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to: CG 35th Inf Div

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Maps: 1/25,000. Sheets K4802-3-4, 4902-3, 5002-3.

1. ENEMY SITUATION:

- Enemy front line - Enemy occupies heavily fortified and well entrenched positions along the E bank of the ROER R. Active patrolling is continuous during the hours of daylight between the river and positions occupied by friendly troops.
- Defensive organization - Detail overprint maps are available and will be issued showing defensive installations E of the ROER R.
- Units in contact - Friendly troops are now in contact with elements of the 176 VG and 183 VG Divisions in the Division zone. (See overlay)
- Artillery - Sound ranging on 29th January, and photo cover 28th January show enemy FA concentrations from K8085 to K8385 and one or two heavy cal (210mm to 240mm) gun positions in PIRGELER WALD (K9082) are still in action. Four or five battery locations were discovered from photographs vic BAAL (K9771) and DOVEREN (K9573) 28th January.
- Reserves and other forces capable of intervention - The 116 Pz Div, 130 Pz Lehr Div and 3rd VG Division are known to be concentrated in the vic of MUNCHE-GLADBACH area (FO989) and may be employed in the Division zone at any time.

2. ENEMY OPERATIONS:

- General summary - Enemy attitude has been of a defensive nature since his withdrawal across the ROER R 25th January. Active patrolling has been reported in small towns W of the river.
- Operations of component elements:
 - Artillery - Arty fire in the Div zone has decreased in the last three days. No arty fire was reported during the 1st of February and up until 1600 2nd February.
 - Infantry - Civilians report that enemy patrols are not active in area W of ROER R during the hours of darkness but patrols consisting of one NCO and seven men patrol the area during the day. Patrols come over the river by a foot bridge at K845807 and use WOLFHAGER MILL K8381 as their patrol base. Patrols move from the mill through END K8480 and to church at K841795, also from mill to KARKEN K8379 as far S as RJ K834798, and as far W as HICKESWINKEL K8379.
 - Engineers - Many German mine fields are still located in the Division zone. Friendly troops were able to advance over a thick layer of ice and snow covering these mine fields without the mines detonating.
- Miscellaneous - Civilian reports that there are about 500 civilians in KARKEN which have not been evacuated by the Germans. These civilians came into the friendly troop positions today stating that the Germans had ordered them to evacuate their homes before darkness tonight.

3. MISCELLANEOUS:

- Weather - Overcast with low clouds and intermittent rain during first part of period becoming broken during last of period. Temperature between 40 and 50 degrees.
- Password - WEST reply WIND from 031200 to 041200 February 1945.

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