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

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1. FRONT LINE: See Map.

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BOUNDARY CHANGES:

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Rear boundary of Seventh Army (effective 130001A): Commencing at the intersection of the Inter-Army Group boundary and the MOSELLE River U8868 - thence south along the MOSELLE River to METZ U8557 (excl Seventh Army) - thence south along the MOSELLE River as before.

Rear boundary of Third Army (effective 142400A): Beginning with junction of N 53 with lateral boundary between Twelfth and Sixth Army Groups U8568; thence north on road N 53 to UKANGE U8579; northwest on road N 52 to AUMETZ U7092 - LONGVY P5704; road N 18 to ARLON P6122; road N 44 and number 8 to MERSCH P8329; road number 7 to ETTLEBRUCK P8239 - to junction with number 27 P8340; road number 27 to junction with number 16 P8544; road number 16 to junction with number 26 P8282; road N 26 to ST VITH P8588 (all incl to Army).

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: See Map.

3. ADJACENT UNITS AND SUPPORTING TROOPS.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP. (141200A). FIRST FRENCH ARMY. 14th French Division. No change.

I Corps. No change.

II Corps. 9th Colonial Division. General VALLUY assumed command.

SEVENTH ARMY. 4th Division. Continued movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of RAMBERVILLERS V1872.

VI Corps. 36th Division. Attacked with a limited objective and expanded the bridgehead north of the MODER River in the vicinity of HAGUENAU R0423.

XV Corps. 71st Division. Continued the relief of the 100th Division which commenced movement to an assembly area in the vicinity of ENCHENBERG Q7146 and MONTERONN Q6944. 44th Division. Relieved elements of the 397th Infantry (100th Div) in position. 3d and 45th Divisions. Continued movement to assembly areas in the corps sector.

XXI Corps. 63d Division. The 255th and 253d Infantry Regiments assembled in the vicinity of SARREGUEMINES Q5156 and BUBINGEN Q4964 respectively. 70th Division. Advanced north three miles on a seven-mile front. The enemy offered little resistance to the advance and appeared to be withdrawing. Front line change: Q4369 - Q4269 - Q4270 - Q3970 - Q3771 - Q3671.

TWENTY-FIRST ARMY GROUP. NINTH U S ARMY. (142400A). XIX Corps. No change.

XIII Corps. No change.

XVI Corps. No change.

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

VIII Corps. No change.

XII Corps. 115th Separate Brigade. Attached and concentrated in the vicinity of BEERSEL J5847.

XXX Corps. No change.

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FIRST CANADIAN ARMY. 49th Division. No change.

II Canadian Corps. No change.

I Corps. No change.

AIR. (14 March). Eighth Air Force: Dispatched 1,247 bombers against two oil refineries, four marshalling yards, two railroad bridges and a casting plant in northwestern Germany. 1,204 aircraft dropped 2,938.7 tons of general purpose and 490.3 tons of incendiary bombs on all primary, three secondary and other targets. Four bombers were lost. 592 fighter aircraft sortied in support of the bomber operation. Claims included four enemy aircraft; one fighter was lost. Eighty-three fighter aircraft sortied in support of the Ninth Air Force and on counter air patrol missions. Ninth Air Force: IX Bombardment Division: Dispatched 377 bombers against railroad bridges in NIEDERSCHIED G3936; COLBE G7451 and NIEDER MARSBERG B7818 and an airfield at BABENHAUSEN M8852. 1,415 other sorties were flown. Claims included seventy enemy aircraft, twenty-nine locomotives and one bridge; thirteen aircraft were lost.

4. WEATHER (Battle Area).

Precipitation: None. Clouds: Fog at dawn, dispersing generally by 1100A. Visibility: Less than 1,000 yards at dawn, improving to 1 to 2 miles by 1100A and to 3 to 4 miles during the afternoon. Wind: Calm. Temperatures at NAMUR: Maximum 57° F. Minimum 33° F.

5. OUR OPERATIONS.

TWELFTH ARMY GROUP. 66th Division. No change.

THIRD ARMY. XX Corps. 26th Division. Advanced two miles south against spotty resistance and through heavily mined areas. Front line change: L1903 - L2203. 80th Division. Advanced two miles southeast against scattered to moderate resistance and over rugged terrain. A small counterattack was repulsed in the vicinity of L2405 without loss of ground. Units captured BERGEN L2404 and reached the outskirts of BRITTEN L2303 and SCHEIDEN L2705. House-to-house fighting continued in WEISKIRCHEN L3307 with one-half of the town having been cleared. Front line change: L2303 - BERGEN L2404 - SCHEIDEN L2705 - WEISKIRCHEN L3307 - L2909. 94th Division. Advanced two miles east against moderate artillery and infantry resistance. Captured HEDDERT L3016 and SCHILLINGEN L3115. Front line change: L2711 - L2713 - SCHILLINGEN L3115 - L3520 - L3211 - L3021.

XII Corps. 76th Division. The 2d Cavalry Group was relieved from attachment and commenced movement to the 90th Division area. 89th Division. Mopped up in the division zone and cleared the remaining pocket of resistance north of the MOSELLE River. Units reached NEHREN L6165 and ERNST L6371. Front line change: L5866 - MOSELLE River - L5971. 5th Division. Advanced two miles south on a five-mile front. Captured LUTZ L7373 against moderate resistance. Front line change: L6774 - L6871 - L7072 - L7073 - LUTZ L7373 - L7472 - L7573. 90th Division. Advanced three miles southeast against light to moderate resistance. Captured MACKEN L7575, MORSHAUSEN L7876, OFFENHAUSEN L8178 and UDENHAUSEN L8381. Treadway bridges were completed in the vicinity of MUDEM L7176 and LOF L7982 and a heavy ponton bridge in the vicinity of MOSELKERN L7477. Front line change: MACKEN L7575 - L7974 - L8177 - L8280 - L8380 - UDENHAUSEN L8381 - L8082. 4th Armored Division. Combat Command "A" was relieved by the 87th Division and closed in the vicinity of KERBEN L7390; Combat Command "R" moved to the vicinity of KAIFENHEIM L6363.

VIII Corps. 87th Division. Moved to the east and closed in a new division zone. The 346th Infantry Regiment defended the MOSELLE River - RHINE River line from L7985 to F8900. The 347th Infantry Regiment closed in the vicinity of OCHTENDUNG L7594. The 345th Infantry Regiment closed in division reserve at L8398.

FIRST ARMY. V Corps. No change.

III Corps. 99th Division. Attacked against moderate resistance and made a

small gain to the east. Repulsed a counterattack at F7317. Front line change: F7317 - F7419 - F7320. 9th Division. (Loss 39th Inf). Made a small gain against heavy resistance and over difficult terrain. Received heavy pressure from forty tanks and self-propelled guns and destroyed eight. Front line change: F7320. 78th Division. (With 39th Inf atchd). Advanced slowly against moderate resistance and over very rugged terrain. The 310th Infantry Regiment received a heavy counterattack at 1500A which was contained after dark. The enemy was repulsed and the ground lost regained. Units captured RHONDORF F6329 and entered ROTTBITZ F7027 and HIMBERG F6928. Front line change: F6927 - ROTTBITZ F7027 - F6929 - F6829 - F6728 - F6729 - F6530 - F6329.

VII Corps, 1st Division. Closed in an assembly area west of the RHINE River. The 26th Infantry Regiment crossed the RHINE River and entered the bridgehead. 8th Division. Assumed responsibility for the 1st Division sector at 142400A. The 28th Infantry relieved the 16th Infantry (1st Div) on the division left and the 121st Infantry relieved the 18th Infantry (1st Div) on the division right.

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

6. CASUALTIES. (cumulative to 142400A).

	Killed	Wounded	Missing	Captured	Total
Twelfth Army Group Battle	63,710	259,665	35,409	8,892	367,676
• Non-battle					270,005
			Total Casualties		637,681

7. COMMAND POSTS: Changes during the day.

Sixth Army Group	
XXI Corps	ST. AVOLD Q2557
4th Division	GERBEVILLER V0989
Twenty-First Army Group	
2d U S Armored Division	SCHIEFBahn F1594
Twelfth Army Group	
VII Corps	BONN F5537
VIII Corps	KOTTENHEIM L6594
87th Division	BASSENHEIM L8095

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