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Maps: G.S.G.S. 4336 and 4249, 1:100,000
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(Situation Map attached).

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Boundary between I and II French Corps (effective 140001A): As before to LE BONHOMME V5353 - STE MARIE-AUX MINES V5961 - CHATENOIS V7564 (all to I Corps) - SCHERWILLER V7765 - KERTZFELD V8775 (both to II Corps) thence as before.

Boundary between XV and XXI Corps (effective 130600A): Railroad Q3139 to Q4742 - Q4953 (all to XV Corps) - SARREGUEMINES Q5157 (to XXI Corps) - NEUBNKIRCH Q5258 (to XV Corps).

Boundary between XII U S Corps and VIII U S Corps changed as follows: As before to OCHTENDUNG L7594 (to VIII Corps) - WALDORFERHOF L7692 - LONNIG L7690 - DRECKENACH L7787 - OBERFELL L7984 - BOPARD L8981 (all incl to XII Corps).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (131200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 3d Algerian Division. Attached to VI Corps. 1st French Division. Closed in the ALPINE FRONT COMMAND Sector.

SEVENTH ARMY. 4th Division. Continued movement to the Army area.

VI Corps. No change.

XV Corps. 71st Division. 5th Infantry relieved the 393th Infantry (100th Div). 66th Infantry closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of ST. LOUIS-LES-BITCHE Q7243. 44th Division. Relieved the 255th Infantry and elements of the 254th Infantry (both 63d Div). 3d and 45th Divisions. Continued movement to assembly areas in the corps sector.

XXI Corps. No change.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY (132400A). XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. 35th Division. 137th and 134th Infantry assembled in the area KALDENKIRCHEN E9203 - VENLO E9109.

SECOND BRITISH ARMY. 11th Armored Division. No change.

VIII Corps. No change.

XII Corps. 53d Division. Concentrated in an assembly area west of BRUSSELS J6353.

XXX Corps. No change.

FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 49th Division. No change.

II Canadian Corps. 43d Division. Attached to XXX Corps and concentrated in

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the vicinity of E8238. 34th Tank Brigade was attached to XII Corps and moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of HEEZE E4911.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (13 March). Eighth Air Force: No operations. Ninth Air Force: Dispatched 495 bombers against marshalling yards in WESTERBURG G1618, ARNSBERG E2312 and NEHEIM B1617; air fields in FRANKFURT M6768 and RHEINE V8009. Four bombers were lost. 1,330 other sorties were flown. Seven fighter/fighter bombers were lost.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Broken to overcast at dawn, dispersing during the day. Visibility: Less than 1,000 yards by 1030A and becoming 2 to 4 miles during the afternoon. Wind: Light and variable. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 52° F. Minimum 37° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 26th Division. Advanced one mile east against moderate resistance and encountered some mines. Front line change: L1904 - L1905 - L2005 - L2006 - L2106 - L2206. 80th Division. Advanced up to two miles southeast against moderate artillery and infantry resistance. Progress was impeded by many road-blocks and mined areas. Captured GREIMERATH L2407. The 319th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of IRSCH L1712 in division reserve. Front line change: L2406 - L2607 - L2808 - L2909 - L2810. 94th Division. Repulsed a small counter-attack at 1435A in the vicinity of L2816 without loss of ground. Advanced one mile east through difficult terrain against aggressive resistance from small enemy groups and under moderate artillery fire. SCHONDORF L2820, HOLZERATH L2920 and BONERATH L2921 were captured. Front line change: L2714 - L2916 - L3020 - L2922 - L2823. 3d Cavalry Group. Captured SOMMERAU L2824 and MORSCHHEID L2926. A counterattack in the vicinity of L3330 was repulsed without loss of ground. Front line change: SOMMERAU L2824 - L2925 - L2927. 10th Armored Division. Closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of TRIER L2129.

XII Corps. 76th Division. (With 2d Cav Gp atchd). Continued to mop up in the division area north of the MOSELLE River. Units entered WEHLEN L5049, CROV L5353 and MINHEIM L4240. The 417th Infantry Regiment commenced assembly in the vicinity of ZEMMER L2544. 89th Division. Cleared small isolated pockets of resistance in the division area north of the MOSELLE River. Units in the vicinity of L5562, EDIGER L5866, FAID L5672 and BREMM L5567. The 354th Infantry Regiment in division reserve moved to the vicinity of OBERSCHIEDWEILER L4264. Front line change: L5667 - EDIGER L5866 - L5870. 5th Division. Mopped up the division area adjacent to the north bank of the MOSELLE River from COCHEM L5972 to L7377. Then attacked at 0200A and established a bridgehead across the MOSELLE River. Advanced one mile south against initially light infantry resistance and occasional artillery fire. Front line change: L6875 - L7074 - L7274 - L7475. 90th Division. Attacked at 0200A and established a firm bridgehead across the MOSELLE River against light resistance. Captured BURGEN L7579, BRODENBACH L7980 and NORTERSHAUSEN L8180. Front line change: L7577 - L7780 - BRODENBACH L7980 - NORTERSHAUSEN L8180 - L8081 - L7982. 4th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" closed in an assembly area in the vicinity of GILLENBEUREN L4873 and Combat Command "R" in the vicinity of OCHTENDUNG L7595.

VIII Corps. 11th Armored Division. Combat Command "R" closed in the vicinity of KOTTENHEIM L6594. 87th Division. Commenced movement to the eastern portion of the corps zone. 6th Cavalry Group. Relieved units of Combat Command "R", 4th Armored Division, and units of Combat Command "A", 11th Armored Division, along the RHINE River from F8800 to ANDERNACH F7604.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. 102d Cavalry Group. Relieved from V Corps and departed from First Army area.

III Corps. 99th Division. Continued to attack against stubborn resistance and made a small gain to the east. A counterattack at 1155A by infantry only was contained at 1315A after some penetration had been made in the vicinity of F6913 - F7014. The ground lost was subsequently regained. The 395th Infantry Regiment attacked at 0800A against light but scattered resistance and made a small gain. Front line change: F7217 - F7218 - F7319. 9th Division. (Less 39th Inf). Attacked against stubborn resistance from small arms and mortar fire and over difficult terrain. Fifteen to twenty tanks were encountered and at least seven were destroyed. Increasingly heavy artillery fire fell on entire division front. Front line changes: F7220 - F7221 and F7123 - F7024 and F7125 - F6926. 78th Division. (With 39th Inf atchd). Advanced over rugged terrain stubbornly defended by small infantry groups and gained one-half mile to the north. Front line change: F6926 - F6827 - F6728 - F6629 - F6429 - F6228. 9th Armored Division. Combat Command "B" in corps reserve.

VII Corps. No change.

FIFTEENTH ARMY. 13th Armored, 16th Armored, 20th Armored, 86th, 97th, 106th Divisions, XXII and XXIII Corps. All no change.

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 132400A).

	<u>Killed</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Missing</u>	<u>Captured</u>	<u>Total</u>
Twelfth Army Group Battle	63,506	258,766	35,391	8,885	366,548
Non-battle					268,466
			Total Casualties		635,014

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group	
XV Corps	OERMINGEN Q5544
71st Division	RATZWILLER Q6339
Twenty-First Army Group	
35th Division	KALDENKIRCHEN E9203
52d Division	A0634
53d Division	K5162
2d Canadian Division	E8053
Twelfth Army Group	
89th Division	GILLENFELD L4070

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