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1 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Welsh 53d Div assumes responsibility for Wessem Canal sector, SE of Nederweert, formerly held by elements of U.S. 7th Armd. Br 4th Separate Armd Brig and 1st Belgian Brig now under 53d Div command.

Instructions are issued for a limited objective attack tomorrow to restore line of defense along canals Deurne and Nord. While Scottish 15th Div clears area southeastward from Liesel toward Meijel, CCA of U.S. 7th Armd is to attack from region N of Nederweert and E of Bois le Duc Canal to secure Nord Canal line, with fire support of CCR from W bank of Bois le Duc Canal. To prevent undue exposure of its flank, CCA is to attack S, rather than E, to the canal; after securing a limited portion of the canal line, CCA is to withdraw to N preparatory to driving S again to secure another portion to the E; this maneuver is to be repeated, unless enemy resistance proves light, until entire canal line is secured. Terrain on U.S. 7th Armd front abounds in swamp land which together with a peat bog and a limited road net threaten to severely handicap foot troops and restrict use of tanks to minimum. Tomorrow's attack, originally scheduled for 31 October, postponed because of further information: in addition to 9th Pz and 15th Pz Gren Divs confronting Allies in this region, 9th SS Pz, 344th Inf, and 116th Pz Divs found to be in general vicinity.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps First Pol Armd Div abandons its bridgehead over Mark R. E of Zevenbergen under cover of darkness because of severe opposition and difficulty of bridging; to the E, elements contact 22d Armd Brig of 7th Armd Div (British 2d Army) near Oosterhout. Situation of U.S. 104th and Br 49th Divs on S bank of the Mark unchanged. Fourth Armd Div continues active near Steenberg; elements reach outskirts of Welberg, SE of Steenberg, but are ousted by heavy opposition. Cdn patrol crosses by ferry to Tholen I. and reports towns of Tholen and Oud Vossemeer clear.

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II Cdn Corps Assaults on Walcheren launched from E, S, and W. Bn of 5th Brig, 2d Div, against bitter opposition, gains 400-500 yards on E Walcheren at Walcheren-Zuid Beveland causeway, but is later forced back.

Shortly before 0600, 4th Commandos of 4th SS Brig (under command of 155th Brig, 52d Div), after crossing Scheldt from Breskens by LCA, land successfully on S Walcheren near Flushing and are followed at 0620 by 155th Brig of 52d Div; against opposition from strongpoints and pillboxes on beachhead flanks, the two groups enter Flushing as planned; 11 LCAs and LVTs sunk or damaged by gunfire and mines.

At 0957, advance elements of another seaborne group (41st, 47th, and 48th Commandos of 4th SS Brig and Dutch 10th IA Commandos, coming from Ostend) touch down on W Walcheren at gap in Westkapelle dyke effected by air attacks in October. On R, 48th Commandos seize strongpoint S of gap and advance 2 miles toward Zouteland, knocking out battery en route; on L, 41st Commandos with 10th IA Commandos assisting take Westkapelle and advance to Domburg, seizing two batteries between the two; 47th Commandos land about noon against heavy fire and assemble for night approximately one-half mile S of gap. In support of Westkapelle assault troops and prior to their landing, Bombardment Sq (HMS Warspite and British monitors Roberts and Erebus) open fire at 0820, although handicapped by absence of spotting planes until 1700 due to weather. Close Support Sq (25 craft) joins battle at 0900, engaging about 9 batteries, in some cases at point-blank range, from N of Westkapelle to Flushing; 11 craft lost to gunfire and 3 to mines in first four hours. Allied casualties at Westkapelle are proportionately greater than at Dieppe or Tarawa, partly because of enemy batteries and partly as result of British LCTs firing rockets at friendly landing craft by mistake.

Although weather prevents pre-H Hour heavy bomber and fighter bomber missions from UK, Typhoons, Spitfires, and Mosquitoes of 2d TAF ably support assault on Walcheren during 343 sorties, covering naval operations, supporting troops as they land, and attacking gun positions and coastal defenses.

Allied ren units are clearing Kortgene and Geersdijk

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Third Div, clearing enemy pocket S of the Scheldt, secures Sluis.

Activity of 2d TAF over 21st Army Group front, aside from support of Cdn 1st Army at Walcheren, limited to routine patrolling of Utrecht, Amersfoort, Apeldoorn, Arnhem, and Deventer areas and support of troops. Despite poor weather, 2d TAF flies 591 sorties and drops 84 tons of bombs.

2 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps CCA of U.S. 7th Armd, with TF Fuller just E of Bois le Duc Canal and TF Brown to its E; attacks S toward Nord Canal shortly after 1100; against tank (or AT) and SA fire from vicinity of Horik and through minefields, the task forces advance to old bridge site on Bois le Duc Canal on R and to point just outside of Horik on L by nightfall; 1 light and 3 medium tanks lost. During afternoon, arty barrage by entire Div arty and an air attack on Ospel, next town SE of Horik, ordered and subsequently delivered. Meanwhile, Scottish 15th Div advancing SE from Liesel toward Meijel reports small gains. Patrols of Welsh 53d Div and U.S. XIX Corps establish contact near Maeseyck.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps U.S. 104th Div attacks across Mark B. at 2100, following heavy, hour-long preparatory fire by Div and Corps arty, securing firm bridgeheads in both attacking regtl (413th and 415th) sectors and overcoming moderate resistance to take Standdaarbuiten; tanks held in reserve because of difficult terrain N of the river; advance continues during night. Engrs start building two bridges (9-ton and Bailey) near Standdaarbuiten in face of severe, accurate arty and mortar fire. Three hours before U.S. 104th Div's attack, Br 49th Div's 56th Brig assaults across the Mark W of Standdaarbuiten, also securing bridgehead.

Tholen I. now entirely clear of enemy.

II Cdn Corps Fifty-second Div elements (157 Brig) relieve 2d Div at Walcheren causeway where bitter opposition is still offered by enemy; 156th Brig elements, to relieve pressure here, make assault crossing of Sloo Channel during night at point about 2 miles S of causeway. Fourth Commandos

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and 155th Brig slowly clearing Flushing, although Germans make suicidal attempts to stem their advance and are holding out in buildings and concrete strong-points. SE of Westkapelle, 48th Commandos take Zoutelande and 47th Commandos pass through to continue toward Flushing. Forty-first Commandos return to Westkapelle from Domburg, preparatory to assisting 47th Commandos, leaving 10th IA Commandos responsible for Domburg area.

Third Div clears entire region E of Leopold Canal.

Weather continues to restrict air activity, but 2d TAF planes, in 843 sorties, drop 145.5 tons of bombs. In addition to customary cover and support of ground forces, offensive and defensive patrolling, and raids on enemy movements, 2d TAF planes raid pillboxes at Flushing and rocket targets in Leeuwarden and Roosendaal areas.

North Sea SS Rio Bravo (British tanker, 1,141 tons) sunk by enemy action at 51-14 N, 02-56 E.

3 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Following heavy arty concentration on Horik lasting for 45 minutes, attack by U.S. 7th Armd's CCA jumps off at 0650; TF Brown quickly secures Horik and Ospel, while TF Fuller continues S along Bois le Duc Canal, both groups reaching objectives, along Kreijel-Waatskamp road line, shortly after noon; although numerous mines are found, contact with enemy is slight, and it is decided to attack directly eastward to intermediate objectives preparatory to a concerted attack, on Corps order, by CCA of U.S. 7th Armd and Scottish 15th Div for final objectives, area S of Meijel and Meijel itself, respectively. After regrouping at Kreijel and Waatskamp, TF Fuller attacks to NE at 1505 to secure high ground W of Noderweertdijk, while TF Brown starts eastward advance toward 67th N-S grid line at 1550; small gains made by nightfall. In less than 5 hours (1130 to 1615) 33d Engr Bn constructs Bailey bridge across Bois le Duc Canal near site of old bridge, considerably shortening communication and supply lines. Meanwhile, Scottish 15th Div, advancing toward Meijel from N, has passed Heitrak, Neerkant, and Moostdijk against light resistance and is in contact with enemy

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near Neerkant. Hostile patrols are active in Welsh 53d Div sector along Wessem Canal.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps Allied troops secure another bridgehead across the Mark: Polish armor, attacking at 0500, gains foothold across the river at another point E of Zevenbergen against determined opposition. On U.S. 104th Div front, the 9-ton bridge started yesterday is in use by daylight and the Bailey bridge by 1300. Against heavy, accurate arty fire (largely 88-mm and SP guns) and tanks, U.S. 104th Div expands its bridgehead across the Mark NE of Standdaarbuiten, elements reaching Noordhoek; 2d Bn of 415th Inf passes through group of 65 men and 2 officers from 1st Bn still clinging to ground N of the river gained on 31 October before withdrawal was ordered. Forty-ninth Div enlarges its Mark R. bridgehead W of Standdaarbuiten. Fourth Armd Div line is advanced in Steenberg area in face of stiff opposition and Welberg captured.

II Cdn Corps Further units of 52d Div cross Sloe Channel by night to ease situation at Walcheren causeway where Allied bridgehead is slightly expanded. Fourth Commandos (4th SS Brig) and 155th Brig (52d Div) overcome resistance W of canal at Flushing by evening. Other elements of 4th SS Brig (47th Commandos) clear SW coast of Walcheren and effect junction with force at Flushing. Forty-first Commandos are ordered back to Domburg area, since 47th Commandos need no assistance.

All enemy resistance S of the Scheldt ceases during morning with clearance of Zeebrugge area, and 3d Div starts moving toward Ghent. Elimination of the Scheldt pocket, a difficult feat because of terrain and tenacious resistance of German 64th Inf Div, marks the successful conclusion of a phase of operations to open Antwerp port. Some 12,500 prisoners taken during the operation.

After clearing Noord Beveland, 8th Cdn Rcn Regt turns over responsibility for the island to 52d Rcn Regt and departs.

Although weather continues poor, 2d TAF flies 622 sorties and drops 101.3 tons of bombs. On Br 2d Army front, medium bombers attack RR bridge at Venlo; fighter bombers harass rail

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objectives at Rheindahlen, NE of Erkelenz. Supporting Cdn 1st Army, fighter bombers of 2d TAF raid Klundert, NW of Zevenbergen. Usual sweeps against enemy movements and miscellaneous targets in Holland and W Germany made.

4 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps NW of 's Hertogenbosch, 51st Div with 153d Brig on R and 152d on L attacks to clean out region from Afwaterings Canal to the Maas at 1645; Bokhoven and Hedikhuizen cleared; patrols find Heusden and Heesbeen, farther W, free of enemy who is reported withdrawing across the Maas by ferry after blowing Heusden bridge.

VIII Corps TFs Fuller and Brown of CCA, U.S. 7th Armd, resume attack for intermediate objectives at 0645; former against light arty fire advances quickly toward high ground W of Nederweerderdijk during morning but is slowed in afternoon by MG fire near its objective; TF Brown, handicapped by terrain which permits enemy observation of its operations from positions S of the canal, moves forward slowly against SA, mortar, and arty fire over heavily mined ground. Div arty, supplemented by British, fires on enemy with good effect. CCR is responsible for securing N bank of Nord Canal progressively as it is cleared by CCA. Engrs clearing large number of mines from roads to insure uninterrupted flow of supplies. Scottish 15th Div repulses small attack E of Neerkant.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

First minesweepers reach Antwerp.

I Br Corps First Pol Armd Div continues to meet strong resistance at its Mark R. bridgehead. Attacking at 1000, U.S. 104th Div enlarges its bridgehead over the Mark approximately 2,000 yards, although still meeting delaying fire from arty, mortars, and tanks; advance is continued during night of 4/5 and further gains made. Forty-ninth Div makes further progress at its Mark R. bridgehead, and 4th Armd reports Steenbergen surrounded.

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II Cdn Corps On E Walcheren, 52d Div elements which crossed Sloe Channel nights of 2/3 and 3/4 effect junction with those at causeway. Resistance is strong NE of Domburg where mines and wire are prevalent.

Second TAF, in improved weather, flies 1,426 sorties in support of troops and against enemy movements and communications lines; 385.6 tons of bombs dropped. Medium bombers attack rail bridge at Venlo, damaging it as well as road bridge. Supporting Cdn 1st Army's I Corps, 2d TAF attacks gun positions and strong-points in vicinity of Breda and Maas Estuary; Zevenbergen, a neighboring sugar factory, Klundert, and Zandberg also raided with good effect. Troops of II Corps, Cdn 1st Army, on Walcheren assisted by air attacks on gun positions and strong-points. Among other targets hit are Waal R. ferry at Gorinchem, rocket targets in Leeuwarden area, bridge at Borculo, oil dump at Emmerich, and Amersfoort and Utrecht rail centers. Considerable damage inflicted on rail transport, and lines are cut at a number of points.

5 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps U.S. 7th Armd and Scottish 15th Divs launch coordinated attacks to secure final objectives, area S of Meijel and Meijel, respectively. On U.S. 7th Armd front, TF Brown holds dug-in defensive positions about 1,000 yards N of the canal in face of severe enemy fire from S bank, while TF Fuller assaults toward intermediate objective, high ground near Nederweerterdijk, with intention of clearing it, then swinging S to canal and thereby achieving final Div objective. Attacks by both U.S. 7th Armd and Scottish 15th Divs make but slight progress due to mine fields and enemy fire and are halted shortly after noon and positions consolidated. Scottish 15th Div reports 23 tanks lost or bogged down. Br 11th Armd Div is attacked in Veulen area by approximately a plat of Germans.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps First Polish Armd Div elements reach the Maas at and near Drimmelen and have cleared area up to RR near Made; Goertruidenberg now free of enemy. U.S. 104th Div virtually clears entire Div zone as far N as the

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Hollandschdiep and occupies Zevenbergen unopposed; German resistance, aside from a single tank-supported attack at noon which is quickly repulsed, is confined to harassing fire from MGs and speedily silenced SP gun fire. U.S. 104th Div, except for elements of 414th Inf, assigned to U.S. First Army and ordered to move to Aachen area in Germany, commencing 6 November; 414th Inf elements to assist 1st Pol Armd Div in securing Moerdijk. On 49th Div front, 146th Brig passes through 56th to reach outskirts of Klundert where enemy resistance halts advance, while 56th clears Oudemolen, SW of Klundert. Farther W, Dinteloord falls to elements of 4th Armd Div.

II Cdn Corps Walcheren is rapidly being cleared of enemy. On E Walcheren, 52d Div units are moving toward Veere on the N and occupy Fort Rammekens and Nieuwland on the S. Allied troops from Flushing are moving NE along Walcheren Canal toward Middelburg. Coastal region NE of Domburg still strongly defended by Germans.

In Dunkerque sector, Czech Indep Armd Brig Group carries out rcn in force during morning.

On Br 2d Army front, rail bridge at Roermond attacked by bombers of 2d TAF, and Venlo area swept by fighters. Sweeps also carried out over Borkum, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Deventer, and Duesseldorf areas against enemy concentrations and movements. Supporting Cdn 1st Army, 2d TAF planes bomb Dunkerque and Maas Estuary objectives, including Dinteloord and Klundert. Second TAF sorties total 534, during which 70.9 tons of bombs are dropped.

6 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps On 51st Div front, region from Afwaterings Canal to Maas R. now free of enemy who is, however, reported at Empel, on S bank of the Maas N of 's Hertogenbosch. Br 7th Armd relieving elements of 51st Div.

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VIII Corps U.S. 7th Armd is notified that it is to be relieved in its present area and is to return to U.S. 9th Army. Scottish 15th Div continues clearing region N of Meijel and drives off enemy patrol in vicinity of Neerkant; hostile group encountered by patrol across Deurne Canal E of Hoogetbrug.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps In combined assault toward Moerdijk by elements of 1st Pol Armd Div and U.S. 104th Div, Polish troops move on the town from the S and 2d Bn of 414th Inf (U.S. 104th Div) supported by 386th FA Bn closes in from SW; Polish drive halts along anti-tank ditch E of the town; 414th Inf units move to within 1,500 yards of Moerdijk before being stopped by fire from the town. Forty-ninth Div has elements in Klundert area on the E, approaching Willemstad on the W, and on the Hollandschdiep at points between the towns. Area N and W of Steenbergien cleared by 4th Armd Div which has units along the Dintel R. NE of Dinteloord, in Steenbergien-Halsteren area, at Heen, and patrols on peninsula N of Tholen I.

II Cdn Corps Rapid clearance of Walcheren continues, with chief resistance offered by enemy along N coast. Moving from Flushing area across inundations by LVTs, Allied troops enter Middelburg and start mopping up operations; at night they are joined by elements of 157th Brig, 52d Div.

Aside from close support of 21st Army Group troops, 2d TAF's main effort is against rail objectives; 1,079 sorties flown and 180.5 tons of bombs dropped. Gouda rail center, between Rotterdam and Utrecht, receives 43.6 tons of bombs from 138 aircraft. Roermond RR bridge raided for second successive day. During armed recon and ground support missions in Walcheren, Utrecht, Amersfoort, Zwolle, Arnhem, Emmerich, Wesel, Geldern, Kempen, and Roermond areas, further damage caused to rail lines and rail and road transport. Typhoons attack rocket targets in vicinity of Amersfoort, Apeldoorn, Arnhem, Deventer, and Zutphen.

Thirty-seven fighter bombers of XXIX TAC (9th AF) also operate against rail objectives, striking in Venlo, Krefeld,

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and Marburg areas; rail lines, rolling stock, and warehouses damaged.

7 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps Empel now free of enemy.

VIII Corps U.S. 7th Armd, its mission of containing enemy while British units complete operations to W successfully concluded, is relieved by elements of Scottish 15th and Br Highland 51st Divs.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps Elements of Br 49th Div (2d Essex of 56th Brig) relieve 2d Bn of 414th Inf (U.S. 104th Div) near Moerdijk, and latter joins parent Div. First Pol Armd Div breaches perimeter defenses of Moerdijk and elements are moving through the gaps. Willemstad, on the Hollandschdiep W of Moerdijk, falls to 146th Brig of 49th Div; with fall of this town, entire region S of the Hollandschdiep and the Maas is virtually free of enemy except for Moerdijk area where isolated force remains. Fourth Armd Div patrols land on Schouwen I., NW of Tholen I., and find it free of enemy.

II Cdn Corps At 2359, 52d Div with 4th SS Brig under command passes to direct command of Hq Cdn 1st Army.

Army Troops Significant gains made by 52d Div and 4th SS Brig on Walcheren: 52d Div units secure Middelburg and take many prisoners; to the NE, other elements of 52d Div occupy Veere and cut road from there to Middelburg; 41st and 10th Ld Commandos capture enemy battery NE of Domburg.

Sorties of 2d TAF limited by weather to 515, and 70 tons of bombs dropped. Close support provided troops of Cdn 1st Army on Walcheren, where gun positions and strongpoints are bombed, and in Maas Estuary and Dunkerque areas. Fighters operate over Amersfoort, Apeldoorn, Zwolle, and Wesel areas, cutting rail lines and damaging transport.

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XII Corps Responsibility for Corps sector passes to Cdn 1st Army's I Corps. Br 7th Armd with 154th Brig Gp of 51st Div and R Netherlands Brig under command transferred to I Corps command.

VIII Corps Scottish 15th and Br Highland 51st Divs assume responsibility for U.S. 7th Armd Div sector at 0600. Scottish 15th Div continues probing in Meijel area. Third Div patrols locate enemy positions near Venraij. Germans reported digging in NE of Veulen in 11th Armd Div zone.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps Corps becomes responsible for British 2d Army's XII Corps sector. First Pol Armd Div makes further gains in Moerdijk area against stiff opposition. Some Germans are said to remain along the Meas N and NW of 's Hertogenbosch in vicinity of Empel, on Nederhemert I., and in Drongelen area. Forty-ninth Inf Div and 4th Armd Div relieved at noon by 18th Cdn Armd C Regt; 49th subsequently moves to XII Corps zone of British 2d Army.

Army Troops Organized resistance on Walcheren collapses with fall of Vrouwenpolder, NE of Domburg, to 4th and 41st Commandos of 4th SS Brig. Eight thousand prisoners from German 70th Inf Div garrisoning the island taken during operation. Capture of Walcheren successfully concludes series of operations to open Antwerp port.

Second TAF operations again restricted by weather: 668 sorties flown and 60.7 tons of bombs dropped. Rail bridge at Roermond bombed for third time this month. Elsewhere, usual ground support missions and sweeps against enemy movements along RRs, roads, and waterways flown. Ninth AF fighter bombers are active against rail and industrial objectives in Arnsberg and Viersen areas and at Gelsenkirchen: 31 damage rail lines, locomotives, MT, and airfields in Arnsberg area; 40 hit marshaling yards, tracks, and buildings near Viersen; 85 start large fires at Gelsenkirchen with napalm bombs.

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9 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Corps sector passes to 1st Cdn Army's II Corps control at noon. II Corps assumes command of U.S. 82d AB, U.S. 101st AB, Guards Armd, 43d Inf and 50th Inf Divs and 8th Separate Armd Brig.

VIII Corps U.S. 7th Armd Div is relieved from assignment to 21st Army Group and placed under control of XIII Corps, U.S. 9th Army; 774th FA Bn released from U.S. 7th Armd and attached to XIII Corps arty. Move of U.S. 7th Armd to 12th Army Group zone completed.

XII Corps Corps assumes command of 53d Div (with 147th Brig of 49th Div under command) and 51st Div (less 154th Brig) in present locations. Fourth Separate Armd Brig and 1st Belgian Brig under command of Corps units.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Responsibility for XXX Corps sector of Br 2d Army assumed by II Cdn Corps.

I Br Corps Entire Moerdijk area now clear of enemy; bridges destroyed by Germans prior to withdrawal. Small hostile force reported still in vicinity of Hedel, NW of 's Hertogenbosch. Seventh Armd Div now responsible for S bank of the Maas from inter-Army boundary to E bank of Oude Maasje R. First Pol Armd Div responsible for area S of the Maas from W bank of the Oude Maasje R. W to Moerdijk. Cdn Armd C Regt responsible for region from Moerdijk W to coast. Fourth Cdn Armd Div moving eastward, with elements at Helvoirt, SW of 's Hertogenbosch, and others moving to vicinity of Grave where they will come under II Corps control.

Adverse weather greatly curtails 2d TAF operations: sorties total 138, during which armed recon and fighter sweeps are carried out over Holland and NW Germany and 6.9 tons of bombs dropped.

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Twelve P-47s of XXIX TAC (9th AF) bomb bridge and rail lines near Kempen.

10 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Forty-third Div relieved S of Nijmegen by elements of Cdn 1st Army.

XII Corps From I Corps zone of Cdn 1st Army, 154th Brig of 51st Div joins remainder of Div and relieves 152 Brig.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Regrouping is in progress. Forty-third Div relieved S of Nijmegen by 2d Cdn Div.

I Br Corps Fourth Armd Div assumes responsibility for area N and NW of 's Hertogenbosch from Rosmalen to Waspik, inclusive, releasing 7th Armd Div for operations with XII Corps of Br 2d Army.

Second TAF, in 328 sorties, supports troops of 21st Army Group and flies armed rcn missions in Meppel, Emmerich, Venlo, and Roermond areas; 36.9 tons of bombs dropped. Heinsberg, between Roermond and Geilenkirchen, successfully bombed by 31 P-47s of XXIX TAC (9th AF); 8-10 fires started.

North Sea SS Bali (Dutch passenger ship, 9,250 tons) sunk by enemy action at 51-50 N, 04-41 E.

North Atlantic SS Shirvan (British tanker, 6,017 tons) sunk by enemy action at 64-08 N, 22-50 W. SS Godafoss (Icelandic cargo ship, 1,542 tons) sunk by enemy action at 64-10 N, 22-55 W.

11 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps Corps assumes command of Br 7th Armd (-), under 1st Cdn Army's I Corps command since 8 November; elements of 7th Armd relieve units of 53d Div.

XXX Corps Br 43d Div assumes responsibility for that portion of U.S. 9th Army front held by U.S. 102d Div's 407th Inf and 102d Cav Rcn Tr near Geilenkirchen (Kreuzrath to Teveren) at 2105; 2 arty regts of Br 43d Div relieve U.S. 102d Div arty at midnight.

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CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Redistribution of troops continues.

I Br Corps Fourth Armd Div patrolling S of the Maas from Lith to Maren. Fifty-second Div passes from control of Hq Cdn 1st Army to I Corps command.

In the fourth and largest attack this month on Roermond RR bridge, 48 B-25s of 2d TAF release 88 tons of bombs. Twenty-four bombers drop 48 tons on Oldenzaal rail junction. Lighter bombing attacks made on Utrecht rail center, rocket targets in Rotterdam area, and strongpoints at Dunkerque. Other planes of 2d TAF closely support ground forces and fly rail cutting and armed rcn missions; rail lines cut at numerous points. Second TAF sorties total 1,088, during which 296.4 tons of bombs are dropped.

While operating over Heinsberg and Zieverich areas, P-47s of XXIX TAC (9th AF) attack rail targets, an oil dump, and buildings; others bomb barracks in Arsbeck area, NW of Erkelenz, and strafe locomotives and RR cars.

12 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XXX Corps Preparatory to assisting U.S. 9th Army's XIX and XIII Corps in an offensive in the Roer Valley NE of Aachen, XXX Corps takes over responsibility for XIII Corps sector extending from Maeseyck SE to Teveren, 2 miles SW of Geilenkirchen, Germany. U.S. 84th Div (-RCT 335) of XIII Corps comes under operational control of XXX Corps. Responsibility for R forward sector assumed by 43d Div and for L forward sector by Guards Armd.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Third Cdn Inf relieving U.S. 82d AB in Beek area, SE of Nijmegen. Latter concentrating in vicinity of Heesch.

I Br Corps Elements of I and II Corps establish contact at Lith.

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Weather permits only 60 sorties by 2d TAF, during which a few patrol and rcn missions are flown; no bombs dropped.

English Channel SS Cornouaille (French cargo ship, 3,324 tons) sunk by enemy action at 49-25 N, 01-05 E.

13 CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Third Cdn Div takes over sector formerly held by U.S. 82d AB Div; high water causes slight adjustment of lines in 9th Brig's zone. German patrols driven off in vicinity of Heusden.

Adverse weather keeps 2d TAF activity to the minimum: 60 sorties flown, but no bombs dropped.

Baltic Sea SS Stad Dordrecht (Dutch cargo ship, 3,781 tons) sunk by enemy action at 54-30 N, 10-30 E.

14 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Royals, protecting Corps L flank, contact hostile patrols at Boxmeer and Sambeek, SE of Nijmegen.

XII Corps Corps launches attacks across Nord and Wessem Canals toward Roermond at 1600: 51st Div sends elements across Nord Canal NE of Nederweert and others across Wessem Canal SE of Nederweert; 53d Div crosses Wessem Canal at point farther to SE; still farther SE near Wessem Canal bend, 7th Armd secures Panheel Lock intact. Enemy resistance is light, but many mines encountered.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps Fourth SS Brig now under direct command of Cdn 1st Army, passing from 52d Div control.

Continued poor weather limits 2d TAF sorties to 36.

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15 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Although Meijel believed still in enemy hands, 15th Div patrols find Langstraat, to the S, clear. N of Meijel, 15th Div elements occupy Schans and advance to Hof unopposed. Eleventh Armd Div reports Griendtsveen region free of enemy. Third Div has completed regrouping in vicinity of Overloon.

XII Corps Corps expands bridgeheads over Wessem and Nord Canals against continued light opposition. Wessem still held by enemy, but Leveroij, to the N, clear.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps From Walcheren, elements of 52d Div have crossed to mainland and are in positions near Santvliet.

Second TAF again virtually grounded by weather.

Baltic Sea SS Emmi (Finnish cargo ship, 1,592 tons) sunk by enemy action at 55-40 N, 12-34 E.

16 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Meijel and, to the S, Donk now occupied by 15th Div units; no opposition met but many mines found.

XII Corps Corps offensive toward Roermond and the Maas continues against slight resistance, with British making significant gains: 51st Div has taken Stokers Horst (on the Nord Canal), Laak (NE of Heijthuisen), and Heijthuisen; Grathem, Bockem, and Haelen secured by 53d Div, elements of which are in outskirts of Horn, less than 2 miles from Roermond. Fifty-first and 53d Divs supported by 33d and 4th Separate Armd Brigs. Seventh Armd subjected to considerable shelling and mortaring just NW of Wessem. Forty-ninth Div now concentrated W of Weert in Hamont-Lille St. Hubert area.

XXX Corps U.S. 84th Div prepares for an attack on 18 November to reduce enemy's Geilenkirchen salient, thus

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facilitating advance of U.S. 9th Army's XIX and XIII Corps to Linnich, on the Roer R. Div CP is moved from Gulpen to Eygelshoven, Holland.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps R Netherlands Brig moves to area of Goes on Zuid Beveland under command of 52d Div.

Force of 181 escorted Lancasters of RAF BC attacks Heinsberg, fortified city where enemy personnel and munitions are concentrated; 1,030.1 tons of bombs released in fair visibility, causing much smoke and large explosion. Weather limits 2d TAF sorties to 145, during which 12.3 tons of bombs are dropped.

17 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Fifteenth Div clearing Meijel area. Third Div patrols encounter enemy units in vicinity of RR E of Overloon.

XII Corps Corps advances are substantial, reaching the Maas at two points. Fifty-first Div has elements in Heide and Brumhold areas, patrols at Neer which is abandoned by enemy, and units across Derivation Canal (Nord Canal extending beyond Deurne-Zig Canals). Fifty-third Div advances its line to vicinity of Panheel, Heel, Beegen, Horn, and Buggenum (on the Maas); patrols to Roermond find RR bridge blown. Units of 7th Armd occupy Wessem, on the Maas at the end of Wessem Canal, and a factory near Panheel Lock. Resistance continues light. First Belgian Brig passes to Army reserve.

XXX Corps Two gaps left by enemy in his mine fields are mined by U.S. 84th Div to deny them to the enemy and are reopened at midnight, preparatory to attack through them tomorrow. Guards Armd reports hostile patrol activity in vicinity of Nieuwstadt, N of Sittard.

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I Br Corps Fourth Armd Div continues probing along the Maas; patrol encounters MG fire from N bank in vicinity of Empel; another crosses the Maas in Drongelen area unopposed. Fifty-second Div (less bn on Noord Beveland) moving toward Brussels.

Army Troops In Dunkerque sector, 1st Czech Indep Armd Brig Gp halts three-pronged attack preceded by heavy arty and mortar fire in vicinity of Mardick during night.

Second TAF, in continued poor weather, flies 202 sorties and drops 20.9 tons of bombs. Usual ground support missions and fighter sweeps flown; rail objectives at Borken lightly bombed.

18 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

XII Corps Fifty-first Div expands its Derivation Canal bridgehead and crosses Zig Canal, elements reaching Beringen area on N and vicinity of Egchel on S; bridges put up at several points; Germans remain N of Beringen and at Everloo and Hub. Fifty-third Div units find lock gates at the horseshoe bend of the Maas, about a mile E of Heel, intact; 53d Div patrol reaches Pol, across Wessem Canal from Wessem.

XXX Corps U.S. 84th and Br 43d Divs launch northeastward attacks to reduce Geilenkirchen salient. At 0700, U.S. 84th Div's 334th Inf starts through the two gaps in mine field S of Breil, just SE of Geilenkirchen, widened an hour earlier by "Crocodiles" and "Flails" of Sherwood Rangers Yeomanry Regt (Br 8th Separate Armd Brig), and inf quickly passes through, but Sherwood Rangers tanks, scheduled to follow, are slowed by extremely muddy roads which deny them the use of the L gap; Immendorf-Geilenkirchen road cut by 0840, and Prummern captured by 1300 against stiff resistance from inf, tanks, strongly-held pillboxes, and arty; arty barrages at 10-minute intervals, starting at 1125, assist 334th Inf in securing Prummern

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where enough enemy troops remain after town's capture to necessitate difficult mopping up operations lasting through the night; by 1700 high ground between Prummern and Geilenkirchen is cleared of enemy, but attempts during night to secure two stretches of high ground N and NE of Prummern fail because of enemy's concrete emplacements. Germans offer only one strong counterattack which occurs near Immendorf early in the day. Elements of 15th Pz Gren Div identified in Prummern; 183d Volksgrenadier Div units in and near Geilenkirchen subsequently reinf by elements of 9th Pz Div.

Meanwhile, Br 43d Div's 214th Brig, reinf, attacks N of Geilenkirchen to secure area between Tripsrath and Bauchem and against moderate resistance attains all of its objectives by nightfall at which time elements are at Bauchem, Niederheide, and Tripsrath.

Activities of 2d TAF increase sharply: 1,029 sorties flown and 268.9 tons of bombs dropped. Rail objectives bear brunt of bombing attacks: 90 bombers (B-25s and A-20s) dispatched against Venlo RR bridge and Kempen rail center, bombing these and rail lines in Venlo-Issum area; lighter attacks made on rail centers at Bocholt and Geldern. Rail and road communications harassed during night by Mosquitoes. Other planes of 2d TAF closely support troops in battle areas; Lindern and Beeck, NE of Geilenkirchen, lightly bombed.

19 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Against slight resistance, 15th Div establishes bridgehead over Deurne Canal in vicinity of Hoogebrug, and patrols cross E of Heitrak; mines found in area.

XII Corps Continuing eastward drive from Zig Canal, 51st Div units take Helden, less than 10 miles from Venlo, and Panningen; elements N of Derivation Canal contact 15th Div troops across Deurne Canal from Heldenschedijk. Elements of 49th Div relieve 51st Div units.

XXX Corps From area approximately 500 yards S of Geilenkirchen, 333d Inf of U.S. 84th Div attacks toward Geilenkirchen at 0700. First Bn leads off, advancing

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along R and L sides of Wurm R. Elements on R quickly clear R half of town against relatively light opposition, but those on L of the river are slowed en route by strongly defended pillboxes and at town by stiff house-to-house resistance. Shortly after noon, 1st Bn units in L portion of Geilenkirchen by-pass remaining resistance in town, leaving 2d Bn to mop up, and set out to overtake troops which cleared R half, now well out of the town and moving along RR toward Sueggerath: the two groups are seldom in contact and encounter resistance from a chateau, more pillboxes, and MG and mortar fire, but, assisted by British tanks, elements take Sueggerath by 1615, again leaving mopping up to 2d Bn, and by 1800 secure high ground outside of Sueggerath. Contact with Br 43d Div established.

Meanwhile, 334th Inf, from its positions in N outskirts of Prummern, attacks at daybreak toward Beeck, about a mile distant, against bitter resistance which permits only slight gains.

RCT 405 of U.S. 102d Div attached to U.S. 84th Div with understanding that it is to be committed only in case of absolute necessity.

Br 43d Div clears wooded area near Niederheide and region E of Tripsrath.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps On 3d Cdn Div front, hostile patrol fails in attempt to infiltrate during night in vicinity of Wyler, SE of Nijmegen.

I Br Corps L of C assumes responsibility for defense of Antwerp and S bank of the Scheldt. Units of 4th Netherlands Army pass to L of C from 52d Div command; elements of 52d Div also under command of L of C.

Total of 148 bombers (B-25s and A-20s) of 2d TAF attacks Kempen and Viersen RR centers and Venlo RR bridge with fair to good results; SE approaches to Venlo bridge reported blocked. Rail targets at Zutphen raided by 24 planes with 5.4 tons of bombs. Amerongen ferry and two W/T stations also lightly bombed. Strong fighter forces support 21st Army Group troops, cut rails NW of the Ruhr, and raid transport targets. Supporting troops in Geilenkirchen area, fighters drop bombs on

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Wuerm. Second TAF's sorties total 1,273; 431.5 tons of bombs dropped. Eleven P-47s of XXIX TAC (9th AF) bomb Heinsberg, hitting town area and road junction.

20 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps East of Deurne Canal, 15th Div moves steadily eastward toward the Maas; mines encountered near Helenaveen and enemy contacted to the S. Third Div relieving 11th Armd in vicinity of Veulen. Royals now in Vortum, SE of Boxmeer.

XII Corps Forty-ninth and 51st Divs continue advance to the Maas: former, with elements of 4th Separate Armd Brig supporting, is approaching Maasbree (W of Venlo); 51st Div has elements at Broek and reports Kessel and Kesseleik, on the Maas SW of Venlo, free of enemy.

XXX Corps On U.S. 84th Div front, 333d Inf attacks toward Wuerm, about 1 mile NE of Sueggerath, and 334th renews attack toward Beeck, both groups making but little progress because of determined resistance from arty and tanks and defenses rapidly improving in density and quality from Sueggerath to Wuerm and from Prummern to Beeck. Wuerm-Beeck area is proving to be one of the most formidable points in the Siegfried Line, favored by relatively high terrain and fortified with numerous, well-sited pillboxes (some connected by open trenches), fire trenches, tank ditches, mine fields, Dragon's Teeth, and concrete shelters. The two villages under assault are occupied by elements of 15th Pz Gren Div.

Weather curtails air activity. Second TAF sorties total 129; 12.3 tons of bombs dropped.

21 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Fifteenth Div, hampered by difficult terrain and mines, slowly clearing toward the Maas in area W and NW of Venlo; bridgehead secured over canal at Helenaveen.

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XII Corps Forty-ninth and 51st Divs pushing steadily toward Venlo: former makes gains in Maasbree area, and latter is clearing region NE from Kessel. Light resistance offered by enemy, but mines and terrain slow British. Seventy-first Brig of 53d Div attacks at 1930 to clear Roermond bridgehead W of the Maas.

XXX Corps Determined efforts of U.S. 84th Div to secure Wuerm and Beeck continue against severe resistance and without success. Third Bn of 405th Inf (U.S. 102d Div) is committed and, to protect 84th Div's R flank, seizes portion of high ground near Beeck.

Second TAF planes concentrate on objectives NE of Geilenkirchen: 26 B-25s unload about 50 tons of bombs on Brachelen crossroads; 12 others release over 20 tons on Randerath road junction; Wuerm town area lightly bombed by fighters. Light bombing raids made on a number of other targets, among them rail facilities at Bocholt, Amersfoort, and Noorden; town areas at Gladbach, Linne (SW of Roermond), and Beeck; W/T station at Jutphaas; factory at Ede. Usual support provided troops and offensive fighter sweeps flown. Second TAF sorties number 829, during which 102.8 tons of bombs are dropped.

22 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps NW of Venlo, 15th Div finds Sevenum free of enemy and takes neighboring villages; Helenaveen bridgehead expanded. Elements of 11th Arm'd cross canal at Helenaveen and move NE, forward units reaching Amerika; no opposition met by elements moving along RR W of Amerika.

XII Corps Forty-ninth and 51st Divs exploiting further withdrawal of German 86th Corps in Venlo area; few enemy are thought to remain W of Venlo. Terrain and mines continue to be chief obstacles of both XII and VIII Corps. Forty-ninth Div secures Maasbree, W of Venlo, and several nearby villages. Fifty-first Div, against arty fire from E of the Maas, takes several villages near Baarlo and elements reach Baarlo which is clear of enemy. To the SW, 53d Div makes progress in Roermond area, after

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crossing anti-tank ditch with great difficulty, taking Horn and Weerd, just NW of Roermond.

XXX Corps Fighting in vicinity of Wuerm and Beeck continues bitter and indecisive; U.S. 84th Div's 333d and 334th Regts assisted by 3d Bn of U.S. 102d Div's 405th Inf again held to slight gains. Br 43d Div elements launch attack on Hoven, about 3 miles NE of Geilenkirchen, at noon and capture it in afternoon after hard fighting.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

I Br Corps Patrols of 4th Armd Div continue active along the Maas, one crossing at Heusden unopposed. First Pol Armd Div reports considerable enemy shelling in vicinity of Moerdijk and Willemstad.

Weather cancels offensive air missions of 2d TAF.

23 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Extremely poor condition of roads and numerous mines continue to be delaying factors in Corps zone. From Overloon area, 3d Div is driving E and SE to the Maas unopposed; elements astride RR from point E of Overloon S as far as Oostrum and Brukske; others E of Veulen. Fifteenth Div makes progress NW of Venlo without contacting enemy; elements in Horst area are probing NE to the Maas. Eleventh Armd Div units now in Meterik area, W of Horst. Contact established between 11th Armd and 15th Divs.

XII Corps Forty-ninth and 51st Divs converging on Venlo, former reaching points within 2 miles of that town against light resistance. Fifty-third Div reaches the Maas across from Roermond, clearing Hatenboer and advancing to ferry SW of Hatenboer. Maas R. is flooded in Roermond area. Seventh Armd assumes responsibility for sector held by 160th Brig of 53d Div.

XXX Corps Stiff enemy resistance again pins down troops of 333d and 334th Regts (U.S. 84th Div) and 3d Bn of 405th Inf (U.S. 102d Div) attacking Wuerm and Beeck

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frontally; forward troops approximately 1,000 yards SW of Wuerm and in S and E edges of Beeck. Enemy counter-attack on Wuerm-Sueggerath axis during afternoon is initially successful, but U.S. positions are later reentered. German 10th SS Pz Div (Frundsberg) identified on U.S. 84th Div front. At 1800, U.S. 84th Div with RCT 405 of U.S. 102d Div under command passes to command of XIII Corps, U.S. 9th Army, which becomes responsible for sector E of Geilenkirchen-Kraudorf road.

Br 43d Div's 214th Brig withdraws to high ground W of Hoven during strong counterattack and is relieved by 129th Brig.

Second TAF again virtually grounded by weather.

English Channel SS William D. Burnham (U.S. cargo ship, 7,176 tons) sunk by enemy action at 49-46 N, 01-15 W.

Skagerrak SS Troma (Norwegian cargo ship, 5,029) sunk by enemy action at 59-10 N, 10-35 E.

24 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Third Div reaches the Maas at Maashees, E of Overloon, and finds several villages to the S free of enemy. Recon elements of 15th Div contact enemy on RR at Tienraij, NE of Horst.

XII Corps Despite mines, craters, and considerable arty fire from E of the Maas, 49th and 51st Divs closing in on Venlo from W and SW, respectively; former nearing Blerick, on the Maas across from Venlo, and latter clearing woods near Tegelen. Fifty-third Div's 160th Brig passes to 51st Div command and relieves 153 Brig.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Fiftieth Div relieves 3d Cdn Div of responsibility for Nijmegen bridgehead.

I Br Corps Force of thirty Germans carrying mines and explosives lands during night on N coast of Noord Beveland; 52d Div elements capture three; remainder being mopped up.

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Weather again prevents offensive operations by 2d TAF.

25 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Third Div continues active SE of Overloon; elements in Wanssum. Fifteenth Div against slight opposition continues NE from Horst, taking village between Horst and Swolgen and continuing toward Swolgen.

XII Corps Forty-ninth Div continues active near the Maas across from Venlo. Wooded area near Tegelen cleared by 154th Brig of 51st Div under 53d Div command. Fifty-first Div's 152d Brig now under II Cdn Corps command; remainder of Div (less 154th Brig) moving to II Cdn Corps zone.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps U.S. 101st AB Div is being relieved by 51st Highland Div.

I Br Corps Hostile patrol which landed on Noord Beveland 24/25 wiped out.

Army Troops Fourth SS Brig moving to Hoogerheide area.

In support of 21st Army Group, 2d TAF flies 710 sorties and drops 173.4 tons of bombs. Rheydt RR center, Erkelenz RR station, and rail lines in Munchen Gladbach area hit by total of 58 bombers. Other planes support troops in Arnhem, Nijmegen, Geilenkirchen, and Dunkerque areas and engage in rail cutting missions and offensive fighter sweeps. Uetterath village, NE of Geilenkirchen, lightly bombed.

26 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Germans remain near Geisteren, on the Maas NW of Venlo. Fifteenth Div, against slight resistance, is moving on Blitterswijk, Broekhuizenvorst, and Broekhuizen, on the Maas N of Venlo.

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XII Corps Forty-ninth Div continues active in Blerick area, with rcn elements to the N near Grubbenvorst which is said to be held by approximately a plat of enemy. In Roermond sector, flooding in Weerd area causes slight adjustment of 53d Div positions.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps At 0600, 51st Highland Div (less 154th Brig) takes over sector formerly held by U.S. 101st AB Div.

I Br Corps Fourth Cdn Armd Div relieved of responsibility for its sector by 52d Div. Fifty-second Div's 156th Brig being relieved on Walcheren and Zuid Beveland by commandos of 4th SS Brig.

Second TAF, in 1,215 sorties, drops 338.1 tons of bombs. Rheydt RR center attacked by 35 B-25s and secondary target, Kempen, by 6 A-20s. Other mediums bomb rail bridges at Deventer and Zwolle and Gestapo Hq at Amsterdam. Usual ground support, rail interdiction, and armed rcn missions flown. Rail lines in Roermond area bombed by 12 P-47s of XXIX TAC (9th AF).

27 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Fifteenth Div continues to meet light resistance in its advance to the Maas. Blitterswijk and area W of the Maas from Lottum S to Grubbenvorst now clear, but enemy remains in wooded area near Bitterswijk and in Broekhuizen area. The few remaining enemy pockets W of the Maas, N of Venlo, are estimated to total about one bn in strength. Flooding on W bank of the Maas between Lottum and Geisteren extends from 500-2,000 yards. Contact established between 15th and 49th Div units.

XII Corps Forty-ninth Div patrols reach strong enemy defensive positions W of Venlo; enemy arty fire increases considerably. Grubbenvorst clear of enemy.

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CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

Army Troops First Czech Indep Armd Brig Gp passes to operational command of 21st Army Gp. Hostile patrols reported active on W of Dunkerque perimeter.

Adverse weather greatly curtails operations by 2d TAF which flies only 178 sorties and drops 32.9 tons of bombs.

Fifteen enemy planes bomb targets in Roermond area during evening.

North Sea SS Korsnes (Norwegian cargo ship, 1,736 tons) sunk by enemy action at 58-14 N, 06-50 E.

28 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps First Belgian Brig has moved to Louvain area under command of 21st Army Group.

XII Corps Extensive flooding in Roermond area necessitates further withdrawal of 53d Div's 71st Brig. Relieved by 160th Brig of 53d Div, 154th Brig of 51st Div moves to rejoin parent div under command of II Cdn Corps. Forty-ninth Div's 147th Brig also moving to II Cdn Corps zone and will be under command of that Corps upon arrival at Mill.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

Eighteen-ship convoy reaches Antwerp safely.

II Cdn Corps U.S. 101st AB Div entrucks for movement to Mourmelon, France.

I Br Corps Fourth SS Brig with R Netherlands Brig under command assumes responsibility for Walcheren, Zuid Beveland, and Noord Beveland, passing to L of C command. From XII Corps zone of British 2d Army, 33d Separate Armd Brig has moved to vicinity of Etten and is now under I Corps command.

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Second TAF, in 561 sorties, drops 110.5 tons of bombs. Chief targets are Zwolle RR center, enemy Hqs at Utrecht and Nijmegen, and strongpoints in vicinity of Dunkerque. Support of troops in battle areas maintained, and a number of missions flown against rail and road facilities and traffic. Thirty-eight P-47s of XXIX TAC (9th AF) bomb Bonninghardt, NE of Geldern, concentrating on airfield and town.

29 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Third Div secures castle at Geisteren during night without opposition.

XII Corps Fifteenth Div is transferred from VIII to XII Corps command; 46th Brig relieved by 11th Armd Div. Elements of 49th Div drive off enemy attempting to occupy positions between Blerick and Tegelen; Div Hq and 56th Brig moving to II Cdn Corps sector. Seventh Armd Div reports considerable enemy arty fire from E of the Maas, particularly in vicinity of Kessel, Buggenum, and Horn.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Flooded terrain in Middelaar-Cuijk area forces withdrawal of 2d Div lines. Local attack by co of 3d Cdn Div in Beek area is halted by mines. Elements of 49th Div, coming from Br 2d Army zone, are relieving 50th in Nijmegen area.

Rail bridges at Deventer and Zwolle attacked by total of 56 2d TAF bombers (B-25s and A-20s); bursts observed across both ends of Deventer bridge, and good concentration achieved on E end of Zwolle bridge. Twelve B-25s and 21 A-20s strike at German Hqs and strongpoints in vicinity of Dunkerque, dropping about 40 tons of bombs with poor results. Thirty-three other planes of 2d TAF release 15.5 tons on enemy Hq at Rotterdam. Other missions flown in support of troops and to interdict traffic. Total of 1,261 sorties flown by 2d TAF and 363.4 tons of bombs dropped.

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30 BRITISH SECOND ARMY

VIII Corps Eleventh Armd Div takes castle near Broekhuizen without opposition, and clears the town itself after hard fighting. Third Div cleaning out area E of Wanssum.


XII Corps Regrouping is in progress: 53d Div relieving elements of 7th Armd; 15th Div relieves units of 49th.

CANADIAN FIRST ARMY

II Cdn Corps Forty-ninth Div now responsible for sector formerly held by 50th Div. Corps hampered during most of the month more by high water level of the Waal and Neder Rijn than by enemy.

Second TAF flies 611 sorties and drops 100.7 tons of bombs. Forty-eight B-25s concentrate on enemy Hqs and buildings in Dunkerque area, accurately dropping about 40 tons of bombs. Fighter bombers and fighters support ground forces, raid factories near Munchen Gladbach, and continue hammering of communications lines.

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In the line with U.S. First Army on the R and Twenty-first Army Group on the L, Ninth Army prepares to attack toward sector of Roer R. between Linnich and Altdorf, roughly 15 miles NE of Aachen. Main objective is establishment of bridgeheads across Roer R. at Linnich and Juelich. Joint drive of XIII and XIX Corps is to be facilitated by assistance of British XXX Corps in clearing enemy's Geilenkirchen salient on Ninth Army's N flank. First half of month is devoted to regrouping, relief of troops in front line positions, and aggressive patrolling.

XIX Corps During first week of November, Corps operates in entire Ninth Army zone. Enemy maintains passive defense. Elements of German 176th, 183d, and 246th Inf Divs, and 3d Pz Gren Div have been identified opposite this corps.

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With Aachen secured, immediate objective of First Army is control of high ground to the E and SE commanding Cologne plain and the Roer R. dams, as drive on Cologne begins. Cold, rainy weather and flooded rivers hamper operations from the start.

VII Corps Corps front extends SE from Haaren, 2 miles NE of Aachen, to Stolberg area and thence E through forested region called "Huertgen Forest" (Huertgen Forest proper is central section on E side of wooded area--other sections of which bear other names) to vicinity of Huertgen and Grosshau, 13 miles ESE of Aachen. Activity is limited to defense of Corps zone and rotation of front line units.

V Corps On N flank of Corps, 28th Div prepares to attack to secure town of Schmidt, 4 miles SSE of Huertgen, and positions along Kall R. to the W, defended by German 275th Inf Div.

VIII Corps Corps mission is to defend sector in place, from vicinity of Losheim in the N to junction of Sauer and Moselle Rivers and along W bank of Moselle to Third Army boundary S. of Remich near the French-German border.

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Front lines generally parallel German border except in N where salient includes portion of Schnee Eifel ridge. Both sides use sector to break in new units; inf units of 9th Armd Div (in Corps reserve) are rotated in front lines, attached to 2d, 8th, or 83d Div, and it is evident that enemy divs shift frequently.

Communication facilities at Dueren and Eschweiler and power plant at Cologne are bombed through overcast with total of 40 tons by 83 P-38s of IX TAC. Eleven P-61s and 67 P-38s engage in patrolling and fighter sweeps.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Enemy divs opposing this corps at Metz and along the Moselle R. line are, from N to S; 416th Inf Div, 19th Inf Div, 462d VG Div, and 17th SS Pz Gren Div. Along Corps N boundary, 3d Cav Gp (TF Polk) screens Moselle R. below Thionville. N of Metz, 95th Div elements continue relief of 90th Div, while S of Metz the 95th is itself relieved by 5th Div in the Arnaville bridgehead area. Tenth Armd Div assembles SW of Metz, S of the German salient W of the Moselle, in a move designed to lead enemy to expect an armored drive S and E of Metz.

XII Corps Corps front extends from area S of Cheminot, 11 miles S of Metz, in a SE direction to vicinity of Moncourt, 20 miles E of Nancy, and is about 20 miles in width. It continues generally inactive during first week of November. Enemy engages in patrolling and sporadic arty fire. Eightieth Div meets moderate resistance as 319th Inf moves forward to occupy Abaucourt and Letricourt in Seille R. bend 9 miles E of Pont-a-Mousson, killing or capturing all hostile forces within area.

Ninety-fourth Div. Mission of this div throughout month of November is to contain enemy forces in Brittany Peninsula and protect Twelfth Army Group's S flank along the Loire R. to the Yonne R.

XIX TAC flies 12 missions of 247 sorties, dropping 125 tons of bombs, destroying 3 enemy planes on ground, and losing 2. P-51s strafe Gotha airdrome. Seventy-two 500-lb.

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bombs and 26 rockets destroy 13 buildings in attack on ordnance dump W of Pirmasens, in the Saar. Two sqs drop 16 500-lb. bombs on supply dump SE of Saarguemines, destroying 12 buildings and starting huge fire. Another sq bombs marshaling yard and gun batteries farther E. Group of fighter bombers effects breaks in small dam SE of Dieuze with 1,000-lb. bombs.

2 U.S. NINTH ARMY

Regrouping continues, preparatory to push eastward from Geilenkirchen-Aachen line established by First Army in October.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps First Div elements make slight forward movement NE of Haaren at 0600, encountering heavy MG, mortar, and arty fire. In support of V Corps attack, 1st Div demonstrates with mortars, arty, and strong patrols.

V Corps Corps arty fires 45-min. preparation for attack of 28th Div in area where it relieved 9th Div, and 3 groups of fighter bombers lend support as Div attacks at 0900 toward the Huertgen and Vossenack clearings in attempt to seize Vossenack-Schmidt-Strauch area and eventually gain control of two large dams on Roer R. E of Monschau. Elements of 28th Div reach outskirts of Huertgen, but farther S only very small gains possible as enemy resistance increases. Limited road net in area is well covered by enemy arty, and mine fields on both sides of Germeter-Huertgen road further block movement. Vossenack, 1½ miles S of Huertgen, is captured by 112th Inf. Units attacking to SE in woods SW of Vossenack are stopped by barbed wire barrier protected by a deep ditch and covered by automatic weapons fire.

VIII Corps During night, elements of 23d Inf on 2d Div R flank withdraw 1500 meters to more advantageous, less exposed terrain in Kesfeld-Habscheid area. Patrols of 8th Div engage in several fire fights during day.

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Total of 115 B-26s and 32 A-20s of 9th BD bombs RR bridges at Mayen, Bullay, Euskirchen, Konz-Karthaus, and Trier/Pfalzel, with good results reported for Bullay and Konz-Karthaus missions.

Eleven P-38s of IX TAC drop 16 500-lb. bombs on bridge targets and adjoining villages along Roer R.; 24 P-38s on armed run over roads in vicinity of Schmidt set fire to 2 factories E of Bergstein. Forty-eight P-47s, ground forces cover for 28th Div, drop almost 17 tons on targets of opportunity. One hundred additional sorties made during day.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Light arty and mortar fire and patrolling are only enemy activity. Ninety-fifth Div completes relief of 90th Div in sector of front directly NW of Metz.

XII Corps Forward elements harassed by enemy arty fire.

3 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps Occupying extreme L (N) flank of U.S. forces, 113th Cav Gp, which has been attached to 29th Div, reverts to Corps control as 29th Div is relieved by 102d Div-- transferred from XVI Corps. The 102d Div also becomes responsible for a portion of 2d Armd Div zone S of Waurichen. Sector of 102d Div runs back NW of Geilenkirchen as far as Kreuzrath, 1 mile NE of Gangelt.

XXIX TAC flies 71 sorties on rail cutting missions. Two rail cuts made in vicinity of Erkelenz and RR bridge S of Juelich damaged. Thirteen P-47s dive-bomb church and windmill OPs.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

V Corps In advance of 2½ miles to SE in center of 28th Div zone, 112th Inf troops enter Schmidt, 4 miles S of Huertgen, but sniper fire continues in town throughout night. Gains are maintained in Vossenack area. Kommerscheid, between Vossenack and Schmidt, is easily captured.

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9th BD drops total of over 225 tons of bombs on RR bridges at Neuwied-Irlich, Bad Munster, Morscheid, and Konz-Karthauss; results not observed.

IX TAC fighter bombers destroy 23 RR cars and make 9 rail cuts within Aachen-Cologne-Remagen triangle; also claim 2 hits on RR tunnel near Ahrweiler. Fuel dump set afire in woods N of Morschenich.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps No change.

XII Corps Only activity is continued patrolling.

9th BD B-26s bomb Bad Munster and Morscheid RR bridges and Kaiserslautern RR overpass with unobserved results.

4 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps Eighty-fourth Div, first units of which landed at Omaha Beach, France, on 1 Nov, is attached to this corps.

Approximately 25 tons of bombs dropped by XXIX TAC planes on buildings, RR lines, a marshaling yard, and a factory E of Roer R. in Erkelenz-Juelich area. Seventy-seven P-47s raid Soest, E of Dortmund, bombing RR lines and cars, locomotives, buildings, and hangars with exceptional results, claiming 2 hangars, 2 locomotives, 12 buildings, and 11 rail cuts for 20.5 tons of bombs. Over 240 sorties made during day.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Units attached to 3d Armd Div establish road block on its extreme R flank in Huertgen Forest.

V Corps Series of enemy counterattacks by 89th Inf Div from direction of Harscheidt, 1 mile E of Kommerscheidt, forces 28th Div elements to retreat from Schmidt to vicinity of Kommerscheidt, where they are counterattacked at 1530 by an enemy inf bn and some 10 tanks of 116th Pz Div, recently moved S from Muenchen-Gladbach. While Div units on S flank are driven back toward Kall R., cos in the N are stalled in drive E toward open ground SW of

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Huertgen. Severe casualties have been suffered in last 3 days, especially among armed elements supporting the attack. Weather generally unfavorable for air action to isolate the battlefield.

9th BD sends 2 gps of 32 B-26s and 1 gp of 33 A-20s to drop 170 tons of bombs on Trier Ordnance Depot. Fifty-six B-26s and 22 A-20s drop 107 tons of bombs on Eschweiler gun positions with excellent results.

IX TAC supports 28th Div with armed rcn over all roads out of Schmidt, dropping over 14 tons of bombs in target area. Ammunition dump 9 miles SW of Cologne receives 12 tons of bombs.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps SW of Basse Kontz, enemy regains high ground previously taken by this corps. Town of Berg is lost and then recaptured by elements of TF Polk. During night of 3--4, 95th Div sends out 9 combat patrols which bring in 10 prisoners, most of them from area SW of Maizieres-les-Metz. Near Metz, towns S and W of Fort Driant receive considerable arty fire from that fort and from Fort Verdun.

XII Corps Front lines remain unchanged. Rotation of units continued.

Fifteen B-26s and 30 A-20s of 9th BD drop 72 tons of bombs on Baumholder Stores Depot with unobserved results.

5 U.S. NINTH ARMY

Regrouping of Army units continues, with relief of troops in front line positions, strengthening of defenses, and aggressive patrolling. Field fortifications cover the approaches to each defended town in this area between the Wurm and Inde Rivers and link the towns laterally so that they are mutually supporting. Community digging program contributed much to conversion of villages into strongpoints.

XXIX TAC claims 15 rail cuts by four gps of P-47s, which also hit numerous bridges. Five direct hits scored on marshaling yard near Erft Canal. Another marshaling yard--

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5 at Sachsenhausen--is dive-bombed with excellent results; 12
Cont tons of bombs destroy 8 factories, 15 RR cars, and 2 locomotives. Bridge is destroyed and rail cuts made still farther E, near Kassel. RR cars and trenches bombed near Baal, 4 miles NE of Lindern. Total of about 250 sorties flown.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

V Corps Bitter fighting continues all along front of 28th Div with little change in positions. Reinforcements are brought up to center sector, where Germans are counterattacking in Kommerscheidt area with tank and arty support. Attempts to get armor across Kall R. draw to help 112th Inf, facing Schmidt, are unsuccessful, but Schmidt is bombed and strafed effectively. Ninth Div (less detachments) moves from rest area at Camp Elsenborn to relieve 4th Div on S flank of Corps.

VIII Corps 83d Div elements assault le Stromberg height at Basse Kontz.

Over 380 sorties flown by IX TAC, including several missions against enemy reinforcements in Schmidt. Forty-eight P-47s support 28th Div, starting fires in Bergstein. P-38s drop 10 tons on buildings and rails at Brueck, on the Ahr R. Other rail cuts made about 8 miles W of Cologne, at Harff, 11 miles NE of Juelich, and at two or three points E of the Rhine; one enemy plane and 2 gliders destroyed on ground. P-47s destroy ammo dump 5 miles NW of Bullay.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Enemy arty fire increases. Armd-inf team of 3d Cav Gp attacks early in morning to wipe out small enemy pocket on W bank of Moselle in vicinity of Berg, 8 miles NE of Thionville. Inf combat patrolling only action on remainder of front. Over 1,000 civilians are removed from Uckange by Civil Affairs.

XII Corps No change.

XIX TAC flies about 250 missions and drops over 125 tons of bombs. Ten P-51s raid Mannheim, bomb and strafe Hall

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airdrome, and strafe Crailsheim airdrome, claiming 12 enemy planes destroyed on ground. Nineteen P-51s destroy 16 planes on ground at Sachsenheim airdrome. Forty-four P-47s dive-bomb stores and ammo dumps, strafe locomotive, and make 3 rail cuts NW of Haguenau. Forty-five P-47s drop 23 tons of bombs through overcast on ammo dump at Landau; no results observed. Sq of P-47s drops 6 tons of bombs through overcast at Saarbruecken. Sixteen P-47s bomb and destroy 7 buildings of motor transport W of Kaiserslautern with 14 500-lb. bombs.

6 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps Rested 29th Div moves into front line sector between Bettendorf and Baesweiler, about 5 miles E of Wurm R. and 9 miles NE of Aachen. On N flank of 29th Div, elements of 2d Armd Div prepare to attack toward Gereonsweiler area; remainder of Div is to advance SE toward Juelich. The 406th Inf (-1st Bn) is detached from 102d Div and attached to 2d Armd Div.

XXIX TAC claims total of 11 rail cuts and 28 RR cars, targets of opportunity replacing primary targets on account of overcast. Grevenbroich and Juelich dive-bombed and latter set on fire by napalm bombs. Total sorties exceed 260.

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VII Corps Patrols in Verlautenheide-Stolberg zones meet heavy SA, MG, and mortar fire.

V Corps Conditions in 28th Div salient remain bad-- cold, wet, muddy, little shelter available, enemy arty and direct fire harassing all positions, and the constant threat of counterattack. Extremely heavy counterattacks from N and E strike 112th Inf elements near Vossenack and Kommerscheidt. In latter area they face arty, SP, and SA fire from three sides of the position and are under excellent enemy observation. At 0200, TF Ripple, made up of a 110th Inf bn and cos of a tank bn and a TD bn, attacks toward Schmidt from the NW, but finds Vossenack-Kommerscheidt road under enemy fire and is forced to cut across country W of the road. Enemy has infiltrated down Kall R. draw and TF must fight its way

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to bridge, leaving armd elements behind in Vossenack. Engr units are taken from tasks of guarding Kall R. bridge and improving roads to act as inf protecting Vossenack position. Enemy resistance between Vossenack and bridge positions finally cleared by 110th Inf. Additional enemy attempts to counterattack from Huertgen and Schmidt are broken up by arty, TD, tank, and inf fire. Schmidt and vicinity are again bombed and some enemy tanks destroyed by air support. Fourth Div commences move from S flank of V Corps to S flank of VII Corps in N of Huertgen Forest. Ninth Div, less 47th RCT, completes relief of 4th Div.

VIII Corps Eighty-third Div makes limited objective attack on extreme S flank and advances slightly in Moselle R. bend near Basse Kontz, where 330th Inf occupies le Stromberg hill, from which German garrison had withdrawn to E bank of the Moselle during night.

Gp of IX TAC fighter bombers hits supply installation NE of Dueren on request mission for VII Corps. Total of 83 planes supports 28th Div in general area E of Huertgen Forest; blaze bomb mission flown in Brandenburg area (clearing E of Huertgen and Vossenack clearings). Thirty-six P-47s drop 11.75 tons of bombs on fuel dump, ammo dump, RR cars, locomotives, and bldgs in Elsdorf area; one plane lost to flak. Thirty-four P-47s hit warehouses and track near Schleiden with 21 tons. Twelve P-47s of XXIX TAC make 4 rail cuts in Lorch vicinity.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Heavy arty concentrations fall near Arnaville and in bridgehead area across the Moselle. Corps activity confined to patrolling and rotation of front line units. At 1930, all 95th Div and Corps arty weapons fire simultancously on enemy positions in wooded and farming area SW of Maizieres-les-Metz, concentrating on town of Semecourt, a quarry, and Leipzig Farm.

XII Corps Enemy places heavy concentrations of arty on towns of Gremecy and Bioncourt, in center of Corps zone.

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7 U.S. NINTH ARMY

No change.

Three groups of 12 P-47s belonging to XXIX TAC bomb RR lines, factories, and barracks; claim 3 factories destroyed along Inde R., 10 RR cars, and 7 rail cuts. Sorties total 112 for entire Command.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

Ninety-ninth and 104th Inf Divs, assigned to First Army by Army Group, start to assemble in Army area (99th coming from United Kingdom and 104th from SW Holland area).

VII Corps Light harassing fire falls on forward elements of Corps. Fourth Div assembles about midway up in forested area between Aachen and Huertgen.

V Corps Heavy fighting prevails in wind-driven rain and icy mud. Some gains made in Vossenack by 146th Engr Combat Bn. Schmidt remains in German possession. Twenty-eighth Div repulses strong enemy counterattacks preceded by heavy arty fire. Attacking with tanks and inf from E of Kommerscheidt, and with inf from woods W of town, enemy regains town and inflicts extremely heavy losses on 28th Div troops, which are ordered to withdraw NW across Kall R.

Total of 70 sorties flown by P-47s of IX TAC on armed run and in support of 28th Div; 100 flown by P-38s on fighter sweeps, rail-cutting and leaflet-dropping missions. Schmidt and Schleiden areas again bombed. Fire bombs dropped on gun positions near Dueren. P-61s fly 4 sorties on defensive patrol.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

Final preparations made for next day's jump-off on big offensive. Ninetieth Div moves N to close within protective cover of Cattenom Forest, opposite Koenigsmacker. Rainy weather prevails and roads are slippery with mud.

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8 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps Corps enters front line on extreme L of Army Group, occupying narrow sector between XIX Corps and British XXX Corps. Eighty-fourth Div and 102d Div (-406th Inf) are detached from XIX Corps and assigned to XIII Corps.

XXIX TAC P-47s destroy bridge at Grevenbroich with 6.25 tons of bombs and strafe a train. In similar mission, bridge near Zieverich, 10 miles upstream from Grevenbroich, is damaged by one direct hit. Bridges near Linnich and Juelich are hit by 11 P-47s which drop 5 tons on bridges and on radar targets. Approximately 70 sorties made over area in advance of Ninth Army front.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Light, scattered arty fire received along Corps front. Relief of 1st Div in area E of Aachen begun by 104th Div. Elements of 1st Div assemble in forest clearing S of Stolberg and Maubach, vicinity of Vicht.

V Corps Elements of 28th Div still cling to Vossenack, although enemy keeps foothold on E edge of village. No gains made toward Kommerscheidt and Schmidt, but Div stabilizes line near Vossenack and along Kall R. in face of enemy tanks and inf and intense arty fire.

VIII Corps Eighty-third Div passes to operational control of XX Corps, U.S. Third Army.

Fighter bombers of IX TAC attack enemy tanks and assault guns in Germeter-Kommerscheidt area in support of 28th Div. Weather prevents bombing of primary targets, but 5 rail cuts are made and 2 locomotives destroyed. Fires are started at Schmidt, Harscheidt, Nideggen, and in woods N of Brandenburg.

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Large-scale offensive toward the Saar R. is launched at 0600 in XII Corps zone without benefit of preliminary aerial bombardment and takes German First Army by surprise. It is raining; the numerous rivers and streams are rising rapidly.

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XX Corps On extreme L (N) flank, 83d Div temporarily reverts to this corps from First Army for the purpose of assisting in establishing a bridgehead at Saarburg. By dawn, 90th Div completes move N to Malling-Cattenom area on W bank of Moselle R. between Thionville and Sierck for surprise night attack across the river and through the Koenigsmacker and Maginot Line fortifications. Shoulder patches and vehicle markings of advance or retn parties were changed to correspond to those of 3d Cav Gp for this move, since latter has operated in that area for several weeks. Tenth Armd Div begins movement N from SW of Metz to area behind Cattenom Forest, where it will assemble preparatory to passing through Koenigsmacker bridgehead. In area SW of 83d Div, it attacks E and captures Rumelange, 13 miles W of Haute Kontz. Between Thionville and Maizieres-les-Metz, 95th Div launches night attack across the Moselle R., 2 cos crossing in assault boats immediately S of Uckange, where enrgs have blown gap in enemy wire and mine field on other side of river. Accurate enemy arty fire prevents construction of footbridge at this point. Other elements of 95th Div attack in area between Maizieres-les-Metz and the Moselle, but encounter dense mine fields and must withdraw under intense SA fire.

XII Corps "Battle of Germany" begins as 80th, 35th, and 26th Divs attack at 0600 toward Maginot Line that cuts across Corps zone just S of St. Avold from vicinity of Bambiderstroff to vicinity of Sarralbe. Corps Arty and TD units fire from H-60 to H-147, concentrating particularly on town of Oriocourt, 3 miles N of Gremecy Forest, on 35th Div front. Eightieth Div crosses Seille R. and reaches Mailly-sur-Seille and Raucourt, 7 miles E of Pont-a-Mousson; elements also pass through Aulnois-sur-Seille on div R flank. Flood conditions prevail and 11 bridges are built in 80th Div sector during day. Sixth Armd Div is concentrating SE of Cheminot, on Corps N flank. First enemy counterattack comes at 1730 near Mailly and is ineffectual. Elements of 35th Div occupy Jallaucourt and Malaucourt, constructing a bridge at latter, and other units pass through Fresnes-en-Saulnois, 2 miles farther E. On Corps S flank, 26th Div drives through Moncourt and Bezange-la-Petite. To the NW, other elements of 26th Div drive into Vic-sur-Seille and cross canal of Moyenvic. Enemy units surrender

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readily in south of Corps zone. Corps R flank in area N of Parroy Forest and the Rhine-Marne Canal is protected by 2d Cav Gp, attached to 26th Div.

XIX TAC, aided by fighter-bomber groups from IX TAC and XII TAC, engages in 471 sorties (29 missions), dropping 134 tons of bombs, including tanks of napalm. Thirty-four P-51s destroy 5 hangars at Wiesbaden airdrome and another airdrome to SE, attack Eddersheim, and strafe Ingelheim. Sixteen P-51s dive-bomb Sachsenheim and Schwaebisch-Hall and destroy a bridge near Neudenzau. Marshaling yards near Homburg and Bitchie are hit by group of 48 P-47s. Eighty-eight P-47s supporting XII Corps attack enemy troop concentrations and trenches E of Liocourt, in the Forest de Chateau Salins, and attack Hampont, claiming 8 guns and 2 tanks. Napalm is dropped on enemy foxholes and trenches. A gp of 31 P-47s strikes along Cote de Delme ridge and edge of Forest de Chateau Salins, starting fires and destroying 6 gun emplacements. Enemy CPs at Beaucourt, Peltre, Boulay, Juville, and St. Avold are attacked. P-47s striking at Baumholder supply depot fight off enemy aircraft, destroying 11 in the air. In low level attack on enemy CP at Kemplich, 48 P-47s of IX TAC destroy 10 buildings; 10 locomotives and 5 MT also claimed on this mission.

2 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps Seventh Armd Div arrives in XIII Corps area as div's attachment to XXX Corps of British Second Army ends.

Bridge near Linnich damaged when 12 P-47s of XXIX TAC drop 3.5 tons in target area. Thirty-six P-47s jettison bombs at Essen and Duesseldorf. Marshaling yard and small town E of Grevenbroich bombed and strafed by 13 fighter bombers. Total sorties, including mission in British Second Army zone, number about 110.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Regrouping of units continues. CCR of 5th Armd Div is attached to Corps. Patrols probing enemy defenses in Stolberg find wire, mines, and booby traps in streets and encounter heavy SA and grenade fire.

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V Corps Attack by 28th Div in Huertgen Forest gains 800 yards SW of Huertgen village. Div suspends operations for capture of Schmidt, 4 miles to SE, after making slight advance W of town. Enemy is driven from greater part of Vossenack, between Huertgen and Schmidt. S of Lammersdorf, enemy still holds Siegfried Line positions. Ninety-ninth Div, assembled at Wirtzfeld behind Monschau Forest, relieves 102d Cav Gp in front line with 395th Inf. Enemy resistance slackens, although many small local counterattacks occur.

VIII Corps Eighty-third Div, under operational control of XX Corps, U.S. Third Army, prepares to cross Moselle R. at 90th Div bridgehead in vicinity of Koenigsmacker.

Forty-two P-47s of IX TAC drop 15.5 tons of bombs on oil storage dump at Bingen; no results observed due to weather. Fourteen P-38s drop 6 tons over Ducren through overcast.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Arty support starts at H Hour and continues until H plus 120 minutes, with destructive fires laid on Koenigsmacker and Metrich fortifications and on towns of Ham, Koenigsmacker, Metrich, Malling, and Hunting. At 0330 90th Div assault bns cross in boats at Cattenom and Malling. Current and flood conditions prevent immediate construction of bridges. Koenigsmacker bridgehead area is developed under protection of smoking operations and Fort Koenigsmacker is assaulted by 358th Inf bn which overruns one third of top of fort before withdrawing following enemy counterattack and heavy arty fire. The 359th Inf assaults Petite Hettange and Metrich, between Hunting and Koenigsmacker, takes these towns and Kerling in a rapid advance E of the river, then is stopped in drive to SW by mine fields about 1,000 yards from Oudrenne. Most of 90th Div is over Moselle by end of day; 357th Inf enters town of Koenigsmacker, which has been neutralized by Div Arty. Tenth Armd Div moves N to assembly area W of Cattenom Forest. TF Polk is attached to 83d Div on Corps N flank.

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At 95th Div's Uckange bridgehead, smoke is laid over river throughout day. Elements across river reach point 400 yards beyond Bertrange, which is bypassed. Enemy maintains heavy arty and mortar fires on both banks of river. Corps units are pushing N, S, and E to cut off enemy forces in Metz. Ninety-fifth Div elements driving S on W side of Moselle are delayed by large mine fields.

In an attack coordinated with that of XII Corps, 2d Inf of 5th Div crosses Seille R. just N of Longueville, and attacks and occupies Cheminot, directly S, in the Seille R. bend at the XX Corps-XII Corps boundary, without serious opposition. Bridging of flooded Seille R. is difficult, but 160-foot Bailey bridge is completed at highway bridge site near Cheminot. Surprise attack on Louvigny, to the NE, succeeds, and an outpost line is established to the RR line to the E. St. Jure, 2 miles SE, is also cleared.

AA units provide "flak lines" to guide friendly bombers.

XII Corps Enemy resistance is scattered and poorly organized, but operations are more and more hampered by flooded streams. Numerous mine fields and booby traps are left behind by enemy as he withdraws in front of 80th and 35th Divs. FA bns conduct heavy harassing and interdiction fires on enemy installations on Delme ridge, which cuts across 80th Div's line of advance, and also long range missions on Bois Censitaire and Remilly Forest, beyond the French Nied. After taking Delme ridge, 80th Div advances to Xocourt on the E side. Units still W of the ridge advance on Corps N flank from St. Jure to Buchy-Sailly area, while elements farther S capture Phlin and high ground N of Thozy-St. Martin. Bridge is completed at Nomeny during evening. A TF of CCB, 6th Armd Div, put across Seille R. at Port-sur-Seille under smoke protection, reaches Eply, 5½ miles E of Pont-a-Mousson. Bridge approaches at Clemery, 2 miles S of Eply, are covered with water. Advancing rapidly NE, 35th Div seizes Lemoncourt, Oriocourt, and high ground E of Laneuville-en-Saulnois in center of sector, captures Delme, SE of Delme ridge, to the L, and takes Coutures, far to the R. Units S of Coutures skirt Gremecy Forest and proceed to Morville-les-Vic, 2 miles E of Chateau Salins. Five hundred PIs are

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taken in hard fighting all along 35th Div front. Advancing from Jallaucourt area, CCB of 4th Armd Div passes through 35th Div and reaches area 3 miles E of Delme, having passed through Viviers; mud seriously hampers progress. Twenty-sixth Div advances through Morville-les-Vic and takes Hampont, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles ENE of Chateau Salins, which is now under attack by 104th Inf.

Seven hundred and fifty-one heavy bombers of 8th AF support Third Army ground forces, 690 dropping total of 2,392 tons of bombs on enemy installations and fortifications in Metz area, 37 dropping 103.5 tons in vicinity of Thionville, and 24 dropping 92.5 tons on targets of opportunity in Haguenau area. Total of 113 fighter bombers of 8th AF drops 28.3 tons on targets in Ludwigshafen, Metz, and Thionville areas. Bad weather prevents attack in force on Landau storage depot by aircraft of 9th BD; 40 tons of bombs are dropped on 5 casual targets in Strasbourg area. Total of 50 B-26s attacks Dieuze barracks and road junction with good results. Five A-20s drop 7 tons of bombs on Faulquemont road junction, results unobserved.

XIX TAC supports heavy bombers and flies 312 sorties in 21 missions to drop 61 tons of HE and 41 napalm tanks, with loss of 4 planes. Fifty-seven P-47s support 90th Div, bombing and strafing in vicinity of Manderen and Elzange. Thirty-two P-47s support 5th Div, bombing Verny and Goin, setting fires, damaging a factory, hitting MT, and effecting one RR cut. Thunderbolts attack enemy columns in Delme ridge area. Sixty-five P-47s support 6th Armd Div, bombing RR lines, tanks, and gun positions. Fourth Armd Div is supported by 57 P-47s which bomb targets near Marsa, Hannocourt, and Saarbruecken. Twelve P-47s on armed rcn bomb supply dump and marshaling yard near Sarrebourg. Eighteen P-51s set fuel dispersal area of airfield at Gieblestadt on fire with 5 tons of bombs. Fourteen P-51s attack storage dump at Rahling.

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No change.. Start of coordinated offensives of First and Ninth Armies depends upon the weather; target date will be determined by 8th Air Force.

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10 Cont Thirty-five P-47s of XXIX TAC drop 18 tons of bombs in dive-bombing attack on Baal, 9 miles NE of Geilenkirchen. RR lines are bombed and strafed in Baal-Rheydt area and round-house destroyed on outskirts of Juelich. Total of 74 missions flown over and E of Ninth Army zone.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps The 104th Div completes relief of 1st Div NE of Aachen; 1st Div is now responsible for security of area between Mausbach (SE of Stolberg) and road block 2½ miles SE in forest. Corps has accumulated heavy allotment of 240-mm. gun and 8-inch howitzer bns.

V Corps Attacking NE from Vossenack ridge, elements of 28th Div advance to just S of Huertgen. Two cos of 12th RCT (4th Div), attached, have become isolated SW of Huertgen. RCT 60, 9th Div, stages a demonstration by a reinforced platoon attacking toward Losheim to a point beyond RR tracks. Units of 99th Div relieve elements of 102d Cav Gp, 9th Div, and 5th Armd Div in front lines.

VIII Corps Crossing of Moselle by 83d Div to participate in operation "Unicorn" of U.S. Third Army delayed because of height of river.

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Rainy weather prevails and rivers continue rising.

XX Corps Koenigsmacker bridgehead is consolidated, but strong enemy inf and tank force counterattacks through Kerling, directly E of bridgehead area, at 0300. Five liaison planes drop "C 2" explosive compound to 1st Bn of RCT 358, 90th Div, for use in taking Fort Koenigsmacker. Metrich group of fortifications is assaulted by 357th Inf. At Thionville--between Uckange and Koenigsmacker--engrs start construction of 190-foot Bailey bridge spanning gap in destroyed highway bridge. Enemy resistance stiffens in vicinity of Uckange and Maizieres-les-Metz. Ninety-fifth Div units across the river at Uckange bridgehead are provisioned by air.

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Fifth Div coordinates its attack toward Silly-en-Saulnois, $4\frac{1}{2}$ miles NE of Louvigny, with operations of 6th Armd Div (XII Corps), which has adjoining sector on the S. Jumping off from Louvigny at 0700, units of 2d RCT, 5th Div, capture Vigny by 1030, also taking Alemont and Pagny-les-Goin on N--S highway $1\frac{1}{4}$ miles W of Vigny. Other 2d Inf elements follow lead of CCB, 6th Armd Div, through Buchy and 3 miles farther E. Silly-en-Saulnois, directly N of Buchy, is secured by 1700. Tenth Inf proceeds to Pommerieux and Goin, about 8 miles S of Metz, and relieves 2d Inf in vicinity of Vigny and Buchy.

XII Corps CCA of 6th Armd Div, having crossed Seille R. at Nomeny, advances E on Corps N flank to Luppy, where it overcomes stiff resistance before going on to assist 80th Div in the capture of Bechy and Tragny. West of CCA, CCB cooperates with 5th Div, XX Corps, in mopping up St. Jure and Alemont and in the fighting at Vigny. Elements continuing NE of Vigny find strong resistance at Buchy and Beux. Eightieth Div fights hard against enemy resistance in Juville-Achatel-Vulmont triangle and in vicinity of Bacourt and Luppy, clearing Juville, Moncheux, Thimonville, Bacourt, and Tincry, and securing all of Delme ridge and town of Xocourt. CCB elements of 4th Armd Div advance N to assist 35th Div units in securing town of Viviers, into which enemy infiltrated during night. NE of Viviers, CCB proceeds through Hannocourt and Fremery and approaches Lucy. Seven and one half miles SE of Lucy, CCA advances NE, through Morville and Hampont, to vicinity of Obreck. Elements of 35th Div proceeding up the E side of Forest de Chateau Salins take village of Gerbecourt. Chateau Salins falls to 26th Inf, which also secures Salornnes, 2 miles to the S.

XIX TAC starts 91 sorties in poor weather; all but 12 recalled. Latter cooperate with 80th Div and bomb Elvange vicinity through overcast.

II. U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps RCT 335 of 84th Div is attached to 30th Div,
XIX Corps. British 43d Div of XXX Corps (Br.) takes

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responsibility for portion of 102d Div sector occupied by 102d Cav Rcn Tr and 407th Inf, preparatory to placing of XIII Corps units under operational control of XXX Corps (Br.) for the attack on Geilenkirchen and NE along Geilenkirchen-Erkelenz RR.

Fifty-nine medium bombers of 9th BD drop 84.5 tons on Putzlohn strongpoints NE of Eschweiler; results unobserved. Thirty-five P-37s of XXIX TAC drop 38 500-lb. GP bombs and 30 75-gal. napalm bombs on Wurm, leaving it in flames; Beggendorf also set on fire and Geilenkirchen bombed. Thirty-six P-47s drop 12 tons of bombs on Juelich; 42 bomb Erkelenz with 8 tons, starting large fires. About 235 sorties flown over Ninth Army area and to E by XXIX TAC aircraft.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Forward elements of 4th Div receive heavy arty fire in Huertgen Forest; RCT 12 is repeatedly counter-attacked. Fourth Cav Gp and CCR of 5th Armd Div move into Corps area, having been relieved on V Corps front.

V Corps Twenty-eighth Div continues attacking, retaining Vossenack and adjacent high ground but making slow progress against mortar and MG fire. At 1100 all available Corps Arty fires TOT mission on enemy batteries as an Armistice Day salute.

VIII Corps Eighty-third Div reverts to First Army control. Div arty assists XX Corps (U.S. Third Army) arty in attacking large enemy tank concentration a few miles SE of Moselle R. bend marking First and Third Army boundary at the front.

Total of 131 A-20s and B-26s of 9th BD bombs RR bridges at Sinzig, Euskirchen, Ahrweiler, and Mayen with total of 203 tons of bombs. Good results reported for Euskirchen; results unobserved elsewhere. Poor weather and intensive radio jamming prevents fighter bombers of IX TAC supporting 28th Div from locating primary targets; 4 rail cuts are made and 2 bridges reported destroyed directly W of Cologne. Sixteen P-47s drop 5½ tons of bombs on a marshaling yard E of Trier. Twenty-seven P-38s drop 45 1,000-lb. bombs on road NW of Stockheim.

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Enemy withdraws all along Army front, fighting strong delaying actions in forested areas and fortified towns.

XX Corps Eighty-third Div reverts to control of First U.S. Army and mission of securing Saarburg is given to 3d Cav Gp (reinf). At 0200 a bridge is completed at Malling, but water on the causeway approach from Gavisse is 58 inches deep. Fort Koenigsmacker falls to 1st Bn, 358th Inf, 90th Div, at 1600 with surrender of 372 enemy. To the E, 357th Inf makes good progress in rugged, wooded terrain along line of Maginot forts, bypassing emplacements which cannot be quickly reduced. Re-supply is still carried on chiefly by foot on land and by assault and motor boat across the Moselle, which reaches its crest at 1800.

Ninety-fifth Div continues crossing near Thionville and Uckange. Units of 378th Inf, 95th Div, cross on footbridge at Thionville to assist in establishment of bridgehead there; crossing site is swept by SA fire followed by heavy arty fire from Fort d'Illange and mortar fire from Fort Yutz. Bridgehead troops in Bertrange area continue to be supplied by air.

S of Metz, 5th Div makes moderate advances E. Second Inf attacks E toward Nied R. with elements of the 6th Armd Div (XII Corps), seizes high ground flanking highway at Beux, 2 miles beyond Silly-en-Saulnois, and pushes on to clear Dain-en-Saulnois.

XII Corps Elements of CCA, 6th Armd Div, pursue enemy across the French Nied R. at Han-sur-Nied. Many officers and men are wounded on bridge and on both banks as enemy tanks, arty, and SA fire incessantly. Eightieth Div elements also cross here. Fighting at the bridgehead is heavy all night. Elements of CCB, 6th Armd, move to Dain-en-Saulnois and positions overlooking Nied R. in Ancerville area, where bridge has been blown; engrs prepare crossing site under mortar and MG fire from Ancerville. During following night, CCB secures another Nied R. bridgehead in vicinity of Sanry-sur-Nied, 2½ miles NW of Ancerville. Eightieth Div units farther S liberate Flocourt-Hannocourt area NE of Xocourt and move E from Tragny toward Baudrecourt, which is captured by CCB. 4th Armd Div, attacking N through Lucy. CCA, 4th

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Armd, takes Conthil, 5 miles E of Obreck, and approaches Rodalbe, 2 miles farther E. Thirty-fifth Div repulses counterattack on R flank; enemy resistance in Chateau Salins Forest area is strong. Stiff resistance is met at Faxe and Fonteny, though latter is entered before dark, and fighting continues during night. Vaxy, less than a mile NE of Gerbecourt, is taken and Bois de Serres--NE of Viviers--cleared. Twenty-sixth Div continues attack at dawn, beats off counterattack from N on L flank, and moves slowly forward through considerable automatic weapon fire. Morhange, 9 miles NE of Chateau Salins and still firmly held by enemy, is harassed by 155-mm. guns and 8-inch howitzers. Enemy is generally withdrawing to NE along Corps front.

XIX TAC flies 162 sorties, dropping 31 tons of bombs and 32 napalm tanks and firing 18 rockets. One sq claims 10 tanks destroyed and 15 damaged in enemy convoy near Thionville. Thirty-four P-47s on armed run cut highway leading E from Metz. Thirty-one P-47s destroy 35 horse-drawn arty, 53 MT, 8 tanks, and 7 factory buildings in XII Corps zone. Forty-one P-47s bomb and strafe towns of Oron and Fremery. Ten P-47s bomb town of Sorbey, 7½ miles SE of Metz. Fifteen P-47s engage enemy aircraft N of Vigny, destroying 2, probably destroying one more, and damaging one. Morhange, 26 miles E of Pont-a-Mousson, is attacked and left burning.

12 U.S. NINTH ARMY

British XXX Corps takes control over XIII Corps sector from Maeseyck on the Meuse R. to Teveren, 2 miles SW of Geilenkirchen. Eighty-fourth Div (-RCT 335) passes to operational control of XXX Corps, British Second Army.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Fourth Div beats off three counterattacks in Huertgen area. Contact is regained with elements of 12th RCT which had been cut off SW of Huertgen, but enemy infiltrates between 1st and 3d Bns.

V Corps Twenty-eighth Div repulses two small counterattacks on S flank in area W of Schmidt.

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VIII Corps Eighty-third Div troops relieve rcn units S of Grovenmacher. On Corps extreme R flank, Div arty covers draw from Sierck to Montenach as enemy counter-attacks from E in vicinity of Petite Hettange (U.S. Third Army zone).

U.S. THIRD ARMY

Drive to encircle Metz continues to N and E, while in NE of Corps zone armd elements strike toward German frontier.

XX Corps Enemy combat team of 25th Pz Gren Div, attacking along Petite Hettange-Kerling road in effort to split Koenigsmacker-Malling bridgehead, reaches Petite Hettange. Reserves and arty units are brought up to bolster 90th Div's 359th Inf; armd elements and two TD's are pushed across the div's crossing sites and the enemy force withdraws to Kerling, upon which arty barrage is laid. Malling ponton bridge breaks under third TD and is swept downstream. Later in day, platoons of tanks and TD's cross successfully by heavy ferry. Bridge construction begins at Cattenom site, 3 miles S. Directly E of Thionville, 358th Inf elements secure Elzange-Valmestroff area. Elements of 378th Inf, 95th Div, cross canal moat of Fort Yutz, opposite Thionville, and start fighting inside the fort, with enemy using flame throwers and considerable mortar fire. Ninety-fifth Div crossings in bridgehead area at Uckange heavily shelled by enemy arty.

Fifth Div forces driving N along Moselle R. clear Corny, 5 miles SW of Metz, on E bank of Moselle. Enemy units SW of Metz start withdrawing gradually toward Metz under constant pressure of 11th Inf. Tenth Inf occupies Goin and Verny. SE of Metz, advance units of 5th Div prepare to hold Nied R. bridgehead cutting off main escape route from Metz and to cover the turning movement of CCB, 6th Armd Div, back into XII Corps territory. Second Inf elements move into Sanry-sur-Nied and follow CCB to Vaucremont, 2 miles E. Road is secured by 2100 and CCB turns S.

XII Corps TF "F" of CCA, 6th Armd Div, attacks from S and W and captures Herry, 2 miles E of Han-sur-Nied, and TFs "G" and "S" take Vatinmont, 1 1/4 miles SE of Hans-sur-Nied. CCA also supports 80th Div advance in same

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direction; 318th Inf seizes Lesse, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles E of Baudrecourt. Enemy offers stubborn resistance along road from Han-sur-Nied to Herny and at Bazoncourt, where elements of CCB, 6th Armd, are fighting in XX Corps zone, having made hotly contested crossing S of Sanry-sur-Nied. Extremely heavy arty fire received from forts to NW at Sorbey. TF 2 moves NE from Buchy to Remilly. Enemy is driven across river and succeeds in blowing bridge behind him. CCB of 4th Armd Div takes Villers-sur-Nied. Brehain, across the river to the S, and Dalhain and Bellange, still farther S, are occupied by the 35th Div, which at the same time is making slow progress in clearing the Forest de Chateau Salins, directly SW of these towns. Faxe and Fonteny, N of the forest and one mile E of Viviers, are secured also, after bitter fighting, 35th Div units and 4th Armd Div elements sharing in the accomplishment. E of the Petite Seille R., 26th Div's 104th Regt and elements of CCA, 4th Armd Div, attack and capture Chateau Voue and Wuisse, 2 and 3 miles NE of Hampont, respectively. CCA columns are strongly counterattacked near Chateau Voue and near Rodalbe. Enemy tanks offer considerable resistance between Chateau Voue and Wuisse. Advance units of 26th Div are fighting through the woods E of Wuisse and NW of Dieuze, important communications center 9 miles E of Chateau Salins. Puttigny and Burlioncourt, 3 and 4 miles NE of Chateau Salins respectively, are occupied by 26th Div. Attack of 101st Inf against St. Medard and Moncourt, $6\frac{1}{2}$ miles S of St. Medard, is stopped by heavy concentrations of direct arty fire.

13 U.S. NINTH ARMY

Twelfth Armd Div closes in Le Havre-Rouen staging area and is assigned to Ninth Army.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Considerable enemy arty fire received throughout 1st Div area. Enemy counterattacks against 4th Div units W of Huertgen continue.

V Corps Twenty-eighth Div defends positions S and E of Huertgen Forest and patrols aggressively.

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XX Corps Mine fields and arty fire prove formidable barriers to units N of Thionville advancing E of the Moselle R. Ferrying and bridging activities continue during night of 12--13; first vehicle crosses Cattenom bridge. Receding river uncovers extensive mine fields. Enlarging northern bridgehead, 90th Div troops recapture Kerling and take Kuntzig and Inglinge, passing E of Thionville in their drive S. Area along E bank of Moselle between Koenigsmacker and Thionville is cleared. Two miles inland, elements of 359th Inf advance SE through a mine field in order to seize W half of Reitholtz woods and to contact 357th Inf near Oudrenne. Elements of 378th Inf, 95th Div, take Fort Yutz and Basse-Yutz, 1 mile E of Thionville, and 377th Inf takes Bertrange and Imeldange in Uckange bridgehead area, where armd vehicles are now being ferried across Moselle R.

Forward elements in center of 5th Div front advance N to within 5 miles of Metz, with 11th Inf pushing through Sillegny, Coins-sur-Seille, and Pournoy-la-Chetive, its progress slowed by mine fields. Plan is to by-pass Fort Verdun and assault Augny from two directions, capture or contain Fort St. Privat, and continue on into Metz. In a parallel drive N, 2 miles to the E, 10th Inf moves along E bank of Seille R. up the highway to Fleury across 2,000 yards of open, flat country. Near Verny, troops seize Fort d'Aisne, from which enemy troops had temporarily withdrawn. To the E, enemy is making stand from entrenchments running from Chesny to Meclouves at an angle to the E side of the Bois de l'Hopital. Second Inf elements in the Sanry-sur-Nied bridgehead are counterattacked twice and enemy forces infiltrate through L of bridgehead area.

XII Corps Weather remains poor and all ground movement is hampered by deep mud. Enemy arty fire increases. CCA of 6th Armd Div occupies Arraincourt and Holacourt in area E of Vatimont, and to the NW repulses counterattack vicinity of Bazencourt. Div Engrs complete a bridge at Remilly, between Bazencourt and Han-sur-Nied. Eightieth Div, assisted by TF "F", CCA, occupies Herny, Arriance, and Many along Pont-a-Mousson--Faulquemont highway S of Remilly Forest. Thirty-fifth Div fights in Achain-Pevange

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area between Delhain and Morhange through most of night. Enemy's delaying actions become stronger in center and south of Corps zone. CCB of 4th Armd Div moves toward Destry, 2½ miles NW of Morhange, from vicinity of Oron and Chateau Brehain; bridge is constructed at Brehain. An armd advance guard surprises force of three or four hundred Germans at Marthille and wipes out 21 AT guns, 6 mortars, and 7 half-tracks. SE of Morhange, CCA holds Conthil and attacks Rodalbe, from which the enemy has driven out elements of 26th Div in tank-inf counterattack well supported by arty. Another strong counterattack strikes at Wuisse, 5 miles S of Morhange, and is repulsed. Other elements of 26th Div are advancing through Forest de Bride et de Koecking. Unanticipated strength of enemy resistance causes postponement of attacks on St. Medard and Haraucourt-sur-Seille, S of the forest, but road blocks are erected N and W of the towns.

14 U.S. NINTH ARMY

No change.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Intermittent snow and rain delay offensive. First Div continues patrolling; front line defensive positions held by attached 47th RCT (9th Div). Evidence indicates German 116th Pz Div has moved N toward Aachen area. Moderate to heavy arty fire, including rockets, falls in 4th Div sector W of Huertgen. Litter cases must be carried over rough terrain and through mine fields, resulting in high casualty rate among medical aid men and litter bearers.

V Corps Ninety-ninth Div takes over 9th Div zone between Monschau and Losheim and 9th Div returns to Camp Elsenborn. Twenty-eighth Div and 8th Div (VIII Corps) begin move to switch sectors in order to rehabilitate decimated 28th Div in defensive sector W of Our R. Eighth Div will undertake operations to clear Kall R. line in S portion of its new zone. Enemy patrols continue active.

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During night, rain turns to snow and sleet; entrenchments are flooded and trench foot is taking heavy toll of fighting troops.

XX Corps Enemy resistance in northern Moselle bridgehead is heavy and his delaying actions throughout Corps zone are stubborn. Malling bridge opens for traffic, and for first time after 6 days and nights of fighting men of 90th Div have overcoats at their disposal. CCA of 10th Armd Div crosses the Moselle R. at Malling. The 3d Cav Gp crosses at Cattenom and at Malling. A double-triple span Bailey bridge is completed at Thionville. Aided by smoke operations, CCB of 10th Armd Div crosses at Thionville and moves N to support inf bns fighting at Koeningmacker-Malling bridgehead. The 358th Inf, 90th Div, secures foothold astride Inglange-Distroff road, 4 miles S of Koeningmacker, and after fierce fighting captures Distroff. Inglange is found to be a heavily reinforced strongpoint. Ninetieth Rcn Troop links bridgeheads of 90th and 95th Divs, providing protection for elements of 10th Armd Div that have crossed the river. The 378th Inf, 95th Div, takes Haute-Yutz at 0900 and attacks Fort d'Illange, which is penetrated by 1740 but continues to resist throughout night. Units of 377th Inf in Bertrange are surrounded by enemy forces during night and fierce fighting ensues. System of fortified defenses on wooded ridge W of Metz is attacked by 379th Inf. Jussy forts are captured, but severe enemy counterattacks drive back troops at Fort Bois de la Dame and leading assault bns are cut off and are dropped 3 days' supplies by plane during afternoon. Farther N, Fort de Fèves and high ground W of Woippy, 2 miles NW of Metz, are attack objectives.

Eleventh Inf forces, 5th Div, move rapidly N along W bank of Seille R., passing through Coin-sur-Cuvry and Cuvry, and Augny is under attack by 2100. Tenth Inf of 5th Div occupies Fleury and Pouilly, the latter only 3 miles S of Metz; and clears Bois de l'Hopital up to line between Pouilly and Chesny. Div R flank forces, ordered to abandon Nied bridgehead, change direction of attack from E to N and capture Meclèves in flanking drive on Metz.

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XII Corps Elements of TF 1, CCB, 6th Armd Div, in vicinity of Voimhaut move E to take Vittoncourt, 3 miles SE of Bazoncourt. Under heavy enemy arty fire, CCA advances E through Thicourt, then SE through Thonville, and seizes Landroff, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles S. Eightieth Div enters Bois de Brulange, S of Brulange, and assists 6th Armd Div in repelling counterattack near Landroff and the Cote de Suisse. The 137th Inf of 35th Div, in cooperation with CCB of 4th Armd Div, captures Destry and Baronville, NW of Morhange. Enemy tanks bar further approach to Morhange after Rode is reached. Town of Zarbeling, 1 mile E of Conthil, is cleared by CCA. Just beyond NE end of Forest de Bride et de Koecking, CCA engages enemy tanks, destroying 5 or more in vicinity of Kutzeling Farm, and clearing Guebling, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SE of the farm, although suffering heavy casualties from intense arty fire. Numerous mines delay advance to high ground near by. Elements of 26th Div's 328th Regt attack E to edge of forest just W of Kutzeling Farm. Near S boundary of Corps zone, about 5 miles E of Bezange-la-Petite, 191st FA Bn destroys 6 tanks in vicinity of Marimont Chateau et Ferme.

15 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps Sixteen British flame-throwing tanks (Sq B, 1st Fife and Forfar Yeomanry) are attached to 2d Armd Div.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

Enemy arty becomes very heavy and strong combat patrols are encountered.

VII Corps Snow and rain continue to delay attack.

V Corps Twenty-eighth Div receives heavy arty concentrations in vicinity of Vossenack.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Good progress is made notwithstanding many local counterattacks. German 25th Pz Gren Div and 19th Pz Div attempt to stem the advance in vicinity of Landroff and Vittoncourt.

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is partially enveloped by enemy in a violent counter-attack that splits defending forces of 358th Inf, 90th Div. Reserve platoon of TD's is brought up under smoke cover to strike at Germans' R flank and after 4 hours of fighting enemy withdraws toward Metzervisse. West of Budling, 357th Inf is under fire from Fort Hackenberg on its L front. TD's and 8-inch and 240-mm. howitzers prove ineffective in diminishing enemy's fire. CCA, 10th Armd Div, after crossing Moselle R. at Malling, secures Lemestroff, 4 miles SE of Koenigsmacker, and CCB moves E from Kerling under intense arty and mortar fire, encountering a blown bridge and a mine field as well as road blocks and pillboxes.

Fort d'Illange, S of Thionville, is entirely reduced by 95th Div. TF Bacon is formed to attack rapidly S down E bank of Moselle R. from Thionville area to Metz. Towns of Bertrange and Imeldange practically destroyed in fighting of past day and night. Elements of 377th Inf there are joined by additional units of regt with 18 bazooka teams. Casualties of bn are heavy, but it prepares to join TF Bacon on 16 November. Elements of 95th Div S of Maizieres-les-Metz advance steadily S and occupy la Maxe, 3 miles N of Metz, as 377th Inf forces break through to fan out over low ground W of Moselle. Fort de Feves falls to 378th Inf, which also occupies Semscourt as it sweeps around to rear of series of fortifications in Amanviller area.

Augny and high ground 3 miles SW of Metz is taken by 11th Inf, 5th Div, which then proceeds to attack Frescaty Airfield and Fort St. Privat on outskirts of Metz. Other elements of 11th Inf, attacking from high ground between Marly and Magny, are halted by enemy fire from RR yard at Metz and from Fort St. Privat. To the SE, 10th Inf clears remainder of Bois de l'Hopital and takes town of Chesny; other elements on N flank clear Seille R. bend directly S of Metz and take town of Marly. Second Inf attacks Sorbey Forts, 1 mile W of Sanry-sur-Nied, after heavy arty preparatory fire.

XIII Corps Enemy road blocks, mine fields, and other obstacles, covered by SA and AT fire, reinforce resistance along Corps front. From N to S, chief enemy elements that have been contacted are 17th SS Pz Gren Div, 48th Inf Div, 21st Pz Div, 11th Pz Div, 36th Inf Div, 361st Inf Div,

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and elements of 553d Inf Div. Sixth Armd Div is counter-attacked at Landroff at 0200 and fighting continues 2 hrs. Eightieth Div, continuing its drive to NE, supported on the L by CCB, 6th Armd Div, and on the R by CCA, is likewise counterattacked in Thonville-Eincheville-Landroff area. CCB of 4th Armd Div and 134th Inf, 35th Div, clear Morhange, fighting their way to RR NE of town before dark; 134th also takes Racrange, 1 mile E. CCA is counterattacked in morning at Guebling, which has been under enemy arty and tank fire all night, and elements approaching Bourgalstroff are forced to withdraw before intense enemy arty fire. Beyond the SW end of the Forest de Bride et de Koecking, troops of 26th Div meet no resistance in occupying villages of Haraucourt-sur-Seille and Marsal.

Fourteen P-47s of XIX TAC drop 3.5 tons of bombs. Planes bomb enemy convoy SE of Thionville and attack marshaling yards at Merzig.

16 U.S. NINTH ARMY

When joint offensive with U.S. First Army is launched at 1245, Ninth Army front line extends from vicinity of Geilenkirchen in the N to Wuerselen in the S.

XIII Corps Elements of 102d Div make slight advance in area SE of Geilenkirchen in order to maintain contact with 406th Inf as latter, attached to 2d Armd Div (XIX Corps), approaches Immendorf.

XIX Corps Starting at 1100, fighter bombers attack towns which are initial objectives of Corps attack; medium and heavy bombers hit communication centers such as Luerken, Aldenhoven, Linnich, and Juelich. Div and Corps arty commence heavy firing after attack is under way. Twenty-ninth Div, 30th Div, and CCB of 2d Armd Div jump off at 1245. Good progress is made in first two hours. CCB advances almost 2 miles NE, seizing Immendorf, Floverich, Loverich, and Puffendorf. No enemy tanks are encountered and enemy arty is less intense than was expected. Fire of emplaced enemy AT guns holds up a TF near A. however, and heavy counterattack is launched from the N. CCB settles for the night on high ground between

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Apweiler and Puffendorf. Twenty-ninth Div passes Bettendorf and meets bitter resistance near Siersdorf, which is attacked by elements of both the 115th and 175th Regts. Thirtieth Div, with RCT 335 attached, finds strong resistance on R flank but on L flank advances over a mile E to capture Euchen and Mariadorf, the latter 3 miles SW of Siersdorf. Five hundred yards are gained in stoutly defended Wuerselen, 4 miles NE of Aachen, and an enemy counterattack S of Wuerselen is broken up by arty fire. Bag of 900 prisoners taken on first day of Corps offensive.

Three heavy air missions are flown over Ninth and First Army zones in Operation "Q" preceding the attack. Eighth Air Force, the RAF, the 9th BD, XXIX TAC and IX TAC all participate in saturation bombing of enemy supply and communication centers and assembly points in Roer R. valley and towns E of line of departure. Aldenhoven and Juelich are chief targets for medium and heavy bombers in Ninth Army zone. Total of 469 planes of RAF Bomber Command drops 1,945.6 tons on Juelich at about 1530. Medium bombers hit Linnich, too, but do not carry out Aldenhoven mission. Ground forces are given close support by 12 sqs of fighter bombers from XXIX TAC. Thirty-six P-47s drop 7½ tons of GP bombs and 40 napalm in Siersdorf area; 22 P-47s drop 9½ tons on Mariadorf, Warden, and vicinity, with no results observed; 36 P-47s hit Immendorf, Loverich, and Floverich with total of 10½ tons of bombs, starting fires. Due to weather, targets of opportunity receive 12 tons of bombs from 35 P-47s briefed for towns of Gereonsweiler and Ederen. Sorties of XXIX TAC in this army zone total 124.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

In conjunction with U.S. Ninth Army, First Army launches large-scale attack beginning Roer R. offensive, or OPERATION QUEEN. Both Allied and enemy forces have by now amassed quantities of arty. Weather improves sufficiently to permit necessary air support. Heavy air bombardment is begun at 1145, utilizing marking scheme involving white and colored panel markers, a line of RAF captive balloons flown behind the front lines, and red shell bursts at specified heights above the balloons.

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VII Corps Corps attacks at 1245 toward Dueren and Cologne, with 104th Div, 3d Armd Div, 1st Div, and 4th Div in that order from L to R across front extending from vicinity of Verlautenheide-Haaren through forested area to vicinity of Huertgen. Immediate objective is to seize Roer R. crossings. Enemy resistance is rather light immediately following air attack but stiffens after 1500; field fortifications in this zone are manned by German 3d Pz Gren Div, 12th Inf Div, and elements of 246th and 275th Inf Divs. The 104th Div encounters mine fields on L flank in Verlautenheide area but makes progress in Stolberg area, capturing Duffenter. Enemy on Hill 287, E of Duffenter, repels repeated assaults. Third Armd Div makes extensive use of tanks and assault guns in arty role, both in preparation for the attack and later for neutralizing area targets and for harassing and interdictory fire. CCB secures Kottenich (N of Gressenich), pushes through Werth, 3 miles E of Stolberg, and faces S outskirts of Hastenrath. Extensive mine fields found near Werth. First Div attacks NE toward Langerwehe, at NW tip of forest area, fighting from house to house in Gressenich and at edge of Hamich, and progressing slowly in woods NE of Schevenhuetten. SW of Schevenhuetten, mine fields and 3 rows of concertina wire slow up advance. About 1800 rockets are fired in support of 1st Div by 18th FA Bn. SE of Schevenhuetten, 4th Div makes slow progress against mine fields, wire, and dug-in positions in dense woods, with Huertgen, Kleinhau, and commanding ground in Wenau Forest as objectives of its attack.

V Corps Enemy arty fire hitherto intense in Huertgen-Vossenack area is reduced to light harassing fire as offensive in N of Army zone gains momentum.

Operation "Q" is largest scale close support effort ever flown by Allied air forces. U.S. planes, alone, drop thousands of tons of bombs on German fortified towns, strongpoints, field batteries, and anti-aircraft guns in the path of the attacking Allied Armies E and N of Aachen, concentrating particularly upon Eschweiler, Rohe, Bergrath, and Langerwehe-Juengersdorf area to destroy field fortifications and personnel. Total of 713 heavy bombers of 8th AF drop 2,351.4 tons in vicinity of Eschweiler and 478 more drop 1,521.5 tons in Dueren area. A fighter gp claims 8 locomotives and 3 trucks destroyed in strafing attack E of Dueren region. 11th AF 48th AF bombers

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16 drops 2,713.2 tons on Dueren at about 1530, destroying center of city, damaging marshaling yards, and rendering roads impassable. Eighty medium bombers of 9th BD drop 79 tons of fragmentation bombs and 60 tons of GP bombs in Echtz and Luchem defended areas NW of Dueren. Fighter bombers of IX TAC bomb targets for 1st and 4th Divs and provide armed recon and close support for all divs. Total of 136 P-38s and 60 P-47s dive-bomb Huertgen and gun emplacements at Stolberg, as well as special targets in vicinity. Total of 16½ tons of bombs dropped on cities of Gey, Heistern, and Juelich, and point near Widdendorf. Twelve P-47s of XXIX TAC drop 3½ tons on Euskirchen and claim one rail cut.

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XX Corps Third Cav Gp pushes forward in area SE of Basse Kontz and establishes strong positions in Evendorff, Kirsch, and Sierck. The 358th Inf, 90th Div, captures Inglinge, 4½ miles S of Koenigsmacker, and sends patrols S to Metzervisse, which is found strongly defended. This regt attacks Metzervisse in the afternoon and entire enemy garrison is killed or captured before dark. To the NE, SP 155-mm. rifles and 8-inch howitzers work systematically on Hackenberg fortifications, silencing the enemy guns. Buding and Helling, E of Fort Hackenberg, are taken. W of Metzervisse, cav elements occupy Stuckange and Reinange. CCB of 10th Armd Div continues to strike E from 90th Div positions in vicinity of Kerling, aiming at Merzig on the Saar R., 21 miles ENE of Thionville. CCA attacks in two task forces, capturing Ste. Marguerite and Laumesfeld, 3½ and 5 miles SE of Kerling respectively.

Responsibility for Thionville bridgehead passes from 95th to 90th Div. TF Bacon (95th Div) jumps off from Imeldange at 0700 and clears Guenange, Bousse, Ay-sur-Moselle, and other towns, covering almost half the distance from Uckange to Metz. N and NW of Metz, several strong forts are under heavy siege and two are completely surrounded. S of Feves and E of Amanvillers, 378th Inf, 95th Div, contains Canrobert group of forts and clears Norroy, le Veneur, Plesnois, Saulney, and div objectives of Lorry and Vigneulles. Woippy, nerve center of northern Metz defenses, is cleared by 377th Inf. Two miles NE of Woippy, other elements of 377th attacking Fort Gambetta, near La Maxe, are repulsed with severe casualties. The 379th Inf makes little progress in

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assault of Fort Jeanne d'Arc, and the rifle cos isolated near Jussy fight off recurring counterattacks, but German resistance in the fortified salient as a whole begins to crumble as Corps commences closing in on Metz from the E.

Tenth Inf, 5th Div, takes town of Peltre, $\frac{1}{2}$ mile N of Bois de l'Hopital, and a fort that was still holding out at Chesney. Eleventh Inf attacks toward St. Privat suburb, driving forward up main road into Metz.

XII Corps Only minor advances made as Corps units re-group. Elements of CCA clear Bois de Thonville and proceed NE to Chemery, Adelange, and Boustroff. In adjoining Eincheville area to the S, 80th Div follows up 6th Armd Div gains through Eincheville to town of Viller, 2 miles E. Northern units of 35th Div reach vicinity of Harprich, 3 miles NE of Baronville and 2 miles E of Landroff. Elements of 26th Div are advancing E of Forest de Bride et de Koecking to vicinity N of Dieuze. Second Cav Gp relieves 101st Inf, 26th Div, along Corps S boundary from Moncourt to Dieuze, occupying Blanche Eglise, Juvelize, Lezey, and Ley.

XIX TAC flies 87 successful sorties and drops about 30 tons of bombs, using also napalm and rockets. Low clouds hamper observation. Rail lines and traffic near Nohfelden and town of Faulquemont are hit. Marshaling yards and town of Steinbourg are bombed by 14 P-47s on armed run. Two planes and one pilot lost.

17 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps Tank losses are heavy as CCB of 2d Armd Div battles estimated 45 Mark V and Mark VI tanks during counterattack by German 9th Pz Div in N of Corps sector, vicinity of Puffendorf and Immendorf. Second Armd Div captures over 500 PWs and knocks out 17 enemy tanks. Twenty-ninth Div elements are near the Siersdorf-Schleiden road, but Siersdorf is still held by enemy troops. Attacking toward Setterich from W and SW, 29th Div units meet heavy opposition all the way. Heavy automatic fire is met from all enemy held towns. Thirtieth Div progresses in clearing heavily built up

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area on S side of Corps zone, seizing section SW of Broich, a large portion of Wuerselen, and Hoengen. SA, automatic, and mortar fire is heavy and mines and booby traps abound. Other elements advance SE through Weiden.

Poor visibility at bases prevents general air support. Wickrath, SW of Rheydt, Schleiden, and Rohe are bombed and strafed by 27 P-47s, which also knock out 6 gun positions. Flights of fighter-bomber groups provide column cover for 2d Armd Div elements. Twenty-four P-47s attack and destroy town of Freialdenhoven. Eight P-47s hit Gereonsweiler with $3\frac{1}{2}$ tons of bombs. Sorties of XXIX TAC total 77.

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VII Corps Attack resumed at 0800. Stiff resistance faced by 104th Div, which captures 10 pillboxes in Verlautenheide area and continues to mop up in Stolberg, where enemy still holds out in buildings. On Div R flank, Hill 287 is encircled but not yet captured. Although encountering mine fields and strong anti-tank fire, 3d Armd Div makes good gains around Hastenrath and enters Scherpenseel, to the NE. Directly to the S, 47th RCT finds less resistance and by noon occupies Gressenich, 3 miles E of Stolberg. First Div contains counterattack near Hamich, 1 mile NE of Gressenich, and is fighting from house to house there at end of day. Schevenhuetten, 1 mile SE of Gressenich, is hard hit by enemy arty. Progress of 4th Div in Huertgen Forest impeded by dense woods, road blocks, barbed wire, mines, booby traps, and heavy mortar and arty fire. Eighth Inf elements blow a path through the barbed wire for a slight advance.

Thirty-one P-47s of IX TAC support 104th Div by bombing woods S of Eschweiler and attacking mortar position W of city; 1 locomotive claimed. Sixty P-47s support 4th Div by bombing Huertgen, Kleinbau, and Edern, and strafing Gey.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Enemy's delaying actions become progressively disorganized and many prisoners are taken. Resistance in Metz area is sporadic, but is still strong along Fort Driant-Fort Jeanne d'Arc line of forts. Heavy harassing and interdiction arty fires are placed on all of enemy's

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escape routes from the city.

On Corps N flank, troops of 3d Cav Sq cross German border in morning and seize Maimuhle and Perl; later, they enter Merschweiler, farther E but on French side of border. Fighting engagements with German delaying parties, CCB clears Kaltviller and seizes Kirschnaumen, 4 miles E of Kerling. CCA attacks SE from Ste. Marguerite with strong arty support, taking Monneren and Monskirch; other elements of CCA attack from Laumefeld and capture Bibiche, which has been bombarded by sq of fighter bombers. Ninetieth Div forces on W of ridge between Maginot forts keep pace with the armor and capture Metzeresche, 1½ miles SE of Metzervisse, against light resistance. NE of Metzeresche, Kodange is taken and an enemy strongpoint at Klang is reduced by coordinated inf-tank attack, enemy fleeing NE toward Kemplich.

TF Bacon continues to blast its way S in a powerful drive down the E side of the Moselle, through Ennery, Antilly, Malroy, and Chieulles. Canrobert Forts, NW of Metz, are cleared by 378th Inf, 95th Div. The 377th Inf launches attack into N suburbs of Metz.

During night, elements of 11th Inf on 5th Div L flank move into Jouy-aux-Arches, prepared to attack up Jouy road into Metz from the SW. Tenth Inf takes Grigy, commanding an escape route on E side of Metz, as well as town of Magny, directly S of city. Elements of 2d Inf are relieved along Nied R. in vicinity of Ancerville by 6th Armd Div (XII Corps) and prepare to move to Pontoy, 2½ miles SE of Bois de l'Hopital.

XII Corps Regrouping continues, accompanied by consolidation of positions and preparation for future operations. On Corps N flank, 6th Armd Div is relieved by 80th Div, except in Ancerville-Adaincourt area where gap between 80th Div and 5th Div (XX Corps) is outposted by Res Cond of 6th Armd.

Haguenau supply depot is bombed with good results by 30 A-20s of 9th BD which drop 27.5 tons of bombs. XIX TAC flies 20 missions totalling 317 sorties in corps support, armed rcn, and attacks on enemy airdromes. Napalm and leaflet bombs dropped, rockets fired, and over 78 tons of HE bombs expended. Thirty P-47s which destroy 15 enemy planes (HE-111s) on ground at Zellhausen airdrome also destroy an oil dump and 10 locomotives. Ninety-three P-47s support 10th Armd Div by attacks on Waldwisse, Merzig, and Silwingen; claims include

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30 MT, 1 locomotive, 5 RR cars, 22 gun positions, and damage to 9 tanks. Total of 86 P-47s supporting 6th Armd Div bomb and strafe Guessling, Hemering, Biströff, Hellimer, Ernestviller, Munster, Drulingen, Berthelming, St. Avoird, and Ste. Barbe; claims include 79 MT, 8 buildings, 14 HDV, 4 RR cars, 6 AV, and damage to 13 gun positions. Total of 109 P-47s on armed recon missions strike at marshaling yards at Saarlautern, E. Kaiserslautern, E. Neunkirchen, Blieskastel, and at RR and roads in vicinity of Achern, Landau, Rastatt, and Bruchsel. Group shooting up roads and rails is jumped by 50-odd ME-109s near Rastatt and N of Achern; total of 3-0-0 claimed for loss of 1 Mustang. Total of 32 locomotives and 211 RR cars destroyed or damaged by XIX TAC aircraft. Large explosions caused in Kaiserslautern and Neunkirchen marshaling yards. Eight P-61s on night patrol strafe Zweibrücken-Bitchie road, Neunkirchen, Bouzonville, and Baumholder.

18 U.S. NINTH ARMY

German 9th Pz Div fights back stubbornly, launching further counterattacks supported by tanks. Enemy resistance especially stiff in N of Army zone.

XIII Corps RCT 405, 102d Div, is relieved from front line and gives fire support to elements of 84th Div (attached to Br. III Corps) attacking through it toward SE section of Geilenkirchen.

XIX Corps Fifteen enemy planes bomb and strafe in Corps sector. Assisted by 406th Inf (102d Div), CCB of 2d Armd Div repulses counterattack in the morning and captures Apweiler, 1 mile E of Immendorf, in the afternoon. Enemy begins to give way along 29th Div front, where Siersdorf is cleared of organized resistance and half of Setterich is seized. Thirtieth Div completes occupation of Wuerselen, advances through Broich and Weiden to edge of Kinzweiler, and captures Warden, 7½ miles NE of Aachen, after twice withdrawing because of enemy's strong resistance. Contact is established with 104th Div (VII Corps, First Army) SE of Wuerselen.

Thirty-two medium bombers of 9th BD drop 98.25 tons of bombs on Duerwiss, defended town N of Eschweiler, with excellent

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results. XXIX TAC flies over 350 sorties. Ninety-four P-47s protect 2d Armd Div columns, dropping 36 tons of bombs on enemy tanks, trenches, gun positions, AV, MT, and towns, including Titz, Gereonsweiler, Bourheim, Apweiler, Wetz, and Siersdorf, starting numerous fire. Eleven P-47s drop 3½ tons on Eschweiler and Aldenhoven. Thirty-seven P-47s furnishing ground cover in XIX Corps sector bomb and strafe trenches and foxholes in Juelich area and destroy 7 bldgs at Puetzdorf, S of Aldenhoven, dropping total of 6 tons of bombs. Eleven P-47s on armed rcn drop 3½ tons on woods W of Elsdorf. Twenty-four P-47s bomb Aldenhoven and Juelich with 12 tons, causing many fires and explosions. Sixty-seven 75-gal. napalm bombs dropped by 36 P-47s in NE of 9th Army zone, starting fires in Grevenbroich. Thirty-two P-47s on armed rcn drop 10.75 tons on town and marshaling yard of Erkelenz, causing big explosion and fires. Eleven P-47s drop 5½ tons of GP bombs and 8 napalm on Linnich, causing many fires. Twelve P-47s drop 2 tons on Apweiler, destroying about a dozen bldgs. Forty-six P-47s effect 12 rail cuts and destroy bridge and 31 RR cars in area E of Dortmund and N of Siegen.

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Div Artilleries break up several enemy counterattacks, giving continuous support with many counterbattery and close support missions.

VII Corps Clear weather enables IX TAC to furnish almost continuous air support to 104th, 1st, and 4th Divs, elements of which attack at 0800. Aided by close air support, 104th Div gains 1 mile in woods between Duffenter and Eschweiler, taking Hill 287, and to the W patrols of 104th reach RR running from Stolberg to Weiden and Wuerselen. During night of 18--19, a bn of 414th Inf advances 1,000 yards through enemy defensive positions without drawing fire. Under heavy arty and mortar fire, 3d Armd consolidates positions in Werth, Hastenrath and Scherpenseel, repulsing counterattacks between latter two villages. At Hamich, 1 mile NE of Gressenich, enemy counterattacks strongly during evening and is repulsed by 16th Inf, 1st Div. German 116th Pz Div takes heavy losses in tanks and personnel. Control of woods E of Gressenich established. 1st Div, 1st Pz FA Bn fires another mission with 100mm howitzers and 150mm launchers moved into Gressenich.

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8th Inf of 4th Div pushes 1,000 yards E in direction of Grosshau. Fighting continues so intense that daily requisitions for replacements for 4th Div units are necessary. Mines, booby traps, and tree bursts from German arty and mortar fire keep battle casualties high. Lack of overshoes for replacements results in many cases of trench foot.

Thirty-two B-26s of 9th BD unload 64.53 tons on Echtz strongpoint NW of Dueren with fair to excellent results. Thirty-three B-26s drop 129.86 tons on Weisweiler with good results. Defended town of Duerwiss receives 98.25 tons from 69 A-20s, village of Gey 41 tons from 22 B-26s.

IX TAC assists 104th, 1st, and 4th Divs with a gp of fighter bombers on armed rcn in support of each div. In two missions E of Hagen-Bonn line 34 P-38s bomb RR targets in Ludenscheid-Siegen-Siegburg triangle. Patrol and cover missions uneventful. The three large gps of P-47s bomb and strafe enemy positions in fields, woods, and defended villages. Huertgen is attacked 3 times. XXIX TAC P-47s bomb gun positions between Roer R. and Zulpich with 8 500-lb. bombs and claim 2 guns and 1 bldg.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

Thirty-one enemy aircraft make 19 raids in Army area. AA units claim 7 downed and 8 probably destroyed.

XX Corps Fighting towards the tip of the Metz-Saarburg-Saarbruecken triangle, 3d Cav Sq attacks Schneeberg Hill, heavily reinforced position dominating area S of Borg. After hour's battle, high ground commanding Eft, on the R, is captured. On the L, in drives paralleling the Moselle R. northward, town of Besch is reached and Wochern, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles E of Besch, is entered. Entire 3d Cav Rcn Sq closes into Germany by nightfall. On its R, 43d Cav Rcn Sq reduces resistance in Manderen, Ritzing, and Tunting, on the French side of the border. Tenth Armd Div continues to precede 90th Div, which mops up in its rear. CCB secures Obernaumen and Halstroff, beyond Kirschnaumen. As one armd TF of CCA enters Waldweistroff, another attacks to SW until stopped by blown bridge at outskirts of Bouzonville. It is apparent that bulk of enemy has withdrawn toward Saar R.

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In pursuit of withdrawing enemy forces, 359th Inf, 90th Div, thrusts through Aboncourt and St. Hubert, then SE to Pontigny, on Metz-Boulay highway, advancing so rapidly that bridges and overpasses prepared by the enemy for demolition are seized intact. At dark a bn of 359th crosses Nied R. and seizes Conde-Northen road junction to SW, where it holds favorable position for intercepting and destroying German columns attempting to escape from Metz area. Farther N, in a similar maneuver, elements of 357th Inf move rapidly SE to vicinity of Bockange and Ebersviller, E of which AT ditches, mines, and craters block routes to Nied R. SE of Metzeresche, 358th Inf clears Bois de Luttange and 90th Rcn Troop rolls through Luttange and Vigy; latter destroys with its AT and TD guns an enemy motorized column and during night captures 500 prisoners from additional enemy columns in vicinity of Avancy, 7 miles NE of Metz. TF Bacon (95th Div) takes St. Julien-les-Metz, 2 miles NE of Metz, capturing Fort St. Julien after half day's battle. Ft. Plappeville, directly NW of Metz, holds out against attacking forces of 378th Inf. SW of Metz, 379th Inf has got behind the fortified outer belt and is attacking toward the Moselle. Contact is made with elements that were isolated NW of Vaux. The 377th Inf crosses only remaining bridge over Hafen Canal and clears enemy from island formed by this canal and the Moselle, taking about 250 PWs. Before dawn of this day, Germans blew Moselle R. bridges in Metz, abandoning troops still garrisoning Forts Driant, Jeanne d'Arc, Plappeville, St. Quentin, and other fortifications W of the Moselle.

Eleventh Inf of 5th Div attacks N at 0800 along Jouy road to the R of the Moselle R. and becomes engaged in heavy house-to-house fighting in outer Metz. Tenth Inf takes town of Borny astride road leading E out of Metz. Elements of 2d Inf move N from Pontoy area to a line of departure W of Fort la Marne, near Peltre. Other units advancing N on R flank assault Fort la Marne, which surrenders without firing a shot, and before dark occupy Ars-Laquenexy, 4 miles E of southern outskirts of Metz.

XII Corps Weather greatly improved. Rcn reports enemy withdrawing N and NE along Corps front, with screening forces giving ground upon contact. GCB, 6th Arm Div, moves to Morhange, preparing to spearhead advance of 35th

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Div to NE and E. Eightieth Div receives harassing arty and mortar fire. Bn of 319th Inf attacks E in afternoon and holds line through S portion of Bois de Guesling, directly NE of Viller. After 78-minute arty preparation, 35th Div attacks at 0800 from positions along RR NE of Morhange, some elements reaching Bermering and area NE of Vallerange, while those farther N enter towns of Harprich, Viller, Bening, Berig-Vintrange, and Bistroff. After 1-hour arty preparation, 26th Div takes Bourgaltroff-Bedestroff area against only moderate resistance. Other Div elements are located N of Benestroff woods and in woods between Rodalbe and Conthil. Enemy SA fire fairly heavy. Benestroff woods are thickly sown with enemy antitank and antipersonnel mines.

Thirty B-26s and 3 A-20s of 9th BD place 40 tons on Breisach RR bridge and 10 tons on Gebweiler. Thirty-one B-26s bomb Neuenburg RR bridge with 59.5 tons. Thirty-two B-26s drop 64 tons on RR facilities in and near Nohfelden. Total of 61 B-26s drop 121.82 tons on Reichenbach barracks area SE of Baumholder.

XIX TAC flies total of 359 sorties. Eighty-four P-47s support 10th Armd Div with attacks which destroy 10 MT, 4 RR cars, 5 bldgs, a tank, a locomotive, and 12 horse-drawn vehicles. One hundred and four P-47s supporting 35th and 26th Divs drop GP and fragmentation bombs and napalm on variety of targets near Leinungen, St. Jean-Rohrbach, Laning, Koerperhoff, Faulquemont, Dieuze, Sarreguemines, Kaiserslautern, and St. Wendel, chalking up claims of 133 MT destroyed and 166 damaged, 25 RR cars destroyed and 55 damaged, 39 locomotives destroyed, 26 HDV destroyed, 5 tanks and 5 guns destroyed. Three sqs fly 9 combat missions in XII Corps zone, successfully attacking large enemy convoys heading E and NE toward Saar R., troop concentrations, arty positions, and fortifications. Sq jumped by 40-50 ME-109s near Dieuze claims 1-0-1 for loss of 1 P-47. Total of 134 P-47s and 12 P-61s on rcn missions bomb and strafe RR targets and MT convoys in vicinity of Strasbourg, Saarbruecken, Saarlautern, Neunkirchen, Kaiserslautern, Saverne, Haguenau, Gruenstadt, Hermeskeil, Oberstein, and Borny; report destruction of 176 RR cars--105 damaged, 27 locomotives, 8 tanks, 10 guns, and 12 MT. Sq of P-47s also bombs Fort des Bordes and Montoy-Flanville and strafes roads leading E from Metz.

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The three Tactical Air Commands of Twelfth Army Group report record total of 600 RR cars destroyed or damaged as large enemy rail movement takes place in Rhine area.

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XIII Corps RCT 405 of 102d Div is attached to 84th Div (with Br. XXX Corps), as a reserve force.

XIX Corps Enemy loses 9 tanks in attempt of 9th Pz Div elements to recapture Apweiler from CCB of 2d Armd Div. Twenty-ninth Div takes Setterich and strongly defended AT ditch E of it. CCA is committed in afternoon, attacking E in two columns jumping off from Setterich and Puffendorf. Both columns cross AT ditch E of town and column on R advances to outskirts of Freialdenhoven. Many AT mines discovered SW of Duerboslar-Puffendorf road. Boundary of 29th Inf and 2d Armd Divs is moved S of Setterich. In the afternoon, 29th Div captures Duerboslar, 1 mile NW of Aldenhoven, and Schleiden, 2 miles SW of Aldenhoven on Aachen-Cologne highway. Capture of Schleiden is aided by supporting fire from Bettendorf and Siersdorf. Fighting continues in Niedermerz, 1 mile SW of Aldenhoven. Thirtieth Div clears Weiden and Vorweiden and takes Kinzweiler and St. Joris, 2 miles NW of Eschweiler, assisted by supporting fire from two near-by towns.

Ninth BD attacks Baal road and rail junction with 24 tons of bombs dropped by 24 A-20s. Majority of XXIX TAC missions are against the small towns which enemy has made into strong-points. Column cover is provided 2d Armd Div by 110 P-47s which place 43 tons of bombs on targets that include Gereonsweiler, Duerboslar, Engelsdorf, Ederen, Welz, Aldenhoven, Puffendorf, Tetz, Guesten, and dam at Ralshoven--NE of Linnich; claims include 7 MT, 1 locomotive, 19 bldgs, 4 highway cuts, and 2 ponton bridges. Four P-47s destroy 2 ponton bridges near Juelich. Thirty-six P-47s drop total of 11 tons on Aldenhoven and Juelich. Forty P-47s make 6 rail cuts and destroy 4 RR cars in Lippstadt area. Eighty-three P-47s provide cover for XIX Corps columns, placing total of 27.25 tons on targets at Hehlrath, Bruhl, Niedermerz, Puetzdorf, and Aldenhoven. One plane lost in combat.

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19 with ME-109s over Erkelenz area. Twenty-five P-47s drop 25
 Cont 75-gal. containers of napalm on point near Freialdenhoven,
 setting large fires. Thirty-six P-47s on armed run. destroy
 55 RR cars and a locomotive near Grevenbroich. Approximately
 300 sorties made in all.

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VII Corps Patrols of 104th Div reach outskirts of
 Eschweiler. Stubborn house-to-house fighting continues
 in northern Stolberg. Enemy again counterattacks vigorously
 into Hamich and N of town. RCT 16 of 1st Div clears
 Hamich and is partially relieved by RCT 47, which passes
 through this area and strikes to N. Third Armd Div mops
 up in Hastenrath and Scherpenseel. First Div reaches
 Wenau, 1 mile NE of Hamich, and in center of sector drives
 deep into woods to seize and hold commanding ground between
 Heistern and Merode. On Corps R flank, extensive mine
 fields, wire entanglements, and deep mud in thickly wooded
 area keep progress to NE and E almost at standstill.

V Corps Exchange of sectors between 28th Div and 8th Div
 (VIII Corps) is completed; 28th Div passes to control of
 VIII Corps and 8th Div to control of V Corps. Light
 casualties suffered from mortar and arty fire in Huertgen
 Forest. CCR of 5th Armd Div is attached to 8th Div at
 midnight.

Fifty-nine B-26s of 9th BD bomb Schlich and Guerzenich,
 defended villages W of Dueren, achieving good to excellent
 results with over 100 tons of bombs. Defended locality at
 Merode and strongpoint at Meriaweller successfully bombed by
 total of 51 B-26s dropping approximately 95 tons. Five B-26s
 drop 20 1,000-lb. bombs on Neuwied RR bridge.

IX TAC sq of P-38s in fighter sweep W of Cologne and
 Coblenz attacks about 25 FW-190s and claims 7-2-3 enemy planes
 in dogfight S of Dueren. Seventy-eight P-47s support 4th Div
 with ground force cover and bomb targets with over 25 tons.
 Four P-47s drop 2 tons on outskirts of Dueren by radar. RR
 targets bombed in vicinity of Haiger by P-47s on armed run E
 of Siegburg.

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XX Corps Enemy disorganization increases; no tactical control above co level evident. Though major forts dominating Metz remain in enemy hands, street fighting has begun in Metz itself. Progress in the N of Corps zone is delayed by line of enemy pillboxes and deep AT ditches that cuts the tip of the Saar-Moselle triangle from vicinity of Orscholz to Besch, stopping 3d Cav Rcn Sq beyond Tettingen. To the R, 43d Cav Rcn Sq attacks with light tanks through towns of Buschdorf and Tunsdorf. CCB of 10th Armd Div takes Flastroff and Schwerdorff, Remeling and Launstroff. Elements E of Launstroff are stopped by tank defenses $\frac{1}{2}$ mile inside German border and are ordered to consolidate their position along the border, SW of Merzig. CCA crosses Nied R. and captures Bouzonville, 17 miles E of Uckange, then is directed to withdraw and is ordered N to crack the switch line fortifications of the Siegfried Line that extend from the Saar to the Moselle--from vicinity of Merzig to vicinity of Remich. CCR commences relief of CCA W of Nied in Bouzonville area. Units of 357th Inf, 90th Div, striking SE below 10th Armd Div, pass through Guirlange, Hincange, and Brecklange, moving into position for an attack on Boulay, across the Nied R. Early in morning, 359th Inf, turning W from Pontigny in surprise attack, captures les Etangs, plugging another escape route E from Metz. More enemy columns withdrawing E are trapped and destroyed by arty and by fighter bombers. Encirclement of Metz is practically completed as elements of 10th Inf, 5th Div, which captures Fort des Bordes, contact TF Bacon, 95th Div, near Vallieres, immediately NE of Metz, while, 5 miles directly E, 90th Rcn Troop meets elements of 735th Tank Bn, attached to 5th Div, at Vaudreville. In past 11 days, 90th Div has advanced 20 miles down the Maginot Line and taken a total of 2,100 PWs. RCT 358 is attached to 10th Armd Div.

Snipers and MG emplaced in barracks area NW of Metz offer stubborn resistance to 377th Inf, 95th Div, forces entering city from direction of Sansonnet. Elements of this unit cross the Moselle in assault boats at 1330. TF Bacon finds an intact bridge across Seille R. and moves in from NE to clear a portion of northern section of city. Bn of 378th Inf crosses Moselle under constant arty fire from Ft. Driant on the S and MG and high velocity fire from Fort St. Quentin on the E. It closes in on Island of Symphorien, between river and Metz.

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Canal, then continues across canal to clear 3 city blocks.

Fifth Div forces attacking Metz from the SE reach RR tracks, their objective, where they wait to make contact with 95th Div units who have mission of cleaning out the heart of the city. Div forces E of the city take Vaudreville and Lauvalliere, moving N into 95th Div territory. A smoke mission is fired at Magny to deny observation to enemy at Fort Queuleu.

XII Corps Numerous tanks, some dug in, support strong-points and road blocks of enemy's delaying system. Eightieth Div gains rapidly to N, towards German Nied R., meeting scattered arty and light SA fire. Elements of 35th Div in cooperation with TF 1, CCB, 6th Armd Div, occupy Bertring and Gros Tenquin, 5 miles NE of Morange, after overcoming heavy resistance along an AT ditch W of Bertring. CCA of 4th Armd Div seizes Rodalbe and approaches Virming in the face of enemy mortar and rocket fire. Engrs remove more than 900 mines in vicinity of Rodalbe. Virming is taken at 1800. Advance tank-inf team of 4th Armd Div at Francaltroff, 2½ miles NE of Virming, is subjected to direct fire of 88s and indirect fire from medium arty. Elements of 26th Div occupy Benestroff and clear Bois de Marimont, 1½ miles SE. Troops fighting in Marimont les Benestroff are driven back temporarily by heavy mortar and arty fire, but town is secured at 1940. Farther S, 26th Div and 4th Armd Div open attack on Dieuze, important communication center 9 miles E of Chateau Salins, and occupy villages N of it. Road leading from Mulcey to Dieuze is under constant enemy fire, but enemy is slowly withdrawing from front of 2d Cav Gp. Throughout S of Corps zone enemy has withdrawn bulk of forces during night.

Forty-seven A-26s and 114 B-26s of 9th BD drop total of 258.8 tons of bombs on Merzig. Total of 104 A-20s bomb Zabern (Saverne) storage depot with 600 500-lb. bombs. Thirty-six B-26s drop 72 tons on Neuenburg RR bridge. Weather prevents effective attack on Landau and Pirmasens ordnance depots; 23.75 tons of bombs dropped at Pirmasens with unobserved results. Five A-26s and one A-20 hit cluster of bldgs in oil district N of Haguenau Forest with 5½ tons of bombs.

XIX TAC flies 403 sorties on armed rqn, corps support, and IX Bombardment Division escort. Ten aircraft lost. Sixty B-26s strike enemy convoys in Trier, Saarbruecken,

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Sarrebourg area and start numerous fires. Total of 157 P-47s, furnishing ground cover for XX Corps, knock out 24 gun positions and also destroy 62 MT, 23 RR cars, 10 locomotives, and 14 bldgs. One hundred and thirty P-47s on armed run in Trier-Saarbruecken area destroy 131 MT, 127 RR cars (169 damaged), 24 locomotives, 15 gun positions, tunnel S of Oberstein, 10 AV, and 3 bldgs. Sixty-five P-47s supply ground forces cover for XII Corps, starting fires in Puttelange and Erstroff and destroying 56 MT and 4 locomotives. Thirty-five P-51s attack marshaling yards at Homburg, Sarreguemines, and Bitché, destroying 13 locomotives and 2 RR cars, damaging 126 cars, and effecting 7 rail cuts. Sq. of P-47s bombs and strafes vicinity of Fort St. Privat and SW portion of Metz.

Again over 600 RR cars reported damaged or destroyed by the three Tactical Air Commands altogether.

20 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps Bad weather sets in. Second Armd Div employs 5 assault forces in attacks toward Gereonsweiler, Ederen, and Freialdenhoven. Attacking N above Puffendorf, CCB captures Gereonsweiler, 2 miles SW of Linnich, at 1400. In advance to E, CCA encounters extensive mine fields and heavy AT and tank fire, but overrruns Freialdenhoven and seizes Ederen, 1 mile N, after heavy fighting. Twenty-ninth Div advances 2 miles E, attacking Aldenhoven, occupying Niedermerz, 4 miles N of Eschweiler, and repulsing enemy counterattack supported by 20-30 tanks. Thirtieth Div consolidates its positions in Wuerselen-Hoengen-Hehlrath triangle. On its R flank, 17th Cav Sq, attached, maintains contact with 104th Div, VII Corps.

Twelve P-47s of XXIX TAC drop 23 napalm bombs, destroying 20 bldgs at Aldenhoven. Twelve planes hit Erberich with 4 tons of bombs. Four of 73 planes on mission to Ederen are destroyed by friendly flak and eleven fail to reach target because of bad weather.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Weather worsens. Bitter fighting takes place as enemy seeks to retain high ground overlooking Roer valley from W. Elements of 104th Div, VII Corps, fighting again

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Rohe; other units advance toward Hehlrath; to the E, patrols contact 30th Div, XIX Corps (Ninth Army), near Duerwiss. Fighting continues in Eschweiler and in woods to SW. On R flank, 104th Div pinches out CCA of 3d Armd Div in Hastenrath-Bergrath area and much of 3d Armd goes into reserve. Fighting continues in Stolberg. RCT 47, attached to 1st Div, approaches Nothberg and Huecheln, both on Aachen-Stolberg-Dueren RR line, and makes contact on L with 104th Div. Eighteenth Inf, 1st Div, attacks N astride Venau-Heistern road and starts to cross open ground toward Schoenthal. Enemy defends Heistern from house to house. Fierce fighting continues in Huertgen Forest. Fourth Div is heavily engaged and loses ground slightly. Effective midnight, VII and V Corps boundary is shifted N along edge of woods above Huertgen so the two Corps can coordinate operations to secure Huertgen-Grosshau clearing.

V Corps Enemy arty fire heavy in Vossenack area, now held by 8th Div.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps TF Polk consolidates positions in extreme N of Corps zone and probes enemy line barring advance to Saarburg--8 miles distant. During night of 20--21, CCA of 10th Armd Div moves into position behind TF Polk. To the S, coordinated operations of 90th Div and 10th Armd's CCB result in local gains to E and NE, CCB entering Germany in vicinity of Waldwisse and Wellingen. Road blocks covered by AT fire effectively delay advance on Merzig. Only small pockets of resistance remain at Metz. During afternoon, elements of 95th Div cross waterways into heart of Metz. While 95th Div is reducing forts NW of city, elements of 5th Div surround the forts to the S and E. Smoke screen is provided for Seille R. crossing in this action. During afternoon, 10th Inf takes RR yards at SE edge of city; 11th Inf mops up in W of zone.

XII Corps Enemy delaying forces give ground rapidly, leaving many road blocks, blown bridges, and mine fields behind them. Advancing 3 miles N from Chemery area, 80th Div occupies Crehange and Elvange, on the German Nied, and enters Faulquemont at 1730. At Pontpierre, 2 miles E of

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Faulquemont, 80th Div units find a bridge across the German Nied intact and proceed 3 miles farther E, across a tank ditch, to village of Lelling. Guessling-Hemering, just W of Hemering, is also taken. CCA, 6th Armd Div, prepares to move up to Hemering-Lelling area. CCA of 4th Armd Div and 320th Inf, 35th Div, occupy Francaltroff, 11 miles NNE of Dieuze. Thirty-fifth Div also occupies Erstroff, 1½ miles NW of Francaltroff, and is engaged in hard fighting in attempted drive N to Freyhouse. Advance elements of 101st Inf, 26th Div, reach Insweiler, 5 miles E of Marimont les Benestroff. Unit of the 328th Inf attacking with elements of 4th Armd Div after 15-minute arty preparation, takes city of Dieuze, and 2d Cav Gp assists in clearing it. Other elements of 328th Inf occupy Vergaville, to the NE, and capture Bidestroff, 4 miles NE of Dieuze. Lostroff, 3 miles ENE of Bidestroff, also is taken. Paralleling this advance, a strong TF of CCB, 4th Armd, proceeds from Guebestroff, just N of Dieuze, to Domnon-les-Dieuxe, 6 miles NE of Dieuze.

XIX TAC flies 60 fighter-bomber sorties. Rail targets and vehicle concentrations hit, with claims including 34 locomotives, 116 RR cars, and 22 MT. Ammunition train strafed and exploded N of Kaiserslautern. Targets include marshaling yards at Lebach, Beckingen, and Karlsruhe.

21 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps CCB, 2d Armd Div, secures Gereonsweiler area W of Linnich. CCA units repulse counterattack 2 miles SW of Linnich. Other elements of CCA reach high ground on W outskirts of Merzenhausen, 2 miles E of Freialdenhoven. Aldenhoven is secured by 29th Div early in morning and div advances against stiffening resistance toward Koslar and Bourheim, 1 and 3 miles SE of Merzenhausen, respectively. In a rapid advance E, 120th Inf, 30th Div, takes Luerken, Langweiler, Laursberg, Langendorf, and Fronhoven--the latter 3 miles NE of Eschweiler. Most of high ground W of Roer R. in Ninth Army sector has now been secured.

Fifty-five P-47s of XXIX TAC support XIX Corps and furnish cover for 2d Armd Div columns, dropping 12 tons on targets near Gereonsweiler, Kerpen, and Rommerskirchen; MT and RR cars

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21 strafed and bombed. Twelve P-47s drop 6 tons on W outskirts
Cont of Cologne, destroying 16 bldgs and an oil dump. Bombers
are escorted to Dueren area.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

Allied patrols are now within sight of Roer R., which is backed by first enemy defense belt on the Cologne plain. During past week the enemy has brought up additional divs to U.S. First Army front. Casualties heavy as difficult close fighting in woods continues.

VII Corps The 104th Div clears Rohe, continues fighting in Eschweiler, and makes some gains E of city; to the N there is house-to-house fighting in Hehlrath and Duerwiss, and former is cleared. At 0310, units of German 47th Volksgrenadier Div, supported by a Pz bn and 5 SP guns, attack 1st Div elements in Heistern, at edge of Wenau Forest 3 miles SE of Eschweiler, and withdraw only after suffering heavy casualties. First Div troops continue N of Heistern and E through the woods toward Merode. Fourth Div still contending with numerous anti-personnel and anti-tank mines and defended road blocks in difficult terrain.

V Corps With CCR of 5th Armd Div attached, 8th Div attacks NE toward Huertgen and Kleinhau at 0900 but makes no material gains against accurate mortar fire, as well as arty and SA fire.

Medium bombers of 9th AF drop 32 tons on Bergstein, 2½ miles SE of Huertgen. Fighter bombers of IX TAC make blind bombing attacks on defended towns in vicinity of Dueren. Fifteen P-47s attack group of over 60 ME-109s S of Duesseldorf; claim 10-3-3 for loss of 1.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Tenth Armd Div and 90th Div continue movement N and E. Major elements of both cross the German border near the Luxembourg frontier. CCB of 10th Armd inflicts considerable losses in repelling severe counterattack during night. Attacking N into Germany, in the midst of concrete fortifications, dragon's teeth, road blocks, AT

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ditches, and under arty, 88-mm., mortar, and SA fire, CCA captures Borg, 2 miles within boundary, and reaches Woehren on L flank. Units of 95th Div continue to exert pressure on forts W of Metz; other elements mop up inside the city. Resistance on Chambiere and Saulcy islands ceases after wounding of German CG, who refuses, however, to surrender Metz garrison. Due E of Metz, 2d Inf of 5th Div blocks enemy withdrawal from city; S of Metz, 11th Inf contains Verdun forts and Fort St. Privat. Fort Queuleu surrenders to 10th Inf at 1045.

XII Corps Opposition remains light, as enemy continues withdrawal. CCA of 6th Armd Div seizes Fletrange, 2 miles NW of Faulquemont. Eightieth Div advances slowly on Corps N flank, sending strong patrols to Bambiderstroff, 4 miles N of Faulquemont. Remilly Forest and the Bois de Guessling, W and SE of Faulquemont respectively, are cleared. Hellimer is taken by CCB, 6th Armd Div, and 35th Div units coming from direction of Francaltroff, 3 miles to the SW. Arty and automatic fire opposes elements advancing toward Grening, almost 2 miles SSE of Hellimer. A tank force of CCB, 6th Armd Div, and elements of 35th Div clear Freyhouse and enter Fremestroff, 2½ miles NW of Hellimer. Twenty-sixth Div forces hold Lohr-Insviller line N of Fenetrangle Forest and liberate Torcheville and Montdidier, NW of Lohr, encountering heavy enemy MG fire. S of Lohr, near edge of Fenetrangle Forest, elements of CCB, 4th Armd Div, take village of Loudrefing and reach Bois de Hambach. Other elements of CCB repair bridge at Lostroff, 1 mile NW of Loudrefing, and cut through area held by 26th Div to reach Munster, 2½ miles ENE of Torcheville.

XIX TAC flies 22 sorties in support of XII Corps and 44 sorties in support of XX Corps. Two tons of bombs and 8 napalm dropped on town of Lutzelstein. Saarwellingen, directly NE of Saarlautern, is also bombed. Two planes out of 24 P-51s escorting heavy bombers are lost over Leipzig-Merseburg area; 1 enemy plane destroyed and 1 probably destroyed.

22 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps Resistance increases as fresh hostile troops are committed. CCA of 2d Armd Div occupies most of Merzenhausen. To the NW, intent on moving for Paderborn.

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in Gerconsweiler area. Attacking E, 29th Div reaches Erberich on div S flank, makes gains on outskirts of Koslar on N flank, and in center of sector practically encircles Bourheim. Enemy is fighting stubbornly from trenches around the towns and from all buildings in the area. Attacking at noon from vicinity of Fronhoven, 30th Div takes Erberich, 1 mile N, after hard fight, and moves into Lohn, 3/4 mile ENE of Fronhoven, but cannot bring up enough supporting weapons to hold latter position. Roads and other approaches to objectives are under heavy tank and AT weapons cross fire from directions of Pattern and Puetzlohn.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Corps attacks at 0800. Eschweiler is secured at 1110 after successful night attack by 415th Inf, 104th Div, elements of which reach Inde R. N of Nothberg. Completing seizure of Duerwiss, 104th Div units move 2 miles NE to Puetzlohn, where halted by tank fire from within town. RCT 47, attached to 1st Div, repulses two enemy counterattacks supported by tanks and occupies Hill 188, just SE of Nothberg, after heavy fighting. Enemy employs heavy arty and mortar fire to prevent advance of 1st Div elements from Heistern toward Langerwehe, which is on Eschweiler-Dueren road. Fourth Div secures a forward position below clearing in woods 2 miles E of Schevenhuetten and, farther S, advances up to 600 yards toward Grosshau, coming within one km. of Kleinhau.

V Corps In renewed attack at 0900, 8th Div forces make only slight advance toward Huertgen against extremely heavy SA, arty, and mortar fire. Rain and poor visibility prevents air support.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Coordinated attack by CCA task forces striking NE of Besch and NNW from Borg meets with well-prepared resistance from massed enemy arty, camouflaged AT positions, automatic weapon and mortar fire, and AT ditches covered by fire. Team Eardley penetrates Tettingen, NW of Borg, but is forced to withdraw. Ninetieth Div relieves CCR and begins relief of CCB in Colmen area, SW of Merzig. City of Metz is reported

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entirely clear at 1435 and 5th Div starts relief of 95th Div. Forts Jeanne d'Arc, Driant, Plappeville, St. Quentin, Verdun, and St. Privat still resist, with an estimated 2,000 men underground.

XII Corps CCB of 6th Armd Div moves E from vicinity of Fremestroff to road junction S of Altrippe, then assists 35th Div in taking Leyviller, Diffembach, and St. Jean-Rohrbach, 3 miles E of Altrippe, encountering heavy resistance at St. Jean-Rohrbach. Eightieth Div troops reach Basse-Vigneulle on highway to Zimming. Enemy frustrates attempts of 320th Inf, 35th Div, to capture Altrippe and Grening, and inflicts heavy casualties on 104th Inf, 26th Div, in area between Torcheville and Grening by fire from Rening and Albestroff; tank-inf counterattack from Albestroff is repulsed. Another counterattack, at 2155, forces elements of 320th Inf, 35th Div, out of Fremestroff, 4 miles NW of Grening. RCT 134 is attached to 6th Armd Div. A dam SW of Insviller is secured by 328th Inf of 26th Div, which also clears town of Munster, 2 miles N of Insviller. Mittersheim, 3 miles SW of Insviller in large clearing in Forest of Fenetrangle, at juncture of Canal des Salines and Canal des Houilleres de la Sarre, is cleared by CCB of 4th Armd Div and cav ren elements follow road through to E side of forest and enter town of Fenetrangle, near inter-army group border. CCB then assembles at Cutting and Torcheville, and CCA assembles in Conthil-Rodalbe area W of Benestroff. Second Cav Gp is relieved of attachment to 26th Div and reverts to Corps control.

Eight P-61s of XIX TAC attack convoy W. Saarbruecken and vicinity Neunkirchen, also trains at marshaling yard W of Kaiserslautern.

23 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps Eighty-fourth Div (-RCT 335) returns to Corps from attachment to XXX Corps of British Second Army. Ensuing five days spent by 84th Div in consolidating gains made under operational control of British and in preparing for final attacks on Beeck and Wurm.

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XIX Corps Fortieth Tk Bn is attached to 2d Armd Div for employment with RCT 335 in relief of div elements in Gerconsweiler area. Enemy infiltration delays occupation of Merzenhausen. The German 340th Volksgrenadier Div is committed on fronts of 29th Div and 2d Armd Div. Thirtieth Div captures Lohn and Pattern, 119th Inf having been brought up to Aldenhoven and having attacked SE from there. Two enemy counterattacks are stopped before fully launched. Twenty-ninth Div troops continue fighting at Koslar and Bourheim.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Duerwiss, Eschweiler, and Bergrath are mopped up, but resistance in Puetzlohn increases. E of Duerwiss and Eschweiler, 104th Div advances 2½ miles and reaches outskirts of Weisweiler after dark. Part of Hill 272, overlooking valley of Inde R., is lost and recaptured. First Div repulses counterattack on L flank and makes substantial gains on R flank, despite series of small counterattacks in woods SW of Merode. Fourth Div progresses along Schevenhuetten-Dueren road and also makes short gains in direction of Grosshau.

V Corps Attack of 8th Div making scarcely any progress; 28th Inf clears out small by-passed enemy groups in forest near Germeter and S of Huertgen. Elements of 13th Inf moving N to clear out enemy pocket between 28th and 121st Regts suffer many casualties from mines and enemy arty.

Many robot bombs observed over Corps zone during latter half of month; some are destroyed by AAA units (37 reported destroyed in five days).

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps In addition to two armd task forces of CCA, 10th Armd Div, already in action against Siegfried Line switch line fortifications barring way to Saarburg, 358th Inf (90th Div), attached, is committed in sector SW of Tettingen and succeeds in clearing woods in that area. Attempt to advance from vicinity of Borg, ½ mile to SE, is thwarted by concentration of high velocity fire from bunker and later by stiff resistance W of

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Oberleuken. Ninetieth Div continues to relieve 10th Armd Div in rear areas and 90th Cav Rcn Sq relieves TF Polk elements on N flank at Tunsdorf. Ninety-fifth Div moves from Metz and immediate vicinity to assembly area near Colligny, 7 miles E, preparatory to relieving elements of 90th Div in Nied R. region. Fifth Div takes over Metz and by-passed forts, screening troop movements across the Moselle by smoke.

XII Corps Forty-second Cav Sq, 2d Cav Gp, moves N for attachment to 80th Div. Sixth Armd Div regroups. TF 2, CCB, clears woods S of Leyviller and retakes Frémestroff. Thirty-fifth Div troops are driven from vicinity of Hilsprich, 1½ miles SE of St. Jean-Rohrbach, by enemy counterattack launched at 2130 by estimated 100 men and 5 tanks. To the SW, 35th Div forces capture Petit-Tenquin, over a mile NE of Grening--from which enemy has withdrawn. The 104th Inf, 26th Div, seizes Albestroff. Heavy resistance is encountered in Bois d'Albestroff between Albestroff and Munster and a counterattack against Munster is repulsed. S of Munster and E of Insviller, other elements of Div advance almost 2 miles E, into clearing between Bois de Vibersviller and Bois de Hammesbiel. Fourth Armd Div, which has seized bridges at Romelfing and Gosselming, both S of Fenetrang and about a mile E of the Forest of Fenetrang, sends patrol across the Saar R. at Gosselming at 1300--the first crossing of the Saar by U.S. troops. Corps Arty fires harassing and interdictory missions, shelling Sarreguemines with 8-inch guns, St. Avold with 8-inch howitzers, and Sarraube with 240-mm. howitzers.

24 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps The 102d Div takes over sector occupied by RCT 335, 84th Div, on the L and 406th Inf on the R and extending SE from 1 mile S of Lindern to Ederen. This front is only 1½ miles directly W of Linnich. RCT 335 is detached from 2d Armd Div and attached to 102d Div; 407th Inf begins relief of 406th Div, which has been attached to 2d Armd Div. Front of latter div is narrowed to area between Ederen and Koslar.

XIX Corps All units of 2d Armd Div N of and including Ederen are replaced by 102d Div elements and boundary between XIII and XIX Corps drops to line S of Ederen.

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8 miles N of Eschweiler. Twenty-ninth Div continues fighting in Koslar and mops up in Bourheim, where 175th Inf is under severe enemy pressure. Heavy arty falls along entire Div front.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Resistance stiffens along Corps front. The 104th Div clears some of area between Eschweiler and Weisweiler and continues bitter house-to-house fighting in rain in Weisweiler. Puetzlohn falls to 413th Inf. TF Richardson, made up of inf and tanks from 47th RCT and 32d Armd Regt, moves out of woods E of Nothberg and captures Huecheln, on way to high ground between Langerwehe and Frenz. Enemy bolsters line in Langerwehe-Inden area with elements of 3d Parachute Div.

V Corps Eighth Div makes some gains toward Huertgen, near edge of forest.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

Rain, mud, and numerous enemy obstacles slow Army's progress.

XX Corps Encountering heavy resistance, 10th Armd Div continues attacking NE of Borg. Near Tettingen, elements of 358th Inf of 90th Div hold against three counterattacks by German 416th Inf Div. One co becomes isolated in Butzdorf, N of Tettingen, where it fights all night against annihilation by elements of 21st Pz Div. Ninety-fifth Div assembles along the French Nied in preparation for a drive to the Saar R. N of Saarlautern.

XII Corps Hostile arty decreases. Forty-second Cav Sq screens L flank of 80th Div, which continues to expand bridgehead N and NE of German Nied R., against moderate resistance, to vicinity of Tritteling, 3 miles NNE of Faulquemont. CCA's TF 1 of 6th Armd Div attacks toward Valette, 1½ miles NE of Leyviller. CCB prepares to attack Remering and Puttelange area, NE of St. Jean-Rohrbach. Thirty-fifth Div takes Rening and Insming, N of Albestroff, and also Uberkinger, 2 miles NE of Insming. Enemy resistance has become very weak in 26th Div zone. Wooded areas of Bois d'Albestroff, Bois de Givricourt, Bois de Hammesbiel, and Bois de Vibersviller are cleared

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and town of Vibersviller, $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles E of Munster, is taken. Forward elements of 26th Div in N of its sector are W of Vittersbourg, $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles NNE of Munster; those to the E have reached edge of Bois de Bonnefontaine. Farther S, CCB of 4th Armd crosses Saar R., reaches Baerendorf, between Postroff and Kirrberg, and contacts XV Corps (Seventh Army) at Dolving, over a mile SE of Gosselming. Second Cav Sq maintains contact with XV Corps at Kirrberg, Bettborn, and Dolving.

Three P-61s of XIX TAC strafe enemy convoy in Zweibrücken-Homburg area.

25 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps In 102d Div sector, arty fire breaks up enemy counterattack in vicinity of Beeck, 3 miles WNW of Linnich. The 113th Cav Gp is attached to 84th Div.

XIX Corps Twenty-ninth Div continues attack on Koslar, where resistance is particularly strong. Thirtieth Div clears woods E of Pattern and establishes outpost line along their edge.

XXIX TAC bombs 6 towns E of Roer R. Large fires observed after 36 P-47s on armed rcn drop 11.75 tons of bombs on oil dump and storage tanks near Rhine R. in Benrath-Monheim area. Marshaling yard at Munchen Gladbach receives 3 tons of bombs and 3 gun positions are destroyed by strafing. Twelve P-47s bomb Juelich with 5.25 tons; 12 hit gun position at Roerdorf with 4 tons, and 12 destroy fortified bldg at Flossdorf. Marshaling yard near Rheydt receives 7 tons. Three locomotives and 3 RR cars are destroyed and 11 rail cuts made in vicinity of Harff and Grevenbroich. Mersch and Pattern, N of Juelich, are bombed and near-by Welldorf strafed. Total of 24 time bombs is dropped by 16 P-47s on Baal, Lovenich, and Stettenich. Bridge at Elsdorf is target for $5\frac{1}{2}$ tons dropped by 12 P-47s; no results observed. Over 250 sorties flown during day.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps One half of Weisweiler has been captured and house-to-house fighting continues; 104th Div advances to

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high ground E of Puetzlohn after 48 hours of fighting. Valley of Inde W of Weisweiler now entirely in Corps hands. E of Puetzlohn and NE of Weisweiler, enemy troops withdraw toward Inden and Lamersdorf. Allied soldiers have now reached the Cologne plain at points immediately NW of Huertgen Forest area. First Div makes good progress through arty and mortar fire and over muddy terrain. Weisweiler-Langerwehe road is cut and forward edge of Huecheln woods held. TF Richardson attacks to secure high ground between Langerwehe and Frenz, 1 3/4 miles NW, and crossings of Autobahn highway and the Inde R. near Frenz. Fourth Div captures high ground N of Kleinhau, but mortar and arty fire from covered enemy positions on far side of clearing prevents units from leaving forest NW of Grosshau. Fifth Armd's CCR commences firing on Huertgen.

V Corps RCT 121, 8th Div, attacks along Germeter-Huertgen road and advances up to 700 yards. Several tanks of CCR (5th Armd Div), attached to 8th Div, are destroyed in attempt to move beyond woods SW of Huertgen.

IX TAC supports attack of TF Richardson with 2 gps of fighter bombers; also bombs and strafes suspected tank and arty positions near Huertgen and on Kleinhau-Bergstein ridge during early afternoon. Air strikes are made on Weisweiler, Frenz, Lamersdorf, and Inden, along line of Inde R. Thirteen P-47s of XXIX TAC unload 4 1/2 tons over Bergheim, and 12 drop 4 tons on marshaling yard at Siegburg, 6 miles NE of Bonn.

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Eighty-seventh Div is assigned to III Corps but does not become operational during this month.

XX Corps Tettingen falls to 358th Inf (90th Div), attached to 10th Armd Div, in morning and two cos push N from there to contact survivors of co fighting in Butzdorf. Oberleuken is mopped up and fresh counter-attacks from the NW repulsed. The 359th Inf captures Biringen and Oberesch, across German border, 4 miles SW of Merzig. Ninety-fifth Div makes good progress E of Nied R., capturing 12 towns, including Boulay-Moselle, Halling, and Narbefontaine. Resistance is chiefly from

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small groups of inf using SA and mortars. Solid contact is made with 80th Div (XX Corps) along S boundary of Corps, where 95th advances about 4 miles through opposition from light holding forces.

XII Corps Eightieth Div makes good advances NE toward Longeville-les-St. Avold and St. Avold, meeting strong resistance from Maginot forts near the former. Over 5 forts are captured and towns of Laudrefang and Bambiderstroff are taken. Sixth Armd Div and 35th Div make gains of over a mile in vicinity of Laning and Barst-Marienthal, N of Altrippe; to the SE, 35th Div secures Kappelkingen, Hazembourg, Hilsprich, Morsbronn, and Hill 241. Twenty-sixth Div captures Vittersbourg against slight opposition and fights toward Honskirich. Resistance is stiffer in N portion of Fenetrang Forest, around Neuweyerhof. Advance units approach Niederstinzeln on the Saar R. N of Fenetrang. CCB, 4th Armd Div, repels early morning counterattack coming from hill NE of Baerendorf.

Twenty-nine B-26s and two gps of A-20s drop total of 173.75 tons of bombs on Landau Ordnance Arsenal. Sixteen B-26s bomb road junctions near Kaiserslautern and Neustadt; no results observed. Twenty-one B-26s drop about 40 tons on ammo dump at Kaiserslautern.

XIX TAC makes 216 fighter-bomber sorties on corps support missions and armed rcn, accounting for 80 RR cars, 44 MT, 17 locomotives, 13 gun positions, and miscellaneous targets. Faha, 3 miles NE of Borg, is strafed and bombed. Muensingen is burned. Village of Weiten is strafed. Ammo train is destroyed at Gemuenden. Town of Bethingen, 5 miles WNW of Merzig, is left in flames.

26 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIX Corps House-to-house fighting continues in Koslar, on N flank of 29th Div, and is also waged in Kirchberg on S flank, only slightly over a mile from Juelich. Enemy counterattacks with inf and tanks in attempt to push 116th Inf out of Koslar and wrest Bourheim, also, from 29th Div troops. Air support strikes German tank forces approaching both towns and later effectively bombs retreating enemy column. Supplies are dropped by

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liaison plane to 116th Inf elements cut off in Koslar. Thrusting E, 30th Div reaches NW outskirts of Altdorf, 1 mile N of Inden, meeting stiff resistance from SA, mortars, and arty fire.

IX TAC aircraft strike at Barmen, Broich, and Tetz and bomb Roer R. bridges. Thirty-four P-47s hit factories, buildings, and tanks at Kirchberg, near Juelich, with 17 tons of bombs. Eleven P-47s bomb rail lines and trains about 15 miles E of Cologne, destroying 3 locomotives and causing large explosion. Twelve P-47s destroy RR station E of Leverkusen and bomb barracks at Berg Gladbach. Eleven P-47s score direct hits on storage tanks near Berg Gladbach. Rail-cutting mission by 12 P-47s results in 2 cuts between Juelich and Ameln. Twelve P-47s on armed run bomb roads and rails in vicinity of Juelich, Elsdorf, Grevenbroich, Erkelenz, and Rheydt. Forty-seven P-47s supporting 29th Div damage RR bridge S of Juelich and destroy 2 tanks between RR and town. Twelve P-47s claim 25 bldgs and 2 tanks in vicinity of Wurm and Boslar. Fifteen bldgs destroyed at Tetz by 6 tons of bombs dropped by 12 P-47s; 25 destroyed at Knapsack and Bruhl. Twelve P-47s drop total of 6 tons GP bombs and 23 time bombs in vicinity of Jackerath, Titz, and Rommerskirchen. Six tons dropped by 12 P-47s destroy ponton bridge and damage permanent bridge at Roerdorf. Total of over 275 sorties flown.

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VII Corps The 104th Div advances through Weisweiler and captures Frenz, over a mile NE. TF Richardson surrounds Frenzerberg Castle, enemy strongpoint $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles SW of Frenz; and secures more of Aachen-Cologne four-lane military highway (Reichsautobahn) and of Eschweiler-Dueren highway between Weisweiler and Langerwehe. Tanks with the TF are stopped by mud and AT fire and are withdrawn to support inf by direct fire from highway at points NE of Huecheln. Mopping up completed in Weisweiler. First Div clears woods to RR tracks S of Langerwehe. First Army front line is now only 4 miles from Dueren. Fourth Div repulses enemy counterattack from the E and captures high ground overlooking Grosschau.

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V Corps With a bn of 13th Inf attached, 121st Inf of 8th Div continues attack toward Huertgen, gaining objectives along edge of forest and advancing N into 12th Inf (4th Div) sector and within 100 yards of the town, where it is pinned down under heavy SA and direct fire weapons.

Twenty-nine B-26s of 9th BD drop 54.5 tons on Gaulsheim storage depot; no results observed. Thirty-three B-26s drop 62 tons on Giessen ordnance depot with unobserved results.

IX TAC drops about 100 tons of bombs in support of operations of 104th, 1st, and 8th Divs, with effective bombing and strafing in vicinities of Bergstein, Lamersdorf, Inden, Langerwehe, Lucherberg, and Pier. Total of 55 P-38s attack bridges and marshaling yard, effecting 7 rail cuts in vicinity of Dillenburg and 2 near Sindorf and Horrem.

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XX Corps Tenth Armd Div clears part of Saarburg Forest, 6 miles SE of Remich and seizes Bethingen, 5 miles WNW of Merzig. Ninetieth Div holds observation posts S of Mondorf overlooking Saar R.; harassing arty and mortar fire is received from E bank of Saar; RCT 358 returns to div from attachment to 10th Armd Div. Farther S, units in vicinity of Schwerdorff attack NE to take Fuerweiler, 3 miles W of Rehlingen. Ninety-fifth Div attacks Maginot Line forts on a broad front. Movements on E flank E of Eblange and N of Boulay are restricted by flood conditions. Initial thrust carries completely through the fortified belt, but flanking fire from mortars and light arty inflicts many casualties as the bns pass through. Delaying forces encountered in towns of Velving and Teterchen, NE of Boulay. Denting and Niedervisse, in area E of Boulay, are cleared. Fifth Div troops W of Moselle find Forts Marival, de Vaux Nord and Sud, Bois la Dame, and St. Hubert unoccupied. Farther S, across the Moselle, Forts St. Bleise and Sommy in the Verdun Group surrender to 11th Inf.

XII Corps Eightieth Div liberates Valmont, 1 mile S of St. Avold, and approaches St. Avold. The 610th TD Bn neutralizes 13 pillboxes with direct fire. Resistance is strong in Altwiller area SE of Valmont. Folschviller, 2 miles SSE of St. Avold, is occupied.

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counterattacks repulsed in hill region E of Zimming. NW of St. Avold, N of Bambiderstroff, other elements of 80th Div contact 95th Div, XX Corps, at Zimming. Since full depth of Maginot Line E of Zimming has been penetrated, northern units of 80th Div now turn direction of attack from N to E. Sixth Armd Div continues attack in zone of 35th Div, CCB occupying Remoring, Castviller, and Hirbach in center of sector. CCA continues attacking up Léywiller-Valette road toward Valette. Thirty-fifth Div advances slightly, then stops to regroup. The 328th Inf of 26th Div attacks Honskirich, but is forced to withdraw before stubborn resistance. Other elements of 26th Div clear most of Bois de Bonnefontaine W of Canal des Houillères de la Sarre. Corps Ren clears portion of woods E of part held by 26th Div. CCA of 4th Armd Div crosses Saar R. at Romelfing, 3 miles N of Gosselming, in the morning and by evening closes in Druligon-Asswiller area 7 miles E of the Saar, finding opposition light.

Eighty-five B-26s of 9th BD drop total of 159 tons of bombs on Bergzabern supply depot with good results. Twenty-six A-20s drop 35.75 tons on Homburg supply depot; results unobserved.

XIX TAC flies 219 sorties, furnishing air support to ground forces, conducting armed run in Limburg-Hanau area, and escorting bombers. Enemy convoys heading E and NE, RR lines, and troop concentrations are hit. Two planes are lost. Sixty-three P-47s bomb marshaling yards and other targets in vicinity of Saarguemines. Twelve P-47s bomb train at Ludwigshaven and rails at Schifferstadt and St. Ingbert. In support of 10th Armd Div, 67 P-47s bomb 6 villages W of Merzig. Oil dump NE of Hanau successfully attacked and marshaling yard at Oberroden bombed by 19 P-51s. Total of 21 RR cars and 23 locomotives claimed destroyed.

27 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps Regrouping of units continues. The 102d Div maintains contact on its R with advancing 2d Armd Div; 407th Inf repels counterattack on its R (vicinity of Welz).

XIX Corps All three divs attack to clear their zones to the Roer R. Three groups of German planes, totalling 27, bomb and straf Ninth Army forces during day. CCA

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of 2d Armd Div captures enemy bn on hill near Merzenhausen, attacks toward Barmen, 1 mile NW, and in evening fights off counterattack coming from direction of Flossdorf on the Roer. Other elements of 2d Armd advance SE to vicinity of Koslar, repelling counterattacks in afternoon and evening. Twenty-ninth Div secures Kirchberg, where it occupies high ground dominating Roer R., and sends more troops into Koslar, where there is house-to-house fighting all day. Thrusting E, 30th Div elements are halted 800 yards W of Altdorf because of inability to bring up supporting tanks and TDs.

Fifteen P-47s of XXIX TAC give column cover to 2d Armd Div and bomb town of Barmen and points directly N. Twelve P-47s score 3 hits on Roerdorf bridge. Twelve P-47s on support mission for XIX Corps drop 2 tons on RR bridge at Altdorf and 2 tons on mechanized concentration in woods S of Juelich.

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VII Corps Enemy mortar and arty fire very heavy between Weisweiler and Frenz, where 104th Div is engaged in mopping up operations. Eighty enemy at Frenzerberg Castle still resist surrounding 47th Inf forces; castle is set afire by 1515. TF Richardson is relieved by 1st Div S of Frenz. To the SE, elements of 1st Div fight their way into Langerwehe and Juehgersdorf against extremely heavy opposition. Tanks and TD's are moved up under cover of smoke screen but fail to cross RR successfully, because under direct fire there from enemy tanks in Langerwehe. Fourth Div troops continue to press toward Grosshau from Huertgen Forest. Enemy has numerous dug-in tanks and assault guns in Grosshau that sweep edge of the forest just W of Grosshau, repelling 4th Div attacks.

V Corps Eighth Div closes in on Huertgen, elements of 121st Inf and attached units holding half of village by nightfall.

Two fighter bomber sqs of IX TAC fly close support mission for 104th and 1st Inf Divs. Enemy positions in or near Pier, Inden, Lucherberg, Lamersdorf, Geich, Merken, and Kall, and in Bergstein-Brandenberg area are bombed and strafed. Five trains attacked near Dueren. Two locomotives destroyed in

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27 Cont Siegburg RR yard. Eleven P-61s on patrol set factory on fire at Rheidt, NNW of Bonn; also destroy 2 enemy planes and a flying bomb.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps German forces continue withdrawal to Siegfried Line, blowing all bridges and culverts. Tenth Armd Div regroups, preparing for relief of CCA by 3d Cav Gp. CCA clears Saarburg Forest and outposts E edge. Borg is under enemy arty fire and is scene of counterattack repulsed shortly after midnight. Ninetieth Div elements occupy Otzwiller, immediately S of Schwerdorff. To the S, 95th Div advances rapidly, occupying 25 small towns and reaching positions along the German border. At Coume, 378th Inf is harassed by enemy arty, but platoon of TD's overruns this resistance and the advance goes on to Dalem, Hargarten, Falck, Remering, and Ham-sous-Varsberg, towns from 6-9 miles SW of Saarlautern. Ninety-fifth Div adds to its zone the wedge-shaped area on the S containing the la Houve, St. Avold, and Carlsbrunn Forests bordering on zone of 80th Div, XII Corps, and troops are dispatched to Zimming and Creutzwald, 6 miles WNW and 7 miles N of St. Avold, respectively. A 5th Div bn has been attached to 95th Div to relieve elements of 80th Div that have been operating N of inter-corps boundary; remainder of 5th Div continues fight against "die-hard" resistance still offered by a few forts in Metz area.

XII Corps Altviller, Lachambre, and Machern, in a line SW of St. Avold, are cleared by 80th Div and St. Avold itself is taken by 319th Inf with little trouble. Advance elements of 317th Inf reach Seingbouse and Hombourg-Haut, 5½ miles E and 3 miles NE of St. Avold, respectively. NW of St. Avold, Longeville Forest is cleared. S of Altviller, enemy is withdrawing from the Lixing-les-St. Avold salient as CCA of 6th Armd Div drives E, taking Lixing, Laning, Vahl-Ebersing, Maxstadt, and Valette. In center of Corps zone, 35th Div is being pinched out by 6th Armd Div on the N and 26th Div on the S. RCT 134 is relieved from attachment to 6th Armd. Town of Honskirich, which enemy has abandoned, is occupied by 328th Inf, 26th Div, which also takes Altviller and Neuweyerhof without resistance. CCA, 4th Armd Div, takes

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takes Gungwiller, 2 miles NW of Drulingen, but is stopped by stiff resistance near Durstel, 2 miles N of Drulingen.

XIX TAC flies leaflet mission in Dillingen-St. Ingbert area and bombs and strafes enemy rear installations and communication centers. Patrolling P-61s strafe convoy at Homburg, as well as Oberstein-Kirn, Kirn-Bad Kreuznach, and Trier-Ehrang trains, and marshaling yards W of Kaiserslautern.

28 U.S. NINTH ARMY

Meuse R. flood causes serious traffic interruptions between forward and rear echelons as water rises to deck level of one remaining bridge at Maastricht.

XIII Corps RCT 335 reverts to 84th Div from 2d Armd Div; 40th Tank Bn continues to support RCT 335. Seventh Armd Div moves into Emmendorf-Beggendorf-Puffendorf area for purpose of supporting Corps attack to seize Linnich and Roer R. line.

XIX Corps After fierce close-in fighting during night, CCA of 2d Armd Div repulses counterattack near Merzenhausen, 2 miles E of Freialdenhoven, and attacks toward Barmen, 1 mile to NE, clearing latter after enemy tank fire from Flossdorf has been silenced by arty fire and an air strike. Eighty-second Armd Rcn Bn cuts Barmen-Koslar road and RR line and contacts 29th Div elements in Koslar. Twenty-ninth Div mops up in Koslar and Kirchberg and sends patrols to Roer R. Enemy has destroyed E span of RR bridge N of Kirchberg. Attacking before dawn, 30th Div captures Altdorf by 1055 and patrols along near-by Inde R. Seventy-eighth Div is assigned to this corps.

Thirty-eight A-20s of 9th BD drop 56.75 tons of bombs on Birgel village, 2 miles SW of Dueren, with excellent results. Village of Merken, $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles NW of Dueren, receives 49.75 tons of bombs from 35 A-20s and 64.37 tons from 35 B-26s with fair to excellent results.

In approximately 200 sorties providing ground force cover to 2d Armd Div, P-47s of XXIX TAC drop total of about 65 tons of bombs in attacks on Lindern, Flossdorf, Tetz, Erkelenz, Linnich, Wurm, Koslar, and Rurich. XXIX Corps includes

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28 positions, 2 locomotives, 32 RR cars, 3 rail cuts, 4 highway
Cont cuts, 4 tanks, and 50-60 bldgs. Town of Rurich left in
 flames, as is castle NW of Koslar; many other fires started.
 Eleven P-47s loose 5½ tons in dive-bombing attack on Rheydt;
 marshaling yard hit and 2 rail cuts made. Twelve P-47s
 dive-bomb Roerdorf highway bridge with unobserved results.
 Twelve P-47s dive-bomb supply dump near Erft Canal and attack
 towns of Mersich, Elsdorf, Wittendorf, and Lich. Thirty-six
 P-47s attack marshaling yards near Rommerskirchen and
 Grevenbroich. Approximately 350 sorties flown.

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VII Corps The 104th Div attacks at 0430, advancing
 2,000 yards against enemy positions strongly defended by
 tanks, arty, mortars, and small arms; 413th Inf enters
 Inden and Lamersdorf and establishes front on line of
 Inde R. One bridge at Inden captured intact. Enemy
 aircraft support counterattack at 1400. Elements of
 104th Div approaching Altdorf, N of Inden, are pinned
 down by fire from Inden and from E of Inde R. Air
 bombing supports operations by hitting Pier and
 Lucherberg in enemy's immediate rear. After heavy
 fighting, 1st Div takes Langerwehe and Juengersdorf,
 repulsing two counterattacks. Fourth Div troops enter
 Grosshau, but enemy's fire makes position untenable.
 During night, a patrol mines Grosshau-Gey road to deny
 its use to the enemy.

V Corps Elements of 8th Div attack Huertgen from three
 sides and mop up town by 1800, also put 2 cos across
 Huertgen-Brandenberg road. Other elements stopped just
 short of Kleinhau-Brandenberg road on high ground S of
 Kleinhau by enemy counterattack. During afternoon,
 Kleinhau is set afire by incendiary bombs.

Two gps of medium bombers of Ninth BD attack Merken; one
 gp bombs Birgel. Sinzig RR bridge is target for 142 1,000-lb.
 bombs. Thirty B-26s drop approximately 60 tons on Billig ammo
 dump near Euskirchen.

Seventy-four P-47s of IX TAC supply ground forces cover
 for 104th Div, attack towns of Pier and Lucherberg; one sq is
 engaged by at least 40 enemy planes and claims 4 destroyed
 for loss of 3. P-38s destroy town of Kleinhau with fire bombs
 and strafe Gey. Twenty-four P-38s on armed run from Kall to

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28 Trier drop 22 tons on rail targets, destroying 2 locomotives,
 Cont 10 RR cars, and making 1 rail cut. Twenty-three P-47s sup-
 porting 1st Div bomb Langerwehe and Luchem. Thirty-six P-47s
 supporting 8th Div bomb Bergstein, Brandenburg, and Guerzenich.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Relief of CCA, 10th Armd Div, by 3d Cav Gp completed. Ninetieth Div continues clearing enemy from area W of Saar R. in center of Corps zone, combat patrol taking town of Niedaltdorf, across German frontier W of Saarlautern. Ninety-fifth Div attacks strongly to E and captures Bedersdorf, Ittersdorf, Guerstling, Ihn, Kerlingen, and a portion of Rammelfangen, where enemy resists strongly. At Kerlingen, Div is only 3 miles from Saar R. Shortly after beginning an attack on Merten, 2 miles NE of Falck, 378th Inf finds enemy infiltrating from forest on its exposed R flank and considerable mortar fire falls on Falck. Troops attacking Merten are caught in defensive fire from the town but occupy it completely by nightfall. N of this battle, 377th Inf advances 3,000 to 4,000 yards farther into Germany and is ready for final attack to the river. The 379th Inf assembles near Momerstroff, in rear of 378th; the bn attached from 5th Div moves from Bois de Kerfent, near Zimming, 5 miles WNW of St. Avold, to defensive position vicinity of l'Hopital, 4 miles N of St. Avold.

XII Corps Eightieth Div elements reach Farebersviller, 1½ miles E of Seingbouse and on rail line running W out of Sarreguemines. Counterattack repulsed just E of Farebersviller. Sixth Armd Div takes Biding, 1 mile N of Maxstadt, on highway between Vahl-Ebersing and Barst-Merienthal, then seizes latter town and near-by village of Cappel. Advance elements later occupy Hoste-Haut and Hoste-Bas, between Puttelange and Farschviller Forests. Patrol of CCB enters Puttelange. Twenty-sixth Div forces advance to Kirviller and Hinsingen, 2 miles NNE of Altwiller, and 3 miles E from Altwiller to Harskirchen--across Canal des Houilleres de la Sarre. CCB of 4th Armd Div advances N along Saar R. and the Sarre-Union--Sarrebourg rail line, passing through Wolfskirchen, Pisdorf, and Zollingen. A few miles E of Pisdorf, elements advancing N through Burscheid and Ker counter heavy inf resistance supported by tanks, rt A and

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mortar fire. CCA units attack Rexingen, 1 mile NW of Durstel.

On night-fighter mission, 4 P-61s of XIX TAC score hits on barracks just N of Sarreguemines.

29 U.S. NINTH ARMY

XIII Corps After preparatory arty barrage, particularly heavy against Beeck, 3 miles NE of Geilenkirchen, RCT 335, which has reverted to control of 84th Div, attacks at 0630 toward high ground NE of Beeck and toward Lindern, 1 mile beyond. Fire support is furnished by 333d Inf, dug in SW of Beeck. Elements of RCT 335 reach Lindern by 0745, are cut off from outside contact, and dig in on reverse side of slope 100 yards N of town. At Beeck, enemy returns heavy arty fire against 333d Inf positions but withdraws from town before it is entered by units of 333d Inf at 1500. Enemy counterattack against Lindern is repulsed by elements of 7th Armd Div reinforcing 40th Tank Bn (attached to 84th Div). More 335th Inf units reach Lindern by 1700 and town is occupied at nightfall. In S of Corps area, 102d Div advances NE to within 1 1/4 miles of Linnich, attacking against considerable mortar and arty fire toward line Roerdorf-Flossdorf-Linnich. Elements of 405th Inf meet powerful resistance from pillboxes and bunkers with supporting arty, mortar, and automatic weapons fire.

XIX Corps Second Armd Div sends combat patrols E and N to Roer R. from vicinity of Barmen. Twenty-ninth Div clears area S of Aldenhoven-Juelich road and starts to clear area N of road. Thirtieth Div clears all organized resistance from its zone W of Inde R.

Two gps of 31 medium bombers, 9th BD, place 118.37 tons of bombs on defended town of Pier, 5 miles NW of Dueren. Total of 46 medium bombers drop 84.87 tons on Elsdorf, 9 miles E of Juelich.

Weather thwarts attacks by XXIX TAC on Erkelenz and Lipp marshaling yards and on Linnich. Eleven P-47s dive-bomb Rodingen, 5 miles NE of Juelich, destroying 15 bldgs. Twelve P-47s dive-bomb and strafe troop concentration, ammo dump, and bldgs in Hambach Forest. Broich reported destroyed in dive-bombing attack by 12 P-47s. Total of 16 planes drop 5.75 tons of bombs on gun positions, enemy OP, and bridge at

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29 Koerrenzig and on Beeck and troop positions in vicinity.
 Cent Total of 19 P-47s hit Randerath in successful incendiary raid and strafe near-by villages. Sixteen P-47s bomb and strafe Gevenich, across river from Linnich; no results observed. Eight P-47s drop 4 tons of bombs on Linnich, claim destruction of 20 bldgs. Twelve aircraft on armed run in Juelich, Angelsdorf, Grevenbroich, Rheydt, Baal areas, destroy large factory at Lipp. Twelve P-47s start fire at Horrem, where 5.5 tons of bombs are dropped. Forty P-47s drop 12 tons at Krefeld and Linn; destroying 3 bldgs. Forty-seven P-47s drop napalm and GP bombs at Brachelen, Erkelenz, Linnich, and Roerdorf; generally no results observed. About 230 successful missions flown in all.

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VII Corps Enemy counterattacks 104th Div elements in Inden early in morning and regains bridge; later in day, however, bridge is made untenable for enemy. Similar battle with enemy inf and tanks occurs in Lammersdorf, where enemy blows bridge behind him. By-passed pockets of resistance are troublesome on flank and rear of Div. First Div establishes positions astride stream NE of Langerwehe. Bn of 26th Inf leaves forest at NE end and enters Merode, which is defended by German 5th Para Regt. To the S, within the forest, 8th Inf of 4th Div advances 1,000 yards E along Schevenhuetten-Dueren road. Assisted by CCA, 5th Armd Div, 22d Inf captures Grosshau, 1.3/4 miles NNE of Huertgen, repulses counterattack, and sends one bn N along Grosshau-Dueren road into woods beyond edge of clearing.

V Corps CCR of 5th Armd Div passes through Huertgen, captures Kleinhau, 3/4 mile NE of Huertgen, and occupies high ground to NE. Fifth Armd Div (-CCR) is relieved from attachment to V Corps at noon and attached to VII Corps.

Thirty-three B-26s and 35 A-20s attack ordnance depot and MT depot at Limburg. Total of 59 B-26s bomb Mariaweller and barracks near Wittlich.

IX TAC furnishes 104 P-38s as escort for Eighth AF heavy bombers and about 30 P-47s as escort for medium bombers of 9th BD. Twenty-seven P-47s give ground forces cover for 104th Div, bombing Inden, Lucherberg, and Pier. Other P-47s

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29 supporting 8th Inf, attack Guerzenich, Merode, Brandenburg,
Cont and Geich.

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XX Corps Under hail of enemy MG bullets, elements of CCB, 10th Armd Div, occupy Heidwald woods, 3 miles W of Merzig. Ninetieth Div consolidates its gains and patrols to Saar R. German resistance stiffens along E edge of Lorraine Plateau. Regt 377 of 95th Div takes towns of Rammelfangen and Dueren and Hill 385 SW of St. Barbara-- 3 miles NW of Saarlautern. Enemy tanks of 21st Pz Div counterattack at St. Barbara, overrunning two 57-mm. AT guns. Fighting spreads to steep slope falling away to Saarlautern from vicinity of Oberfelsberg. Enemy also counterattacks from Altforweiler, 1½ miles S of Oberfelsberg, with armor and inf. To the SW, 378th Inf brings up additional elements to dislodge enemy from hill dominating Falck. Woods NE of Falck are mopped up and Morten is cleared. Fifth Div captures Fort St. Privat, on S edge of Metz, taking about 500 prisoners.

XII Corps Majority of Corps forces engaged in regrouping. Enemy combats 80th Div forces at Farebersviller throughout day and withdraws to high ground N of town during night. In central section of Corps zone enemy holds a rather strong position along Maginot Line and defends blown bridges and road blocks by direct arty and mortar fire. Fourth Armd Div forces across the Saar R. capture Thal and Rexingen, N and E of Berg, respectively, but are driven out of Thal by intense enemy arty fire. Adamswiller, 1 mile E of Rexingen and 1 mile N of Durstel, and Durstel itself are taken by CCA units under heavy enemy arty and AT fire. Corps Rcn units reach Sarre-Union, 7 miles NE of Fenetrange, but are driven out of Sarrewerden, 1 mile S of Sarre-Union, by direct fire including AT guns shooting from basements. Enemy withdraws from ridge NE of Sarrewerden after a sharp fight. After seizing Bissert above N end of Fenetrange Forest, 101st Inf, 26th Div, is moved S and across the Saar R. to vicinity of Wolfskirchen.

Thirty-three B-26s of 9th BD drop 63.375 tons on Rastatt supply depot with unobserved results. Thirty-three A-20s bomb Landau supply depot with 46.5 tons, results unobserved.

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XIII Corps In an early morning counterattack from NE of Lindern, with some tank support, enemy fails to break through in any force. Fighting enemy tanks and pillboxes, 84th Div jumps off at 0730 to clean up Beeck and Lindern. Joint attack of 334th Inf and elements of 405th Inf (102d Div) makes little headway toward Linnich in face of heavy SA fire. Other elements of 102d Div attack two hours later, mopping up pillboxes by-passed on the 29th and continuing E; 407th Inf moves in on Welz from W and S and presses N toward Flossdorf and Roerdorf. Many elements of 407th are pinned down by cross fire from Welz, Flossdorf, and across the Roer. With assistance of arty barrage at 1500, some troops succeed in entering Flossdorf, but they are withdrawn at nightfall so town can be further hammered by arty. Welz is almost clear by night. Div commander calls for additional tanks as div prepares to renew offensive on following day. Seventeenth Tk Bn is detached from 7th Armd Div for attachment to 102d Div.

XIX Corps By month's end, at least 15 German counterattacks have been beaten off in this corps zone and the Germans have lost over 8 miles on an 8-mile front. Corps now holds area up to Roer R. in its sector. The enemy follows a scorched earth policy as he is forced back across the Roer.

XXIX TAC drops about 16.25 tons of bombs in vicinity of Duesseldorf, Ronnerskirchen, and Erft Canal as overcast prevents 57 P-47s from hitting assigned targets. Baal, Rurich, Tetz, Boflar, and Glimbach areas dive-bombed by total of 46 P-47s which hit RR cars, gun positions, and bldgs. Twelve P-47s furnish fighter support in Gevenich area.

U.S. FIRST ARMY

VII Corps Fierce fighting continues in areas N and E of Stolberg. Seeking to establish bridgehead across Inde R. at Inden, 104th Div secures N half of city and moves some armor up from Lohn, 2 miles W. Other elements of 104th occupy Lamersdorf. Enemy lays sporadic long-range heavy-caliber arty fire on Inden and Lamersdorf. Counterattacked while cleaning up resistance in Merode, two cos of 26th Inf, 1st Div, are cut off and efforts

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relieve them are unsuccessful, due to extremely muddy roads and intense enemy mortar and arty fire which make it impossible to bring up supporting weapons. Along Schevenhuetten-Dueren road, 8th Inf of 4th Div meets heavy resistance from dug-in enemy and repulses counter-attack. RCT 22 of 4th Div and 46th Armd Inf Bn of 5th Armd Div attack to take road centers SW of Gey, 1½ miles NE of Grosshau, in preparation for seizure of Strass-Gey area. To the SW, 12th Inf advances about one half mile along Grosshau-Dueren road. Fifth Armd's CCA clears area between Grosshau and forest to the E.

V Corps Units of 121st Inf of 8th Div attack on Huertgen-Kleinhau road in face of intense enemy arty and automatic weapons fire. Other elements gain in wooded draw between Huertgen and Brandenburg ridges. Bn of RCT 13 relieves CCR (5th Armd Div) in Kleinhau before dawn.

VIII Corps RCT 330, 83d Div, prepares for move to 4th Div sector, VII Corps. During last 10 days of month, more than 100 V-1 projectiles have been reported daily passing over Corps area.

Ninth BB gps consisting of from 30 to 35 medium bombers drop 174 tons of bombs on Gemuend vehicle repair center and near-by Malsbenden MT camp, 62 tons on Vettweiss defended village, 56 tons on Stockheim, and 113.38 tons on Erp.

IX TAC sends up total of 206 P-47s to support 104th, 1st, and 8th Divs by bombing and strafing enemy positions and targets in vicinity of Brandenburg, Bergstein, Guerzenich, Euskirchen, Echtz, Dhorn, and Dueren, Inden, Nideggen, Eschweiler, Frauwuellesheim, Gey, Oberzier, Eggersheim, Hoven, Merken. Three locomotives, 17 RR cars, a fuel dump, and 12 tanks are destroyed, in addition to 3 locomotives destroyed and 45 RR cars damaged by 11 P-61s on patrol.

U.S. THIRD ARMY

XX Corps Enemy arty fire increases in intensity. Sixth Cav Gr (reinf) is attached to Corps to extend and cover its S flank. After arty preparation, CCA of 10th Armd Div attacks ENE from Launstroff area and captures Buedingen, also reaching high ground overlooking Saar R. below Merzig. Arty sets

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Schwemlingen and Ripplingen, directly NW of Merzig, on fire. CCB captures Fitten, Ballern, and Hilbringen, opposite Merzig, encountering box mines and much SA and bazooka fire. Ninetieth Div forces cross the Nied R., advance up Niedaltdorf-Buren road, and assault Buren, 5 miles NW of Saarlautern, meeting with heavy enemy arty and Nebelwerfer fire as well as increasing inf resistance. Fremersdorf, on the Saar to the N, is occupied by other units without resistance. Strong resistance continues along high ground from which slope runs to W bank of Saar R. opposite Saarlautern. The 377th Inf, 95th Div, mops up resistance along the ridge line and clears enemy from St. Barbara and Oberfelsberg. A bn of 378th Inf is ambushed on a ridge N of Merten; other elements of regt seize high ground NW of Altforweiler. Tenth Inf of 5th Div is attached to 95th Div in TF Bell and moves to vicinity of Niedervisse.

XII Corps Regrouping continues. Enemy maintains intermittent harassing arty and mortar fire. Enemy arty and patrol activity increases along 6th Armd Div front. Elements of 80th Div advance 1 mile S and E to Marienthal, 1½ miles NW of Barst-Marienthal, the latter occupied by 6th Armd Div. Three miles NE of Marienthal, enemy withdraws from Farebersviller then shells town with heavy arty. CCB of 4th Armd Div moves NE through Thal to high ground SW of Mackwiller. CCA seizes high ground W of Mackwiller against scattered enemy opposition.

Corps front has been advanced thirty miles during this month, freeing over 250 towns and villages of Lorraine.

Thirty-one B-26s of 9th BD drop 59.5 tons on Zweibruecken marshaling yards. Fifteen B-26s drop 26.62 tons on Pirmasens and 15 drop 31.62 tons on RR tunnel 3 miles to NE.

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