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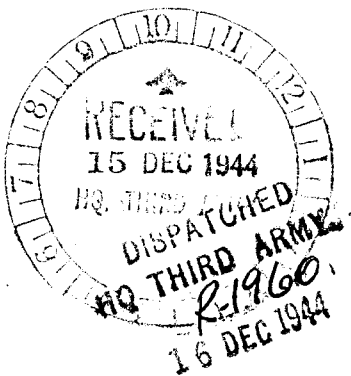
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SECTION I - NARRATIVE

1. This report of Combat Operations of the XX Corps of the Third U. S. Army, in France, for the inclusive period 1 November to 30 November 1944, is submitted in accordance with provisions of paragraph 10 (Changes 3) AR 345-105. Period 1-7 November was spent in detailed planning and preparation for the attack against the fortified area of METZ. Units within the Corps were regrouped. Two divisions, the 90th and 5th Inf Divs, were given special training for an attack of a fortified area. A training area West of AUDON was selected, in which a part of the Maginot Line existed. These two divisions were thoroughly trained in the reduction of fortified positions. The 10th Armd Div, unseasoned in battle, had been attached to XX Corps during the latter part of the preceding month. In order to give this division some experience prior to the attack against the fortified area of METZ, they were placed in the line in a south portion of the 95th Inf Div zone.

2. The attack and capture of the fortified area of METZ took place from 8th through the 22nd of November. 5th Inf Div attacked in conjunction with elements of the XII Corps on the South, 8 November. Early the following morning the 90th Inf Div made a river crossing in the vicinity North of THIONVILLE, and established a bridgehead on the East side of the river. Prior to the 90th Div's crossing, the 95th Inf Div began a demonstration in the vicinity of UCKANGE. A decision was reached to turn this demonstration into a river crossing, and the 95th Inf Div crossed two battalions (reinforced) in this area between

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the 8th and 12th of November. The 10th Armd Div, on the South flank of the 95th Div, were moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of OTTANGE, a position from which they could exploit the success of either the crossing of the 90th or 95th Inf Div. The crossings were made under extremely heavy fire and unusual weather conditions. Rain had been continuous for one week. The MOSELLE River was out of its banks making bridge construction extremely difficult. Before the completion of bridge at MALLING, the approaches to the bridge were under 54" of water making it impossible to use the bridge until the water receded. Troops on the east side of the river, during this time, were supplied by boats and ferries. As the attack continued the water receded, bridges were constructed, and heavy equipment was moved to the East side of the river. The attack was made against stiff resistance and numerous counter-attacks. The assault elements of the two bridge-head forces, the 90th Inf Div on the North and the 5th Inf Div on the South, fought their way through heavily fortified areas, to join their forces 6½ miles East of METZ at VAUDREVILLE (U976595) on the morning of 19 November. Elements of the 5th Inf Div and 95th Inf Div entered METZ on 18 November in their respective areas. After bitter house to house fighting the last enemy resistance in the city ended 22 November 1944. Certain of the METZ forts continued to hold out.

3. During the period 23d to the 30th of November, the Corps initiated its second phase of the operation. Field Order #13 became operative 1500 hours 23 November. The divisions regrouped in their newly assigned zones. XX Corps attacked 25 November to destroy within its zone West of the SAAR River, cross the SAAR River, penetrate the SIEGFRIED Line and continue the attack to the Northeast. Elements of the 5th Inf Div were left to contain isolated enemy forts in the METZ area. The 10th Armd Div on the left flank (North) made slow progress against heavily fortified areas, AT defenses and severe enemy artillery fire. At the end of the period it had reached the SAAR River in its zone and 3d Cav Gp had been moved up to protect the left flank of XX Corps. The 90th Div on the left (North) and the 95th Inf Div on the right (South) had destroyed the enemy within their zones West of the SAAR River, and were prepared to cross the SAAR River. Elements of the 5th Inf Div were committed on the extreme right flank to make contact with XII Corps on the South, and guard the right flank of XX Corps.

SECTION II - G-1 SUMMARY

1. GENERAL: The beginning of November found the divisions either engaged in extensive training programs or holding a stabilized line preparatory to the attack against METZ and the advance to the Saar River. In both instances during this initial phase the divisions were building up their unit strength by means of the replacement system. On 8 November the attack to reduce METZ began. The operation involved a river crossing, reduction of fortified groups and elimination of enemy resistance. Due to abnormal weather conditions and heavy fighting, casualties were heavy and enemy prisoners of war were numerous. During the latter part of the month and units were engaged in advancing over stubbornly contested areas.

2. REPLACEMENTS: The 53d Replacement Battalion remained the administrative and processing channel for replacements. (Throughout the initial period it was able to fulfill most of the demands of the units, but exigencies of the military situation required higher command to shift available manpower to other areas of the theater.) The 53d Replacement Battalion was unable to obtain sufficient replacements during the latter phases of this period to maintain all units at T/O strength. However strenuous efforts were made to fill the demands of the fighting units, and during the period of 1-30 November, 10,322

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replacements, were furnished to units under XX Corps.

3. PRISONERS OF WAR: In order to accelerate the movement of prisoners of war, two collecting points were established at each end of the Corps Zone. These collecting points were located in the vicinity of Class I supply points which allowed for economy in the evacuation of prisoners of war. Two trucks for the evacuation of prisoners of war from the armored division were furnished by Army. The infantry divisions were able to use organic supply vehicles in evacuating prisoners of war from division collecting points to Corps collecting points. From Corps collecting points, Army furnished special personnel and trucks to evacuate the prisoners of war to the Army enclosure. During the month of November, 17,221 prisoners of war were captured and evacuated by units of the XX Corps.

4. BURIALS: During the operations against METZ the need for speedy evacuation of American and enemy dead was increased. Four body collecting points were established, one with each of the Divisions and located in their Quartermaster area. The 7048 Graves Registration Company, under control of Army, maintained efficient evacuation of the dead. Corps troops utilized the Division collecting points in their evacuation.

5. DECORATIONS AND AWARDS: a. The Corps Awards and Decorations Board considered 205 recommendations for Decorations and Awards during the month of November. The following decorations were awarded by the Corps Commander: eight (8) Silver Stars; Seventy (70) Bronze Star Medals; twelve (12) Air Medals; six (6) Oak Leaf Clusters to the Air Medal; and one Meritorious Service Unit Plaque. The following recommendations were sent to higher headquarters for approval; seven (7) recommendations for the Legion of Merit; one (1) Bronze Oak Leaf Cluster to the Legion of Merit; and seven (7) Distinguished Service Crosses. One (1) Distinguished Service Cross (posthumously) was awarded to a member of the Corps Troops by the Army Commander.

b. The French Government honored the Corps by awarding fifteen (15) Legion of Honor and two hundred and forty three (243) Croix de Guerre to the Corps Headquarters, 5th and 90th Infantry Divisions and Corps troops. The first thirty (30) of these awards were presented at a formal ceremony in METZ, on 29 November 1944, by General Dody, military governor of METZ, representing the French Government.

6. STRENGTH REPORTS: Throughout the month daily periodic reports were submitted to Corps by all divisions and Corps units, catalogued and compiled at Corps and then forwarded to the Commanding General, Third United States Army. The report was submitted in code by telephone, radio or courier to reach Army Headquarters by 0400 of the day following the report, and included by units the effective strength, number of personnel killed, missing or captured, wounded, sick or injured, replacements received and prisoners of war captured. A consolidated report was submitted to the Corps Commander daily. Cumulative totals for the month are as indicated below. Totals for units includes their activities only for the period of time they were assigned to the Corps, and are estimated totals only based on daily periodic reports:

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UNIT	Killed	Missing or Captured	Wounded (Hosp)	Sick or In- jured (Hosp)	Total	Re- place- ments	PW Capt'd
5th Inf Div	150	320	1044	2279	3793	3360	4836
90th Inf Div	287	270	1423	1180	3160	1908	2741
95th Inf Div	442	788	2321	658	4209	3529	7036
10th Armd Div	112	75	969	640	1796	807	2037
Corps Troops	43	31	197	682	953	743	571
TOTAL	1034	1484	5954	5439	13911	10347	17221

SECTION III - G-2 SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION- November was a month of disaster for the enemy in the XX Corps zone. It saw the fall of the "impregnable" fortress city of METZ. It saw Hitler's once proud "master race" fighters hurled, battered and bloody, back into the SIEGFRIED Line. But perhaps most important of all, it showed up the German Army as a blunted instrument, capable only of desperate but unavailing defense.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD.

a. Prelude.

(1) At the opening of the month the enemy held the general line of the MOSELLE River. His line was virtually unchanged from that which he had held throughout October. He had a full month to strengthen this line and his morale should have been improved by the knowledge that we had tried and failed to take FT. DRIANT.

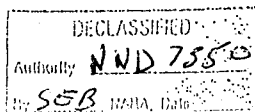
(2) As evidence of the sparsity of enemy information as to our intentions there was considerable patrolling prior to our general attack. Indications are that the enemy suspected "something was up" but did not know what. One patrol of two officers and an enlisted man who between them spoke French, German and English, penetrated as far as BAYONVILLE (U7247) before being captured. They had partially disguised themselves by putting on canvas leggings from a theater wardrobe in METZ, camouflaging their helmets to conceal the shape, and wearing summer uniforms which resembled our herringbone twill. The prisoners said their commander expected an attack on 28-29 October. When it had not materialized by the 30th the patrol was sent out to find out what our plans were.

(3) For the first eight days of the month enemy activity remained at a very low level. For the 6th it was reported that: "The enemy was unusually quiet throughout (the day), possibly as a result of the rain and wind which was almost continuous throughout the corps zone." The mention of wind and rain will bear notice because it was destined to vitally affect both our and the enemy's actions.

(4) The weather in the days leading up to our attack maintained a uniform overcast, and hardly a day went by without at least one period of miserable drizzle. This so saturated the soil that water began to run off on the surface, filling the streams that feed the MOSELLE and finally putting the river out of its banks.

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b. The MOSELLE Crossing.

(1) Our attack to force crossings over the MOSELLE N of METZ, preparatory to encircling the city and advancing to the E, began in earnest on 9 Nov at 0300 hours with the 90th Inf Div crossing the swollen river in the vicinity of KOENIGSMACHER (U943895). The 5th Inf Div attacked at 0700 hours within the bridgehead which already existed in the S. The previous day the 95th Inf Div had crossed in the vicinity of UCKANGE (U855795) at 2100 hours, this crossing being in the nature of a diversion. On all fronts we met light resistance, presumably because the weather had caused our attack to come as a complete surprise. One officer prisoner said, "We were all sure no one would attack in such weather."

(2) The enemy began to recover from his initial surprise on the 9th and his resistance increased all along the line. In the N he counterattacked with infantry and assault guns, his mission being to destroy our bridgehead and restore his line along the river. In this he was unsuccessful and his losses were heavy. By the 11th the enemy showed definite signs of withdrawing to the E and NE in front of the 5th Inf Div in the S, but continued bitter resistance in the N against both the 90th and 95th Divs. He counter-attacked the 90th Div again on the 12th, striking from the S and E. He attained a measure of success with this attack, his penetration reached as far as PETITE HETTANGE (U9691), the penetration attaining a depth of two kilometers. This was the high watermark of his effort, however, and he was beaten back with the loss of at least four of his assault guns. His loss in infantry was also heavy. The advance S of THIONVILLE (U8685) met resistance but there were evidences that the defensive "crust" along the river was about to break.

(3) In the S the enemy began to withdraw from the forts defending METZ and it became apparent that the fall of the city was now only a matter of time. Task Force BACON, from the 95th Inf Div, turned out of the UCKANGE bridgehead and started a drive S along the E bank of the river, fighting straight down the road to METZ. Other elements of both the 90th and 95th swung S to close a pincers around METZ and prevent the escape of the battered defenders.

c. The Fall of METZ

(1) Some day history will probably reveal just what the intentions of the enemy were in regard to the defense of METZ. Certainly something went wrong. Perhaps the enemy underestimated our power. Perhaps there was confusion in orders and indecision or conflict among the high command. Certainly there seemed to be a paralysis of some sort which prevented the enemy's action in and around METZ being decisive. He should have either stayed in force and defended in strength or he should have cut and run and saved his forces both in the town and along the river. He did neither, and generally he made a mess of whatever he was trying to do. The most likely reason seems to be that here was a tired army, an army that mouthed brave defiance but none the less saw only defeat in the offering.

(2) For a detailed account of the operations leading to the fall of the city see paragraph 4.

d. The Advance to the SAAR.

(1) As the action developed the 3rd Cav Gp (Reinf) pushed to the N, meeting heavy resistance along the line BESCH (LO102)-TETTINGEN (LO402) - OBERLEUKEN (LO801) - NOHN (Q1599). Before this line our advance to the NE was stopped by a strong and determined enemy, the basis for the defense being a strongly organized system of concrete weapons positions, entrenchments, anti-tank ditches and dragon's teeth. First, the cavalry and then elements of the 10th Armd Div tried to crack this line, each without success. At the

end of the month the line still held firm. Meanwhile the 10th Armd Div thrust Eastward, heading for the SAAR at SAARLAUTERN and MERZIG. Mud and enemy resistance combined to combat this Eastward advance but by 18 November we were closing on the NIED River line with BOUZONVILLE (U7712) the point of farthest advance. Here we were stopped by a blown bridge. The action of the enemy was generally that of delay, with numerous small counter actions and the defense of towns, important terrain features and road junctions keynoting the action. It was now apparent that in the N sector, at least, there was to be no serious interference with our drive E to the river. The enemy had already withdrawn into the SIEGFRIED Line and most of his artillery fire was coming from E of the SAAR. His forces to the W of the river, such as they were, had been committed to a rear guard action. We were to reach the river in the N sector without difficulty, by the end of the month.

(2) In the S we were largely occupied with the reduction of METZ until the 22nd of the month. With the fall of the city the enemy must have known that, while he might delay, he could not stop our drive to the SAAR throughout the corps zone. He remained quiet while we straightened our line and on the 24th and 25th we reported no enemy contact in the S zone, although some artillery fire was received from BOULAY (Q0966). As our advance began in this sector it met token resistance at first which changed to light resistance and to delay. In the zone of the 90th Div resistance was generally light, with groups of 20 to 30 men delaying in the familiar pattern at the road junctions and towns. The 95th Div in the S, however, encountered a determined and pugnacious enemy who vigorously disputed our approach to DILLINGER (Q2784) and SAARLAUTERN (Q2880) and to the wooded enemy salient SW of VOLKINGEN (Q3573). Several counter-attacks were launched by the enemy during the 29th. At ST BARBARA (Q2381) a hostile assault was made with infantry supported by 10-15 tanks. This was broken up by artillery fire. There were three counterattacks in the vic of FELSBERG (Q2477) during the day, ranging in size from 100 to 600 infantry. These forced our temporary withdrawal from the high ground to the SW of the town. Farther to the S six counter-attacks, with about 80 men each, were received in the vic of FALCK (Q1970). All were repulsed. Artillery fire generally increased now that we were pressing hard against the approaches to the SIEGFRIED Line.

(3) At the close of the month the enemy occupied the following line: NENNING (L0204) - SINZ (L0504) - KESSLINGEN (L0902) - Hill 352 (Q1399) - STAUDT (Q1687) - HILIBRINGEN (Q1893) - S to vic of FREMERDORF (Q2190) - (held by our troops) - ITZBACH (Q2284) - FELSBERG (Q2477) - UBERHERRN (Q2472) - high ground and wooded area (Q2066) - ASTENHUBEL CITE HUBRE (Q2663) - MERLEBACH (Q3261). Pockets of enemy continued to hold out in the following areas vic METZ: FTS PLAPPEVILLE (U819608) and ST QUENTIN (U828593); FT JEANNE D'ARC (U779588) and FT DRIANT (U769538).

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE DURING PERIOD

a. At the beginning of the month of November our Corps was opposed by the following units:

- 416 Inf Div: Sector from GREVENMACHER (L0700) to KEONIGSMACKER (U9489).
- 19 Gren Div: Sector from KOENIGSMACKER to ENNERY (U8970).
- 462 Inf Div: Area West of METZ from MAIZIERES (U8569) to ARS (7854).
- 17SS Pz Gren Div: Sector from JOUY-AUX-ARCHES (U7952) to EPLY (U8636).

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b. 416 Inf Div. - At the beginning of the month the only contact we had with this division was in the area immediately N of KOENIGSMACKER which at that time was held by the II Bn, 713 Gren Regt. The division had just completed its reorganization from a 2 Regt - 3 Bn type to a 3 Regt 2 2 Bn type, and was estimated to have a strength of 8300 men. Upon attacking on 9 November we first contacted the II Bn, 713 Gren Regt, then later the entire regiment, which was soon reinforced by a battalion from each of the other two regiments. As our attack progressed all the major elements of the division were contacted. Its losses were heavy, and a general withdrawal N and NE took place. By the middle of the month the various units were badly scattered, and various groups reappeared as KAMPFGRUPPEN under command of whatever officer had managed to gather a sufficiently large body of men to hold some particular sector. At this time help arrived in the form of 25 Pz Gren Div, the first elements of which were contacted in the KERLING (U9989) - DISTROFF (U9382) area. Towards the end of the month elements of the division had withdrawn to fortified positions in the area (BESCH (L0101) of ORSCHOLTZ (L1211)) where they were reinforced by various fortress battalions. It is estimated that the losses incurred by the division during the month reduced its strength to about 3000 men.

c. 19 Gren Div. - This division, with an original strength of not more than 5000 men, held the MOSELLE sector with two regiments on the line: 73 and 74. The 59 Gren Regt had just recently been withdrawn from an engagement in XII U.S. Corps sector, and was in a refitting area with an estimated remaining strength of 200 men. Following our attack across the MOSELLE the division lost heavily, but found itself reinforced by 1216 Gren Regt of 462 Inf Div, and various GHQ units and fortress battalions. A good deal of the artillery of this division seems to have been withdrawn in fairly good order E towards the SAAR, followed by the remnants of the infantry regiments and other divisional units. An estimated 1500 troops of the division finally established themselves along the SAAR River, withdrawing towards the end of the month to the East bank and the SIGFRIED Line. The division then was thought to be in control of the fortifications from (Q1599) to (Q2487).

d. 462 Inf Div. - At the beginning of the month this division was still in the process of being upgraded from a Mobilization division to a regular infantry division with regiments numbered 1212, 1216, and 1217, and other divisional units numbered 462 and 1462. On 3 November the division was renamed Volksgrenadier division. By the time our attack got under way, 1217 Gren Regt had not yet been formed, but it was organized towards the end of the month from various units in FORTS ST QUENTIN and DRIANT by OBERST STOESEL VON DER HEYDE then commandant of FORTS ST. QUENTIN. 1010 Sich Regt in the meantime made up the third regiment of the division. It appears that it had been planned to relieve 462 Div in the METZ area with various fortress formations, but the pressing manpower problems existing in the German Army delayed the fulfillment of such a plan long enough for our attack to negate the whole scheme. The headquarters of at least two Fortress Regiments (22 and 25) did arrive in METZ early in November. Also, an expert in the command of fortified areas was brought to METZ with the arrival of Genlt KITTEL, who replaced Genlt LUEBBE as commander of 462 Div about the middle of the month. 1216 Gren Regt was committed in support of 19 Gren Div to hold back our forces pressing on METZ from the NE. The few remnants of this regiment finally retreated E towards the SAAR. An effort was made to withdraw some of the artillery to the SAAR, but most of the equipment appears to have been lost. The bulk of 462 Div was sacrificed in METZ. At the end of the month an estimated 2000 troops were still holding out in FORTS DRIANT, JEANNE D'ARC, ST QUENTIN, and PLAPPEVILLE. During our attack a great variety of different units were committed, at first to keep an escape route open, and later to garrison the encircled town. Of

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462 Div not more than an estimated 100 men are believed to have escaped to the SAAR.

e. 17 SS Pz Gren Div.- A steady reorganization of the division had been carried on during the beginning of the month. To help in this process two fortress MG battalions had been committed in support of the division during October, and another such battalion was due to arrive at the time of our attack. Although the division suffered severe casualties, a good portion of its elements were withdrawn Eastward. Thus an estimated 4500 men passed out of our Corps sector into the XII U.S. Corps zone. Some elements of III Bn, 38 SS Pz Gren Regt were committed at WOIPPY (U8462) in an effort to hold back our forces driving on METZ from the N. The retreat of elements of the division to the E were aided by the arrival, towards the middle of the month, of elements of 21 PZ Div and 106 Pz Brig in the BAZON-COURT (Q0150) area.

f. 25 Pz Gren Div.- This unit had been in process of reorganizing at GRAFENWOEHR when it became necessary to rush the partially assembled elements towards our front. The I Bn, 35 Pz Gren Regt, supported by 25 Assault Gun Bn were the first elements identified in the KERLING (U9989) area, 12 Nov. These were followed within a few days by III Bn, 35 Pz Gren Regt, and I Bn 119 Pz Gren Regt, the latter formed for the most part from the Pz Gren element of 107 Pz Brig, withdrawn from the HOLLAND front. 25 Pz Gren Div fought a delaying action, retreating E towards the SAAR. Last contact was obtained on 24 November. The division was then rushed to XII Corps sector where it was engaged at the end of the month.

g. 21 Pz Div.- This division was identified within a few days after the XII Corps attacked in the BOIS DE GONVEUX area (Q0052), where 192 Pz Gren Regt appeared, followed by 125 Pz Gren Regt, in the area NE of BAZONCOURT (Q0150) on 17 Nov. By 20 Nov the enemy found it necessary to reinforce his lines in the N, and 21 Pz Div was shifted there from the ST AVOLD area. 125 Pz Gren Regt was contacted on 21 Nov in the area SW of BUEDINGEN (Q1494). Elements 21 Pz Div continued in contact along our Northern front until 29 Nov. At this time major elements of the division were again shifted to be committed on 30 Nov in the SAARLAUTERN area, although at least the II Bn of 125 Pz Gren Regt was left in the MERZIG area.

h. 347 Inf Div.- By the middle of the month enemy losses had reached such proportions, and the situation was considered grave enough, that 347 Inf Div was shifted from the AACHEN area and committed in the BOULAY-MOSELLE area (Q0965) on 15 Nov. The division withdrew under pressure and with considerable losses in direction SAARLAUTERN. At the end of the month the division was engaged in the FELSBERG area (2477), its strength having been reduced to about 3000 men.

i. 106 Pz Brig.- The Pz Gren element of the brigade was identified in the BEAUX area (U9645) 12 Nov. By 22 Nov all contact with this unit had shifted into XII Corps sector.

j. 130 Pz Lehr Div. - On 29 Nov a Kampfgruppe composed of elements of the II Bn, 901 Pz Gren Regt was identified in the FELSBERG area. No further elements of the division had been identified in XX Corps sector by the end of the month.

k. 559 Gren Div. - Remnants of this division, estimated at 2000 men, were contacted on 28 Nov in the FALCK area (Q1970), from whence they retreated slowly in the direction of SAARLAUTERN. Attached to the division were various elements of the almost destroyed 48 Inf Div.

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i. Miscellaneous Units - The following is a list of some of the principal miscellaneous units identified during the month on our front:

278 Flak Bn
 918 Flak Bn)
 496 Flak Bn)
 673 Flak Bn) 169 Flak Regt - 9 Flak Div
 976 Flak Bn)
 473 Flak Bn
 376 Flak Bn

456 Heeres Art Abt
 457 Heeres Art Abt
 486 Pz Zerstoerer Bn
 5 Festungs Pak Co
 Festungs Pak Co 22/X
 805 Ueberschweres Festungs MG Bn
 810 Ueberschweres Festungs MG Bn
 811 Ueberschweres Festungs MG Bn

1311 Festungs Art Abt
 1519 Festungs Art Abt
 Sturm Bn ACK 1
 Stellungen Bn III/1
 Stellungen Bn XI/1
 Stellungen Bn XVI/1
 Stellungen Bn XVII/1
 Stellungen Bn I/1
 1410 Festungs Inf Bn
 1415 Festungs Inf Bn
 1419 Festungs Inf Bn
 45 Festungs MG Bn
 53 Festungs MG Bn
 48 Festungs MG Bn

From the above list it can be seen that the enemy stripped his potential SIEGFRIED Line garrisons of a considerable amount of troops. Having dissipated them in an infantry role, he appears to have some difficulty in replenishing his fortress garrisons with even poorly trained personnel.

m. Enemy losses. - These loss figures are estimates based on total number of PW taken plus probably casualties (dead, wounded, missing).

416 Inf Div	5300
19 Gren Div	3600
462 Volksgren Div (exclusive of forts). . .	7000
17 SSPz Gren Div (incl attached MG Bns) . .	3700
347 Gren Div.	2000
559 Gren Div.	700
25 Pz Gren Div.	900
21 Pz Div	500
Miscellaneous	6500

30,200

In other words the equivalent of three full divisions was destroyed on XX Corps front.

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4. CAPTURE OF METZ. - a. The attack of XX U. S. Corps resulting in the fall of Fortress METZ was launched 9 Nov 1944, D + 1 of the general attack ordered by Third U. S. Army. For some two months prior to this date the front in this sector had been fairly stabilized along the line as shown on the attached sketch. (See Inclosure 1). We were held well away from the city on the W and S by the ring of forts which forms its defense.

b. The initial plan was to encircle the city with the 5th U. S. INF DIV on the S attacking E; the 90th U. S. INF DIV on the N attacking SE from vic THIONVILLE (U8685); and the 95th U. S. INF DIV attacking from the W to capture the city itself.

c. Our attack caught the enemy by surprise but bad weather and swollen river hampered operations. These obstacles, however, were overcome and by D + 5 (13 Nov), the 5th Inf Div, advancing E against slight opposition had reached line shown on sketch (See Inclosure 1). The enemy was withdrawing eastward in the sector S of METZ, and the direction of attack was changed from E to N, towards the city. As soon as the direction of attack was changed the enemy also began to withdraw N into the city itself. The 95th Inf Div met varied resistance W of METZ, centered about the numerous forts, and progressed up to this point was slight.

d. Attacking N towards METZ, the 5th Inf Div met increasing resistance as it neared the Southern approaches to the city. Centers of resistance were the forts and towns in the area, from which the enemy fought delaying actions, later abandoning them as we threatened to overrun them. The forts of L'ATISNE, L'YSER, and CHESNY were taken, and by D + 8 (16 Nov), we had reached line as shown on sketch (See inclosure 1). The 95th Inf Div continued to meet stiff opposition during this period, but made substantial gains in a thrust S from MAIZIERES where opposition was light after breaking through the "crust". Another thrust from the E captured both the north and south forts of JUSSY and partially surrounded the forts of ST HUBERT and JEANNE D 'ARC.

e. The enemy's defenses were now definitely crumbling and by D + 11 (19 Nov) elements of the 95th Inf Div advancing S on the E of the MOSELLE River had joined with the 5th Inf Div on the S and surrounded the city completely. W of the city our rapid thrusts made deep penetrations into the enemy's positions; many forts were overrun and other surrounded and by-passed.

f. From D + 11 until the cessation of hostilities within the city on D + 14, resistance was "spotty", with isolated instances of vicious opposition. Most of the fire was from small arms with occasional strong points equipped with MGs. The enemy within the city appeared disorganized with little if any tactical control exercised above company level. Still opposition was encountered by the 5th Inf Div from fortified houses in the Southern part of town. On D + 12 the enemy still held out on SAULCY ISLAND and on the SW third of CHAMBIERES ISLAND.

g. On D + 14 (22 Nov at 1435A) all enemy resistance within the city ceased when SAULCY ISLAND was cleared. The enemy continued to hold out in forts PLAPPEVILLE, JEANNE D 'ARC, DRIANT, VERDUN and ST PRIVAT. His position in these forts, while necessitating the attention of some of our troops, was not of great importance to us.

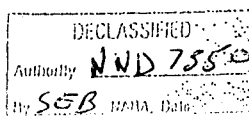
SECTION IV - G-3 SUMMARY

INTRODUCTION:

On 1 November, troops of the XX Corps were disposed as follows: 5th Inf Div had just completed the relief of the 95th Inf Div in the

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ARNAVILLE - VANDIERES brhd east of the MOSELLE RIVER. 95th Inf Div, as relieved, moved north to relieve the 90th Inf Div that had contained the enemy brhd west of the MOSELLE RIVER. 90th Inf Div, upon being relieved by elements of the 95th Inf Div, moved to a training area west of AUDON. The 90th Inf Div was to conduct an extensive training program in this area, using the portion of the MAGINOT LINE running through the training area to train in the attack of a fortified position. The Corps had just received the 10th Arm'd Div and on the first day of the month it closed in an initial assembly area in the vicinity of MARS-la-TOUR, preparatory to taking over a part of the 95th Inf Div zone.

1 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: No missions flown due to weather. Heavy fog during morning clearing up at 1130 hours. Light rains prevailed throughout the rest of the period.

5 INF DIV: At 2205, 5 Inf Div completed the relief of the 95th Inf Div in the ARNAVILLE-VANDIERES bridgehead E of the MOSELLE River. CG 5th Inf Div assumed command of the bridgehead at 1330.

95 INF DIV: The 95th Inf Div as relieved in bridgehead E of the MOSELLE River moved N to relieve the 90th Inf Div that had contained the enemy bridgehead W of the MOSELLE River.

90 INF DIV: When relieved by elements of the 95th Inf Div, 90th Inf Div moved to a training area W of AUDON. Division to conduct an extensive training program in this area, using that portion of the MAGINOT line running through the training area to train in the attack of a fortified position.

10 ARM'D DIV: At 2245, the Div closed in the vicinity of MARS-la-TOUR preparatory to taking over a part of the 95th Inf Div zone.

2 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: No missions flown due to weather. Heavy fog in morning. Broken clouds throughout the rest of the period.

5 INF DIV: Patrols discovered - unusually heavy enemy traffic in vicinity N of CORNY (U7748) also motor and foot columns in the town of CORNY. Enemy artillery from FT DRIANT and FT VERDUN was active throughout the period.

95 INF DIV: Completed the relief of the 90th Inf Div at 2125. CG 95th Inf Div assumed command of the new area at 1300. Div vigorously patrolled the entire division front.

90 INF DIV: Continued to assemble in new training area W of AUDON. Elements of the Division had started an intensive training program.

10 ARM'D DIV: Closed in new assigned zone on the S flank of the 95th Inf Div. CG 10 Armored Division assumed command of the new area.

3 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather - Scattered clouds and overcast during entire period. No missions flown in Corps sector.

5 INF DIV: Continued to maintain pressure along Division front.

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90 INF DIV: Conducted training activities in training area.

95 INF DIV: Repulsed enemy counter-attack at MAIZIERES-LES-METZ (U8569). Attack was found to be an enemy platoon (reinf) attacking the city from the E. The enemy was driven off by tank destroyers fire in a fight that lasted about an hour.

10 ARM'D DIV: Reported no change on Div front; continued aggressive patrolling in zone.

4 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Rains throughout morning period. Skies overcast throughout balance of the period. No missions flown in XX Corps zone. TF POLK given the mission of seizing and occupying the high ground W of the MOSELLE River at (U970945). Elements of TF POLK accomplished the mission at 0800. At 1400, enemy of unestimated strength recaptured the high ground. At nightfall, the high ground remained in the hands of the enemy.

5 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

90 INF DIV: Continued intensive training program.

95 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

10 ARM'D DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

5 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Intermittent showers throughout the period. No missions flown in Corps sector. TF POLK ordered to seize and occupy the high ground N of BERG and the town of BERG. This was done at 0900. The enemy suffered sixty (60) casualties. Forty-six (46) PWs were taken in the action.

5 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

90 INF DIV: Continued intensive training program.

95 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

10 ARM'D DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

6 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Occasional rains throughout the period. Skies overcast. No missions flown in XX Corps sector. Seizing the town of BERG on 5 November caused no enemy reaction. Enemy action was normal along the entire Corps.

5 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

90 INF DIV: Continued intensive training.

95 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

10 ARM'D DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

7 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Rain with strong wind reaching gale proportions in parts of Corps sector.

5 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

90 INF DIV: Continued intensive training.

95 INF DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

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10 ARM'D DIV: Continued aggressive patrolling.

8 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Continued rain throughout the day with occasional snow flurries occurring after 1930 hours. MOSELLE River rising due to continued rains, reaching flood proportions. The treadway bridge at PAGNY (U755455) washed out and the approaches to the bridge at ARNAVILLE are under water. New boundaries designated between the 95th Inf Div and the 5th Inf Div: HANNONVILLE (U612570) - MARS-la-TOUR (U650570) inclusive to 5th Inf Div; (U710520) - (U680520) - (U740510) - (U760480) - (U770490) thence North along East bank of MOSELLE River to (U889644).

Between the 5th Inf Div and the 80th Div of XII Corps on the South: PONT A MOUSSON - ATTON (U790340) - MORVILLE SUR SEILLE (U840360) inclusive to 80th Div; to (U900420) thence along old boundary.

83 INF DIV: 83rd Inf Div passed to XX Corps operational control at 1200 hours.

5 INF DIV: 5th Inf Div prepared to execute its portion of XX Corps attack program.

90 INF DIV: 90 Inf Div closed in new area in Northern portion of Corps zone vicinity of GREVENSMACHER by 0800 hours.

95 INF DIV: Co's A and B, 1st Bn 377th Inf, 95th Div crossed MOSELLE River vic UCKANGE (U858792) between 2100 and 2230 hours and A Co penetrated to the NE to a point 400 yards NE of BERTRANGE (U875811) by 2400 hours. Crossings made against moderate Arty fire. 2nd and 3rd Bns of 95th Div attacking S at same time - 2100 hours vicinity of MAIZIERES LES METZ were impeded by heavily mined areas and Arty fire from fortified groups - DRIANT and VERDUN.

10 ARM'D DIV: Relieved of responsibility in its zone by elements of 95 Inf Div; the 10th Arm'd Div then moved into an initial assembly area vic MARS-la-TOUR preparatory to moving into final assembly area vic OTTANGE.

✓ 9 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather - Intermittent rain throughout the period.
AVIATION: Limited by poor visibility went chiefly to 5th Inf Div sector of attack.

✓ 5 INF DIV: Attacking E from the MOSELLE River bridgehead at 0700 hours with two regiments abreast - the 10th RCT on the left (North) and the 2nd RCT on the right (South) with the 11th RCT containing its portion of the line. The 10th RCT taking (U855425) and advancing by nightfall to take objectives assigned in their sector as far E as (U881432) with the 2nd RCT fighting against slight enemy resistance but being hampered by extreme weather conditions to reach a point in their sector as far as LOUVIGNY.

✓ 90 INF DIV: Attacked at 0300 hours over swollen river vic KOENIGSMACHER. Two Regimental combat teams abreast. 359th on the left and 358th on the right. Both RCTs getting two battalions across at their respective objectives. 359th RCT at (U955928) and 358th RCT at (U925895) and by nightfall both RCTs were across the river plus two battalions of 357th RCT. Bridges were out and only hand-carried weapons were across the river. Supporting weapons remained on the West side of the MOSELLE River. Enemy opposition was not heavy, consisting of small arms and ground weapons with the exception of heavier fire from FORT KOENIGSMACHER. By nightfall FORT KOENIGSMACHER was partly held by the 3rd Bn of 358th RCT.

95 INF DIV: Advance impeded by heavily mined areas and heavy Arty fire.

10 ARM'D DIV: Assembled in new area preparatory to crossing bridgehead secured by the 90th Inf Div.

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XX CORPS: Weather - Overcast with intermittent showers.

5 INF DIV: Resumed attack at 0700 hours, the 2nd RCT in co-ordination with elements of CCB of 6th Arm'd Div which was utilizing better roads in XX Corps zone and planning to re-enter XII Corps zone. With the Armor preceding it, the 2nd RCT reached and occupied SILLY EN SAULNOIS (U938447) by darkness. 11th RCT moved forward to SEILLE River, relieved elements of 10th RCT which in turn joined with 2nd RCT at LOUVIGNY, planned to relieve the 2nd RCT by 11 Nov - 0600 hours to enable 2nd RCT to take final objectives during day of 11 November. 4 bridges being maintained over the SEILLE River, one a class 40 bridge for heavy traffic with three 8 ton bridges in addition thereto. Bridge for heavy traffic opened at 1500 over PONT A MOUSSON.

90 INF DIV: 359th Regt repulsed an enemy counter-attack at 0023 consisting of an estimated company of enemy infantry plus two (2) tanks which occurred in vicinity of KERLING (U995897). Bridging construction commenced at MALLING but in the interim supplies were ferried across in boats. The town of KOENIGSMACHER was cleared of enemy and elements of 358th RCT proceeded to clean out enemy resistance in FORT KOENIGSMACHER. The 2nd and 3rd Bns of 357th Inf crossed to East bank of MOSELLE River in center of bridgehead area.

95 INF DIV: Conducted mopping activities in their zone on objectives obtained.

10 ARM'D DIV: In assembly area; prepared to cross bridgehead when secured by 90th Inf Div and when bridges became available.

11 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Issued Operations Instructions No. 31 (2230 hours) whereby the 83rd Inf Div was relieved from operational control of XX Corps. (Effective 2115 hours.) 83rd Inf Div reverted to First U. S. Army control. All XX Corps units relieved from assignment to 83rd Inf Div. AVIATION: Medium bombers cover between 1500 hours and 1700 hours.

5 INF DIV: 11th Inf relieved elements of 10th Inf W of SEILLE River. 10th Inf assumed responsibility of objectives in 2nd Inf sector. 2nd Inf attacked to E and NE in its sector (0700 hours). The 2nd RCT led by 3rd Bn of the 2nd Inf proceeded by elements of CCB 6th Arm'd Div, took objectives No. 9 and No. 10 at BEUX (U960470) and AUBE (U975490) with the armor seizing a bridge intact at (U986508) by darkness. Elements of 2nd RCT prepared to take over the bridge and hold it by morning 12 November.

95 INF DIV: At 0830 hours elements of 2nd Bn, 378th Inf (supported by 135th Engr C Bn) initiated crossing of MOSELLE River at THIONVILLE. At 0908 hours E Company was across, followed by F Company. Both companies cleared the river in morning and entered THIONVILLE against moderate enemy resistance. That portion of THIONVILLE East of the MOSELLE River and West of the Canal which runs through the town. Further crossings of 1st Bn, 377th Inf at UCKANGE held up by condition of river and lack of boats.

90 INF DIV: Attack in KOENIGSMACHER bridgehead continued with slow progress being made in reducing final resistance in FORT KOENIGSMACHER proper. The 359th RCT expanding the bridgehead N and SE one mile beyond HUNTING. Bridge at MALLING completed but approaches during morning and afternoon were under water making it necessary to effect supplies by boats. The MOSELLE River in the 90th Inf Div area receded at the rate of one inch an hour during the day.

10 ARM'D DIV: Assembled vicinity OTTANGE (U7595) preparing to follow 90th Inf Div through the KOENIGSMACHER bridgehead.

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12 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: No air missions flown due to weather. Light rain persisted throughout the entire period.

5 INF DIV: In the morning the RCTs consolidated initial objectives. Div Arty registered on COURCELLES-CHEUSSY (Q0357) and the 2nd Bn, 2nd Inf took charge (0850 hours) of the bridge at (U9850). Through out the afternoon steady pressure was maintained on enemy forces that barred entry to METZ to the north. The 2nd Bn 2nd Inf, left elements to secure the bridge originally seized by elements of the 6th Arm'd Div. It then moved north to occupy VAUCREMONT (Q0151) -- SANRY (U9851) and the high ground at (U9951). To the northeast the 1st Bn, 2nd Inf, commenced construction of a bridge at ANCERVILLE. The 10th Inf advanced north in its sector, entered LIEHON (U9245) and approached POMMERIEUX and VERNY. The 11th RCT entered and occupied the town of CORNY.

90 INF DIV: A strong enemy counter-attack initially succeeded in making a sizeable penetration in the 359th Inf Sector north of KERLING (U995901). The attack was two-pronged. The south arm consisted of a Bn of Inf supported by Assault Guns. It struck at 0620 hours from the east in the vic of the high-ground (U995901). The attack in the northern portion of the 359th sector consisted entirely of Inf, approximately a Bn in size. It occurred at 0645 hours and originated in the vic of (Q0093). The entire counter-attack was repulsed by 0800 hours. The furthest enemy penetration was vic of PETTITE HETTANGE (U9691). There was some artillery support of the counter attack but very heavy counter battery fire by the 83rd Div Arty and the 195th FA Group silenced it shortly after it started. 5th Div Arty and 155 mm fire of the 733rd FA Bn helped break up the assault gun penetration. Three Assault Guns were observed to be knocked out. By noon the 359th Inf had regained all of its former positions. In the morning the bridge at MALLING, completed the night of 11-12 Nov was hit by an enemy 88mm SP gun and sections of the bridge were swept down stream by the current of the MOSELLE River. These sections were recovered and reconstruction of the bridge commenced by the 206th Engr C Bn. At this point two ferries were constructed and 7 TDs and 17 Tanks were ferried across the MOSELLE River. The high water having receded to some degree, bridging operations were re-opened at CATTENOM (U925895).

95 INF DIV: Continued to move elements of the 377 Inf and 378 Inf east of the MOSELLE River in the vic of UCKANGE and THIONVILLE. The 2nd Bn of the 378th Inf held THIONVILLE up to the canal east of the MOSELLE River. The fortified area south of THIONVILLE, consisting of numerous blockhouses, pillboxes and barracks utilized as strongpoints, was largely under the control of the 2nd Bn of the 378th Inf. Patrols from this Bn were sent east of the canal during the afternoon and evening. Elms of the 377th Inf continued to cross east of the MOSELLE River at UCKANGE. Work was initiated on the bridge at THIONVILLE by the 135th Engr C Bn.

10 ARM'D DIV: Remained in final assembly area vic of OTTANGE prepared to move across the MOSELLE River thru either the KOENIGSMACHER bridgehead area or thru the THIONVILLE bridgehead upon XX Corps order.

13 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Operational instructions issued 1300 hours to all Divisions. Maximum pressure to the N and E is to be exerted by the 5 Inf and 95 Inf Divs in conjunction with aggressive patrols. The 95 Div was ordered to clear the E bank of the MOSELLE River S to THIONVILLE and to effect a junction with the bridgehead forces of the 95 Inf Div. Weather: Light snow during the morning with intermittent showers in the afternoon. Visibility 2 - 4 miles throughout the day.

5 INF DIV: The 10 and 11 Inf Regts pressed N against positions S of METZ advancing distance of 4000 yds N of previous position. The 10 Inf Regt occupied the following towns and Fortified Groups: POMMERIEUX (U858433) - VERNY (U880464) - ORNEY (U910480) - FORT L'YSER (U903482)

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FORT L'AISNE (U875471). The 11 Inf Regt occupied the following towns: FEY (U802490) - COTE DE FAYE (U782482) and had possession of the commanding ground at (U828468) and (U782482). The 2d Inf seized PONTROY (U940475). Elements of the 2d Inf then pushed across the NEID River W of ANCERVILLE (Q0148) and occupied the town at 0700. 2 small counterattacks after dark in the vic of ANCERVILLE were repulsed with no loss of ground. In the afternoon in the vic of SANRY the 2d Inf successfully repulsed 3 light counterattacks which originated from the N and NE.

95 INF DIV: The 2d Bn of the 378 Inf completed the reduction of FT YUTZ at THIONVILLE by 1200 hours and then proceeded to take and hold BASSEYUTZ (U878856) in the afternoon. The 1st Bn of the 377 Inf completed crossing the MOSELLE River in the vic of UCKANGE by 1100 hours. The same Bn then went on in the afternoon to occupy the towns of BERTRANGE (U869799) and IMELDANGE (U879803). The remaining elements of the 377 and 378 Inf and all of the 379 conducted rcn in force in their respective sectors. Work on the bridge at THIONVILLE progressing very slowly due to inclement weather and enemy arty fire.

90 INF DIV: The 357 Inf continued mopping up MAGINOT LINE emplacements occupied by small groups of enemy. The 358 Inf advanced against stiffening enemy resistance S and SE. By darkness it controlled the high grounds at (U910860) and (U915854). The 359 Inf occupied KERLING (U996897) in the morning. The 179 Engr C Bn continued ferrying activities at CATTENOM.

10 ARM'D DIV: Remained in final assembly area prepared to attack in accordance with FO #12 on XX Corps order.

14 NOVEMBER 1944

XX CORPS: Weather - Light rain throughout the period. No air missions flown in Corps sector.

10 Arm'd Div ordered to execute FO #12 at 1130. 43rd Cav Sqdn moved via CATTENOM bridge to relieve elms of 90 Inf Div on left (N) flank of bridgehead. Included METZ (incl) in 5th Inf Div zone.

5 INF DIV: Throughout the day the 10th and 11th Inf continued its attack N towards METZ. Both regiments being within a short distance (2000 yards) of the outskirts of METZ at nightfall. In this advance N, the following towns were occupied: COIN LES CUVRY (U845494) - CUVRY (U849505) - POUILLY (U868512) and PELTRE (U898543). The 2nd Infantry maintained its bridgehead E of the NEID River.

90 INF DIV: Completed movement of all units and bulk of organic transportation of Regiments and supporting Artillery E of the MOSELLE River over the CATTENOM bridge. The 3 regiments on the line expanded the bridgehead as follows: 358 Inf on the left flank (N) approached DISTROFF (U932826); the 357 Inf in the center had patrols in LEMESTROFF (U997861); the 359 Inf on the right flank (S) continued its attack to the SE and occupied the town of OUDRENNE (U978876). The Div Reconnaissance Troops effected a juncture with 1st Bn 377 Inf 95th Div East of the MOSELLE River and N of THIONVILLE.

95 INF DIV: 2nd Bn 378 Inf attacked S at 0645 and captured HAUTE-YUTZ at 0900. It then continued S to assault FT D'ILLANGE. The remainder of the 378 Inf engaged in a general re-adjustment of its units to shorten its front lines. Movement of 1st Bn 377 N from BERTRANGE and IMELDANGE delayed by heavy enemy resistance of armored vehicles and infantry. The 379 Inf attacked FT JEANNE D'ARC; FT ST HUBERT and FT JUSSY NORD. Resistance was composed of small arms and mortars with 3 counterattacks of small groups of enemy repulsed. Bridges at THIONVILLE (U0949) and MALLING (U1530) open.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCB started to cross bridge at THIONVILLE at 1455 and was in movement to assembly area at PETITE HETTANGE (U961911). CCA enroute to assembly area crossed two companies across at MALLING by nightfall.

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15 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather - rain and low overcast. All turrets and casemates captured by XX Corps units were ordered destroyed or made unuseable. A convoy directly east of METZ and the train yard $\frac{1}{2}$ mile west of MERZIG were bombed. The results of such were not observed.

5 INF DIV: Shortened its lines and improved regimental positions prior to an organized drive into METZ. The 11th Inf in the morning held a line which extended from (U800501) to (U841514). In the late afternoon on the right flank the 1st Bn 11 Inf advanced and took AUGNY (U518530). The 10th Inf cleared out the BOIS de L'HOPITAL (U9050). The 2nd Inf after it had occupied MECLEUVES (U9350) repulsed an enemy counter attack vic of (U950500) at 1530 hours.

95 INF DIV: Launched a co-ordinated attack to destroy the enemy in the Div zone, NW and W of METZ. The 377 Inf (-1st Bn) attacked at 1000 hours and by-passed small groups of fortified resistance at (U845686). By darkness the 3rd Bn had occupied LA MAXE (U8764) and the 2nd Bn was fighting vic of WOIPPY (U848630). The 378th Inf (-2nd Bn) left light holding force along old regimental front and attacked at 0800. It completed the occupation of initial objective, the high ground at (U820675) at 1100. The 1st Bn occupied SEMECOURT at 1255 and by 1370 hours had taken all of its objectives and held the BOIS DE WOIPPY. An enemy counter-attack in the vic of FEVES (U820675) during the afternoon was repulsed. Task Force BACON was constituted on Div order at 1015 and consisted of: 2nd Bn 378 Inf, 1st Bn 377 Inf and the 95th Rcn Troop. The force completed capture of FT D'ILLANGE at 1130 hours and had pushed south at darkness to make contact with the 1st Bn 377 Inf which remained in occupation of BERTRANGE and IMELDANGE.

90 INF DIV: At the beginning of the period all combat elements of the Division were S and E of the MOSELLE River. The 359th Inf had been covered by the advance of the 3rd Cav Gp (-43 Cav Sqdn) and the 10th Arm'd Div on the north. The 359th Inf assembled vic of OUDRENNE and reverted to Div reserve. The 357 Inf attacked towards its assigned objective down the trace of the MAGINOT line in the face of bitter enemy resistance and heavy artillery fire from the vic of the le HACKENBURG Fortified Group. The attack progressed 600 yards during the day. The 358th Inf sustained a counter-attack (0700 hours) on their position at DISTROFF. The German attack was in 3 battalion strength, supported by armor and artillery. After severe fighting of several hours duration the attack was repulsed with the aid of tanks and TDs. The Germans were forced back towards METZERVISSE with heavy losses.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCB attacked east through KERLING to reach cross roads at (Q043900) at the end of the period. CCA crossed at MALLING during the morning and at the end of the period had advanced east and secured LEMESTROFF (U998860).

16 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather - Cloudy with visibility limited to 1-2 miles in the morning and from 2-3 miles in the afternoon. At 1330 hours a new boundary E of the MOSELLE R between the 95th and 90th Inf Divs was assigned. The boundary between the two divisions being a N/S line which extended between FORT ILLANGE (U8683) on the N to LETONFEY (U5960) on the S. METZ (incl) remained in the 5th Inf Div zone of responsibility. A flight mission flown at 1400 was unable to locate its targets due to weather and the two squadrons returned to their base.

5 INF DIV: Maintained its positions in the bridgehead E of the NEID River and continued to press the attack N towards METZ. 2d Inf (50 FA Bn and Cos A and D 735th Tank Bn attached). The 1st and 2d Bns consolidated their positions after having repulsed two severe counter-attacks in the vicinity of HILL 271 (U943514). The 3d Bn 2d Inf attacked N towards FRONTIGNY (U926521) and had reached the southern edge of the town at nightfall.

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10 Inf (Co B 735th Tank Bn and Co D 81st Cml Bn attached). The 2d Bn on the W flank moved through HILL 201 (U860518) and captured the town of MARLY (U848523). The 1st Bn in the center advanced N and cleared the woods in (U880540). The 3d Bn on the right reduced enemy resistance in the vicinity of CHESNY (U910614) and attacked the OUVRAGE DE CHESNY NORD.

11 Inf (Co C 735th Tank Bn, attached) launched its attack at 0730 hrs. The 1st and 2d Bns advanced N to reduce the airfield vicinity FRES-CATY (U826548). And at the close of the period were fighting around the NW edge of the airfield. The advance of the 3d Bn on the left flank had by darkness reached the vicinity of AUGNY (U835538) and PAPELIE FME (U839536).

90 INF DIV: 357th Inf (Co C 712 Tk Bn and Co B 81st Cml Bn attached). In the morning the tanks, TDs and SP 155mm Guns were placed so as to bring direct fire on fortifications to their front. The 1st Bn 357th attacked at 1130 hrs and captured BUDDING (U973822) at 1200 hrs.

358th Inf (Co A 712 Tk Bn, and Co A 81st Cml Bn, attached). Positions received heavy mortar and artillery shelling during the night. The 3d Bn captured the town of INLANGE at 1030 hrs. The 2d Bn advanced against heavy small arms and artillery fire to capture STUCKANGE (U912819) and REINAGE (U911796). During darkness patrols from the 2d Bn had entered METZERVISSE (U943802). The 1st Bn resumed the attack at 0700 hours and advanced to capture high ground at (U990822).

359th Inf Regt (Co B 712th Tk Bn, attached) remained in assembly area as Div reserve vicinity of OUDRENNE.

95 INF DIV: The Div continued its drive S towards METZ with its units astride the MOSELLE River.

377th Inf (1st Bn - Co C 778th Tk Bn, attached) made contact with elements of 378th Inf during night 15-16 November. The 3d Bn, re-inforced by tanks, cleared enemy from houses vic (U844686) against stubborn resistance. The attack in the morning was delayed due to the blowing of a bridge in the 3d Bn zone. The 3d Bn attacked at 1100 towards ST ELOY (U8662) and reported light resistance. The 2d Bn captured WOIPPY (U844625) by nightfall.

378th Inf (2d Bn) Co B 778th Tk Bn attached. Resumed the attack at 0800. Occupation of VIGNEULLES (U819620) was reported at 1100 hrs, SAULNY (U810638) at 1155 hrs, PIESNOIS (U810650) and NORROY-le-VENEUR (U810660) were occupied by evening.

379th Inf (Plat 607 TD Bn attached). The 1st and 2d Bn continued attack E on fortified groups in the chain of Forts W of METZ. At darkness the 1st Bn had occupied FT JUSSY NORD and FT JUSSY SUD and 2d Bn had surrounded FT JEANNE DE ARC. The 3d Bn was held in regimental reserve.

Task Force BACON was re-inforced by the 807th TD Bn and Co D 778 Tk Bn during the morning. The TASK FORCE launched its attack S at 0700 hrs and occupied BOUSSE (U882763) at 0900. Advance elements of the Task Force had reached AY-SUR-MOSELLE (U8872) at the end of the period.

10 ARM'D DIV: Advanced in zone. Captured the towns: HAUTE SIERCK (Q024887) and ST MARGUERITE (Q031854) and 1930 hours with elements of CCA at (Q025859) and CCB at (Q045900) at the end of the period.

The 10th Armd Div for combat purposes was organized and operating as task forces and teams, composed as follows:

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CCA Reserve - - -

TF DESOBREY:

Hq & Hq Co 54 Armd Inf Bn
B Co 54 (-)
1 Plat D Co 11 Tk Bn
3 Plats A Co 55 Engr

TF CHAMBERLAIN:

11 Tk (- C Co & 1 Plat of D).
A Co 54 Armd Inf Bn (-)
C Co 54 Armd Inf Bn
A Co 55 Engr

RILEY:

21st Tk Bn - "A" "B" & "D" Cos
Co C 11th Tk Bn
1 Plat "B" Co. 54th Armd Inf Bn
1 Sq "A" Co, 55th Engr
"A" Co, 609th TD Bn
1 Plat, A Co, 54th Armd Inf Bn
1 Co, 206th Engr
Div Arty - 420 AFA

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TF STANDISH:

61 Arm'd Inf Bn (- A Co)
A Co 21 Tk Bn
B Co 21 Tk Bn
1 Plat D Co 11 Tk Bn
2 Plat A Co 55 Engr

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TEAM CHERRY:

3d Tk (- A & 1 Plat of D)
C Co 20 Armd Inf Bn
1 Plat of 55 Engr
1 Plat Co B 796 AAA
1 Btry 420 AFA

TEAM WEINER:

20 Armd Inf Bn (- C Co)
A Co 3d Tk
1 Plat D Co 3d Tk
1 Sec 796 AAA
1 Plat B Co 55 Engr

17 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather - Low overcast becoming broken clouds in afternoon. Five missions flown in Corps zone, excellent results.

5 INF DIV: 2 Inf continued attack to the N captured FT SOREBY (U962512) and occupied the town of FRONTIGNY (U926521). Late afternoon started withdrawing troops from the bridgehead E of the NEID R to assist in the attack on METZ. 10 Inf continued the attack to the N capturing the town of GRIGY (U896563), HAUT DE BEVOYE (U892550), MAGNY (U868543). 11 Inf occupied the METZ airdrome.

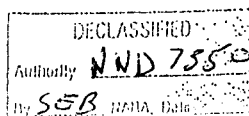
90 INF DIV: 357 halted N of KLANG (Q009809) in front of the enemy entrenched on the next ridge S. Tanks from the 712 Tk Bn were sent up the N fork toward KLANG. As they approached the enemy fled panic-stricken from his trenches directly into the fire of Co F blocking the road NE of KLANG and units of the 3d Bn in LE STEYERBUCH S of the town. 358th Inf, 1st and 2d Bns, attacked METZERESCHE against a heavy concentration of enemy artillery and mortars captured the town after a hard struggle at 1710.

359th Inf completed assembly at BREISTROFF-LA-PETITE at 1430.

95 INF DIV: 377th Inf launched an attack to secure bridges across the MOSELLE R. Advanced against stubborn resistance and reached SANSONNET (U850607). 378th Inf attack cleared all forts in fortified zone NW of METZ between FT FEVES and FT LORRAINE inclusive in the drive to secure the bridges at METZ reached DEVANT LES PONTS. 379th Inf resumed attack and reached the vicinity (U790582). TF BACON continued attack South, occupied the towns MALROY (U8965), MECHY (U930665), CHARLY (U910650). Advance elements reached CHIEULLES (U902632). TF BACON encountered strong enemy resistance throughout the day.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA - TF CHAMBERLAIN: Attacked at 1200 towards BECKERHOLZ at 1547 had reached a position SE of BECKERHOLZ and organized for the night. TF STANDISH: Pillboxes at (Q035830) held up the advance elements. Pillboxes were reduced and attack resumed. Heavy artillery fire encountered vicinity (Q040838) advance held up for remainder of period. TF DESOBRY: Committed on E flank contacted enemy at (Q072860). CCB - Team CHERRY: Column was split into two parts, the N column bypassed OBERNAUMEN headed N toward RITZING to CR (Q078934) and then to the E to (Q098932) where they prepared for the night. The S column took OBERNAUMEN (Q069907) and headed SE to (Q102897) where they prepared for

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the night. Team WEINER: Passed through KIRSCHNAUMEN heading SE and met passive resistance until they reached a knocked-out bridge at (Q094883) - 200 yards from HALSTROFF. Infantry squads crossed the stream and the night was spent in preparing for the attack on HALSTROFF.

18 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather: Low overcast with broken clouds throughout the day with visibility from 2 to 5 miles. Five squadrons of P47's worked with the Divisions in their attack throughout the day while 5 other flights were made in XX Corps zone. Targets were enemy vehicles, tanks and reported troop concentrations. Excellent results observed with destruction of numerous vehicles noted.

5 INF DIV: Continued its attack N on METZ with elements of 2d Inf returned to West bank of NEID River to assist in the attack on METZ. The 2d Inf with Co's A & D of the 735th Tank Bn attached was on the right (E) flank. During the morning the 1st Bn cleared the GRAND BOIS DECHAMPEL (U940535) and BOIS LEFEYRE (U940545) and captured the town of ARS LAQUE-NEXY (U933558) by 1800. The 2d Bn closed in assembly area vic PONTOY (U940474) at 0300 from East of the NEID River. The 2d Bn moved at 0930 to PELTRIE (U898540) and launched an attack at 1400 to the NW to capture the woods vic of MERCY LA METZ (U911540) and the town itself by darkness. The 3d Bn moved to assembly area vic of BOIS DE CREPY (U895525) prepared to attack N in the morning. The 10th Inf (Co B, 735th Tk Bn and Co D 81st Cml Bn, attached) in the center attacked North with 2d and 3d Bns abreast and 1st Bn in reserve. The 2d Bn entered FORT QUELEU (U882562) without resistance during the early morning and the 3d Bn seized and held HAUT DE BEVOYE (U892550). The 1st Bn was prepared to attack North through and beyond the area held by the 2d Bn. The 11th Inf (Co C 735th Tk Bn attached) on the left (W) flank with all three RCTs on the line attacked towards METZ. The 3d Bn advanced NW of the airdrome, crossed the city limits of METZ at 1030 hrs and engaged in house to house fighting vic of ALGERS (U829582).

95 INF DIV: Entered the Northern and Eastern edges of METZ and cleared the network of forts NW of the City. The 377th Inf (- 1st Bn) with Co C 778th Tk Bn attached, reorganized during night 17-18 Nov and resumed attack at 0730. Co G supported by the tanks, crossed the HAFEN CANAL on sole remaining bridge (U858602) and entered METZ at 1000 hrs. Remainder of 2d Bn and 3d Bns completed crossing of HAFEN CANAL during the afternoon and placed harassing fire on enemy personnel on South side of River. The extensive mine fields encountered on the canal were cleared during the afternoon and evening. The 378th Inf (- 2d Bn) with Co B 778 Tk Bn attached, attacked S at 0730 hrs with Co I of the 3d Bn crossing 4 men over the bridge at (U842590) as it was blown by the enemy. Preparations to cross were begun at once. The 1st Bn encountered enemy resistance of MGs and mortars at FT PLAPPEVILLE (U816606) which it reduced by 1930 and prepared to continue attack South towards ST QUENTIN. The 379th Inf resumed attack East in the morning with the 1st (on the right(S) flank and 3d Bns (in the center) making contact during the morning NW of VAUX. Elements of 2d Bn on the left (platoon of Co G) occupied FT DE GUISE unopposed in the morning. The RCTs advanced during the afternoon to capture against diminishing enemy resistance the towns of ROZERIEULLES (U7957), CHATEL ST GERMAIN (U7959), MOULINS (U8157), JUSSY (U7957) and ST RUFFINE (U8057). TF BACON (1st Bn 377th Inf 2d Bn 378th Inf, 95th Rcn Tr and Co C 778th Tk Bn) with 920 FA Bn in support resumed the attack S along E bank of MOSELLE River at 0700. Heavy resistance was met at FT ST JULIEN (U8961). The 1st Bn 377th Inf by-passed the Fort to the West of the Fort and occupied the town of ST JULIEN (U8860) against heavy resistance. The 2d Bn of the 378th Inf reduced resistance in FT ST JULIEN and continued S to occupy the town of SANEY (U9466). Elements of the 95 Rcn Tr reached VALLIERES by 1100 hrs.

90 INF DIV: The 357th Inf on the left (E) flank moved SE with the 1st and 3d Bns leading to reach BOCKANGE (U045725). The 358th Inf on the East bank of the MOSELLE attacked with the 1st (on the S) and 3d Bns (on the N) through the BOIS DE LUTTANGE without meeting enemy resistance.

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The 3rd Bn occupied LOTTANGE (U963755) at 1100 hours and 1st Bn secured the high ground vic (U973749) before noon. The 2nd Bn remained in regimental reserve at METZERESCHE. The Regt was placed in division reserve in the afternoon and assembled vic LUTTANGE. 359th Inf (Co B, 712th Tk Bn)(and Co A 81st Cml Bn, attached) attacked SE in center of Div zone in Clm of Bns. No resistance was met in the morning but enemy rear guard actions and skirmishes were experienced in the afternoon. The Regt however reached the Div objective by early evening with the 1st Bn having seized CONDE-NORTHEN and cut the enemy escape route East of METZ at PONTIGNY (U042618).

10 ARM'D DIV: Advances were made against varying resistance. CCA TF CHAMBERLAIN attacked S at 0900 hours and reached (1200 hours) BOUZONVILLE where clm was halted by bridge blown out at N edge of town and by heavy Arty fire. The TF STANDISH clm reached CHEMERY LES DIEUX at 1200 hours and by night was fighting enemy at FREISTROFF. TF RILEY was in reserve and followed route of TF CHAMBERLAIN. TF DESOBRY attacked E towards HARGARTEN at 0900 hours and captured the town at 0945 hours. At 1325 hours WAIDWEISTROFF was captured after the removal of road blocks before the town and elimination of covering weapons. The clm bivouaced for the night at (Q123848): CCB: Both columns of Team CHERRY were immobilized for 2 hours due to mud when the attack began at 0800 hours. At 1000 hours the N column moved on LAUMESTROFF and took it at 1325 hours. The S column seized REMELING at 1305 hours. Both columns moved East on an axis of advance. At 1445 hours in response to Div order they reorganized at LAUMESTROFF at 2045 and bivouaced for the night. Team WEINER was re-designated Team HUSTEAD and took HALSTROFF at 0800 hours and FLASTROFF (Q128862) at 1008 hours. The team then moved over secondary roads to SCHWERDORFF at 1545 hours where they organized for an attack on the town. SCHWERDORFF was taken at 1800 hours.

19 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather - Broken clouds throughout the day with visibility from 4 - 7 miles. Three bombing missions by 12 to 16 P47s flown in the morning. Enemy vehicles, trains and convoys bombed with excellent results. RCT 358 was attached to 10th Arm'd Div and mission of CCA of 10th Arm'd Div was changed at 1730 hrs to attack NE 0730 hrs 20 Nov, pass through TF POLK and seize bridgehead over SAAR River vic SAARBURG (L140130) - a new boundary between 5th Inf Div and 95th Div was assigned effective as of 1345 in METZ.

5 INF DIV: 1st Bn 2nd Inf continued the attack clearing the GRANDE BOIS DESCHAMPEL (U940535) and BOIS LEFEVRE (U940545) by 1800 hrs 18 Nov. An attack was launched from these positions at 0730 to the NE and by 0930 the towns of MARSILLY, OGY, RUCHE AND VAUDREVILLE had been captured. Contact was established with elements of 90th Inf Div at 1030 in vic of VAUDREVILLE. 2nd Bn moved from PONTOY (U940474) to PELTRE (U898540) launching an attack from this point at 1400A to the NE capturing the woods in vicinity MERCY LA METZ (U911540) the town itself and group fortified LA MARNE by 1530A. Hills 242 (U912570) and 286 (U920589) were captured at 0945 and an attack was moving to capture FORT DE LAUVALLE (U914590). 3rd Bn captured the town of JURY (U917534).

The 1st Bn, 10th Inf moved through the city of METZ, advancing to the line (U870584) (U885583) against house to house resistance. The suburbs of QUEULEU and PLANTIERS were cleared. The 2nd Bn continued mopping up in vicinity of FORT QUEULEU (U882562).

The 3rd Bn, attacking to the North, captured BORN (U898578) and FORT LES BORDES (U895587). Contact was established with the 95th Inf Div at 1140A vic (U885592).

1st Bn, 11th Inf, along the East bank of the MOSELLE completed occupation of the hangers on the NE of the METZ Airdrome. The 3rd Bn continued house to house fighting in ALGER (829562) BRADIN FME (U836556).

95th Inf Div: 377th Inf (-1st Bn) At 1500 the 2nd Bn, by the use of Engr Boats, closed across the river and prepared to advance into center of METZ with 3rd Bn in the process of crossing the river in Engr boats 378th Inf (-2nd Bn): 3rd Bn began crossing of MOSELLE River in Engr boats at 1130 and at 1300 entered the portion of METZ assigned to their zone against small arms fire.

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The 1st Bn contained FT PLAPPEVILLE, FT ST QUEN N and the fortified zone in between. The 379th Inf made contact with elements 378th Inf vic LONGEVILLE LES METZ (U8538) in the morning. Resistance during advance consisted of Arty and MG fire from FORT JEANNE D'ARC. Preparations were made to relieve the 1st Bn of 378th Inf by morning 20 Nov. TF BACON (no change in composition) reported contact with elements 3rd Bn 10th Inf 5th Div at 1110. SEILLE River crossed 1130 N of FT BELLE-CROIX (U870595) and thus completed the clearance of E bank of MOSELLE River down to junction of MOSELLE AND SEILLE Rivers (U870597).

90 Inf Div: 357th Inf continued mopping up enemy resistance W of NEID River. The 358th Inf remained in Div reserve until 1530 when it became attached to 10th Arm'd Div and was alerted for movement. The 359th Inf prepared for all around defense in their zone and was astride the escape route East of METZ.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA: TF CHAMBERLAIN attacked through FILSTROFF at 0830 and at 0928 advance party was held up at bridge by friendly units. Upon Div order attempts to move South were halted at 1000 and gradual withdrawal commenced. All other TASK FORCES of CCA prepared to move on new mission morning of 20 Nov.

CCB: Team CHERRY attacked at 1000 from LAUMESTROFF and continued to advance E until 1305 when its advance was stopped by an AT ditch (Q138-935) covered by Arty fire. The ditch was bridged and one TK platoon had crossed when enemy Arty destroyed the bridge. Another bridge was built and Inf support was sent across. The team thereupon bivouaced for the evening. Team HUSTEAD received heavy Arty fire and on Div order took up defensive positions by 1800 at HALSTROFF-BIZING-FLASTROFF-COLEMAN and SCHWERDORFF.

20 NOVEMBER 1944

XX CORPS: Weather - broken and overcast with light to moderate rain throughout period. Visibility from 3 to 6 miles. AVIATION: no missions flown due to the weather.

5 INF DIV: On the right flank the 2nd Inf advanced to the North. The towns of COINCY (U940577), MONTROY FLANVILLE (U937590), ST AGNAN (U955583) and FLANVILLE (U950590) were cleared by the 3rd Bn. The 2nd Bn captured FT DE LAUVALLIERE (U914590) and the town of LAUVALLIERE (U925594) against organized resistance.

The 10th Inf, moving in from the SE, continued mopping up the city of METZ and cleared the suburbs of SABLON. This included the area enclosed by railroad tracks within the city. Elements of the Regt were advancing through the railroad station during the morning of the 20th. The enemy still held out in FT QUEULEU (U882562) but was surrounded by Co' G. Units of the 3rd Bn in vicinity of VALLIERES were withdrawn and employed in mopping up operations in METZ.

On the left, the 11th Inf, employed the 2nd Bn to contain enemy resistance in FT ST PRIVAT (U837548) and the woods to the Northeast. The 1st and 3rd Bn's moved into METZ from the South reaching FRANZ LISZT STR and completed occupation within their zone to the North.

Co's B and C, 735th Tank Bn supported the 10th and 11th Inf in house clearing in METZ.

✓ 95 INF DIV: Encirclement of that portion of METZ in Div zone completed. Contact was established between all elements of Div and with 5th Inf Div and 90th Inf Div. 377th Inf (-1st Bn) - completed crossing of 3rd Bn over MOSELLE River in the morning and made contact with TF BACON at 1300. Continuous sniper fire was encountered in clearing out the enemy resistance in METZ but the operation neared completion. 378th Inf (-2nd Bn) the 3rd Bn made contact with the 5th Inf Div vic of (U852580) at 0830. The 1st Bn contained FT PLAPPEVILLE, FT ST QUENTIN and intermediate fortified area, and was in the process of being relieved by 3rd Bn 379th Inf so as to join 3rd Bn 378th Inf in METZ. 379th Inf: Relieved elements of 378th Inf and prepared to contain FT ST QUENTIN. The remainder of the Regt continued mopping up operations in its zone. TF BACON: Reported contact with the 3rd Bn 378th Inf and 5th Inf Div inside of METZ.

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95th Rcn Trp cleared enemy from VREMY (U9463) - STA-BARBE (U9563) - GRAS (U9562) - POIKE (U9362) and FAILLY (U9263). Div Arty maintained smoke periodically on active forts and on MOSELLE River for crossings by 377th Inf and 379th Inf.

90th INF DIV: (less 358th attached to 10th Arm'd Div) remained in position in Div sector and continued to destroy or capture escaping enemy.

10th ARM'D DIV: CCA Completed turnover of Southern half of sector to CCR and its teams pushed off on new missions. TF STANDISH proceeded on mission at 0730, and reached SIERCK at 1030 where its advance was slowed by bridge over ditch crossing. The head of the column reached APACH at 1300 where a treadway bridge was put in. Farthest penetration during the period was SEHNDORF. No enemy contact during the period. TF CHAMBERLAIN attacked North at 0830 but at 0930 its advance was halted by an enemy destroyed bridge at (Q095854). A treadway bridge erected by units of the 206th Engr's Combat Bn afforded a crossing at 1100. The column advanced without making contact with the enemy and bivouaced for the night along its route of advance. Team RILEY remained in reserve and was not committed. CCB: Team CHERRY attacked at 0924 and met slight resistance until its lead elements reached the top of HILL 378 (Q165935). There the enemy made a reported Tk C/A and laid down a heavy Arty concentration on the hill which rendered it untenable. CG decided to fall back to positions held the night of 19 Nov and Team CHERRY was ordered (2000) to outpost their area and send out patrols. Team HUSTEAD continued to organize their defensive positions. 90 Cav Rcn Sqdn reported town of WALDWISSE (Q125913) clear of enemy troops at 1240. At 1110 the CAV was driven out of WELLINGEN but re-entered the town at dark 1825. The CAV also reported the towns of BUDINGEN (Q142947), SCHAUERWALD (Q099-952) and BIRINGEN (Q137909) clear of the enemy.

21 NOVEMBER 1944

XX CORPS: Weather: Light to moderate rain throughout morning with intermittent showers in the afternoon. Visibility was from 3 to 5 miles. AVIATION: The 406 Fighter Group flew 2 missions in close support of 10th Arm'd Div and 95th Inf Div. No results reported.

5 INF DIV: All areas in the zone were occupied and units maintained positions. The Garrison of FT QUELEU surrendered to 10th Inf at 1045. FORT PRIVAT (U837548) still held out and was contained by 1st Bn 11th Inf. Co I (Reinf) 11th Inf contained the enemy in the VERDUN group of forts (U798509). 1173 PW's taken during the day.

90 INF DIV: (-358th Inf) Relieved CCR of 10th Arm'd Div of responsibility for its sector and established a new outpost screen with mobile reserves along the NEID River.

95 INF DIV: Resistance in METZ confined to small pocket on WEIDEN-INSEL ISLAND and elimination of this pocket is in progress by 377th Inf (-1st Bn) Captured General-lieutenant KITTEL, CG METZ Garrison about 1430. Elements of 2nd and 3rd Bns of 379th Inf occupied ARS SUR MOSELLE in the afternoon and 1st Bn 379th Inf continued to contain FT PLAPPEVILLE and FT ST QUENTIN.

10 ARM'D DIV: TF CHAMBERLAIN attacked N at 0900 with 2 teams. O'GRADY (left flank) and EISBERG. O'GRADY reached BORG at 1500 and pushed N to the high ground at (Q065015) where it encountered 4 pillboxes and received heavy artillery fire which stopped its advance. Team EISBERG reached (Q102987) at 1300 where it was stopped by heavy artillery fire and did not advance beyond that point. TF STANDISH attacked N in two teams at 0900. Teams were BRADY and EARDLEY. Team BRADY ON the left (W) reached BESCH (LO12015) at 0915, was delayed by heavy mortar fire (1100 hrs) at (LO15030) and reached (LO15032) where it bivouaced for the night. Team EARDLEY on the right (E) reached WOCHERN (LO37013) at 0915 and encountered AT Ditch and steel dragons teeth at (VO45027) and heavy Arty fire which stopped the advance. Team RILEY remained in reserve. CCB: Team CHERRY remained in position because enemy Arty fire knocked

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out bridge across AT Ditch and prohibited Engrs from rebuilding it. Plat of Med Tankers on East of ditch were forced to abandon tanks when enemy counter-attacked at 1700 from SE and NE. Attack was repulsed by aid of Arty at 1935. Team HUSTEAD sent out aggressive patrols in its sector.

22 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather: Cold with occasional light rains throughout the period. AVIATION: No missions flown due to the weather. F.O. No.13 issued.

5 INF DIV: Units maintained positions in respective sectors. The 2nd Inf prepared to relieve the 379th Inf of their mission of containing the Forts still occupied by the enemy on the W side of the MOSELLE River. The 10th Inf prepared to relieve the 377th Inf and 378th Inf in the Northern part of METZ. The 11th Inf prepared to relieve TF BACON of the 95th Inf Div in METZ, and continued to contain enemy in FORTS VERDUN and FORT ST PRIVAT.

90 INF DIV: Organized its zone to include counter-attack plans and continued to probe for enemy information with patrols.

95 INF DIV: 377th Inf reported cessation of last enemy resistance in METZ at 1435. Upon relief by elements 5th Inf Div the Regt initiated movement to new assembly area vic COLLIGNY (U9756). The 1st Bn reverted to Regimental control at 1200 and closed in new area at 2300. 2nd Bn closed at 2100. 3rd Bn prepared to move. 378th Inf: 2nd Bn reverted to Regimental control at 1200. Upon relief by elements 5th Inf Div the 378th Inf initiated movement to new assembly area vic SORBIEY (U9650) and closed at 2355. Attachments to 379th Inf released during morning while Regt continued to contain FTS PLAPPEVILLE and ST QUENTIN. The German Commander of FT PLAPPEVILLE refused to surrender but arranged a truce with CO of 379th Inf to permit removal of casualties. Propaganda broadcast directed at FT ST QUENTIN produced only scattered mortar fire from the fort. Regt prepared for movement to new assembly area vic PELTRY (U8953) upon relief by elements of 5th Inf Div. TF BACON disbanded on Div order at 1200.

10 ARM'D DIV: TF CHAMBERLAIN continued to operate in two teams. Both teams passed through the 3rd CAV GRP in two columns and attacked N at 1145. O'GRADY on the WEST and EISBERG on the EAST. Team O'GRADY reached the enemy fortified line and was halted. The AT Ditch at (LO71-027) was spanned and shelled out by the enemy. At 1545 the team started to move forward and reached the highground at (LO71027) by 1630 which it outposted for the night. Team EISBERG met heavy opposition in defilade at (Q100990) and its mission was changed to one of blocking the East flank. The team then dug-in for the night and was alerted to follow Team O'GRADY on W route when the break-through was made. TF STANDISH passed thru 3rd CAV GRP in 2 clms. The West clm was stopped by heavy Arty and AT defenses at (LO40021). The ditch was spanned under Arty fire and the W clm (Team BRADY) advanced slowly under heavy Arty fire to (LO21040) where on order it dug-in and waited for relief by CCR. The East clm (Team EISBERG) was unable to advance beyond fortifications directly S of TETTIGAN. TF RILEY was not committed. CCB: Team CHERRY entered woods of KIRSCH-HOLTZ at 0915 and at 1215 had regained eight of the med tanks on the East side of the AT Ditch. At 1035 the Inf of Team CHERRY was driven out of LE HEIDWALD woods at (Q144937) by strong enemy infantry and Tank attack but held fast at (Q143937) for the night. Team HUSTEAD maintained patrols in its sector. The 90th CAV RCN SQDN at 1030 made a Rcn in force from LAUNSTROFF to WELLINGEN and then to the East and back to WELLINGEN as a diversion to relieve the pressure on Team CHERRY.

23 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather: Light rain with overcast skies. AVIATION: No missions flown due to weather. New boundaries between divisions as prescribed in FO #13 effective as of 1500.

5 INF DIV: Completed relief of 95th Inf Div at 1700. The Regiments took positions to contain enemy in forts still occupied in Div area.

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The 2d Inf was disposed to contain FT JEAN D'ARC (U780587) - FT MARIVAL (U772539), BOIS la DAME (U775566), VAUX NORD & SUD (U776559) and FT DRIANT (U775560). The 10th Inf surrounded FT ST QUENTIN (U820593) and FT DE PLAPPEVILLE (U818608). The 11th Inf contained Gp FTS VERDUN (U800510) and FT ST PRIVAT (U838548) and elements of 11th Inf relieved TF BACON in METZ.

90 INF DIV: (-358th Inf) - Began movement to assembly areas in new Div sector and left screening force to cover movement.

95 INF DIV: Closed in new assembly areas after relief by 5th Inf Div vicinity PELTRY (U8953) and prepared to attack East on Corps order.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA: TF CHAMBERLAIN organized another team that it called Team GOMAN and it passed through Team O'GRADY and advanced N to (L072028) where its lead tank was knocked out (1010). The 2d and 3d Bns of 358th Inf, 90th Inf Div, then came forward and took Hill 388 at 1600. At 1825 the Team went into defensive positions. Contact was made with Inf on both flanks and out-posts were established in outlying sectors of BORG. Teams O'GRADY and EISBERG remained in position. TF STANDISH - the left column (Team BRADY) was relieved at 1245 by CCR and re-organized vicinity BESCH. Team FELICE on the right waited for 3d Bn 358th Inf to clear woods (L058020) which began at 1415 and was completed at 1700.

CCB: Team CHERRY HELD its positions. An enemy counter-attack, supported by guns of large caliber, knocked out 2 light tanks at (Q137932). Enemy was repulsed by artillery fire. Team HUSTEAD stayed in positions and patrolled to the East.

CCR: Moved from BIBICHE to BESCH to effect relief of Team BRADY and prepared to prevent enemy penetration along the BESCH-NENNIG road.

24 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather: Intermittent light rain throughout period. AVIATION: No missions flown due to weather. New boundaries between 1st and 3rd U. S. Armies was adjusted (1030 hrs) with ESCH (vP7302) - SIERCK (WQ0094) incl to XX Corps as left flank of 3rd U.S. Army and the MOSELLE River to KOBLENZ (wL8995) incl to 1st U. S. Army to North of XX Corps. Time of attack for F0 #13 set for 0730 hrs 25 November.

5 INF DIV: Regiments remained in position and contained enemy in Forts still occupied.

90 INF DIV: (-358th Inf) - Closed into new area and relieved elements CCB, 10th Arm'd Div, by dark.

95 INF DIV: The 377th and 378th Inf began movement forward 0900 hrs to fwd assembly area, closing 1700 hrs, and prepared to secure West banks of NEID River in Div sector. 379th Inf closed new assembly area 1000 and prepared to move forward to new fwd assembly area while the 2d Bn relieved elements of 90th Inf Div in North sector of Div zone at 1800.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA: TF CHAMBERLAIN - Teams were counter-attacked by the enemy using flame-throwers. Teams attacked, after initially withdrawing, to regain all ground. TF STANDISH experienced two counter-attacks in the morning, which were repulsed, and at 1205 attacked towards TETTINGEN (L045026) and at 1725 the 3d Bn, 358th Inf, reached BUTZDORF (L048030). TF RILEY remained in reserve.

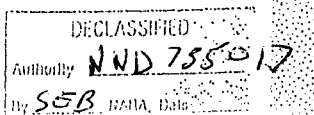
CCB: Team CHERRY remained in position. Team HUSTEAD was relieved at 1630 hrs by the 359th Inf, 90th Inf Div, and the team then took up new positions from FLATTEN through WALDWISSE.

25 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather: Light rain in afternoon with skies overcast throughout the period. AVIATION: Used Napalm and fragmentation bombs on towns of WEINTEN (L1304), MUNZINGEN (L0804), SINZ (L0504) and KIRF (L0906), with fires being observed. Vehicles and railroads were also bombed with excellent results.

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5 INF DIV: The 2d Inf, after having sent investigating patrols which found the areas unoccupied, moved in and occupied FTS MARIVAL (U772539), De VAUX NORD & SUD (U776559), BOIS le DAME (U775566) and ST HUBERT (U774579). The 10th and 11th Inf remained in position.

90 INF DIV: (-358 Inf) - Began advance East towards SAAR River with two regiments abreast. The 359th on the left (N) attacked 0730 with the 2d and 3d Bns abreast, the 3d on the left (N) and the 1st Bn in reserve. By dark, BIRINGEN (Q138909) and OBERESCH (Q152893) had been taken by 359th Inf. The 357th Inf on the right (S) sent strong combat patrols forward and captured SCHWERDORF (Q159859). An advance of 2 miles.

95 INF DIV: Attacked East at 0730 with 2 regiments committed on the line, the 377th Inf on the left (N) with the 379th in reserve. The 377th Inf (Co B 81st Cml Co, and Co B 778 Tk Bn, attached) met slight resistance from small arms fire and advanced to cross the NEID River and seized HELSTROFF (Q0862) - MACKER (Q0863) - VOLMERANGE (Q0664) - BRECKLANGE (Q0766) - BOULAY-MOSELLE (Q097658) and ROUPELDANGE (Q079685). The 378th Inf (Co D 81st Cml Bn and Co C 778 Tk Bn, attached) on the right flank (S), attacked at 0730. It encountered slight resistance throughout the day. After crossing the NEID river it advanced approximately 6 miles Northeast to occupy MARANGE - ZONDRANGE (Q1158) - HAL* LERING (Q1358) - HALLING (Q1062) - NARBEPONTAINE (Q1361) and MOMERSTROFF (Q125634). The 379th in Div reserve, initiated move forward to Fwd Assembly area.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA: TF CHAMBERLAIN was re-designated TF O'HARA. Lt Col O'HARA assumed charge at 1800. TF O'HARA supported from stabilized positions the attack of the 1st and 2d Bns, 358th Inf, 90th Inf Div. TF STANDISH supported and protected the flanks of the 3d Bn 358th Inf during its attack to the North. TETTINGEN (L045026) was secured. TF RILEY was not committed.

CCB: Teams remained in position and prepared to attack on the morning of 26 November.

26 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather: No rain, but overcast skies in the morning that cleared in the afternoon. AVIATION: 5 missions flown in afternoon. German towns, vehicles and concentrations bombed and strafed with excellent results. The boundary established between 95th Inf and 5th Inf Divs was rescinded (1015 hrs) and 95th Inf Div being allotted Southern sector of XX Corps zone and responsibility to maintain contact with XII Corps on the right flank.

5 INF DIV: The 2d Inf remained in position. The 10th Inf (-3d Bn) remained in position while the 3d was relieved by the 2d Bn of the 11th Inf at 1700 and attached to 95th Inf Div (1700 hrs). Gp FTS VERDUN (U800510) resistance was concluded by the surrender of the enemy at 0805 and elements of 3d Bn, 11th Inf, occupied it. The 2nd Bn, 11th Inf, then (1700) hrs relieved 3d Bn 10th Inf.

90 INF DIV: (-358 Inf). Continued the advance approximately 3½ miles NE against mounting resistance. The 359th Inf closed into Germany with its front lines extended from (Q157917) to (Q168884). The 357th Inf continued the attack at 0730, captured COTTENDORF (Q160874) and advanced against heavy arty and mortar fire to seize FURWEILER (Q171870) by darkness.

95 INF DIV: The 377th Inf resumed attack at 0725 and advanced N, an average of 2 miles, against increased enemy resistance to occupy TETERCHEN (Q1471). The 378th Inf resumed attack at 0730 and met stubborn resistance but by night held and occupied a line DENTING (Q1266) - NIEDERVISSE (Q150638). The 379th Inf supported by fire the advance of the 377th Inf and Rcn for possible assembly areas in the 378th and 377th Inf zones.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA: TF STANDISH redesignated TF RILEY when Lt Col RILEY relieved Lt Col STANDISH. Both TF RILEY and O'HARA relieved the

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elements of 358th Inf in their zones. Lt Col STANDISH assumed command of TF RILEY which was designated CCA reserve.

CCB: After a 50 minute arty preparation, Team CHERRY attacked (0805) against slight enemy resistance to seize at 0914 the town of BETHINGEN (Q128962). Team HUSTEAD continued the attack to the East, advanced 1000 yards, and reached the East edge of the WEISERWALD WOODS (Q143924) at 1020. Mortar and arty concentrations forced a withdrawal from the woods.

27 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: Weather: Light rain with low overcast and fog throughout entire period that limited visibility to 1 - 2 miles. Aviation: No missions flown due to weather. The 3d Cav Gp (reinf) ordered (1430 hrs) to relieve CCA of the 10th Arm'd Div in extreme Northern sector. 10th Arm'd Div ordered to clear enemy from W bank of SAAR River in their new zone.

5 INF DIV: 11th Inf (- 3d Bn) remained in position throughout the day while the 3d Bn moved (0740 hrs) South to BOIS DE KERFENT (Q173593) to relieve elements of 80th Inf Div in that area. The 2d and 11th Inf remained in position.

90 INF DIV: The 358th Inf relieved from attachment to 10th Arm'd Div in morning and closed in Div reserve (1600 hrs) at VECKRING (Q014831). The 359th Inf stayed in position and sent patrols to probe enemy positions at MONDORF (Q175915). The 357th Inf captured OTZWILLER (Q167857) in the morning and patrolled to their front in the afternoon to establish enemy resistance.

95 INF DIV: 377th attacked at 0730, occupied VELVING (Q1272) with no opposition. Proceeded, an average of 5 miles, against light resistance to occupy ERLANGE (Q0970), BETTANGE (Q0972), HOLLING (Q0974), REMEFANG (Q1075), BOUZONVILLE (Q1378), VAUDRECHING (Q1276), AIDELING (Q1478), BRETINACH (Q1574), TROMBORN (Q1673), ALZING (Q1476), CHATEAU ROUGE (Q1376), OBERDORFF (Q1776), VOELFING (Q1877), VILLING (Q1976) and HEINING (Q1779). The 378th resumed its attack at 0730 and continued its advance to seize REMERING (Q1974), FAICK (Q1970), VARSBERG (Q1964), DALEM (Q1871) and HAM-SOUS-VARSBERG (Q2065). The 379th continued to support by fire the advance of the 377th Inf.

10 ARM'D DIV: TF O'HARA remained in defensive positions and received enemy arty fire on its forward elements. TF RILEY maintained contact with the enemy from stabilized positions. TF STANDISH (CCA reserve) flushed enemy out of FORET de SAARBURG (L0900) at 1000.

CCB: Team CHERRY stood in position prepared to aid Team HUSTEAD in its attack. Team HUSTEAD attacked at 0645 but was stopped by a deep AT ditch at (Q140920). Bridging activities were undertaken throughout the day.

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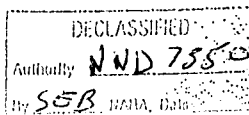
XX CORPS: Weather: Light rain throughout morning with overcast skies. Aviation: No missions flown due to weather.

5 INF DIV: All regiments (less 3d Bn 10th Inf) remained in position throughout the day.

90 INF DIV: 359th Inf remained in position during the day. 358th Inf in reserve. 357th Inf pushed forward in the morning to seize that portion of NEIDALTDORF (Q170830) North of the NEID River by late afternoon.

95 INF DIV: The 377th Inf resumed attack at 0800 and entered Germany in the morning. Enroute, it cleared moderate enemy resistance of the following towns: BEDERSDORF (Q2079), GUERSTING (Q1681), LEIDINGEN (Q1879), IHN (Q1881) and ITTERS DORF (Q2178), an advance of 2 miles. Positions were consolidated in the afternoon. The 378th Inf jumped off at 0800 and advanced 2000 yards by darkness through BERVILLER (Q2175) and

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MERTEN (Q2272) against heavy enemy resistance. The 379th moved forward in reserve to positions behind the 378th Inf on the right flank.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA: TFs were relieved by 3d Cav Gp throughout the day. CCB: Teams regrouped while a patrol from Team CHERRY entered KIR-SHOLZ WOODS and reported it clear of enemy.

29 NOVEMBER 1944:

XX CORPS: No rain, but thick fog throughout morning that changed to low overcast in the afternoon. Aviation: No missions flown due to weather.

5 INF DIV: 2d Inf remained in position. 10th Inf (- 3d Bn) attached to 95th Inf Div on XX Corps order and prepared for movement to 95th Inf Div area. At 1830 hrs, FT ST PRIVAT (U838548) surrendered, and 1st Bn 11th Inf occupied the fort while remainder of 11th Inf continued to contain FT ST QUENTIN and PLAPPEVILLE.

90 INF DIV: 359th Inf during the night 28 - 29 Nov bridged AT ditches to their front and attacked at 0600. Captured GUERLFANGEN (Q189881) and took up positions on the high ground overlooking the SAAR River, an advance of 4000 yards. The 357th Inf seized its portion of the high ground overlooking the SAAR and cleared stiff enemy resistance out of HEMMERSDORF (Q185850). 358th Inf remained in reserve.

95 INF DIV: In the 377th Inf sector GUISSINGEN (Q2182), LE GALLENBERG (Q2082) and the high ground at (Q2281) were occupied, after a 2500 yard push, against considerable enemy resistance. Intermittent fighting was waged with the enemy within ST BARBARA (Q2381) and KERPRICH - HEMMERSDORF (Q1884). The 378th Inf received numerous counter-attacks in its sector during the day but repulsed them all and held their positions. The 379th remained in Div reserve.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA: Re-assembled and moved (1830 hrs) to vic of WEHINGEN (L112966) closing 2330 hrs.

CCB: Team HUSTEAD prepared to attack morning of 30 November and sent elements to occupy the Eastern half of LE HEIDWALD WOODS (L1594).

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XX CORPS: Low overcast with occasional breaks throughout period with visibility from 1-3 miles. Aviation: No missions flown due to inclement weather.

Operational instructions were issued. 5th Infantry Division was ordered to be prepared to exploit crossings of 95th and 90th Infantry Divisions. The crossings were to occur on cessation of air bombardment 1 December. The 6th Cav Gp (Hq & Hq Tr, 6th Cav Rcn Sq, 5th Ranger Bn, Co C, 602d TD Bn, Co B, 293 Engr C Bn, Tr E, 28 Cav Rcn Sq) was attached to 5th Inf Div effective 1 December, 1200 hours. 10th RCT and 5th Rcn Tr revert back to 5th Inf Div from 95th Inf Div at 011200 December.

5 INF DIV: 2d Inf remained in position and contained enemy forts (FTS DRIANT & JEANNE D'ARC) in Regimental area. 10th Inf was attached to 95th Inf Div at 1010 and moved into 95th Inf Div zone on its right flank to join with the 3d Bn, 10th Inf, which had been previously attached to 95th Inf Div. 11th Inf continued to contain enemy in FT ST QUENTIN (U820593) and PLAPPEVILLE (U818605).

90 INF DIV: 357th Inf: While the 2d and 3d Bns held the high ground overlooking the SAAR River on the Divisions right flank, the 1st Bn at 0730 crossed the NEID River at NEITALDORF into the 95th Inf Div zone. After coordination with 377th Inf, it passed through Co G of the 377th Inf and attacked East towards BUREN and the high ground immediately Northwest. By dark the 1st Bn had advanced 2½ miles and reached the outskirts of BUREN (Q222854). The 359th Inf consolidated its positions and at dusk attacked and captured FREMERSDORF (Q211904). The 358th Inf remained in reserve.

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95 INF DIV: 377th Inf (Co's A and B, 81st Cml Bn and Co B, 778 TK Bn, 1st Platoon, attached) continued North in the morning to outskirts of ITZBACH (Q2284) against considerable resistance. An attack was launched (1420) to take FELSBERG (Q2477) and OBERFELSBERG (Q2478). Considerable enemy resistance was encountered and at dark fighting was still in progress. The 378th conducted reorganization during the morning and attacked in the afternoon to seize LE SAUBERG (Q2376) and high ground NW of BERUS (Q2474). 379th Inf (- 3d Bn) remained in reserve. The 3d Bn was committed on the Divisions right flank to hold FALCK (Q1970) and the high ground immediately Southeast.

10 ARM'D DIV: CCA battled numerous AT ditches and emplaced enemy positions to capture BUDLINGEN (Q142948). CCB teams captured FITTEN (Q17493) and advanced within 500 yards of HILBRIGEN (Q183943).

SECTION V - G-4 SUMMARY

1. During the period November 1-30, inclusive, XX Corps units improving their positions west and south of METZ by aggressive patrolling finally launched an offensive, surrounded and captured METZ, swept the area METZ-THIONVILLE and continued east to the SAAR River.

2. Administrative Order No. 10 was distributed to XX Corps units 4 November 1944. The 83rd Infantry Division, temporarily attached to the XX Corps during the early part of the period and supplied by the FIRST ARMY, was supplied with special allotments of ammunition by the XX Corps. Third United States Army called for amount of rations on hand, gasoline in vehicles, cans and excess amount of ammunition (basic load) on hand and critical shortages of Class II and IV. Continual rains flooded tactical areas and bridging over the MOSELLE River was washed out many times between the PONT-A-MOUSSON and THIONVILLE areas. Supply of gasoline became excellent after many weeks of requiring rationing. The supply of antifreeze was extremely slow and, in anticipation of the approaching cold weather, became a critical item - at the end of the period many XX Corps units were still short antifreeze.

3. Change 1 to Administrative Order No. 10 was distributed to XX Corps units on 8 November 1944. New supply points were announced and certain changes in the Tank Status Report brought to the attention of Corps units. Units submitting this report were separate tank battalions, armored group headquarters and headquarters companies, mechanized cavalry group headquarters and headquarters companies, mechanized cavalry squadrons and armored division to report the status of combat vehicles. Submission of formal G-3 and S-4 periodic reports to Army was suspended at this time. Refugees, evacuees, and displaced persons were moved, fed, sheltered and given required medical attention at the discretion of Commanders in the area concerned in order to prevent their interference with military operations. Trash and garbage dumps were ordered established on secondary roads to reduce traffic hazards and health nuisances. Units were authorized to use German prisoners to maintain these dumps. Artillery liaison planes carried supplies across the flooded MOSELLE River to troops before bridges could be established. Small weapons, ammunition, rations, blankets, cigarettes, candy, blood plasma, medical supplies and many other items were taken on over one hundred trips a day to troops fighting east of the river. Later amphibian trucks were used as soon as the river current abated enough. Many mines were encountered by these trucks on the east bank of the MOSELLE but the work

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continued and the supplies reached the troops. Rains continued and bridges at PONT-A-MOUSSON, VANDIERES, PAGNY, and ARNAVILLE were washed out and considerably damaged. An assault bridge at MALLING was washed out just after it had been completed. Other bridges were established soon after the floods abated and traffic across the river continued. Approaches and roads were under water in many places north and south of METZ. Captured materiel in the XX Corps zone at this time included a carbide factory, RR ties, masonite, I-beams, steel stock, building material, large and small weapons, ammunition, vehicles, mines, artillery instruments, gas masks, foodstuffs, stationery and office supplies, stoves, machinery, mills, factories, clothing, tools, soap, toilet paper and much other miscellaneous equipment in the vicinity of METZ. At UCKANGE a Shell gasoline plant with much portable and stationary petroleum-handling equipment was reported and later shown to a representative of the 32 QM Base Depot who planned to utilize this materiel immediately for gasoline supply to troops. Building paper, coal, sand, lime, cement, coke, copper cable, steel stock, pipe, sheet metal, zinc-coated cable, bricquets, medical supplies, an ammunition factory, and an Ordnance-Engineer dump were found in the area between METZ and THIONVILLE.

4. Change 2 to Administrative Order No. 10 was distributed to XX Corps troops 20 November 1944. New supply points were announced. Troops were notified of a supplemental issue of coffee on the basis of four (4) pounds per hundred (100) rations when available regardless of type of ration drawn (except type D). French forces working with XX Corps units and supplied rations and small quantities of gasoline during November 1944 were: the Eighth Battalion Chasseurs (750 men, 15 vehicles); the Fourth Squadron Republican Guards (100 men, 6 vehicles). Captured materiel continued to be reported and included vehicles, weapons, ammunition, machinery, motors, clothing, blankets, barbed wire, chemicals, tools, and great quantities of other materiel. One RR tunnel at FAILLY, NE of METZ, yielded 32 carloads of German Ammunition much of which could be utilized in American weapons and the rest by one of our FA Bns which had all foreign weapons.

5. Administrative Order No. 11 was distributed to XX Corps troops on 28 November 1944. The new locations of supply points were announced and special instructions pertaining to using troops were given. Troops were directed to procure fuel wood according to Procurement Directives No. 20 and 21, Hq. Third U S Army and also reminded that timber cut for use as pinwood in coal mines would not be used for firewood. The Monthly Ordnance Ammunition Supply Report was discontinued. The 5th Infantry Division reported captured materiel in the vicinity of METZ still being uncovered at the end of the period. Several forts in METZ continued to hold out and, at the end of the period, the 5th Infantry Division had one task force maintaining pressure on these stubborn enemy garrisons. Materiel reported included a radar station, diesel power plants, weapons and ammunition, tar machines, transmitters and receivers, telephone cable, flood lights, engineer instruments, transformers, sled runners, skis and ski poles, monel metal plate, vehicles, standard hardware (nuts, bolts and screws), chinaware, lathes, rolling kitchens, gasoline, soap powder and a variety of other war materiel. By the end of the period the flood along the MOSELLE and other smaller rivers had improved so that Engineers were able to establish bridges wherever desired and keep them in. Tires and tubes continued throughout the period as extremely critical items - at some times vehicles of the 5th Infantry Division were deadlined because of the lack of tires. Heavy ammunition was rationed from time to time throughout the period.

6. During the period, the three truck companies in support of Corps covered a total of 72,748 vehicle miles. 938 vehicles were dispatched to transport approximately 15,000 personnel and 700 tons of supplies, including Class I, II, and V, Engineer bridging equipment, salvage, and medical supplies.

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7. Movement of 10th Armored Division into Corps Zone in vicinity of MARS-LA-TOUR was completed 2 November 1944. The three-way switch-over of the 5th, 90th and 95th Divisions began on 31 October, was completed 3 November.

8. Bridges were operated by Corps at THIONVILLE, CATTENOM and UCKANGE, and by the 5th Infantry Division at PONT-A-MOUSSON and METZ. Bridge at MALLING used in crossing 10th Armored Division and 3rd Cavalry Group was controlled by 10th Armored Division. THIONVILLE Bridge, opened 13 November, remained under Corps control throughout period. Bridge at CATTENOM, opened 13 November, remained under control of 90th Infantry Division until movement of all elements of Division across MOSELLE was completed, at which time it reverted to Corps control. UCKANGE Bridge, completed 17 November, passed to Corps control after completion of 95th Infantry Division movement. Due to flood conditions, all bridges except THIONVILLE and PONT-A-MOUSSON were closed during latter part of period necessitating movement of all vehicles over these bridges.

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SECTION VI G-5 SUMMARY

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1 - CA Detachment moved from DP Camp at Briey to billets in Hayange leaving Briey Camp open for occupancy by Rear Echelon, XX Corps. G-3 Accommodations Section, XX Corps, has been requested to reserve this camp for future DP operations when released by XX Corps. Det CLI2 have taken over responsibility for handling DPs and refugee problems in the Hayange area. Det BLI2, less personnel operating with III Corps at Etain, reported to 90th Inf Div for duty in Joeuf.

3 - With the change in northern boundary of this Corps, Esch passed to control of XX Corps. Concurrence has been obtained from G-5, VIII Corps, that he will place a detachment in Esch and control CA activities there, thereby making it possible for all CA activities in the Duchy of Luxembourg to be controlled through the Luxembourg Mission and VIII Corps. Det C2C2 engaged in evacuating DPs from Corps zone to the rear (See Daily Summary, 4 November 1944)

4 - G-5, VIII Corps, informed G-5, XX Corps, that current policy of his Chief of Staff will not permit him to provide detachment service outside of VIII Corps zone. Reported to G-5, Third US Army, that this headquarters will coordinate with SHAEF Mission Civilian Agencies operating at Esch to determine if they are able to handle the situation without a detachment. Lt Col Taylor, CO, Det ALB2, reported by telephone that his detachment is to conduct CA operations in Metz. Requested clarification from Army as Detachment ELC2 has been held in reserve for this assignment.

5 - Detachment CLI2 notified by G-5, Third Army, that 1500 internees will be sent to the camp at Hayange which is to be reserved for this purpose.

6 - The S-2 of 112th AAA Gp requested that the school in Dommartin remain closed indefinitely. The school is occupied by an AAA Bn and movement from area might disclose preparations for future operations. Referred to 5th Infantry Division inasmuch as town is within Division rear boundary.

8 - Informed by G-2 that suspension of civilian circulation had been relaxed to allow transport of food, operation of utilities and other necessary services. Division and Detachments were so informed. PM, XX Corps, reported that G-4 had verbal instructions from Third US Army to enforce suspension of civilian circulation on Military Routes in the Corps zone. No information was given as to enforcement in Division zones.

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11 - Received report of Armistice Day ceremonies held jointly with the French Citizens and American Army at Thiaucourt.

12 - Supply Officer, G-5 Section, Third US Army, reported by telephone that orders are coming through to set up a CA Supply Depot in Corps zone. Requested this headquarters to canvass possibilities.

13 - Deputy CAO and Chief Clerk, G-5 Section, III Corps, spent the afternoon at this office for orientation relative to the work of G-5 at Corps level. The section at III Corps was recently organized and has not been operational. Detachment D5B1 reported in on their way to Esch where they will operate.

14 - The original number of German nationals picked up for security reasons in the Hayange area apparently included some displaced persons. The official report shows number of 286. Detachment CL12 reports that the French are making not attempt to continue operations and that the guarding of the camps is not at all satisfactory. The French officials were notified this date that we could supply food for another 48 hours and thereafter the French were to assume complete control and make plans for evacuation to the rear. (This report was made to G-5, Third US Army, as of 14 November 1944)

16 - Detachment CL12 reported 500 persons to be moved to Terville Camp 17 Nov 44. More are expected. Requested that camp site be cleared with G-3 Accommodations, XX Corps.

The following reports were made to G-5 Section, Third US Army:

Although repeated request for some channel by which the flow of displaced persons rearward from Corps and Division areas could be maintained, there is at present no indication that facilities are available in the rear of the area of this Corps. It has been pointed out that in the event of military operations the flood of displaced persons could assume unprecedented proportions and all existing facilities in this area would be inadequate. Reports from the 90th Inf Div estimate 10,000 displaced persons in its area of operation. Some 1500 have already been collected on the east side of the Moselle. The 95th Inf Div has collected several hundred displaced persons in its, to date, limited zone of action. The CAO, 5th Inf Div, reports that 300 displaced persons have been moved to Pont-a-Mousson. He ventured no estimate beyond declaring that indications point to finding displaced persons and refugees in considerable numbers between the Moselle and the Saar for whom no shelter in that area will be available as everything is being levelled by the retreating Germans. The area within the Corps immediate objectives is a heavily industrialized and thickly populated region. It is reasonable to assume that a large percentage of this population will consist of displaced persons. It is again suggested that some plan for the establishment of installations in the rear of Corps zone of operations be expedited to prevent overtaxing present existing facilities.

The initial five day period of responsibility assumed by G-5, XX Corps, for the feeding and care of the internees in the Hayange Camps was ended at 151200 November 1944. The French authorities have not indicated as yet when they will assume the burden of responsibility from G-4, XX Corps.

17 - Signal Photo Unit which is filming movie of Civil Affairs shot scenes for the G-5, XX Corps, sequence in this office. The movie will be completed after entry into Metz.

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19 - MG Dets I4A2 and I5G2 reported to this headquarters and were sent to Hettange Grande to await duty in Germany. M. Mondon, Chief of Cabinet, Prefect of Moselle requested that permission be granted to arrest 400 Germans in the region of Moyeuvre, Joeuf and Cattenom. Deputy CAO referred him to AC of S, G-2, XX Corps, for decision. Lt Col Taylor, CO, Det AlB2, reported in on his way to Thionville for duty. Maj Heath, Detachment ClI2, reported assignment of his detachment to XII Corps.

20 - Det C2D2 assigned to work with 5th Inf Div on DP control. Det D1C2 was given a similar assignment with the 90th Inf Div, Fwd Ech, XX Corps, moved to Thionville.

21 - Det C2D2 assigned to work with 95th Inf Div on DP control. Det D1C2 moved to Metz to become operational. Detachments I4A2 and I5G2 reported to 10th Armd Div for DP control work. Det D5B1 at Esch reverted to Third US Army control.

22 - Arrangements were made with Supply section, G-5 Third US Army, for ten trucks to haul civilian food supplies to Metz. XX Corps Engr, at request of G-5, XX Corps, dispatched a Mobile Water Purification Unit to Metz to alleviate the water situation there. Secured 18 trucks from G-4, XX Corps, to haul displaced persons to Verdun.

23 - MG Dets H1A2, I1A2, and I2A2 reported for duty with Corps. Will locate in Nilvange until ordered for duty in Germany. Received notification by telephone from G-5, Third US Army, that an additional "B" Det is being sent to Metz on 24 Nov 44 to work with Det D1C2.

24 - AC of S, G-5, conferred with G-2, Prefect of Moselle and General Secretary of the Police, Department of the Moselle, on picking up German nationals in the Department of Moselle. Also conferred with G-2, G-4, CIC and PM on civilian circulation control.

26 - Detachment D1C2 supervised the removal of 66 bodies of Russian displaced persons from a bombed barracks at Elzangé. Requested of G-5, Third US Army, that a French civilian medical team, consisting of two doctors and three nurses, with vehicle, be made available to this headquarters for emergency work among the refugees in the Department of Moselle.

27 - AC of S, G-5, conferred with JA, XX Corps, on Military Govt Courts and with JA, 10th Armd Div, on handling of civilian circulation. Arranged for conference with Chief of Staff, 10th Armd Div, on 28 Nov 44. Comdt Paul Sorbac, French Inf Officer, was relieved from attachment with this section and attached to G-5, Section, Third US Army.

28 - Capt Jean Audu, French Inf Officer, and 2d cl Philippe des Clers de Beaumets, driver, reported for duty with this section per Memo, Third Army, G-5 Section, 27 Nov 44.

29 - Chaplain from an Engr Combat Group was brought to this section by the Corps Chaplain to report looting and destruction by troops in civilian churches east of the Moselle River. Report was prepared for presentation to the Deputy Chief of Staff, XX Corps. AC of S, G-5, XX Corps, received the Croix de Guerre during a ceremony at Metz.

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