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G-2 PERIODIC REPORT

PERTINENT HISTORICAL FILE

From 131500
To : 141600
35th Inf Div
141600 December 1944

NO. 157

Maps: France 1/50,000. Sheets 36/12, 36/13 and 37/13.

1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - See overlay.
- b. Defensive organization - Enemy continues to defend from prepared defensive positions N of the BLEIS RIVER as shown on overlay. Reliable report indicates the next possible defensive position lies between BEBELSHEIM Q5863 and GERSHEIM Q6161.
- c. Units in contact - Remaining elements of Bn Lehman, elements of 37th Regt and 38th Regt (17th SS Div) and elements of 110th Regt (11th Pz Div). The 2d Bn of the 165th Regt plus the Fusilier Co (36th Div) was pulled out of the line vicinity FORBACH Q3965 and attached to the 38th Regt and put in the line in our sector at HARKIRCHEN Q5659 - it was this unit that moved towards HARKIRCHEN on the night 12-13 Dec 1944.
- d. Artillery - Enemy artillery fire has slackened considerably on the Div front. See overlay for artillery positions.
- e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - No change. Additional elements of the 36th Div may be moved into our sector to delay our advance.
- f. Supply and Administrative Elements - See overlay.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:

- a. General Summary - Enemy continued to defend from high ground N of the BLEIS RIVER as shown on overlay.
- b. Operation of component elements:
 1. Artillery - Enemy artillery fire slackened during the period with concentrations reported at Q536579, 557599, 505570, 518576, and forward areas.
 2. Aviation - One ME-109 was reported over the area, flying SE, at high altitude about 1550 hours.
 3. Infantry - Continued to defend from positions as shown on overlay. A small number of enemy continued to hold out in the cellars in HARKIRCHEN. PWs state that Bn Lehman was forced to withdraw to the N.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- a. Estimated enemy casualties 225. 4 enemy dead buried.
- b. Prisoners - 24 PWs had passed thru Div cage since 1600. Total for this operation 896. Grand total 10,717.
- c. Weather - Somewhat clearer tonight with fog and light drizzle tomorrow morning clearing somewhat later in the period.
- d. Miscellaneous - E.E.I. - Report enemy observation towers in order that they may be destroyed.
- e. Password - COMET reply "METEOR" from 151200 to 161200 December 1944.

4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES: - No change.

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SECRETDISTRIBUTION

XII Corps	3	249 Eng	1	C-2	4
87th Div	1	Med Bn	1	C-3	1
4th AD	1	Ord Co	1	C-4	1
6th AD	1	QM Co	1	CA	1
Recon Trp	1	Sig Co	1	Hq Co	1
CIC	1	737 Tk Bn	1	Hq Comdt	1
1st 80	1	654 TD Bn	1	CHO-ORD	1
134	4	PRO	1	Engr Off	1
137	4	448 AAA	1	War Room	1
320	4	AG	1	AIS	1
Div Arty	7	Engr Bn	1	Surg-Chap	1
Div AT Off	1	1135 Engrs	1	PI	1
167 Eng Bn	1	C/S	1	Sig Off	1
404 FA Bn	1				