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 35th Inf Div
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1. ENEMY SITUATION AT END OF PERIOD:

- a. Enemy front line - Units of the Division were not in contact at end of period. Enemy front line on Corps front is as follows: P590610, 597608, 600600, 615565, 630564, 645555, 670535, 680533, 690520 and 700520.
- b. Defensive organization - No defensive position in Division sector. 6th Armd Div-Heavy resistance was encountered from woods P5960 which consisted of small arms and mortar fire. Arty fire has greatly increased over yesterday. Enemy has organized defensive positions of dug-in infantry and anti-tank positions in woods at P6060 and P6159. Units receiving anti-tank and small arms fire from woods P6159.
- 90th Inf Div-Receiving fire from 3 to 4 tanks and heavy mortar and arty fire from right flank. Receiving MG and small arms fire from organized defensive positions on left flank. Enemy organized in aggressive defense.
- 26th Inf Div -Enemy has prepared defensive positions S of the WILTZ RIVER on high ground vic P670535, 680533 and 7052.
- c. Units in contact - PW's taken in the last three days are listed as follows:

UNIT	LOCATION	MEANS	DATE
<u>35th Div.</u>			
339th Regt (167 Div)			
1, Regtl Hq Co	P6155	PW	12 Jan
4,5,6,7, Hq Co 2d Bn	P574534	PW	11 Jan
3,14	P593531	PW	11 Jan
331st Regt (167 Div)			
1,3,5,7, 8 Cos	P584534	PW	11 Jan
6,14	P5753	PW	11 Jan
13, Hq Co	P6155	PW	12 Jan
167 Div - Misc			
1st Co Engr Bn	P574534	PW	11 Jan
Fus Bn, 2 Co	P5753	PW	12 Jan
Arty, 4th Btry	P6155	PW	12 Jan
14th Para Regt (5th Para Div)			
2	P5753	PW	11 Jan
<u>6th Armd Div</u>			
340 VG Div.			
694 Regt	P5960	PW	10 Jan
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340 Engr Bn	P5960	PW	10 Jan
<u>90th Inf Div</u>			
9th VG Div			
36th Regt	P6552	PW	10 Jan
9th Engr Bn	P6552	PW	10 Jan
929 Bicycle Bn			
1,2,3, & 4 Co's	P6552	PW	10 Jan
167 Arty Regt			
8 Btry	P6552	PW	10 Jan
<u>26th Inf Div</u>			
276 VG Div			
988 Regt (1st Bn)	P385518	PW	10 Jan
986 Regt (1st Bn)	P714508	PW	10 Jan

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- d. Artillery - No new battery locations, although increased artillery fire was received on the Corps front.
 - e. Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - 2nd SS, 12th SS, 1st SS and 9th Pz Divisions are known to be in the area and must be considered as possible enemy reserves. 10th SS and 11th Pz Divisions are unlocated at the present time. PW states that he saw vehicles with the 12th SS markings via P650559.
2. ENEMY OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD:
- a. General summary - Enemy continues to delay the advance of III Corps with small arms, anti-tank, mortar and arty fire throughout the period.
 - b. Operations of component elements:
 1. Armor - Heavy concentration of armor was reported moving S and SW out of NIEDERWAMPACH P645586 at 1650 this afternoon.
 2. Artillery - An increased amount of arty fire was reported by all units in contact with the enemy. 6th Armd Div reports 150 mm arty falling in their sector.
 3. Aviation - 26th Div reports two ME-109's bombed and strafed NOTHUM P672507 at 1425. No damage was reported.
 4. Infantry - On III Corps front delayed the advance of the Corps from prepared defensive positions as indicated supported by arty and anti-tank fire.
3. MISCELLANEOUS:
- a. Estimated enemy casualties 25, of which 20 were injured and 5 killed. 67 enemy dead buried.
 - b. Prisoners - 8 PWs passed thru the Div cage since 121600. 33 PWs were cleared through Medical channels, and 58 PWs were reported by the 320th. Total for this operation 859. Grand total 12,193.
 - c. Weather - Continued cloudy to partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with fog in the early morning improving somewhat later in the day. Little change in temperature.
 - d. Password - WHIZ reply WIPER from 141200 to 151200 January 1945.
4. ENEMY CAPABILITIES:
- a. The enemy is capable of consolidating his present positions and effecting maximum delay within the Corps zone by the use of mines, road blocks, and demolitions to cover his withdrawal to successive delaying positions.
 - b. The enemy is capable of defending and exerting maximum delay in the Corps zone of advance by launching frequent local counterattacks supported by small units of armor.
 - c. The enemy is capable of attacking in force at any point along the III Corps front.
 - d. The enemy is capable of launching paratroop attacks in an effort to disrupt important supply centers, lines of communication, or to divert troops in the Corps sector.

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DISTRIBUTION:

26th Div	1	179th Arty Bn	1	Hq Co	1
6th AD	1	Div AT Off	1	III Corps	2
90th Div	1	C/S	1	134	4
Sen Trp	1	G-1	1	137	4
CIC	1	G-2	4	320	4
IPW 60	1	G-3	1	QM Co	1
PI	1	G-4	1	Med Bn	1
MII	1	Air Supt	1	Ord Co	1
Engr Off	1	CA	1	Sig Co	1
Engr Bn	1	CWO-ORD	1	654 TD Bn	1
188 Engr	1	War Room	1	448 AAA	1
1123 Engr Gp	1	Surg-Chap	1	PRO	1
Div Arty	7	Sig Off	1	AG	1
6th Armd Arty	1	Hq Comdt	1	PM	1

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