgart Heilbronn Heidelberg, no definite trend.

3. Prisoners of War. G1 figures 17 February (G2
figures 19 February):

1st French Army no report (no report)(nil).
7th US 473 (150).
3rd US 17 (549).
1st US 5 (3).
9th US nil (nil).
2nd British nil (nil).
1st Canadian 1733(no report).

4 Tanks destroyed 18 February 6, 19 February 2.

All informed.

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To: War Department

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20 February 1945

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1. Operations. Rhine and Hardt mountains quiet. Enemy suffered heavy losses in Sarregemund Forbach area where his infiltration and counter attacks were repulsed and forced to cut defense to key points. Allied advance of roughly one mile entered Bliesmengen (Q 5561) and cleared Oetting (Q 4064) and Etzling (Q 4465). Enemy fighting for Forbach (Q 3965) and Searlautern at close of period. East of Remich enemy driven back roughly 2 miles; Kesslingen (L 0902) and Munzingen (L 0804) captured.

In Southern Ardennes initially light resistance increased along front between Rour and Prum Rivers; Stockigt (L 0046) captured and enemy forced to withdraw north to Nusbaum (L 0047). Allied advanced to east of Huttingen at P 9849. In Northern Ardennes Leidenborn (P 9172) captured by Allies against heavy resistance. West of Prum enemy counter attack repulsed south of Keafeld after which enemy lost Uttfeld (P 9472) and Masthorn (P 9774).

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Sector Roer Dams-Duren-Linich-Venlo quiet.

Enemy bolstered southern flank west of Goch and attempted to halt Allied southern advance in wooded area east of Afferden at east 8338. Asperdingen Goch Road cleared. Bridge at E 903441 captured intact by Allies. Goch being mopped up against light opposition. Enemy lost Buchholt (E 9544). Allied within one kilometre of Keppeln (9845). Enemy clinging tenaciously to woods west of Calcar; two infantry and tank counter attacks held allies to small gain to Moyland area (E 9652). 1000 prisoners taken during day.

2. Order of Battle. Reshuffle in progress in northern Ardennes of which final move not clear: Elements 276 Volksgrenadier identified in sector of 340, elements of all regiments of 326 in sector of 276 and elements of 340 in sector of 2 Panzer. 89 Division squeezed out by 277 and 26.

Small elements of 190 Division involve in Goch fighting and corps troops of II Parachute Corps in area Calcar.

361 Volksgrenadier Division accepted as reforming in area Zwolle.

3. Movements. Nothing of significance.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures, not complete). Prisoners captured 16 February: 1019. Accumulative total since D day: 896033.

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5. General. No change in general situation. In plain of lower Rhine enemy still seems to be putting his main weight on the right of centre. Reshuffling in northern Eifel probably intended to release armour.

Press: Prisoner from combat team of 18 Volksgrenadier taken on 19 February at L 0888 states replacing 9 Panzer. Prisoner taken from 2 Panzer Division (304 Panzer Grenadier Regiment) on 19 February north of Rohrbach (L 0348).

All informed.

End

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of Staff for action and to British Chiefs of Staff AMSSO for
information signed Eisenhower. This is SCAF number 213.

The conditions of the Roer reservoirs and river
indicate that crossings may be feasible on 23rd February
which is the present target date for GRENADE.

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1. Operations.

Rhine Valley and Hardt Sectors quiet. North of Saargmund enemy attempt to infiltrate into Vardervald Woods vicinity Q 5063 unsuccessful; Suffered heavy casualties and counter attack at 1030A same area repulsed.

Kleinbliederdorf (Q 4962) still held by stubborn enemy at midday. Enemy still resisting in Grosblieder-Stroff (Q 4862). Germans cleared from Brandenbusch Woods (Q4663) and Hartwald Forest (Q 4562). Counter attack by enemy infantry and 15 tanks or assault guns area Kerbach (Q4363) repulsed.

After heavy fight enemy withdrew from Oeting (Q4063) at midday. Heavy small arm, automatic weapon, mortar and artillery fire concentration received in Saarlauternroden (Q2381) during early morning.

In southern Ardennes enemy resistance to Allied attack mainly heavy artillery fire and mines.

Kesfeld (P9274) cleared by morning. No news of day's operations this sector received.

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Activity Schnee Eifel mainly patrol clashes. Weather overcast and drizzly.

Rear dams-Duren-Linnich-Venlo Sector quiet. Enemy opposition strengthened in Goch area. Strongly defended road blocks encountered along approaches to town. Enemy reluctant to surrender woods Moyland area. (E 9654) and battling fiercely.

2. Order of Battle.

2d Regiment (18) of 6th Parachute Division identified in Moyland area;

3rd Regiment (17) still in old sector on lower Maas.

3. Movements.

Nothing to report.

4. General.

No change in general situation. Arrival of elements 8 Parachute Division perhaps responsible for stiffening of resistance on western flank of Goch battle; Prisoners statements suggest that enemy originally most feared Allied advance towards Udem rather than Goch, and intended to use all his armour on the right.

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

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Discharge by sea - 24 hour period ending 181600A
February.

BRITISH	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	STORES	BULK COAL	BULK POL	GAP AMMO
Antwerp	142	556	10240	-	-	1278
Ostend	2304	211	4888	-	1363	1070
Boulogne	-	-	-	-	-	-
Caen	-	-	-	191	-	-
Calais	634	-	582	-	-	-
Ghent	-	-	3981	-	-	650
Total	3080	767	19691	191	1363	2998
U.S. North						
Antwerp	-	77	18036	-	-	-
Cherbourg	-	159	7380	-	12881	4005
LeHavre	5241	704	7459	-	-	3758
Rouen	258	146	4626	679	-	-
Granville	-	-	-	100	-	-
Ghent	-	-	3811	-	-	-
Total	5499	1086	41328	779	12881	7763

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	PERSONNEL	VEHICLES	STORES	BULK COAL	BULK POL	GAF AMMO
U. S. - South						
Marseilles 1572	587	14979	1384	-	1699	
Fort De Bouc -	-	758	1100	3000	758	
Toulon -	-	-	-	-	-	
Sete -	-	-	-	-	-	
Total 1572	587	15737	2484	3000	2457	

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Previous para 1. Operations.

In Rhine valley and Hardt mountains activity was negligible. In northern Alsace elements of 559 Volksgrenadier Division apparently attempting to bolster left sector of weakened 17 SS Panzer Grenadier Division unsuccessfully tried to restore some of positions previously lost area Epping Urbach (Q6956).

Allied artillery destroyed 4 of 5 enemy tanks or self propelled guns north of Rimlingen (Q6556) in early morning. Enemy vehicles vicinity Ober Gailbach (Q6257) engaged by Allied artillery. Allied attack north of Saargemund (Q5156) encountered light opposition with exception south-east corner Auersmacher (5061) and in woods at Q5359 where heavy machine gun fire received. Enemy lost Auersmacher and Allies progressed northwards to east of Buebingen (Q4964); Idlingen (Q4661) captured and Kerbach (Q4463) reached. Resistance heavy during latter part of period.

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In southern Ardennes after Rohrbach (L0045) occupied by Allies without opposition by enemy counter attacked and retook part of town. Allies established bridgehead over Our River at Stalzemboorg (Q8753) and reached high ground north-east of town.

Roer river dropped six inches between 162400A and 171200A. Water in Schwammenauel Dam (F0827) reported receding at rate of three inches per hour. Ground conditions poor and no air operations possible during day.

Duren Linnich Venlo sectors quiet.

East of Goch enemy not yet making firm stand. Afterden (E8038) and Hassum (E8543) clear of enemy and Asperden (E8845) reached. Allied patrols reached outskirts of Goch against light opposition. Commanding ground east of town at E 9443 taken by Allies and enemy forming up for attack smashed by Allied Artillery fire. Enemy casualties heavy. 15 Panzer Grenadier in bad shape. Resistance along eastern flank heavy where elements of 346 Division and a parachute battlegroup fought bitterly and held Allies to small gains. Enemy launched counter attack at Moyland (E9654). Condition of main roads satisfactory but minor roads bad. Rhine river south of Arnhem rose one meter.

2. Order of battle. Elements 340 Volksgrenadier Division at L0278 in sector of 2 Panzer Division and whole division may be transferring. Whole of remainder of 180

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Division now appears to be coming in on left of line in Reichswald battle. Elements of 190 Division identified taking over part of former sector of 180 on Meuse.

3. Movement. Several infantry troop trains, direction of movement uncertain, seen on line Osnabruck-Hamburg, which is route in from Denmark.

4. Prisoners of War. (GI figures not complete) prisoners captured 14 February: 764. Accumulative total since D Day: 892972.

5. General. No change in general situation. Enemy still has not found the forces desirable for defence of Cologne plain: Possibly still relying on Roer flooding, and probably appreciates threat in Eifel still far from eliminated. Main reason however is simple lack of forces.

Stop press. A good source of 12 February reports remnants of 361 Volksgrenadier Division arriving back in Holland from Alsace and another reports 23 Parachute Regiment (attached to 2 Parachute Division) moving to main banks of Rhine area Panterden east of Nijmegen.

All informed.

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

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1. Order of battle. Identifications: By prisoner of war: All 16 February 47 Volksgrenadier: 103 Grenadier Regiment Area R 0324 and 115 Grenadier Regiment area Q 9726.

6 SS Mountain: 11 SS Mountain Regiment area Q 7837. 17 SS Panzer Grenadier: 37 SS Panzer Grenadier Regiment area Q 6857 elements 17 SS Panzer Battalion area Q 6555 states unit contains 40 assault guns with mission stay concealed Hornbach (Q 7365) and to be used in counter attack role in case of offensive: Recce battalion area Q 5953.

2 Parachute: I/2 Parachute Regiment area Hoven (E 7843). 180 Infantry: Recce and engineer battalions area Hommersum (E 7841) and I and 2/1221 Grenadier Regiments and elements 1222 Grenadier Regiment area Mull (E 8243)

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15 Panzer Grenadier: 104 Panzer Grenadier Regiment
area E 8947 and 115 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area E 9348.

116 Panzer: 60 Panzer Grenadier Regiment area E
9549.

7 Parachute: 1/21 Parachute Regiment area E 9650.
346 Infantry: Battalion Krahs area E 9541 states unit now
under command 858 Grenadier Regiment:

Comment 858 Regiment not contacted yet.

Battle group Hutz: Area E 9449 state task hold
road Cleve Udem (E 9842) and successor to battle group Vol.
Der Heydte.

All 15 February: Roman 63 Fortress Depot Battalion
area east of Campholz Woods (L 0502).

212 Volksgrenadier: recon battalion L 0544.

352 Volksgrenadier: Engineer Battalion area L 0945
and Field Replacement Battalion area P 9745.

9 Volksgrenadier: 57 Grenadier Regiment area
Shankweiler (L 0345) and 116 Grenadier Regiment and Field
Replacement Battalion area P 9544 state Division Headquarters
area Bettingen (L 040500).

560 Volksgrenadier: all three regiments and
Engineer Battalion area L 0144 to L 0444.

340 Volksgrenadier: recon battalion and 606
Grenadier Regiment area P 8573.

7 Parachute: 1/20 Parachute Regiment area E 8546

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and III/21 Parachute Regiment area E 8456.

By prisoner of war statement: 16 February 16
Panzer Regiment 116 Panzer Division operating as battle group
Brinkman has approximately 5 assault guns and 5 Panthers and
now all are casualties and only elements not committed in
Sifel sent to present battle area.

2. Movements: 16 February . Northwest Germany:
2 trains loaded AFV's line Nohne Osnabruck.
Koln and Ruhr area: heavy loaded at Krefeld and
Hohenbuddurg marshalling yards large concentration box cars
same area.

Koln marshalling yards active; lines west of Koln
inactive but some movement on line Siegburg Siegen (east of
Koln) including trains loaded with armour.

Southwest Germany: Very little activity Saar-Brucken
area. Some rail activity Mannheim area, large concentration
of flats at Mannheim. Eastbound movement trains loaded
motor transport and armour through Wurzburg.

3. Prisoners of War.

A. Prisoners captured 13 February: First
French Army no report (nil 10 February). Seventh US Army 47.
Third US Army 461. First US Army 22. Ninth US Army 2.

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Fifteenth US Army Nil. Second British Army 1. First
Canadian Army 247.

B. Accumulative total to 2400 hours 13 February
(excluding First French Army 11 to 13 February): 891274.

4. Tanks destroyed 15 February nil.

5. Miscellaneous. Russian general staff reports
following divisions confirmed on eastern front since 1
January: 21 Panzer 25 Panzer Grenadier 269, 344, 711, 712.
Also 356 from Italy. No contact with 1 SS or 2 SS.
Following new divisions also contacted: Infantry Divisions
Berlin Schmidt Birwalde Meerkisch-Friedland and Gross Admiral
Doenitz and motorized division "13 January". All informed.

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1. Operations. On Saar Palatinate front enemy combat patrol in Hardt Mountains dispersed early morning; units mission to take Wildenguth (Q 7837) unsuccessful. Enemy infantry attack launched from woods area Q 6856 and Infantry and tanks northwest Rimling (Q 6555) in early morning repulsed with heavy losses to enemy of personnel and three tanks or self propelled guns. Activity Gailbach (Q 6159) area suggest regrouping, possibly for further attacks. Further west enemy continues heavy resistance from bunkers in Bliesbrücken woods (Q 5956). Enemy counter attack with tank support along Munsingen (L 0804) Borg (L 0600) road repulsed after slight penetration; 5 enemy tanks reported destroyed at L 0602 during morning. Weather dry visibility good.

In southern Ardennes enemy fighting stubbornly from pill boxes as Allies progressed northeast of Echternach to

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L 0838. Numerous booby traps aiding defence north of Biesdorf area P 9944 where Allied elements breached Siegfried line; line also breached in Rohrbach area (L 0145). North of Prum enemy counter attack attempting to recapture bridge over Prum river repulsed.

Roor dam sector quiet. Waterlevel in Schwammenauel Dam fell 5 feet in 24 hours to 160600 A. Weather clear.

In Duren sector enemy attempt to build footbridge at F 0555 neutralized by Allied artillery. 7 enemy tanks in Baal area at K 9671 dispersed by Allied artillery at midday.

Parachute Army resisting lightly west of Goch on southern flank. Considerable ground lost by enemy south of Hommersum including portion of woods at E 8240. Southeast of Cleve forest Allies made good progress against 116 Panzer Division to E 9545 cutting the Goch-Calcar road: Fighting heavy this area and going difficult. Counter attacks launches by enemy repulsed. Enemy bringing up more reinforcements.

2. Order of battle. 9 and 212 Volksgrenadier Divisions crowding up to support of 560 in southern Eifel.

6 Parachute Division now believed to have committed so far only one regiment (16) in Cleve battle: 17 Regiment still on lower Meas and presence of 18 in Reichswald supported

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only by a prisoner's statement. Likely that 346 Division
also will only be contributing a regimental battle group.
Uncertain how much of 8 Parachute Division is on way up to
left flank.

3. Movements. Nothing of great significance:
Armour still apparently leaving Eifel and just possibly some
coming in on north of front.

4. Prisoners of war: (G 1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captured 13 February: 780. Accumulative total
since D day: 891274.

5. General. No change in general situation. All
informed.

End

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142400A to 152400A.

1. Operations.

Enemy alert and defensive during night in northern
Alsace plain and Hardt Mountain sectors. Allied attack
east of Saargemuck captured Urbach (Q 7055) and Rimling
(Q 6555) against moderate resistance but met strong oppo-
sition in Bliesbrücken woods (Q 6155): Woods heavily
mined and 210 millimetre rocket fire received. Air ob-
served six enemy tanks west of Wittersheim (Q 5865) and five
vicinity Erching (Q 6551) during morning.

In S Ardennes by enemy arty on Allied bridgehead over
Sauer and our rivers held Allies to small gains: Stubborn
enemy Infantry encounters reported south of Krutchen (P 9845)
and in Campholz woods (L 0502). Enemy to north quiet.

Roer Dam sector quiet; river fell $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches between
1200 to 1230 A then remained same level rest of day. Duren

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Linnich Venlo sector quiet.

East of Nijmegen enemy counter attacks east of Homersum (E 8243) repulsed. Enemy lost Kessel. Enemy artillery heavily shelling front along edge of Richswald Forest. Demolitions encountered in Cleve forest. Allied progress being held up along Cleve Udem road by heavy artillery fire. Floods hampered operations. After enemy counter attack repulsed enemy forced back to 97 Easting from 52 to 59 Northings. Allies along Rhine south of Emmerich. Dykehat E 976545 blown by enemy. Photographs show all main routes through Goch clear; some side roads blocked: NE Wesel bridge now impassable; river crossing at A 0751 and ferry stage at A 0551 flooded and not usable.

2. Order of Battle.
Nothing to report.

3. Movements.
Movement away Koblenz Giessen continues, though still not possible to decide whether ultimate destination east or north. Railways leading north from ex Colmar pocket show military traffic.

4. Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete)
Prisoners captures 12 February: 1411.
Accumulative total since D Day: 890494.

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5. General.
Nothing to report.

All informed.

End

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Previous Para 1. Operations.

Nothing to report from Nineteenth and First Army fronts.

In southern Ardennes the three Allied bridge-heads over Sauer north of Echternach now joined. Erzen fell with little resistance and Allies within about 1/2 mile Prum-sur-Idy. Small enemy counter attack with about 50 men repulsed in Prum area.

In Duren sector level of Roer dropped 10 inches, otherwise only activity to report this area artillery fire, mainly at Linnich.

In Holland Allies continue advance against moderate opposition. Counter attacks launched and Hel areas E 9450 and 8345. South of Reichswald Hommersum (E 8244) cleared.

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Southeast Badburg Rosendahl (E 9452) cleared. Allies now
along Rhine from opposite Emmerich to North Griethausen
(E 9159) which now clear of enemy.

On Schouwen Allies landed fighting patrol but
made no contact.

2. Order of battle.

346 Division identified in area south of Cleve
in piecemeal commitment upon arrival. Indications that at
least elements 8 Parachute Division expected in this area.
In Eifel light contact with 3 Panzer Grenadier, 62, 79 and
352 Divisions.

In south continued movement in Coblenz Giessen
area suggests 11 Panzer Division transferring. First Para-
chute or Fifteenth Army areas likeliest destinations.

3. Movement.

Rail movement towards Saarbruecken continues.
Presence trains with tanks and motor transport on line Koblenz
Giessen. Large concentrations motor transport west of Bonn
and west of Koblenz.

4. Prisoners of War * .

(G1 figure not complete) prisoners captured 11
February: 2364.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 888990.

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5. General.

Main enemy preoccupation remains the finding of reserve with which to meet expected major attacks in Cologne Palis. Arrival of further infantry reinforcements in Cleve area (346 Division) and suspected arrival of 8 Parachute Division suggests enemy has had heavy losses.

In Northern Eifel enemy still straining to free infantry for short refitting and stand by role.

Movement into Saarbrücken area looks like Nineteenth Army making contribution to First Army which in turn may have to yield further formations to northern sector.

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

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1. Operations.

Civilians reported evacuated from southern Rhine
towns of Nonnenweiler (R 0272) Ottenheim (0176) Sundheim
(0795) Neumuehl (0896) and Kehl (R 0697) due to fear of
Allied attack. Several delayed action mines exploded in
casemates and buildings of Colmar during night 11th/12th
causing casualties and damage.

On German First Army front no contact with enemy
north of Bischviller to R 1121 but patrol clash in area to
east at R 1516. Enemy sensitive to patrols all along Saar
Palatinate front. Prisoner from 36th Volksgrenadier Division
stated secondary line being prepared between Engwiller (Q9131)
and Gumbrechtshoffen (Q 9234) and 29000 mines requisitioned
to supplement defences. Considerable east-west vehicular
and troop activity area Neu-Altheim (Q 6763) Altheim (Q 6963)
Medelsheim (Q 6560) at midday. No rain improved visibility
terrain soggy.

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In southern Ardennes German Seventh Army hotly contesting ground in Allied bridgeheads over Sauer and Our rivers but lost Ferschwiller (L 0441) and Ammeldingen (P 9344). Bridgehead now roughly 10 1/2 miles wide and 2 1/4 miles deep. Armed recon reported considerable enemy vehicular traffic Bitburg area (L 1353) moving south and southeast in afternoon. Columns of 300 motor transport and armoured vehicles moving south area L 1059 at 131715A. Enemy counter attack at Sevenig (P 8771) repulsed; counter attack in area Neuendorf (L 0988) also unsuccessful. Tactical reconnaissance reported three enemy vehicle columns with horsedrawn artillery moving south vicinity Mettendorf at P 9949, P 9750 and L 0153 and one column mixed enemy vehicles area Niederrader (P 9854) during morning. Enemy patrols active area Schleiden (F 1015). Weather dry but ground muddy. Maximum temperature 52 degrees Fahrenheit.

Duren Lintich sector quiet. Roer River fell four inches in 24 hours; average depth center of river 11 feet 6 inches and width 300 yards except Julich where it is slightly less.

Venlo sector quiet. Intermittent showers and visibility poor. East of Nijmegen enemy opposition generally lighter; counter attacks less forceful. 116th Panzer and 15th Panzer Grenadier Divisions reported under strength in men and equipment.

Allies made progress south and east of Heijen (P 7843); two enemy counter attacks east of Gennep repulsed and enemy cleared from north of Niers River from Maas to 87 easting. Allied bridgehead over river established west

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of Kessel (E 8546) Reichswald Forest cleared.

At 2300 hours enemy east of E 9350 Kasselt (9453) Warberon (9457) Griethausen (9259). Enemy destroyed sluice gates at E 9060; area E 9260 A 0350 Calcar (A 0050) Cleves (E 95) flooded. Nijmegen Cleves Road under three feet water at Kraneburg (E 8055), water rising slowly. Digging seen east of Rhine between Wesel (A 24) and Rees (A 05). Estimated 1050 prisoners taken making total of 5600 inclusive since operation stated on 9th February.

2. Order of Battle.

Document shows 708th, 198th and 716th Divisions still in Nineteenth Army Area east of Rhine presumably re-grouping.

11th Panzer out of contact and believed transferring.

Contact with elements of 326 Volksgrenadier in same sector as 9th Panzer.

3. Movements.

Rail movement north and east from Karlsruhe continues and also in area Saarbruecken Kaiserslautern with no very pronounced tendency. Rail activity on line Trier Koblenz. Several road movements in Eifel towards southern flank of bulge one including armor. Some road and rail movement up to Venlo area. Road movement including numerous bicycles direction Arnhem to Emmerich.

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4. Prisoners of War.

(G-1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured
10th February: 2491.

Accumulative total since D Day: 886,452.

5. General.

In south observed movement still suggests bringing
up of troops from Nineteenth Army and in Trier area transfer
away of 11th Panzer. Reinforcement of southern flank of
Ardennes bulge evidently felt necessary but no new identifi-
cations yet. Enemy probably alarmed at threat of Allies
pinching off whole Eifel bulge but still has good positions
from which to put up resistance.

Likely that Army Group G will have to send still
more troops to reinforce the north where whole line from
Trier to Nijmegen suffering from lack of reserves and re-
placements. All informed.

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Along southern front weather generally bad. All informed. Operations. Explosion damaged superstructure for raising gates of Markt Dam 2 kilometers south of Huningue (A 88), but water level of Rhine not affected.

Enemy still stubbornly fighting in Oberhoffen (R 0920) and made slight advances in factory section of town. Enemy alert across Moder River east and west of Hagenau (R 0424) and in Hardt Mountains. Allied patrols in Wasserbillig (L 1124) reported no enemy but town booby trapped.

In southern Ardennes enemy making determined effort to contain Allied bridgeheads over Sauer and Our rivers. German troops forced from pillboxes after heavy fighting in area Echternacherbruck (L 0736). Enemy cleared from pocket in river bend area L 0040: Allied bridgeheads practically linked up to north. Vianden (P 9049) lost by enemy. Enemy resisting in Sevenig (P 8771). Prum (L 0679) not yet clear of enemy. Prisoner claimed new main line of resistance established 2 miles east of Prum. Infantry and tank counter

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attack at Neuendorf (L 0987) in early morning repulsed.

South of Schleiden vehicular movement heard vicinity Kimberg (F 0604); small groups of enemy observed in areas Bunenthal (F 0911) and Obephausen (F 1013). Water level in Schwammenauel (F 0827) 51 feet from top of dam at 1200 hours on 12 February (not 10 February). Roer River level unchanged. No air operations due to bad weather, ground conditions poor.

Duren Linnich Venlo sector quiet. Drizzly day sky overcast roads and soil poor.

East of Nijmegen enemy resistance stiffened all along the front. Numerous counter attacks launched by parachute and newly arrived Panzer and Panzer Grenadier troops. Enemy efforts unable to halt Allies who advanced south along Maas and captured Heijen (E 7943). Enemy counter attack repulsed north of Kessel (E 8546) and enemy defending southern bank of Niers River. 15 Panzer Grenadier Division counter attacks in Reichswald held and enemy forced back to E 9050. Elements of 116 Panzer Division entered battle south of Hau (E 9152) but counter attacks held and Allies advanced east and took Bedburg (E 9252) and Qualburg (9254). Other Allied drive east and north of Cleve took Kellen (9257) and Griethausen (9159) on southern bank of Alter Rhein.

Small enemy raid on North Beveland at D 327384 on 12 February.

Para 2 Order of Battle. No contact with 245 Division for several days and recent identifications from 36 and 47

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Divisions encroach on its already very narrow sector: Division probably withdrawn. No contact with 11 Panzer Division.

15 Panzer Grenadier and 116 Panzer committed forward of Goch and south of Cleve respectively.

Document left by raiding party on north Beveland identified 331 Infantry Division: If 346 Division has moved along to replace 6 Parachute would be reasonable to find 331 moving southwards to take over from 346 but no confirmation and document might be plant.

Para 3 movements. Nothing to report.

Para 4 Prisoners of War. (G 1 figure not complete) prisoners captured 9 February: 2721. Accumulative total since D Day: 879546.

Para 5 General. Commitment of 15 Panzer Grenadier and 116 Panzer in north means that enemy will have to try at all costs to reclaim good quality troops still tied down in Eifel for protection of Cologne Plain. Now that issue of dams decided and enemy line withdrawn across River Roer it would seem that 3 Panzer Grenadier and 3 Parachute Divisions might be got out. Enemy also likely to attempt to get out either 2 or 9 Panzer Divisions to go northwards. At present appear well tied down. 11 Panzer from Army Group G continues a further lively possibility. All informed.

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Operations:

All informed southern front quiet with exception attempted enemy patrol crossing at Schoenau (V 9358) and continued stubborn enemy resistance at Drusenheim (R 1518) and Oberhoffen (R 0820) where fighting continued in both towns. Considerable vehicular movement area Kindwiller (Q 9029) possibly indicating relief. Enemy alert in Hardt Mountains and Bitche areas. Street fighting in Saarlautern (Q 2880) during day. Hail fell in Rhine Valley visibility limited in Rhine Valley but excellent in Hardt Mountains.

In southern Ardennes Allied bridgeheads over Sauer River further expanded; Bollendorf (L 0140) and Biesdorf (P 9744) captured. Small Allied Advances made in Prum area (L 0679) and town reached from north.

In Schnee Rifel enemy counter attacks Frauenkron (P 0698) area dispersed during afternoon. Large caliber

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artillery possibly railway gun firing from Schmidtheim area (F 1602). Roer Dam sector quiet. There is no discharge over spillway of Urft Dam; Level of water in reservoir has not changed in last twelve hours and discharge was taking place solely through pipeline which empties below Heimbach Dam. Water level in Schwammenauel Dam (F 0827) dropping at rate approximately 5 feet per day. Morning of 10 February it was about 50 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet below top of dam leaving depth of approximately 120 feet of water in reservoir. No significant change in water level Roer River during period. Road between F 1033 and 1035 flooded; water one foot deep. Air reported bridges blown at F 107332 F 104330 and F 105308.

Small enemy movement observed southeast of Duren (F 1146). Autobahn overpass at F 097497 destroyed by enemy night of 10/11 February. Intermittent rainfall and poor visibility during period. In Duren Linnich area current velocity past 2 days averaged 6-7 miles per hour with maximum 91 miles per hour. Its width is 500 to 2000 feet. River stage rose from 3 and $\frac{1}{2}$ feet on 31 January to 6 and $\frac{1}{2}$ feet on 9 February due to thaw conditions and then rose to 10 and $\frac{1}{2}$ stage as result of discharge from dams. River stage has remained constant for past two days.

East of Nijmegen enemy fighting fiercely in Hekkens (E 8347). Enemy withdrew under pressure to southeast edge of Reichswald Forest. Northerly movement of estimated 75 vehicles in area E 8335 at 2230 hours 11 February. Cleve (E 8955) being mopped up and Allies advanced along road to

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southeast from city. To northeast Allies out Cleve Griethausen railroad at E 9058. Tactical reconnaissance reported 50 motor transport and armoured fighting vehicles moving south east from Cleve at E 9552 at 1330 hours.

2 Order of battle.

326 Volksgrenadier not satisfactorily contacted for some days.

18 Volksgrenadier believed replaced by 9 Panzer and withdrawn from line.

Elements of 3 Parachute Division committed on Roer River north of Schwammenauel.

Battle round Reichswald taking shape with enemy line up from northeast to southwest probably 84 Infantry 6 Parachute 7 Parachute and 180 Infantry. Still considerable jumbling however and only 2 regiments apiece of 6 and 7 Parachute Divisions contacted. Believe whole of 6 Parachute coming round from Holland and small elements of 2 Parachute also contacted. Not clear what will replace these troops in old sector.

Russian General Staff reports prisoners taken from 21 Panzer Division and 1 and 2 SS Panzer Divisions in action under Army Group centre.

3 Movements. Reconnaissance gives some evidence of arrivals of troops in area west of Ruhr and in area Saarbruecken and of continuing outgoing movement from areas

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Cologne and Karlsruhe.

4 Prisoners of War. (G 1 figures not complete)
prisoners captured 8 February: 1790. Accumulative total
since D Day: 876825.

5 General no evidence yet that remnants salvaged
from Colmar pocket have yet moved away very far: Difficult
however to see any explanation of rail arrivals in Germany
First Army Sector unless they represent a contribution from
Nineteenth Army.

Ruer River not expected to return to its original
level for several more days yet: It is however already
going down a little. In Reichswald area enemy slowly
maneuvering 4 Divisions into a line northeast-southwest:
All however except 7 Parachute have taken considerable losses.
7 Parachute likely to make a determined defence of Goch and
6 Parachute if finally driven out of Cleve will fight back
down the main through road leading to the Hochwald and
Kanten. Clear however that more good quality troops will
be needed and 116 Panzer or 15 Panzer Grenadier may have to
be called up shortly despite the obvious threat of further
Allied attacks further south.

Stop press. Both regiments of 15 Panzer Grenadier
Division identified in fighting south of Reichswald, and
elements of 116 Panzer reported also present. All informed.

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Estimated enemy casualties in Colmar pocket 2773, killed 2568 wounded, 17467 prisoners; total 22808. Also 55 tanks or self propelled guns captured or destroyed.

North of Strasbourg enemy cleared from territory to Rhine southeast of Drusenheim. West of Drusenheim enemy raid repulsed after which Allies took part of town but were driven out by counter attack. Town in enemy hands at close of period and enemy positions east of town heavily fortified. Enemy clinging to northwest part of Oberhoffen (R 0810) and firing with automatic weapons and self propelled guns from woods north of town. Allied patrols drew heavy fire in Bischholz area (Q 8532). In eastern part of Hardt Mountains Allied patrols probed 1 to 3 kilometers without enemy contact. Enemy continued aggressive east to Sins (L 0504) but counter attacks repulsed, resulting in small Allied gain. 5 of 1-

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enemy tanks operating in wooded area L 0505 destroyed during afternoon. Ground muddy, visibility fair.

In southern Ardennes 2 concentrations of enemy Infantry on high ground northeast of Echternach at L 0837 dispersed by Allied artillery and Allied bridgehead joined up with bridgehead to north. Allied bridgehead over our river expanded and Wallendorf (P 9642) lost by enemy.

West of Prum enemy offering heavy resistance and reinforcing line throughout period but unable to halt Allied advance which progressed to within 1 mile of Pittenbach (L 0076) after enemy counter attack repulsed. Weinsfeld (0478) captured. Northeast of Prum Allies established bridgehead over Prum River at L 0983 and reached Ewinsheim (0982). In Schnee Eifel enemy withdrew from forest southeast of Neundorf to 07 Easting.

Schwammenauel Dam (F 0827) reported not prepared for further demolition but road across to south bank blown. Except for small bridge at base of dam all bridges over Roer between dam and Nideggen (F 1135) destroyed. Photographs indicate gates of reservoir of dam at 090361 destroyed and reservoir practically empty. Flow peak reached at 091930 A and receded 4 inches by 101600 A. Total rise reported as 3 feet; stream well canalized in Duren area with little water over banks. Further north beyond Julich (F 0358) banks overflowed. Width of river south of Julich 300 yards

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and 400 yards to north of town. Enemy reported withdrawn from west of Roer from Heimbach (F 2611) to Nideggen (1133). No Allied patrols or troops yet across Roer this sector. Sky overcast with intermittent rains.

Duren Linnch Venlo sector quiet.

Rhine flooded considerably southeast of Nijmegen; road Kranenburg Nijmegen not usable. Enemy resistance stiffened in eastern sector of Allied salient along approaches to Cleve (E 8955). On southern flank enemy lost Gennep (7746), Zelderheide (8147) and further ground in Reichswald to F 8449. Enemy resistance in Cleve by-passed to south and progress made along road leading south from town to E 9053. Allied drive from north reached Wasserburg (8958) and Duffelward (8760).

2 Order of Battle. 905 Division holding sector in line west of Rhine east of 257 Division. Prisoners have stated 256 Volksgrenadier is relieving 11 Panzer Division, but latter nevertheless still in contact.

Elements of 560 Volksgrenadier contacted in old sector of 352 Volksgrenadier, east of Diekirch: 352 believed now located in area of 167 and 276, though sectors not clear yet. 3 Parachute still out of contact. 9 Panzer recontacted in sector is 18 Volksgrenadier.

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3 Movements. Nothing of great significance.

4 Prisoners of War.

A. (G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured
7 February: 1187.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 873781.

5. General. Enemy's position in Pruem area deteriorating and Allied salient tending to threaten whole Eifel position. Enemy displaying curious tactics in not withdrawing 11 Panzer Division when it must be badly required elsewhere. 9 Panzer Division once again back in line and 2 Panzer also caught up in Eifel. Enemy is also suffering acutely from petrol shortage which must be influencing considerably his regrouping and ability to counter attack. Armoured Divisions not out of contact are Panzer Lehr, 116 Panzer and 15 Panzer Grenadier Divisions, all believed in Duerren-Krefeld Sector. Prisoner of War state that one of Volks Artillery Corps in west has gone to East. Probably more have followed.

Stop Press: Reliable prisoner states headquarters at Engen (W 71), north of Schaffhausen on Swiss frontier is Twenty Fourth Army: Command presumably in charge of defence of Swiss frontier, under Lt General ("Anxiety") Schmidt. Also states S S Oberstgruppenfuehrer Hausser commands Army group upper Rhine: Comment this Army group believed suppressed but Army group G has no known commander at present and Hausser would do for this post.

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from SHAEF Main signed Eisenhower this is SCAF 207.

Reference is made to SCAF 197 dated 1st February and
in particular to paragraph 5 of this cable. For your infor-
mation operation GRENADE has been postponed to 14th February
as a result of enemy controlled flooding in the Roer Valley.
It is possible that some further postponement may also be
required.

End

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On German Nineteenth Army front all organized resistance west of Rhine ceased at 090800A. Bridge at Chalame (V 8513) blown by enemy. Allies control western bank of Rhine to east of Offendorf at R 1613. Patrol clash to north at R 1615 during night. Allies advanced roughly one-half mile east of Herrlisheim (R 1314). After heavy fight in town Oberhoffen lost by enemy. German First Army aggressiveness along rest of front limited to infantry and tank counter-attack in area Sinz (L 0504). Rains and showers during day, visibility good.

In southern Ardennes heavy floods in Sauer and Our rivers plus enemy opposition and heavy artillery concentrations on bridgeheads held Allied to small gains.

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In Schnee Eifel enemy fighting fiercely but slowly losing ground. Gondenbrett (L 0582) and Olzheim (0886) lost and enemy withdrew to Neuendorf (0887). Schmidt (F 0629) and Harscheidt (0731) lost by enemy who was forced back to east and making attempt to hold Hasenfeld (F 0927), but town virtually clear at end of period. Intense enemy artillery and mortar fire sweeping all roads this sector. Schwammensuel dam (F 0827) reached by Allied troops against light resistance but dam still in enemy hands. According to photographs taken 8 February water level at dam is 38 feet below top, a rise of 38 feet since 3 February. Air reconnaissance flown afternoon 9 February observed flow which indicates outlets of Schwammensuel dam opened or blown and conduits from Urfalsperre dam (F 0623) to Heimbach dam (F 1126) opened or blown. Weather rainy, sky overcast, ground and road condition poor.

Duren Linnich Venlo sector quiet. East of Nijmegen enemy disorganized and west wall broken in two places. 2700 prisoners taken in operations since 081030A. Artillery fire light and no enemy counter attacks yet launched. At close of period enemy south of Reithorst (E 7450), in eastern half of Reichswald from roughly E 8250 to Mater-Born (E 8854) thence to Nuetterden (8456). Mehr (8358) and Keeken (8562) taken by Allied drive from Nijl: other troops to north cleared Waal southern bank to and inclusive Millingen (8364) at junction with Rhine.

2. Order of battle.

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352 Volksgrenadier still being contacted both in old sector east of Dieckirch and to north in area Heckscheid Habscheid: believed bulk shifted north. 3 Parachute still out of contact. 26 Volksgrenadier identified in sector of 9 Panzer, probably relieving its elements of 9 Panzer in area of Roer dams but no confirmation division committed there.

In Reichswald battle, besides 84 Division, there are now probably committed elements at least of one regiment of 7 Parachute Division, one regiment of 6 Parachute Division and two regiments of 180 Volksgrenadier: no armour yet appeared.

Unconfirmed identifications from map of VI Reserve Corps at Rheinsberg (A 2128), which might be Corps Feldt upgraded.

3. Movement.

Some movement seen from various directions towards Reichswald battle area, but nothing considerable and no armour.

Railroad Trier Koblenz appeared active, and also Saarbruecken Kaiserslautern. Heavy rail activity in Karlsruhe Frankfurt area continued.

4. Prisoners of war.

A. (GI figures not complete) prisoners captured

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B. Accumulative total since D Day: 872594.

5. General.

Rail movement in Trier area suspicious from point
of view of relief of 11 Panzer, which is nevertheless still
in contact.

Enemy giving ground along north of Eifel bulge and
in area of Roer dams. By opening (or blowing) outlets
below Schwammensauel dam of two large pipes, one from
Urfttausee and one from Roerstausee, enemy has raised level
of Roer by up to four feet by morning 10 February, and a con-
siderable stream is running. In Reichswald battle enemy
now has at least seven regiments in action, but still
giving ground and opposition has not yet really stiffened.

End

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1. ~~Forward~~ Operations. Pocket in mountains southwest Colmar collapsed. By midnight 8 February 19th Army's Rhine bridgehead reduced to narrow strip east of Harth Forest; Forest itself cleared, Allies occupied Hombourg (V 8306) reaching river to east, Rumersheim (8417) Blodelsheim (8521) and Hambenheim (8726). River also reached near Chalampe (8513) and excepting bridgehead area Chalampe Bantzenheim (8314) Ottmarsheim (8310) which captured map indicates will be defended, Allies hold practically all left bank Rhine south of Gamsheim. Chalampe Neuenburg bridge reported damaged but possibly suitable for infantry crossing. From here towards Fribourg then towards Offenburg and Neustadt heavy road traffic including over 30 tanks, and some movement southeast towards Lorrach and Waldshut reported.

Offendorf and Herrlisheim evacuated by enemy but fighting continues forward of Drusenheim and in northern part Oberhoffen. Night 7/8 February heavy southward movement

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infantry heard vicinity Schweighausen (Q 9924). Local re-grouping suggested by movement small groups area Merzwiller (9629). Allied raid Kindwiller (Q 8929) met heavy defensive fire. Continued close contact on Hardt ridge. No rain during afternoon, visibility good, but mud remains.

On northern flank German First Army small arms and mortar fire increased in area Saarlouis Roden (Q 2981). Enemy counter attack with tanks and infantry in pillbox area southeast of Sinn (L 0504) during morning repulsed. Light rain during the day, sky cloudy, ground operations hampered by mud and floods.

In southern Ardennes, Allied bridgeheads over Sauer and Our rivers receiving very heavy fire; enemy infantry and tank counter attacks south of Erzen (L 0539) repulsed. In Schnee Eifel sector enemy fighting fiercely to hold Steinmehlen (L 0279) and Gondenbrett (0532) but to north driven back to Olzheim (0386). Mortar and artillery fire increased all along sector Heilenthal (F 0611) Ruhrberg (0324). Schmidt (0629) and Herscheidt (0731) still being mopped up and enemy forced back to east in area F 0329 but slowing Allied advance with artillery, mortar and tank fire. Prisoner states 800 paratroops in area junction F 0927. Small enemy counter attack at 0332 repulsed during morning. Main Siegfried positions being improved. Secondary roads still in bad condition.

Duren Linnich Venlo sector quiet. Weather and visibility poor, roads and soil bad.

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East of Nijmegen Allied attack launched 081030A met light opposition; enemy driven back roughly four miles into Reichswald forest. Schottenheide (E 8253) Kranenburg (8055) Wyler (7858) Zylflisch (7759) Fiel (8160) and Leuth (8061) lost by enemy. 1120 prisoners taken by 082400A February. Prisoner reports German unit commanders in area warned of impending Allied attack five days ago. Tactical reconnaissance reported no movement east of or around Reichswald or across ferries but some motor transport movement in Hochwald area (A04).

2. Order of battle. Impossible to say yet what units have got across Rhine from Colmar pocket. 905D division identified as staff controlling miscellaneous local defence units formerly under 553 division in Gamsheim area: 553 no longer carried as division. 805 similar division staff in Freiburg area, may equate with division group Breisach.

Protracted absence of 21 Panzer Division growing suspicious: It may have left for eastern front. LXXXV Corps responsible for sector between LXXXII and XIII SS Corps.

Elements 352 division at Habscheid with 167 Division but major elements still in contact in old sector. Both Panzer Grenadier Regiments of 2 Panzer in firm contact, and tanks reported in offing. 3 Parachute Division not being contacted. 9 Panzer Division yielded prisoners in old sector, and believed still present though deserters state moving away. In Reichswald battle, only 84 Division yet contacted, which now has Third Regiment and is supported by reserve Regiment of 180 Division.

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3. Movements. Heavy rail movements observed in areas Dueseldorf Krefeld, Landau Frankfurt; both had eastward tendency, but former probably included some unloading. Some road and rail activity in area Freiburg Offenburg suggests entraining, including small number of tanks.

Further reports from Denmark indicate that bulk of 233 and 166 Divisions is moving away.

4. Prisoners of War.

A. (GI figures not complete) Prisoners captured 5 February 1945: 1343.

B. Accumulative total since D day: 869904.

5. General. Though prisoners state attack in Reichswald area expected, no reinforcements have yet been contacted there. 7 Parachute, however, may be at hand, and 116 Panzer may come up: Possibilities from further afield are missing 15 Panzer Grenadier and 21 Panzer.

Enemy still has no success in Eifel and 9 Panzer Division has still not got away.

Troops salvaged from Colmar pocket seem to be already on way north. Notably bad performance was put up by 2 Mountain Division, as has also been the case so far with 6 SS

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Mountain Division.

Prisoners from 12 SS Panzer Division state that in last ten days of January in area Auv (L 0090) they had instructions in recognition of Russian aircraft, and division was due for commitment on Eastern front after hasty refit in area Magdeburg.

End.

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Previous paragraph 1. Operations.

** excepting few scattered groups offering negligible disorganized resistance to mopping up in pocket southwest of Colmar, 19th Army now east of Rhone Rhine Canal. Allies, generally unopposed, cleared to west bank along whole length of canal, crossing into Harth Woods East of Ile Napoleon and establishing another bridgehead just north Munchhouse (V 7919); resistance facing these bridgeheads stiffened afternoon 7 January. South of Neuf Breisach most of Hardtwald cleared; enemy driven from Heiteren (8530) and Belgau, and Pessenheim reached by Allies, but Germans continue covering ferries at V 9130, 9131 and 9034 by heavy defense in woods southeast Neuf Breisach.

Allied patrols reaching Rhine east of Offendorf made no contact but encountered machine gun positions further north near Drusenheim. 257 Division still holding stubbornly

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latter town and northern part Oberhoffen, where Allied pressure made some headway. Heavy tank fire Kaltenhouse (R 0721). Patrol clashes Hardt Sector, and at Oeting (Q 4063) elements 347 made limited attack, gaining high ground previously lost west and south of town. Otherwise, German 1st Army front quiet and unchanged, with mud and rain persisting whole sector.

Sinz (L 00) now mainly in Allied hands despite heavy opposition and advances made about 1 mile to north of town. 2 German counter attacks with tanks launched. Night 6/7 and morning 7 February Allies made several crossing of river Our between Echternach and Lutzkampen in face of generally moderate resistance. Crossing at Echternach penetrated about one mile against German tank and artillery opposition. Bridgehead 2 1/2 miles to northwest made near Bollendorf (L 0140). 2 further small bridgeheads made on both sides Vallendorf (9642). 2 bridgeheads west of Dahlen (8665): 1 to within about half mile of town and other reached outskirts of Daburg. After preliminary disorganized resistance, fighting became much sharper this area. Further crossings made east of Kalborn (8368).

Advances continue in Schnee Eifel sector against moderate to stiff resistance as Allies reach eastern slopes. Habscheid (P 9577) reached and advances made south of Brandscheid through heavy mud, drizzle and poor visibility. Mehlen (0481), Gondenbrett (0582) and Wascheid in valley of River Mehlen to east of Schnee Eifel reached.

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3 counterattacks put in, in Wascheid area. To north Allies advanced over two miles and reached neighbourhood Knaufspetsch (0688).

To north, on southeastern fringes of Monschau Forest Hellenthal (F 0711) captured against moderate opposition. North of Roer Dam area Schmidt being mopped up. Kommerscheidt (0530) and Harscheidt entered.

Nothing to report from remainder of front.

2. Order of battle. Elements of 256 Volksgrenadier recontacted in Sinz area with 11 Panzer Division and 416: comment brought up from Harst Ridge.

Remnants 560 Volksgrenadier withdrawn from line. 26 Volksgrenadier still unlocated. Elements of 2 Panzer and 5 Parachute recommitted in defense of Pruem between 18 and 326 Volksgrenadiers. 9 Panzer withdrawn from line but no relief yet identified. Elements of 3 Panzer Grenadier now in action all the way from south of Schleiden to north of Schmidt.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of war.

(A) (G 1 figures not complete) prisoners captured 4 February 1945: 1546.

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(B) Accumulative total since D Day: 868561.

5. General. Enemy in considerable local difficulties in Eifel. Main trouble centres are Pruem where west wall thoroughly pierced, and the Roer Dams area. Moreover, southern flank of Eifel bulge, now being attacked is now held dangerously thinly, with nothing in reserve if 2 Panzer is really now committed further north. Local trouble at Sinz, further south, also not cleared up, and 256 Division being committed as reinforcement.

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Operations.

Enemy still attempting to keep southern flank of Colmar pocket stabilized by counter attacks at Ile Napoleon (V 7407) which were repulsed. Sausheim (V 7209), Baldersheim (7311) and Battenheim (7313) occupied by Allies. Enemy apparently withdrawn bulk of troops to east of Rhine Rhone Canal and Allies progressed to west bank from Munchouse (V 7818) to southeast of Hirzfelden at 7922, and from 8126 to 8331. Enemy operation collapsed in Neuf Brisach area and western approach to Breisach Bridge taken but bridge blown. Enemy being evacuated by ferries at V 9130, 8934 and 9131. Allied drive to south captured Oberasheim (9632) and reached Heiteren (9530). Only serviceable bridge over Rhine Rhone Canal south of Neuf Brisach at V 8633.

Vosges pocket west of Colmar nearing vest pocket size.

Guebwiller Valley completely cleared. Allies on western flank advanced roughly 6 miles. Allies linked up all along Munster Valley and mopping up out off remnants.

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North of Strasbourg Allies occupied Offendorf (R 1312) and Herrlisheim (1214) without opposition; towns found heavily mined. Air reported enemy activity Drusenheim area (1618) and road block west of town. Enemy alert on Hardt mountain front and improving defences. South of Bliesbruck (Q 5957) enemy made small unsuccessful attack in afternoon. Le Brandenbusch Woods (Q 4763) and Zinzing (4664) found unoccupied but enemy resisting in Grosbliederstroff and Lixing (4662). High ground west and southwest of Oeting (4063) cleared but enemy defends town. Weather colder, light showers, ground muddy and visibility poor.

In southern Ardennes enemy counter attack at Brand-scheid (P 9881) repulsed during morning with 200 prisoners taken. Gross Kampenberg (P 9174) and Lutzkampen (P 8973) captured by Allies during morning; enemy counter-attack by estimated company repulsed. Many artillery units fighting as infantry south of Hellenthal (F 0711); enemy fighting fiercely for town which apparently is southern point of Clef River defenses. Scheuren (F 1016) reached but Schleiden not entered by Allies. Enemy offering very heavy opposition to Allied advance in area Steckenborn (F 0226) Schmidt (0629). Intermittent rain during day, visibility poor.

Duren Linich sector quiet.

In Holland Allied line south of Waal withdrawn west of Easting 785 due to flooding.

2. Order of Battle.

In Vosges sector only 708 Division believed yet withdrawn across Rhine.

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In Eifel 26 Division not in contact in Heckhuscheid area since 3 February and appears to have been squeezed out by 276 and 167: 560 Division in same area only of battle group dimensions. 9 Panzer Division not contacted yesterday. 3 Panzer Grenadier Division now fully committed in area Gemuend-Schleiden: Panzer Lehr in background in same area.
*. Prisoners statement shows Fifth Panzer Army still in command of LXVII Corps: Full extent of its sector uncertain.

Further indications of arrival of parachute troops, probably 7th Parachute Division in area of First Parachute Army.

3. Movements.

Good ground sources indicate large numbers of troops leaving Denmark in early February including parts of 233 and 166 Training Division and further elements from Oksboel Camp.

Considerable rail movement observed, centering on area Frankfurt am Main, with tendency out eastwards from west and south.

4. Prisoners of War.

A. (G-1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured 3 February 45: 1,793.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 866,949.

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5. General.

No change in general situation. Colmar pocket crumbling rapidly. All movements to eastern front and to north of western front still believed slowed up owing to petrol shortage and Allied air attacks but obviously continuing.

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1. Operations.

Despite rain, poor visibility and mud large Allied gains against Nineteenth Army; opposition from delaying parties Vosges sector not strong but east of Ill River heavier resistance particularly area Mayenheim (V 7224) where enemy repulsed attempted crossing and at Ensisheim, Niederentzen (7328) Biltzheim and Oberhergheim. Except for small groups in Vosges (local command estimates at about 1,000 all told) enemy cleared from west of Ill River and firm Allied corridor established between river and road Pfarfenheim (V 6631) Rouffach Isenheim (6423) all inclusive. Guebwiller (6123) occupied by Allies. Small groups still resisting in Thur Valley being mopped up. Munster and Walbach (6240) also captured, further interdicting Fecht Valley. Still strong resistance Neuf Breisach area; enemy holding town pressed from west, north and east with Allies in northern outskirts. Allies cleared Biesheim and Wolfgantzen, occupied Hettenschlag (7934). Heavy fighting Volgelsheim but to east main road out and enemy driven from western approaches Breisach bridge (V 8836); bridge not usable.

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German First Army continued quiet 5th January except for heavy artillery Bischwiller area. Floods still obstructing operation on east flank. Enemy still holds Herrlisheim Drusenheim and northern part Oberhoffen. Allied patrol found Offendorf (R 1212) heavily mined but made no contact. On northern flank enemy cleared from Nohn (Q 1399) during afternoon.

On southern Ardennes flank light rain and fog, ground thawing. All enemy cleared from west of Our River to area Kalborn (P 8468). In the Schnee Eifel moderate resistance mostly from pillboxes and bunkers in area Brandscheid (P 9881) developed during day; town taken and mopping up at close of period. Sharp pillbox encounters north of town vicinity 9982 during morning. Allies made further progress through forest to area L 0285. Allied pincers closing in Hellenthal (F 0811) from south and north and fighting in outskirts of town. North of Schleiden enemy forced to make further withdrawal. Prisoner reported 30 Tiger tanks in woods north of Gemund at F 1122 out of gas also 272 Volksgrenadier Division trains in same area. Prisoner from 62 Volksgrenadier Division stated division command post moving to make room for entry of Panzer or Panzer Grenadier Division: other Prisoners of War report officers seen wearing black uniforms. Urftalsperre Dam (F 0724) and control station captured intact but road over this and Paulushoff Dam (F 0524) blown by enemy. Enemy fought only rearguard action as Strauch (F 0126) captured and Steckenborn (0226) and Hechelscheid (0327) reached by Allies.

Prisoners state two battalions of infantry defending Schmidt (F 0629).

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Duren Linnich sector quiet. Intermittent rain,
soil soft. Water level at Nijmegen risen. Remainder of
front quiet.

2. Order of Battle.

25th Panzer Grenadier Division identified in
Russian communique at Kuestrin. 257th Volksgrenadier
relieving 10 SS Panzer Division, which prisoners state is
due to leave for Berlin, entraining at Huegelsheim (R 2722).
553 Division will be reorganized at Pforzheim, according to
prisoners. A new 880th Grenadier Regiment, formed from
elements of 172nd Division, and now in sector of 347th Divi-
sion, believed to constitute new third regiment of 347th and
172nd Division considered to have surrendered its troops and
reverted to a staff only.

Fresh armour reported arriving in support of 62nd
Volksgrenadier may be bulk of 3rd Panzer Grenadier Division.

604th Division ZBV reported and accepted as
having left for eastern front: same may be true if 606th
Division Staff, troops of which seem to have been handed
over to 8th Parachute Division.

Prisoner states Colonel General Blaskovitz
recently gave up command of Army Group G and went to eastern
front.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

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4. Prisoners of War.

A. (G-1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured
2nd February: 1,522.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 864,745.

5. General.

Enemy has been showing considerable weakness in
sector of Roer dams.

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1 Operations.

Rain mud and poor visibility hindered operations on Nineteenth and First German Army fronts. Area Mulhouse Einsisheim Cernay completely cleared of enemy. Decreasing resistance this sector and Allied bridgehead over this expanded to include Raedersheim (V 6621) Soultz (6221) and Steinbach (5613). Cernay and Uffholz clear and enemy west of here reported withdrawing. Area Rouffach (6728) Allied elements from northern and southern pincers made contact. Enemy withdrawal Vosges sector continues area west Munster, Lebaroché (V 6145) Turckheim (6643) Voegtlinshofen (6735) Obermorschwihr Hevrlisheim and Ste Croix clear but Neuf Brisach area still strongly held with increased resistance along general line Wolfgantzen Appenweier in effort to hold open escape route from Vosges.

After heavy fighting enemy driven from Wolfgantzen (V 8236) and mopping up continues Biesheim. Heavy eastbound

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traffic over several ferries between Namsheim (V 8726)
and Neuf Brisach; railroad bridge over Rhine south of
Breisach damaged but Neuenburg (V 8712) bridge being used.

North of Strasbourg German First Army generally
unaggressive; defense aided by flood area Gamsheim Drusen-
heim where opposition somewhat decreased. Enemy infantry
and tanks continue to hold out in Herrdisheim and northern
part Oberhoffen. Only light reaction to Allied penetration
of woods east and northeast Rohrwiler to within half mile
of Drusenheim. Accurate self propelled gun fire from latter
town on allied armour moving in from west. Allied withdrawal
Offendorf Herrlisheim area due to floods and not to enemy
action. Close contact and patrol clashes Hards sector but
enemy primarily concerned with improving positions. After
surprise Allied raid on Rothbach (Q 8434) enemy alert and
repulsed Allied attacks Kindwiler (Q 8929) and Bitschoffen
(9128). Minefields and wire extensive in area southeast
Althorn (Q 7440). On Army northern flank enemy cleared from
pillboxes in woods north of Orscholtz (L 1302).

On Ardennes southern flank quiet. On Schnee Eifel
enemy offered moderate resistance chiefly small arms and
mortar fire from pillboxes and bunkers in Siegfried Line.
Buchet (P 9983) cleared. At close of period enemy with-
drawn to east of Steinbach and fighting along west edge of
forest at L 0184.

Southeast of Monschau many empty pillboxes found in
Siegfried defences; others were lightly occupied by troops

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who surrendered after token resistance. Prisoners stated other troops ordered to withdraw to eastern or second line of Bunkers. Hollerath (F 0507) cleared. Allies made advances to F 0211 in Hellenthallerwald; high ground in Oberhausen area (F 1013) used as observation post by Germans. Enemy defending approaches to Schleiden (F 1015). Pillboxes occupied on 3 February by enemy found empty 4 February; Morsbach captured and enemy withdrawn to Gemund (F 1220) Urft Lake reached; flat trajectory and mortar fire received from east of lake in area east of Wollseifen (0721). Enemy cleared from west of Roer in area Roerberg (F 0425). Air observed estimated division with tanks trucks and horsedrawn transport moving north at F 1628 during afternoon.

Duren sector quiet. Bohr (F 0555) reported clear of enemy. Enemy patrols active in Hilfart (F 9372) during morning; harassing machine gun fire received from Brachelen (K 9568) to Himmerich (K 9270).

Remainder of front quiet.

2. Remnants 708 Division reported withdrawn east of Rhine. Elements of 6 SS Mountain Divisions identified in sector of 257 Volksgrenadier; comment possible but not confirmed that latter will be relieved. 11 Panzer Division firmly recontacted.

9 Panzer Division more or less fully recommitted in Ardennes area. 12 Volksgrenadier appears to have re-committed only one regiment which is in support of 62 Volksgrenadier. 406 Division staff reidentified in area Schmidt; controlling numerous local defence units; comment was previously in rear area of First Parachute Army.

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In First Parachute Army sector 84 Division shows signs of contracting northwards at same time as 180 and 190 shift southwards. Report of 24 January mentions elements of 7 Parachute Division in area Terborg Dinxperlo: this doubtful in view of identifications in Alsace on 25 January but return of division to its former area is nevertheless likely.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4 Prisoners of war. (G 1 figures not complete) prisoners captured 1 February: 1423. Accumulative total since D Day 863223.

5 General. Enemy has evidently decided that Colmar Pocket is lost. Now resigned to fighting withdrawal action and to saving what he can. In area Hagenau Trier some regrouping being undertaken and relief of 11 Panzer Division likely. Enemy still being delayed in his effort to concentrate armour and infantry reserves in Cologne Ruhr sector. At moment probable only 116 Panzer and 1 other - division this sector. Whereabouts Panzer Lehr and 2 Panzer Divisions not known: slight indications former may be moving north. Whereabouts 15 Panzer Grenadier Division unknown. End.

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To: War Department
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SHGEBI to TROOPERS AGWAR cite WDGBI TAC 21st Army Group Main
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Allied Airborne Army Forward S 77666. This is G-2 summary nr
34 part 2 dtd 3 Feb covering period 012400A to 022400A.

Please correct page 4, line 2 to read:

"606th Division: II Battalion Regiment Mueller
area K 7793 state unit was recently relieved in area E 8602
by Army Infantry."

Please correct page 5, line 14 to read:

"Rail net same area active eastbound movement
loaded military trains Landau Worms Frankfurt Karlsruhe
Heilbronn."

End

Supplementary copy of CM-IN-3550 (4 Feb 45) G-2

ACTION: G-2

INFO : CCS, CG AAF, OPD, ADM KING, COL PARK, LOG

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(2) War Office for DMC (M), (3) 21st Army Group, (4) COM-
ZONE ETOUSA 032000A February S 77719

Following refers to move of ground forces only
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1. Earliest we can receive first flight at port
of disembarkation is 10 days from notification received
from you of firm date. This might be slightly reduced
after information requested in this signal is received.

2. We are not planning on any air lift owing to
other commitments and adverse weather conditions.

3. Following information required for each division:

- (A) Total marching personnel
- (B) Number track vehicles requiring tank flats.
- (C) Number track vehicles not requiring tank
flats.
- (D) Number of MT to move by road
- (E) Number of replacement vehicles required
from YK.
- (F) Tonnage of stores, if any, not carried in

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vehicles.

(G) Proposed make-up of sea convoys.

4. Similar information as in 3 for Corps and other non-divisional troops.

5. Suggest you send Q and Movements Staff Officers here early to arrange details of land move. 21st Army Group agree.

6. Grateful for movement plan by air earliest.

7. No doubt you will send Got1 and other administrative parties in first flight to assist in control of whole move.

8. Understand that order of battle will be decided by War Office in consultation with you and 21st Army Group.

End

FOOTNOTE: Corrected copy of CM-IN-4750 (5 Feb 45) CC/S
Relayed to ARGONAUT

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell,
Adm King, C of S.

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* Being serviced.

End

FOOTNOTE: FACS 151, FAN 50 is CM-IN-2583 (3 Feb 45) CC/S

ACTION: CC/S

INFO : Adm Leahy, Gen Arnold, Gen Hull, Gen Bissell,
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First Allied Airborne Army Forward, S 77690. This is G-2
summary number 34, Part 1, dated 3rd February covering
period 012400A to 022400A.

1. Operations.

North of Mulhouse German Nineteenth Army troops
cleared from Jungholtz wood (V 6813) and from three quarters
of Sainte Barbe (V 7014). Enemy infantry with artillery
support halted Allied advance one mile south of Pulversheim
(V 6715) on southern edge of woods. Enemy defending
Waldkapelle (V 5414).

Colmar evacuated by enemy with exception scattered
rearguards which are being mopped up. Trois Epis (V 6345),
Niedermorschwiir (6645) Nintzenheim (6641) and Eguisheim
(6838) lost by enemy.

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German troops cut off in Ingersheim (6844). Enemy
resisting strongly south of the city in Bois De Colmar.

To east, Appenwihr (V 7836) lost by enemy.

Allied troops all along Rhine from Biesheim (V 8538)
to north of Strasbourg and mopping up area to west of bank.
Weather warm and clear.

On German First Army southern flank, 10th SS Panzer
Division heavily engaged in Bischwiller area. Enemy screen-
ing movements at Herlisheim behind smoke.

Early in morning infantry and tanks from direction
of Schirrheim counter attacked at Obenhoffen; attack con-
tained by 1100 hours but fighting in town at noon.

East of Haguenau Allied raid prompted enemy counter
attack but situation quiet by first light. Enemy reported
using American machine guns, sensitive at Mulhausen (Q 8631),
Bischholtz (8532) and Rothbach (Q 8534).

German patrols made several attempts to enter
Saegsuhl (Q 7937) but were repulsed and most of enemy killed.

On northern First Army flank enemy cleared from
Campholz woods (L 0602) during afternoon. Snow melting and
visibility good.

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In Ardennes German Seventh Army nonaggressive.
Enemy minefield encountered and small arms fire received in
Oberelsbach area (P 8557).

Fifth Panzer Army stiffening resistance in the
Schnee Eifel and making determined effort to hold Bleialf
(P 9683); considerable movement observed east of town during
afternoon.

German Fifteenth Army resistance stiffened consid-
erably. Allied advanced in Gerolstein Forest to L 0699.

Enemy lost Ramscheid (F 0505). Heavy woods to
north and northwest believed lightly held by Germans. German
troops have manned and are stubbornly defending critical
pillboxes in line to north.

Enemy forced out of forest of Monschau and Allies
captured Harperscheid (F 0614) and Schonesseiffen (F 0514)
after heavy fighting yielding more than 350 prisoners.

Artillery fire was light along front and Allied
troops overran engineers laying mines.

Allied combat patrols entered Hammer (F 0019);
Roer River reached west of Dadenborn at F 015211 and took
bridge intact at F 015212, all without enemy contact.

At 1830 hours enemy infantry launched attack in
area F 011303 but made no penetration.

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Tactical reconnaissance reported about 100 motor transport including tank transporters in forest at F 0310 and four tracked vehicles moving north into Schleiden (F 11) in afternoon.

Duren sector quiet. Some enemy reported still in Karken area (K 8380).

East of Reichswald some movement seen and intense flek reported; may be reinforcement arrivals. Remsinder of front quiet.

2. Order of battle.

In Colmar pocket 16th and 708th Divisions reduced to remnants and precise location uncertain; defense of west side of pocket (Vosges Ridge) conducted by 338th Division.

257th Division on Hardt Ridge recontacted but not 256th Division, which therefore carried unlocated. Remaining division in Army group G sector believed still present, including 25th Panzer Grenadier and 11th Panzer.

SW Ardennes elements of 12th Volksgrenadier and of 3rd Panzer Grenadier contacted in area Schleiden between 62nd and 277th Divisions: whole of former may be coming up but latter believed battle group only.

Commander of 8th Parachute Division identified in sector of 606th Division: may be taking over sector or

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fattening on paratroops incorporated in 606th Division: 180th and 190th Divisions have both apparently extended their sectors southwards.

344th and 361st Divisions no longer carried: former claimed on eastern front and combat effectiveness of latter reported cannibalized.

3. Movements.

Rail activity in rear area of Army group G continuing including outbound movement eastwards. Road movement northeast out of Ardennes towards Cologne continuing. Marshalling yards west of Ruhr active and road movement in Holland with no definite trend noticeable.

4. Prisoners of war.

(G-1 figures, not complete)

Prisoners captured 30th January: 2448
Accumulative total since D-day: 858907

5. General.

Trend of movement out of Alsace judged to be primarily north and not east. No evidence that formations of Fifth Panzer Army going east: more probable bulk of armour moving or about to move northward.

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Identification of 8th Parachute Division indicates concern for Ruhr, and increased rail and road movement in area possibly significant of general reinforcement on the northern front.

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INFO : CC/S, CG AAP, OPD, Admiral King, Colonel Park, Log
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CG 12th Army Group, Main
CG US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, St. Germain France

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Following is counter-intelligence summary number 16
for week ending 2 February 1945.

Abwehr currently concentrating on meeting tactical
intelligence requirements of armies. SD, with full control
of potential personnel from liberated countries, concen-
trating on long term and stay behind organizations, its
supremacy enabling it use reluctant Abwehr as desired.

Abwehr military espionage Kommandos and Trupps,
under direction Leiter one west, are fed with questions
from armies, linecrossers being mainly relied on for answers.

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This contrary to procedure liberated countries where stay behinds were intended produce both tactical and strategical information. Increasing use being made of German Nationals eg Hitler Jugend, with consequent creation privileged class among agents.

Unsuitable weather explains decline German parachute operations but training proceeding apace in PPF and Milice camps in Germany. Captured agent states future operation probable in Bordeaux area.

German intelligence service continues to aim at establishing large scale espionage, sabotage and propaganda network, incoming agents being instructed prepare receive future ones and activate dormant agents and German sympathizers.

Probable Germans urgently creating stay behind network on left bank Rhine.

Interrogations show probable increase linecrossing activity Luxembourg area.

Espionage

A. Stay behind WT agent arrested Strasbourg area following information given by agent previously captured.

B. Linecrosser arrested Seventh Army area posing as deserting Edelweiss member trying to enlist American aid for his group.

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C. Further agent intended for work on Mediterranean Coast arrested (Summary number 15, Espionage F.). These agents state they were dropped from Captured Boeing bearing faint German markings.

D. Hitler Jugend member captured Strasbourg area has given names five more expected. States some being trained in WT.

E. Two German patrol boats sunk Nice Harbour. Survivors state three agents aboard who may be alive and at large. Their mission was harbor reconnaissance.

F. Two instances German counter intelligence patrols picked from line companies on Mediterranean front may indicate shortage counter-intelligence personnel. One member captured Menton in civilian clothes.

G. Member of 3D Division Wallonde arrested Belgium, states 12 agents with WT parachuted Brussels area October.

H. French agent sent on tactical reconnaissance mission from Buskirchen captured.

I. Two parachutists, possibly with WT, reported dropped Belgium in Hannut area.

J. Two agents parachuted near Brussels. One found dead, one from KDO 60 Marine with WT arrested.
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Sabotage.

A. Head of Etampes sabotage group arrested Lille
with mission to discover sabotage targets.

General security and political factors.

France.

Increasingly clear that French opposition
movements formed of French refugees escaped to Germany
being encouraged to form own plans subversive action in
France. Training schools appear run independent of SD
control. Germans apparently relying increasingly on growth
purely French movements and building belief in existence
and potential activity "White Maquis" in France.

Possibility existence and German exploitation of
pockets overrun troops in Savoy and Lyons areas (Summary
number 13) considerably decreasing.

General Pollet assumed appointment of Commandement
Militaire de la Frontiere in south west France as from 23rd
January 1945, Vice General Callies.

German Prisoner of War formerly in Brandenburg Division
states division dissolved October 1944, combat troops being
absorbed in Gross Deutschland Division and specialists in Streif
Corps under SS control. Streif Corps consists of foreign and

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German personnel for sabotage and espionage purposes.
Foreigners include members Spanish Blue Division with cover
story of being former Spanish Loyalists forced to work in
Germany.

Edelweiss organization now thought to be dominated
by the SD.

End

ACTION: Gen Bissell

INFORMATION: CC/S
Gen Arnold
Gen Hull
Adm King (Adm Thebaud)
Col Park
OSS (Gen Magruder)
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To: War Department

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This is G 2 Special summary number 10 dated 2nd
February 1945.

1. Following latest assessment enemy morale. For
first time since enemy was routed in France and retreated
to Siegfried Line there are signs of lowering of morale
in Army. Morale was probably highest at any time during
Continental Campaign in opening phases of Ardennes Battle.
Once failure of this offensive became manifest however
sense of disappointment appeared among the Infantry, though
morale of SS and Parachute formations remained uniformly
high.

2. Indications recently that progress of Russians in
East. Futility of Ardennes offensive and extremely bad
overall supply position is having detrimental effect on
ordinary Infantry. In present stages of withdrawal behind
Siegfried Line there have been one instance of 75 men
surrendering without fight (Division unknown but believed
to be 89th Infantry Division) another where deserter stated
his whole company desirous of deserting if chance available.
In addition fair number of prisoners taken in Eifel can
be classed as stragglers. No bona-fide cases of desertion
in these cases difficult to prove, but withdrawal has offered
enemy splendid opportunities to become prisoners. No

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indications as to whether this applicable to SS formations
and Parachute Division since few in contact.

3. Emphasize there is no question yet of collapse
in morale and generally enemy is fighting extremely
tenaciously. Apparent, however, that individual soldier
is showing increasing despair and apathy and a continued
deterioration of enemy military situation of all fronts,
particularly Russia, is leaving its mark.

End

ACTION: G-2

INFORMATION: CC/S
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To: War Department

Mr: S 77527

2 February 1945

Previous para 1. Operations. This is G-2 summary number 33 dated 2 February covering period 312400A January to 012400A February. To for action TROOPERS, AGWAR cite WDGBI, TAC EXFOR, Main EXFOR, Sixth Army Group, TAC Twelfth Army Group, First Allied Airborne Army Main to for info AFHQ cite FHGBI, SHARP Air Rear, Main Headquarters Twelfth Army Group, Fifteenth Army, First Allied Airborne Army Forward from SHARP Main S 77527, from Strong signed Eisenhower cite SHGBI.

Continued strong resistance limited Allies area Mulhouse Cernay to minor gains. Fighting still heavy Cernay and Wittelsheim.

Northern Vosges sector enemy efforts negligible with no contact reported from Selestat to Krafft (V 9780). North-west Colmar enemy digging in near Katzenthal (V 6645) and Labroche (V 6164). Horboung (V 7442) clear but still fighting outskirts; Andolsheim (V 7640) and Widensoien (V 8140) occupied by Allies. Advancing southeast from latter Allies entered Biesheim while other forces reached Rhine East of Runkheim (V 8542). Markolsheim (V 8651) also overrun by Allies one penetration reaching Bockenheim (V 8854) and another stopping on Rhine on a mile front West of Sasbach (V 9149). Schwabsheim (V 8859) and Wittelsheim (V 8962) cleared.

German First Army front still quiet except on East

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flank where Allied advance area Oberhofen (R 0920) met heavy resistance from 10 SS Panzer developing into counter attack supported by 6 to 10 tanks. Heavy fighting but counter attack contained. Still strong contact this area. Road net Landau Wissembourg heavily packed with Northbound motor traffic night 31 January/1 February. Scattered rain and poor visibility 1 February.

German Seventh Army in Southern flank of Ardennes quiet. Vehicular movement in area Wintersdorf (L 1332) during afternoon. Small groups enemy encountered East of Hosingen at F 851592 night 31 January/1 February. 10 heavy tanks reported in Dasburg area (F 8562) with vehicular movement along road at Dahnen (F 8665) early 1 February. Air reported considerable enemy vehicular movement with Southward trend to F 96 grid square in afternoon. Moderate enemy resistance continued vicinity Wallmerath (F 9181) and Web (9184); enemy lost gross (9481) Winterscheid (9482) Metzzenich (9584).

Northeast of Schonberg enemy forced from * (L 0090) and Wandering (0093). Enemy withdrawing in Gerolstein Forest; abandoned equipment including small arms found at F 9891. Officer prisoner stated Siegfried Line not manned but no confirmation this statement. Enemy Infantry observed in Udenbreth (F 0403). * patrol forced to withdraw from area F 0306. Allies advanced through forest to line from F 0304 to 0206. Enemy pocketed in Wallerscheid (K 9912) still resisting with small arms and anti tank fire. Prisoner stated all artillery moving East to Schleiden (F 0916). Weather warm roads muddy over fog sky overcast soil thawing.

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East of Simmerath, Kesternich (F 0024) reported clear. Elsewhere in sector German Fifteenth Army appears to have withdrawn leaving rearguards. Enemy infantry observed digging at F 015240 in afternoon. Prisoner states enemy intends to fight delaying action from prepared defensive position at F 025225. Duren sector quiet. Marked increase in enemy infantry activity from Boslar (F 0164) and Muckelhoven (K 9474). German troops still in Kempen (K 8578). Bridge at Vlodep (K 8453) blown by enemy. On remainder of front German First Parachute and Twentyfifth Armies quiet.

2. Order of battle. Captured orders for 1 February show line North of Neuf Brisach and Colmar held by, from East to West 2 Mountain, 198 and 189 Divisions. Elements of 16 Division in support of former 2.

In Northern Alsace, 10 SS Panzer and 6 SS Mountain still in line. No contact with 25 Panzer Grenadier, nor with 256 and 257 Volksgrenadiers. 553 Volksgrenadier presumed withdrawn across Rhine.

No contact with 11th Panzer Division for 4 days.

In Ardennes, with withdrawal of armour from line and shortening of line, likely that the 2 Panzer Corps (XLVII and LVIII) will be or have been squeezed out.

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War.

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A. (G-1 figures not complete) Prisoners
captured 29 January: 1327.

B. Accumulative total since D Day: 856459.

5. General. Enemy position in Colmar pocket continues to deteriorate and he must attempt regrouping to form firm right flank covering Neuf Brisach bridgehead while fights rearguard action in South. No signs he intends to expend more divisions on retaining bridgehead. Generally quiet in Haguenau Saar sector where regrouping being undertaken. Future of 10 SS Panzer Division still a mystery. Not all out of position yet * indications it is collecting astride railway in Renchen Achen area. Move away possible. Location 11 Panzer Division uncertain. Infantry in Northern Eifel not putting up very firm resistance but bad weather and terrain making Allied task difficult. Reinforcement of Cologne area by armour appears to be continuing. So far no direct evidence that East has made further calls on West over and above 6 SS Panzer Army. Clue may be provided by Russian progress during next few days over River Oder towards Berlin.

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The Russian offensive has won great successes and
the enemy has been forced to withdraw troops from the western
front. It is of paramount importance therefore to close the
Rhine north of Dusseldorf with all possible speed. The cur-
rent directive (S 75546 of 18th January 1945, SCAF 176) still
applies subject to the following modifications.

Reference S 77053 dated 29th January (not to all)
Northern Group of Armies will mount operation "VERITABLE"
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Prior to 6th February Central Group of Armies will relieve Northern Group of Armies as far north as exclusive Julich and will complete 9th Army to a total of three corps of three armored divisions and seven infantry divisions. Radio silence will be imposed on units moving from Central to Northern Group of Armies until lifted by Northern Group of Armies.

Operation "GRENAD" ^{9th Army moving in NE'ly direction} will be launched at the earliest date and not later than 10th February. Commander in Chief Northern Group of Armies will report the target date. Northern Group of Armies will be responsible for the right flank protection of "GRENAD".

Central Group of Armies will continue operations to seize the Roer Dam and will assume an aggressive defensive forthwith on the remainder of its front.

Inter Army Group boundary will be adjusted by agreement between Commander in Chief Northern Group of Armies and Commanding General Central Group of Armies.

Acknowledge.

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Warmer weather in south; Ground muddy and visibility fair. Opposition continued strong enemy left flank with general decrease north east of Colmar. Wittenheim (V 7012) clear and enemy driven back 1 mile north of cite Fernand (V 6811). Some Allied gains Wittelsheim (V 6312) but enemy still hanging on fiercely here and Cernay.

Allies reached main road Colmar-Neuf Brisach (V 8435) between Horbourg (V 7442) and Andolsheim (V 7640). Civilians report 500 Germans in former; now 3 quarters clear, but resistance still strong. Fighting in Andolsheim and Widensohlen (V 8140). Heavy movement Infantry and armour both directions Andolsheim-Neuf Brisach Road. 7 tanks reported north of latter at V 8437. Fortschwihr (V 7943) Durrenentzen (V 8344) and Muntzheim (V 8044) cleared. Counter attacking armour and self propelled guns thrown back near Durrenentzen. Heavy counter attack drove allies back 1 mile from Bois De La Hardt in area west of Artzheim (V 8646) but positions

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restored. 5 tanks reported woods vicinity V 8448. Elsenheim (V 8251) Ohnenheim (V 8354) and Heidsenheim (V 8456) occupied without opposition, and Allies reached western outskirts Harckolsheim (V 8651). Enemy markedly absent sector north-east Solestat and Allies, crossing Rhone-Rhine Canal East of Benfeld, advanced with little or no opposition to general line Mutterholtz (V 8563) Hilsenheim (87645) Rossfeld (9171) Boofzheim (9670) Obenheim (9673) Gersteheim (9776), all inclusive. North of Strasbourg Gamsheim and Bettenhofen also occupied without resistance.

German First Army inactive. Allies gain small bridgehead over river, northeast of Bischviller. Light rain and poor visibility throughout day.

In Merzig sector, small number enemy Infantry attempted infiltrate into Driesbach (Q1598) night 30/31 January. Slush and poor visibility hampered ground and air operations this area.

North Luxembourg enemy patrols contacted west of river our at points between P 849682 and 851598 early 31 January. Very heavy fighting continued Winterspelt (P9180) by Infantry supported by tanks. Elicherath (P 8981) cleared but very heavy resistance from woods east of town. To east of St Vith, Schonberg cleared of enemy night 30/31 January. Sounds of tanks heard this general area where visibility very bad due to fog and drizzle.

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Only light enemy resistance offered in Bullange sector and good advances made into forest. Counter attack repulsed area Holzheim (P 9795) and Allies advanced 3 to 5 miles. German counter attack towards Lanzerath (L 0096) with about 100 Infantry and 4 tanks or assault guns also repulsed by Allied artillery. Krinkle (P 9704) and Rocherath (9805) cleared with very little resistance encountered.

In Monschau sector clearing of Ingenbroich (X 9620) and Eicherscheid (9922) against mainly small arms resistance constituted advance of about 5 miles towards Roer Dams. Deep snow and mining hampered operations.

In Holland, Kappelsche Veer (E 0949) now cleared enemy.

2. Order of battle. Only change in Colar pocket is concentration incident upon withdrawal. 5 divisions on northern shoulder, 3 in south.

In northern Alsace 7 Parachute and 21 Panzer definitely out; 10 SS probably in process of withdrawing. Identification of Headquarters and elements 6 SS Mountain Division in Hürtgen area suggests possible relief of 256 and/or 257 Division.

No contact 11 Panzer Division but believed still in

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same area.

In Eifel sector small elements 9 Panzer Division remain in contact. Panzer Lehr assembling north of Bitburg. That Infantry being reshuffled from southern Eifel to northern Eifel indicated by identifications 26 Volksgrenadier and 340 Volksgrenadier Divisions in area west of Habscheid (P 9578).

3. Movements. Nothing to report.

4. Prisoners of War.

26 Jan 45: A. (G 1 figures not complete) Prisoners captured 721.
B. Accumulative total since D Day: 854481.

5. General. In Colmar pocket heavy losses and dearth of reinforcements compelling withdrawal south of Erstein and blunting out in Vosges. Bulk of forces now concentrated in vigorous defense of both shoulders with emphasis on the serious threat posed by our Colmar Canal bridgehead towards Bressach. Enemy will have to speed up his withdrawal or reinforce Salient.

Regrouping and withdrawal continues in northern Alsace as enemy attempting to effect maximum economy.

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Similar tendency in Eifel but Allied pressure in northern part of sector compelling recommitment of Infantry Divisions released from southern Eifel. Enemy getting on with the process of withdrawing armour of Fifth Panzer Army for refitting and great bulk out of contact.

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1. In accordance with the instructions of the Com-
bined Chiefs of Staff (FACS 123) I submit herewith an account
(supplementary to SCAF 141) showing the progress of operations
carried out as a result of my directive of 28th October and
the effect of the recent counter offensive. Development of
operations 28th October 1944 to 20th January 1945.

2. In SCAF 114 I gave first priority to the early
opening of Antwerp as it was abundantly clear that major
operations east of the Rhine could not be supported without
this port.

Convinced as I was of the advantages of the northern
line of approach into Germany I directed my main effort against
the Ruhr to the protection of which major enemy forces were
committed. The closing of the Rhine by the Northern and
Central Groups of Armies north of the Ardennes was an essen-
tial prerequisite to the latter phases of crossing the river
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Prior to the opening of the Port of Antwerp, logistical considerations limited the scale of the offensive which could be supported north of the Ardennes. However, Third Army could be supported offensively by the L C extending east of Paris. Therefore, concurrently with the main attack in the north, I decided to press forward with my secondary effort towards the Saar hoping to destroy important German forces and as the advance progressed to divert further enemy divisions which would otherwise oppose my thrust in the north. The southern Group of Armies astride the Vosges was similarly to divert enemy forces.

Operations.

Capture of Antwerp.

3. By 9th November operations by the northern Group of Armies and 2nd Tactical Air Force, particularly the capture of Walcheren Island in which RAF Bomber Command played a large part, had rendered the approaches to Antwerp secure from land attack and by 28th November the port was open.

Advance toward the Rhine.

4. The eastwards drive by the northern Group of Armies began on 15th November, progress was slow over ground made extremely difficult by unseasonable weather and it was 4th December before the last enemy pocket on the west bank of the Maas was cleared. A direct advance across the Maas to the Rhine was judged impracticable and extensive regrouping was required for a drive southeast from the Nijmegen area along the relatively dry watershed separating the Rhine from the

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Maas. This would have involved reducing the frontage of the northern Group of Armies at the expense of weakening the concentration of my forces in the Aachen sector, a course which was not acceptable. It was therefore necessary to postpone further major operations by the northern Group of Armies until the drive toward Cologne had made adequate progress.

5. In the Aachen sector the offensive by First and Ninth Armies began on 16th November. Fourteen and eventually seventeen divisions were employed in this sector and at the height of the offensive no fewer than 10 divisions were in line on a 24 mile front, this being the maximum number which it was practicable to deploy. In spite of this concentration, and in spite of very large scale strategic and tactical air effort, progress was slow and fighting bitter. During these operations very heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy. Throughout this time the relatively static situation on the Russian front enabled the enemy to divert the majority of his replacements of men and equipment against our front and thus preserve intact his reserves of armour. By December 3rd. Ninth Army had reached the Roer River with First Army conforming more slowly, but it was considered imprudent to cross the river while the Schmidt Dams, which control the flooding of the Roer valley, remained intact in enemy hands especially since the Sixth Panzer Army had moved west of the Rhine. Efforts to breach the dams by air attack having failed, First Army on 13th December launched a new attack to capture them. This attack was still in progress when the German counter-offensive began. All our operations during November and early December were attended by worse weather than has been known in these parts for very many years.

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Advance to the Saar.

6. Meanwhile south of the Ardennes the Third Army offensive towards the Saar which started on 8th November had made excellent progress. Metz fell on 22nd November and by 2nd December a substantial stretch of the Saar River had been closed. Three bridgeheads were secured in the Saar-Lautern area and contact was made with the main Siegfried defences. While I had hoped that Third Army would be able to achieve victory in the Saar I had nevertheless set a time limit for these operations. Third Army's final attack was to begin on December 19th after which, regardless of results, divisions were to be transferred to the north.

7. Further south the Southern Group of Armies assumed the offensive on 13th November and within a week the First French Army had breached the Belfort gap and reached the Rhine, while north of the high Vosges the Seventh Army had broken through the Saverne gap and by 27th November had cleared Strasbourg using French armour. After rapid regrouping Seventh Army was directed north to breach the Siegfried Line west of the Rhine. (SCAF 136) Its advance in the west afforded direct assistance to Third Army's operations against the Saar while to the east our troops by 19th Dec had crossed the German frontier on a 22 mile front and penetrated well into the Siegfried defenses northeast of Wissembourg. I believe that our progress in the Saar and Wissembourg sectors contained 14 enemy divisions and had we been able to continue it, must soon have compelled the enemy to divert forces from the north and thus have indirectly assisted our main effort. Meantime enemy forces driven from the Vosges maintained a bridgehead west of the Rhine in the

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Colmar area which the First French Army, weakened by their offensive operations and short of Infantry replacements, have so far been unable to liquidate.

8. As a result of deploying my maximum effort in the Aachen sector and sustaining the successful progress of the Saar-Wissembourg operations with the balance of my available forces other stretches of my front were weakly held. In particular the Eifel sector of some 75 miles between Trier and Monschau was entrusted to no more than four divisions. This was a calculated risk based on the absence of strategic objectives or large depots in the area, the relatively difficult terrain and my current estimate of the enemy's intentions.

The December German counter offensive.

9. The counter offensive opened by the enemy in the Eifel sector on 16th December was prepared in very great secrecy and launched in greater strength than we had believed likely on this sector at the time although evidence of build up was received. The enemy's immediate intention was to seize the Meuse crossings between Namur and Liege. The Fifth and Sixth Panzer Armies supported by the Seventh German Army, in all about 14 Infantry and 10 Panzer and Panzer Grenadier Divisions were employed.

10. The brunt of the assault was met by three Infantry and one Armoured Divisions in the line which in spite of being by passed and divided by the enemy penetration denied him the important area of St Vith during a critical period.

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The momentum of the thrust was further reduced by the arrival of two Airborne Divisions moved from reserve in the Reims area on 18th December. One of these (reinforced by armour) although under constant attack and completely surrounded for five days, held the important road centre at Bastogne. This was made possible by concentrated fighter-bomber effort and a determined and hazardous feat of resupply by air, Troop Carrying Aircraft achieving 911 sorties in spite of most unfavorable weather and air opposition. The shoulders of the penetration at Monschau and Echtermach were held and the Salient gradually stabilized by divisions moved both from the north and from the south. Immediate steps were taken to maintain a reserve by hastening forward divisions from the United Kingdom, one of these being moved by air.

11. On 19th December as soon as the magnitude of the enemy's effort and its effect on communications within the central Group of Armies became known, I realized that it would be impracticable for one commander to handle the American forces both north and south of the large salient which was being created. Moreover it was essential to divert our maximum resources, including those of the northern Group of Armies, to counter the threat which appeared greatest on that flank. I therefore fixed a boundary running east and west through the breach in our lines and placed all forces north of it, including the major part of the First and Ninth US Armies and part of the 9th Air Force under operational command of Commander in Chief Northern Group of Armies and AOC in Chief, 2nd TAF, respectively, leaving the Commanding Generals, Central Group of Armies and 9th Air Force free and suitably located to command the forces south of the salient mainly comprising Third US Army and the 19th Tactical Air Command considerably reinforced.

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12. Meanwhile precautionary measures had been taken to ensure that the enemy could not cross the Meuse if he reached it, especially in the Liege-Namure sector where protection of our lines of communication and installations was of vital importance. Extensive regrouping was rapidly effected both north and south of the salient to provide forces to check the enemy's thrust and for our subsequent counter-attacks. At the same time the main weight of German armour thrusting against the northern flank of the salient was held and headed away from vital sectors of the Meuse. During this period, fog temporarily deprived us of the greater part of our air effort, including air reconnaissance, giving the enemy an important advantage in the initial stages.

13. On 22nd December, Third Army, largely relieved from the Saar by the Seventh Army, launched an attack on the Arlon-Luxembourg area northeastwards into the gap. On this date the weather began to improve and our air action had a paralyzing effect on movement in and into the battle area. Throughout the period the Strategical Air Forces battered marshalling yards east of the Rhine and blocked centers of movement such as St Vith, while the medium and light bombers of the Tactical Air Forces backed up the efforts of the heavies, destroyed bridges, headquarters, dumps and other targets in the battle area. The fighter-bombers ranged far and wide in and beyond the battle area creating havoc among enemy rail and road movement, the efficacy of which in starving the enemy of fuel, food and ammunition has been amply testified by enemy prisoners. A concerted attack on the GAF Airfields on 24th December helped to reduce the activity of the enemy fighters and thus afforded our fighter-bombers still greater opportunity for concentration on ground targets rather than on air fighting. By 26th December, Third Army

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had firmly linked up with the garrison in Bastogne and finally checked the enemy's advance on that flank. This attack also drew strong enemy forces away from the north of the salient. By the time the enemy's drive was halted, he had breached a 45 mile gap in our front through which elements had penetrated to within four miles of the Meuse near Celles. But by 26th December additional reserves were so disposed as to relieve anxiety in this area and it was then clear that the enemy had failed in his main intention.

Reduction of the German Salient.

14. As soon as the enemy's advance had been checked, my intention, as outlined in SCAF 151, was to cut the enemy's lines of communication into the salient and if possible to destroy him by launching coordinated ground attacks from both north and south in close coordination with continued heavy air attacks concentrated on enemy communication targets to extend paralysis of movement over a large area. Simultaneously, the strategic air effort employed so effectively in the battle area was released. The attack from the north aimed at Houffalize was launched by First Army on 3rd Jan on a two corps front, with a corps of Second British Army confronting on the west flank. On 9th January, Third Army launched a fresh attack from the south also directed towards the Houffalize road net. Both these attacks were hampered by adverse weather with snow covered minefield and met by stubborn enemy resistance. Slow progress was however made and the gap between the attacking Armies had by 10th January been narrowed to some ten miles. By this time the enemy had begun to withdraw from the western end of his salient while still stoutly opposing our pressure against his northern and southern flanks.

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Enemy operations in the south.

15. Commanding General, Southern Group of Armies has orders to regard the eastern slopes of the Vosges as his main position but, because of its political and moral importance, to defend the Strasbourg area as strongly as possible consistent with the over-riding necessity of maintaining the integrity of his forces. Since 20th December the Southern Group of Armies has taken over an additional 20 miles of front westwards to Sarlautern in order to set free the bulk of Third Army for offensive operations. The enemy has not failed to take advantage of this by attacking our lines at many points and is likely to continue to do so.

Effect of German counter-offensive.

16. The counter offensive immediately succeeded in stopping our attacks against the Ruhr and the Saar. Operations to deal with it have already occupied a month and are not yet concluded: Some regrouping will be necessary before offensive operations can be resumed and my present estimate is that the enemy's attack has delayed our offensive operations by at least six weeks. The Strategic Air Forces were of necessity drawn into the immediate battle area thus leaving oil, Jet aircraft and communication targets deeper in Germany free of attack for nearly a month. The counter offensive, however, has not been without its effect on the enemy. Land and air forces were built up for months and supplies, particularly of fuel, were carefully hoarded for this all-out effort. At a general estimate during the month ended 16th January he has suffered 120,000 serious casualties and lost 600 tanks and assault guns: His air losses have been severe, about 620 planes, and his fuel stocks after nearly a month of large scale effort must now be reduced to the bare minimum.

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Possibly more serious in the final analysis is the wide-spread disillusionment likely to ensue from the failure to seize any really important objective and the realization that this offensive for which every effort had been brought to bear and on which such great hopes were pinned, has in no sense achieved anything decisive. Furthermore the fighting state of his reserve withdrawn from the Ardennes salient is likely to preclude offensive action on a comparable scale but undoubtedly he will make all efforts to accelerate the refitting of the divisions engaged in the Ardennes offensive in the hope of maintaining the initiative in the west.

Please acknowledge.

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Hq, 12th Army Group Main
CG, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe,
St. Germain, France

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2. Request that cable S 75546 (SCAF 176) dated 18th
January be corrected as follows:

Delete paragraph 8 C and substitute: The offensive
will comprise operation "VERITABLE" and operation "GRENADE"
under the command of northern group of armies. Operation
"GRENADE" will be supported by central group of armies.

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3. Acknowledge.

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2. The enemy is withdrawing in the Ardennes and, although he has suffered a tactical defeat and severe losses in men and material, he will probably manage to withdraw the bulk of his formations.

3. In the Saar and in Alsace the enemy is continuing his attacks with the object of regaining Alsace and where possible cutting off Allied formations. Southern Group of Armies is operating defensively under current directions but is launching an attack, in the near future, to reduce the Colmar pocket. Success will release Allied formations for employment north of the Moselle.

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4. My intention is to regain the strategic initiative by launching strong offensives north of the Moselle.

5. To succeed in this, we must be secure in those sectors in which we are on the defensive. Commander in Chiefs of groups of Armies, will take adequate measures to insure this security both by the construction of strong defenses and by the provisions of adequate reserves. SHAEP reserves will be located as follows:

- A. One or two divisions in Central Belgium;
- B. One or two divisions south of the Ardennes.

6. The Central Group of Armies will continue its offensive to take advantage of the enemy's present unfavorable position in the Ardennes, inflict the maximum losses on him, seize any opportunity of breaching the Siegfried Line and, if successful, advance northeast on the Axis Prim-Euskirchen.

7. This attack will be pressed with all possible vigor so long as there is a reasonable chance of securing a decisive success. However, as an alternative, we must be prepared to pass quickly to the defensive in the Ardennes sector, and to attack in the sector of the Northern Group of Armies.

8. Commanders in Chief, Northern and Central Group of Armies will complete plans and preparations for the offensive in the sector of the Northern Group of Armies to the extent that operations in the Ardennes are not weakened

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thereby. Plans and preparations will be based on the
following:

A. The objective will be the Rhine, north of
Dusseldorf.

B. The offensive will be launched with the
minimum delay if and when I decide not to continue with the
offensive in the Ardennes.

C. The offensive will comprise operation
"VERITABLE" and operation "GRENADE" under the command of Northern
Group of Armies. Operation "GRENADE" will be supported by
Central Group of Armies.

D. Ninth United States Army will remain under
the operation command of Northern Group of Armies, and will
be built up to four corps of a total of 12 divisions for
operation "GRENADE". Rate of build up will depend upon
developments in the Ardennes. Commanding General Central
Group of Armies will keep Commander in Chief northern group
of Armies informed as to possibilities.

9. Our offensive must be carried out in strength.
Every opportunity will therefore be taken to withdraw and
rehabilitate divisions not essential to current operations.
To assist Central Group of Armies in this connection, the
17th, 82nd and 101st Airborne Divisions will remain attached
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