

SECRET

Main HQ 30 Corps

269/G

1 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 126

1. GENERAL SUMMARY

Yesterday, the first full flying day for some time, 83 Gp harassed the considerable movement which was seen throughout the day on all roads leading away from the battle area. In the pocket SOUTH of the SOMME this movt was particularly heavy. At 1900 hrs two columns of 1000 MET were seen heading NORTH to cross the river near AMEENS; the fighters' score was less spectacular than usual but doubtless contributed to the enemy's general disorganisation.

1 Tank destroyed, 3 damaged.
115 MET flamers, 62 smokers, 85 damaged.

During the last few days 84 Gp has been effectively dealing with the remaining enemy forces attempting to cross the SEINE. MET, barges and ferrying stages provided good targets.

Claims :

MET - 209 flamers, 65 smokers, 112 damaged.
Tanks - 9 flamers, 5 smokers, 20 damaged.
Barges - 3 flamers, 2 smokers, 2 damaged.

The special HQ targets obtained yesterday from captured maps, including HQ "STUTTF", were referred to the Americans and attacked during the evening by light forces of the USAAF

2. 2 TAF

2 Gp Mosquitos continue to carry out harassing attacks and have extended their rail targets to the area STRASBOURG - SAARBRUCKEN - METZ. Strong night fighter patrols are being maintained over CHERBOURG, LE HAVRE and PARIS, and night fighters from ENGLAND are operating over the beaches.

3. DOMIER COMMAND

Daylight Ops 28 Aug

31 aircraft attacked the islands which guard the approaches to ST MALO, 23 attacked shipping at DREST and 155 attacked 12 flying bomb launching sites.

28/29 Aug

50 Mosquitos visited the RUHR. 8 other aircraft laid mines.

29/30 Aug

405 aircraft	STETTIN
190 "	BLENNY
4 "	LEVERHUSEN (chemical works)
2 "	COLOGNE
9 "	Two airfields in FRANCE.
21 "	BERLIN
17 "	Mindelaying

4. ENEMY


- (i) No enemy activity to report.
- (ii) Flying bombs 24 hrs to 290500Z.

	<u>Day</u>	<u>Night</u>
Plotted	106	-
Overland	57	-
Destroyed:		
Fighters	23	-
AA	50 plus	
Balloons	2	

Flying bombs 24 hrs to 300500Z

Plotted	154
Overland	61
LONDON	19
Destroyed:	
Fighters	20
AA	59
Balloons	2

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7 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 127

GENERAL

1. Until 5 Sep RAF activity, following our rapid advance from the SEINE, had been severely limited by lack of fighter range, and the move forward to airfields in the BEAUVAIS area, even though rapidly done, only just enabled Spitfires to reach BRUSSELS and remain over the city for a few minutes. However Spitfires and Typhoons are now established at two airfields at BRUSSELS and others at VITRY and DOUAL. In spite of reports that the enemy has recently moved the bulk of his remaining fighters in ITALY to this theatre, the GAF has taken no advantage of our reduced fighter protection and enemy effort has been negligible.

Reconnaissance has been less affected by the range problem as the Mustangs used have a greater tankage; at their extreme range they can reach the RHINE, but continual efforts to take photographs of the waterlines on the axes of 'COMET' have been largely thwarted by weather.

Mosquitos of 2 Group continue their usual harassing role by night. Targets have not been exceptional but much damage has been done to rail communications, and a successful low level attack was made by 6 Mosquitos on the SS HQ in NANCY.

Night fighters of 85 Group are maintaining strong defensive patrols, which are mainly uneventful.

ASSU NET

2. HQ 30 Corps
Guards Armd Div
5 Guards Armd Bde
11 Armd Div
29 Armd Bde
50 (N) Div
8 Armd Bde

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AIR NOTES No. 1281.03 Gp - 8 Sep

Over 400 sorties were flown during the day, the majority of these being on armed recoos. A close watch was kept on canal traffic, which was well rewarded when 6 barges packed with troops were seen leaving FLUSHING. These were attacked with machine guns with devastating results. On the roads also a great slaughter took place when a column of over 200 horse-drawn vehicles was seen moving NE on the road THIELT - AELTRE - KNESSELACRE. The pilots eventually reported that this column had been completely eliminated.

2.03 Gp - 9 Sep

A number of armed recoos have been made today without so far discovering much to attack. Most of the effort has been put on to shipping in the SCHELDTE and a number of tugs and other craft have been seen. Tac/R has observed many barges on all the enemy-held canals but most of them were stationary and little activity could be seen. However fighters have made a number of attacks and left several burning.

3.2 Gp

Last night Mosquitos were turned on to the FLUSHING - TERNHOUSEN ferry and movement on the SCHELDTE; reports have not yet been received.

4.03 Gp Locations

B 24	VITRY	H.6304	39 Wing (Photo/R Sqn)
			121 Wing RP Typhoons
B 34	DOUAI		125 Wing Spitfires
B 36	DOUSSEY		122 Wing Mustangs
B 56	EVERE	J.6758	39 Wing (Tac/R Sqn)
			126 Wing Spitfires
B 58	MELSBROCK	J.7161	124 Wing RP Typhoons
			143 Wing Bomphoons
B 60	GRIMBERGHEN	J.6466	122 Wing Mustangs

5. Enemy

- (a) There is still very little sign of a revival of LUFTWAFFE activity.

This continued inactivity suggests that the enemy air force is still on the move. From past experience, it is thought that he will not delay long in HOLLAND, and in fact may be moving back already.

Once behind the SIEGFRIED Line, however, he will not only lose most of the maintenance problems that have followed him through FRANCE, but will also gain the protection of the still powerful defences of flak in the RHINE and RUHR valleys. It remains to be seen whether these advantages will enable him to put up an effort more in keeping with the size of the force.

It must be remembered that the former GAF fighter force in FRANCE is now no longer purely a close-support force, but physically part of the defence of the REICH. As such it may be called on to help with the growing weight of daylight air attack. It will be interesting to see how the problems of this divided allegiance are resolved.

(Source: 83 Gp I.S.No.83)

5(b).....

- (b) An Mo 262 twin-jet fighter was shot down at 1210 hrs yesterday at K.0573 by 71 LAA Regt RA. The jet units are not badly damaged and should provide valuable technical intelligence. Another 262 passed over this HQ this morning at a considerable height. Until yesterday all reports of enemy reaction propelled aircraft had come from allied pilots and these are probably the first occasions on which these aircraft have ventured over the line.

(c) Flying Bombs

31 Aug;	Plotted	52
	Overland	17
	LONDON	10
	Destroyed	5

1 - 3 Sep; NIL

4 Sep;	Plotted	15
	Overland	9
	LONDON	?
	Destroyed	-

5 - 8 Sep; NIL

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11 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1281. 83 Group10 Sep

83 Group flew 510 sorties of which 296 were on armed recon. Six close sp attacks were made, of which four were directed by the contact car with 8 Hussars.

The armed recon covered the whole of HOLLAND SOUTH of the ZUIDER ZEE. Barges and ships of all sizes were attacked, some carrying troops, and attacks were also made on trains and trucks in the area.

Score:

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
MET	32	34
Locos	3	54
Barges	11	50
R Boats	-	1
Ships 700 to 1000 tons	1	5
Tugs	1	7

Three aircraft were lost but two of the pilots have returned.

11 Sep

A number of close sp attacks have been made by Typhoons for 12 Corps, and the following targets have been engaged on 30 Corps front.

(i) For ECR.

Inf and vehs withdrawing over
bridge K 3197

8 Typhoons 1445

(ii) For 151 Bde.

Tanks on the road at 097899

8 Typhoons 1600

2. Bomber Command9/10 Sep

BRUNSWICK and other targets in GERMANY were attacked without loss.

3. 2 Group10/11 Sep

Mosquitoes harassed enemy activity on the ferries of the N and E SCHELDE, and in the area ROTTERDAM - NIJMEIJEN.

4. Enemy

10 Sep

20 Enemy aircraft made an appearance over the 1st US Army sector - the first real enemy activity for some time.

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12 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1291. 83 GROUP11 Sep

Little MET movement was reported during the day but activity on canals, waterways and railways in East HOLLAND was attacked with the following results -

	<u>Bombers</u>	<u>Smokers</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
MET	6	1	15
Locos	8	-	14
Trucks	22	-	15
Darges	5	-	10

239 sorties were flown.

2. MEDIUM BOMBERS

The DRESKENE ferry D0919 was attacked by mediums at 1530 hrs.

3. ENEMY

There has been a marked increase in air raeco over the 30 Corps sector in the past 48 hours, but no ground attacks have been reported. Some of the aircraft have been observed at great height, and may have been on photographic raeco. Single He 111 bombers have been reported, though these aircraft are now used only for supply-dropping and launching flying bombs. Three bombs were dropped by an unidentified aircraft in the Guards Arm Div area at 1245 hrs today. There were no casualties.

It is now believed that all the enemy air bases have been withdrawn inside the frontier of the Reich and the GAF fighters are probably based airfields NORTH and SOUTH of the RUHR.

4. RESULTS OF AIR BOMBING

The KIELER ZEITUNG of 2 June prints the following story -

" About fourteen days after a terror raid on Frankfurt on Main, the members of a demolition party, climbing through the smouldering ruins to the cellar of a wrecked house, found, in perfect condition, a bucket of preserved eggs which the Hausfrau had put down the year before, i.e. about six months ago. The thought suddenly struck them that the eggs, slightly tanned by the heat, might be cooked and could be eaten there and then. They took the bucket out of the warm water at the bottom of the cellar, and plucked up their courage to taste the eggs. As they broke the first egg, to their amazement they found a young chicken struggling in their hands. All the other eggs had been hatched in the same way by the smouldering wreckage. This remarkable phenomenon is now under scientific investigation."

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General Staff.

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AIR NOTES No 1301. 83 GROUP12 Sep

Flying was held up for some time by mist which also brought about an early close in the evening. During the day 236 sorties were flown, the majority on Arnheim-Recces. There was very little road movement and the chief attacks were made on railway and shipping tgts. The most successful attack was made on a train with 40 trucks which was loaded with MT or AFVs proceeding to ARNHEM; it was totally destroyed in two attacks.

The claims for the day were -

MET	8 destroyed	26 damaged
FERRIES		2 "
BARGES	10 "	28 "
MISC CRAFT	4 "	4 "

One train was destroyed, one electric train damaged, one engine destroyed, thirteen damaged.

2. 2 GROUP11/12 Sep

Aircraft operating over HOLLAND found a fair amount of activity between ROTTERDAM and VENLO, and 105 MET were attacked. Railway movement was also attacked, including seven lengths of passenger train.

12 Sep

Two bridges SOUTH and WEST of ROTTERDAM were attacked twice each during the day. Results are not known.

12/13 Sep

More harassing missions were flown over HOLLAND. Night fighters made defensive patrols over BRUSSELS and elsewhere.

3. BOMBER COMMAND11/12 Sep

Lancasters and Halifaxes attacked targets in the RHINELAND; a large number of incendiaries were dropped. Mosquitos visited BERLIN. In all 16 aircraft were lost.

12/13 Sep

In attacks similar to those of the previous night, 400,000 incendiaries were dropped on FRANKFURT and 200,000 more were dropped on STUTTGART. Mosquitos again attacked BERLIN with 4,000 lb bombs. 25 aircraft are missing.

4. 8 USAAF

12 and 13 Sep

On each day over 1,000 aircraft attacked oil installations in GERMANY.

5. 83 GROUP LOCATIONS

(i)	AVRILLY	R 1856	39 (Rocco) Wing RCAF	
	VITRY	H 6304	121 Wing RAF	RP Typhoons
	GRIMBERG	J 6466	(122 Wing RAF	Mustangs
			(143 Wing RCAF	Bomphoons
	MELSHROECK	J 7161	124 Wing RAF	RP Typhoons
	DOUAL	H 7104	125 Wing RAF	Spitfires
	EVERE	J 6758	126 Wing RCAF	Spitfires
	ILLIERS	R 228469	127 Wing RCAF	Spitfires
(ii)	83 Group	Main	J 8962	
		Rear	J 845870	
		GCC	J 753553	
	84 Group	Main	M 513552	
		Rear	M 512552	
	85 Group	Air Staff	T 886849	
		Rear	T 898748	
	AEAF	Adv	} AMIENS	
	9 USAAF	Main		
	2 TAF	Main +		
	2 TAF	Rear	T 745805	

+ Movg 14 Sep to BRUSSELS.

6. ENEMY.

(a) 11 Sep

A convoy of Dakotas was bounced on the evening of 11 Sep by 60 ME 109s in the LIEGE - VERVIER area. One Dakota is known to have been shot down.

12/13 Sep

An attack was made on the BERINGEN bridges last night between 2045 and 2100 hrs. Six parachutes were picked up afterwards but no parachutists could be found.

(b) The German Airforce D Day to 12 Sep.

At Appendix "A" is an 83 Group Memorandum on this subject.

7. TAILPIECE

THE RIVERS
OR
DIMINISHING RETURNS

Von Kluge's Army, having sworn
To hold the British on the ORNE,
Was driven back and forced to leave
Its rearguard rotting in the DIVES.
The SS gallantly forsook
Their comrades fighting on the TOUQUE
And, anxious only to conceal
Their badges, slunk across the RISLE.
The Wehrmacht withered, few remain
To brave the crossings of the SEINE
While all that live to reach the SOMME
Are huit chevaux and quarante hommes.

(Source: 35 Wing I.S.)

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THE GERMAN AIR FORCE - 'D' DAY TO 12TH SEP.

1. Since 'D' Day the German Air Force has undergone a series of strains which have cumulatively effected its efficiency until now its fighting value is very low.
2. It may be of interest to trace shortly the history of the German resistance to Operation OVERLORD. In the first place, the fighters existing in FRANCE were boosted up by the addition of a number of Gruppen sent from various other theatres and particularly from GERMANY. This force, which seems to have been the Tactical Air Force of the LUFTWAFFE, varied in establishment but generally speaking seems to have been in the neighbourhood of 500 aircraft. It came under the tactical control of Jagdkorps 2.
3. It must be remembered, however, that the GAF was operating against the bridgehead under conditions which were, from the outset, nearly as difficult, and later, far more difficult than ours. The bombing which had preceded the Operation had been directed firstly against German fighters and secondly against the enemy's communications. By reason of the nature of the territory on which we landed, there were few airfields in existence within 50 miles and those which fringed the 50 mile radius, such as the EVREUX Group, had been so bombed as to be unprofitable to use. The enemy, therefore resorted to the construction of landing strips. These, however, suffered from many disadvantages; the servicing facilities were bad, dispersal had to be remote and much time was wasted in assembling squadrons for an operation.
4. But, perhaps of greater importance, was the fact that communications were so poor that the greatest difficulty was experienced in obtaining essential supplies at the right place and time. The crew position, too, was not good. While the morale of aircrew, particularly of fighter pilots was high, their experience was insufficient for any high standard of operation.
5. In the early stages, the German TAF attempted to work as a Tactical Air Force to the extent that it carried out a few ground attack missions. Dive-bombing, rocket firing and ground strafing with cannon were all tried, but never on a large scale and never in a very concentrated operation. Losses were, moreover, very heavy. After a week or two, the enemy seems either to have decided that the game was not worth the candle or to have turned his aircraft on to more pressing tasks such as protecting troops on the ground, for dive-bombing and rocket attacks were discontinued and it was not until about the time the Americans started to break out of their bridgehead that they were resumed, and even then ineffectively.
6. Once the break out commenced, the GAF was on the run. Turned out of its landing strips at ARGENTAN, ALENCON, FLERS, LAVAL, LE MANS and ANGEAIS, it moved Westward. Immediately, its efficiency, such as it was, dropped, for no sooner had he got into position in one set of bases than he had to move to another. East of PARIS and DEUVAIS, to JUVINCOURT and PAS DE CALAIS to BELGIUM and the NANCY area, then to South HOLLAND and STRASBOURG he went. But now all these bases are denied to him and the German TAF is now in the REICH itself. Its bases seem to stretch from the RUHR, Southwards to the SWISS frontier.
7. This force now has the backing of the fighters of the Air Defence of GERMANY, controlled by Jagdkorps 1, and will presumably also have the support of such aircraft as have been thrown up by the German withdrawal in South-East EUROPE. But it is doubtful if this force will, so far as this Group is concerned, be very much formidable than before. With the XVth Air Force operating in ITALY, a fair proportion of the force will have to remain

in the South to protect Southern GERMANY and AUSTRIA. The VIIIth will also be a menace and a good proportion of fighters are likely to be tied to a permanent state of readiness to meet them.

8. However, it is believed that some months ago a number of the most experienced German formation leaders were transferred to GERMANY to meet the attacks of the Fortresses. It is worth considering, therefore, some of these pilots may be encountered, in which case an improvement in the handling and tactics of some fighter units may be expected.
9. The Long Range Bomber Force has been quiet for some time. Having also been on the run, its serviceability is probably quite low and its crews, now that the relatively simple operation of minelaying is not required, are not expected to put up any very startling effort.
10. The strength of the present force in GERMANY is estimated as follows -

	<u>Jagdkorps 2.</u>	<u>Jagdkorps 1.</u>	
Long Range Bombers	150	-	
Ground Attack	20	-	
Single-engined fighters	300	305	
Twin-engined Fighters	80	390	
Long Range Recon	25	-	
Tactical Recon	10	-	
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Totals	585	695	
		585	
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		1,200	
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(Source: 83 Group Intelligence
Memorandum No.2).

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14 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 131

1. 83 Group

13 Sep

There was indifferent flying weather for most of the day with ground mist on the airfields until late in the morning and a haze over the battle area which made visibility poor. Armed Reconnaissance was carried out in spite of this: over the SCHELDE estuary, NORTH to the WAAL and EAST to the RHINE. Little road movement was seen but shipping and rail activity was attacked wherever conditions permitted.

Score: 218 Sorties.

	<u>Flamers</u>	<u>Smokers</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
MET	6	1	9
Tugs	1	2	11
Locos	2	-	13
Armed Launches	-	-	2
Barges	9	-	16
Rly Trucks	8	9	22
Large ships	-	-	2
Medium Ships	-	-	1

No enemy aircraft are claimed.

2. 2 Group

13 Sep

route

The escape by road and rly from WALCHEREN through the SOUTH BEVELAND peninsula between EAST and WEST SCHELDE, was again attacked in the evening at two points - the isthmus EAST of ARNEMUIDEN D 2030 and the neck WEST of WOENSDRECHT D 5620.

3. 9 USAAF

13 Sep

Attacked strongpoints in the NANCY and METZ areas.

4. Enemy Air Activity

Day 13 Sep

Further signs that the enemy is beginning to settle, however uncomfortably, into his new RHENISH bases were provided by the approach of a fair sized formation in the MAASTRICHT - HASSELT area. There was a patrol, probably on reconnaissance, over US Forces across the frontier.

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There was an attack on fwd troops NE of BOURG LEOPOLD presumably by Me 262's between 0730 and 0830 hrs, one bomb was dropped.

Night 13/14 Sep

At 2050 hrs an attack was made on BEERINGEN brs in which a number of flares, followed by two bombs, were dropped but no damage has been reported.

5. Round Trip

US Fortresses have bombed a large depot in the BUDA - PESTH area after flying from the UK to RUSSIA and from a Russian airfield to the target.



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TAILPIECE

The Complete Gentleman

The following is an extract from a long section on "Behaviour in Society" in the Orders of the German School for Artillery Officer Cadets published in April 1943 :-

No flowers to be worn on uniforms or carried on vehicles. For troops returning to the Fatherland from campaigns, permission for use of flowers may be obtained from High Authority. At races, the officer himself must NOT approach the Totalisator.

Behaviour in Public:- The theatre may NOT be visited in riding boots. It is forbidden for officers in uniform to take part in Masked or Fancy Dress Balls.

AIR NOTES No. 132

1. 83 GROUP

14 Sep

Very little flying was done as low cloud and rain in the morning and low lying mist in the afternoon kept aircraft on the ground except for weather recces. 44 sorties only were flown and very little movement was seen.

Claims -

MET 3 destroyed, 2 damaged.
1 500ton ship damaged.
Barges 2 destroyed, 4 damaged.

2. 2 GROUP

Night 13/14 Sep

Flak posn bombed NORTH of FLUSHING with good results. Strikes on pier near KIELDRECHT at D 5021. Fires and bomb explosions ST ANNALAND area D 4840 and 4632. Train strafed going EAST at MIDDLEBURG D 1429. Many fires in area BRESKENS ferry.

3. MEDIUM BOMBERS

Day 14 Sep

Road and rail communications between WALCHEREN and ZEVELAND and other lines of communication between the islands off the Dutch coast were attacked with bombs.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

Night 13/14 Sep

Ground forces reported a few enemy aircraft operating in the ESCAUT CANAL area but no damage or casualties were reported.

5. PROGRAMMES

(a) RAF Bomber Command Night 14/15 Sep

Communication centres in RHINELAND.

(b) RAF 2 Gp Night 14/15 Sep

Lines of communication in HOLLAND and on GERMAN border. Harass enemy movement in HOLLAND.

6. BOMBLINE

In order to give a daily check of the Bomblime it is proposed to publish it as a string of Map References in these notes, as it stands at the time they are written. By the time of receipt it may of course have been amended.

As at 151545B -

K6968 rd 6876 6479 6185 5898 E 4708 rd
4308 rd 416095 3908 3405 3109 198008
K 1599 J 9790 canal 7398 canal D 7805
rd 7608 rd 6906 5906 D 5512.

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16 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 132

1. 83 GROUP

15 Sep

Poor weather again hindered air operations, visibility was never good and little movement was seen on roads, railways or waterways. Two successful RP attacks were however made on 12 Corps front on enemy gun posns.

Photo Reconnaissance was tried three times but failed to get results. The weather was never suitable for photography.

SCORE - 117 Sorties

MET - 2 flakers, 2 smokers, 15 damaged.

BARGES- 10 destroyed, 3 damaged.

2. 2 GROUP - Day 15 Sep.

Targets in BOULOGNE area were attacked by mediums.

Ferry terminal at BRESKENS D 1019, FLUSHING D 1124 and ELLEWOUTSDIJK D 2717 were also attacked at midday with good results, bombs straddling quays.

3. 9 USAF

Day 15 Sep

Causeway D 2030 successfully attacked.

4. PROGRAMMES

(i) Bomber Command RAF Night 15/16 Sep

Communication centres in RHINELAND.

(ii) 2 Group RAF Night 15/16 Sep

Enemy lines of communication in HOLLAND and on GERMAN Border.

Harass enemy movement in HOLLAND.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY - Day 15 Sep

A Me 262 dropped two medium or small sized bombs in the LOUVAIN area in the afternoon. No military casualties have been reported although 83 Group RAF claims to have been the target.

Enemy fighter patrols were maintained over the Northern part of the SIEGFRIED Line to as far South as AACHEN.

6. AIR SUPPORT FOR OPERATION 'GARDEN'

(i) Effort

One sqn RP Typhoons will carry out an attack immediately after the arty barrage finishes, along the road North to VAALKENSWARD ahead of the leading tps of Guards Arm'd Div.

Ten sqns Typhoons (RP and fighter bombers) will be available thereafter to provide a "Cab Rank" over the advancing troops which can be directed onto any targets or areas of suspected opposition which are encountered in the advance as far as VAALKENSWARD. Beyond this point the presence of airborne elements makes close air support impracticable on a pre-arranged basis.

(ii) Recognition - Ground/Air

Leading troops will carry cerise fluorescent panels, MANN BEACON Lamps, yellow colanese strips and have available yellow smoke generators.

(iii) Air Support Communications

(a) Normal ASSU Tentacles.

(b) Two Contact Cars, one (with Corps Comds Recce) to transmit to Corps and Army, Tac/R information of the points at which the airborne landings in fact take place: the other (with 2 IG) to call for, control and (if attacks on own troops in error are imminent) to call off the "Cab Rank" aircraft.

(c) R/T link from Corps Comds Recce to Main Corps and Contact Car with leading troops.

(d) Forward Control Post at 30 Corps Main HQ which will act as a "Step up" for wireless communications to Army.

(iv) Pre-arranged Bomblines

(a) B/L up to H - 2 hours

K6066 excl R MEUSE to E9108 excl rly
E5522 excl rly E4217 excl rd E3726 excl
rd E1632 excl rd E9506 excl canal D8609
excl rd D8114 excl rd D7415 excl rd D6005.

6. cont'd

(b) B/L H - 2 hours to H + 1 hour

K6066 exel R MEUSE K7791 exel rd K5898
exel rd E4708 rd E4108 rd E3405 rd E2604
rd K1599 rd J9790 canal J7398 canal
D7805 rd D7608 rd D6906 to D5906.

(c) B/Ls H + 1 hour onwards (until change notified)

A. K6066 exel R MEUSE E7547 to E7551
to E8156 rd E8363 to E8365 then
1000 yds North of RIVER to E6967
to E6660 exel rly E3347 exel
HERTOGENBOSCH to E3143 exel rly E1532
exel rly D9337 exel rly D6227.

B. (For 1 Airborne Div)

E7573 to E7975 to E7979 to E7683 rd
E7383 rd E7386 rd E6785 to E5885 rd
E5876 to E5873 then 1000 yds South
of RIVER to E7573.

Wesley Pearson

Capt

for
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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-----AIR NOTES No. 1331. 83 GROUP16 Sep

Aircraft on Armed Reconnaissance again found little movement on the road and the volume of barge traffic seemed to have been reduced by the continuous attention paid to water-borne targets lately. The most successful attacks were on railway targets and a train of 25 trucks NE of TILBURG blew up after an attack by Typhoons.

SCORE - 428 Sorties

MET	-	10 destroyed,	18 damaged
Locos	-	3	" 6 "
Barges	-	6	" 2 "
Goods			
trucks	-	20	" 15 "

17 Sep

Only a preliminary account can be given of the air sp for operation GARDEN but it is clear, without recourse to statistics, that the air effort was an unqualified success.

Attacks by Typhoons along the main axis were continuous from 1450 hrs to 1830 hrs with intervals of only a few minutes between attacks. These assisted in the "loosening up" of the stiff opposition in the woods on each side of the VALKENSWAARD road and right into the village where one Tiger was attacked; a few more were seen in the woods to the NORTH. Owing to the fluorescent panels and other aids to recognition, only one of our own vchs suffered attack and that without casualties.

The sp given was as close as any ever attempted and its success was achieved without the customary aid of 25-pr smoke. Congratulatory messages have been sent to 83 Group.

Preliminary attacks by the escorting Mustangs, Lightnings and Thunderbolts of 8 USAAF were also successful and reflect credit on the secondhand briefing at UK bases.

A contact car moved with the leading bn of 5 Gds Armd Bde and briefed many of the formations. A second contact car with 30 Corps Recce was used to brief Tac/R aircraft and receive their reports.

2. 2 GROUP

Day 17 Sep.

Attacks on Flak posns in sp of Operation MARKET, areas
ARNHEM - NIJMEGEN.

3. 9 USAF

Day 16 Sep.

Flak targets in HOLLAND and GERMANY.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

15/16 Sep.

No activity was reported during the night.

In the early evening, US aircraft met enemy aircraft
in the AACHEN area.

At 1900 hrs on 16 Sep, a twin-engined bomber dropped
4 bombs in area K 3095 (near LOMMEL).

5. CURRENT BOMBLINE

- (a) K 6066 excl R MEUSE E 7547 to E 7551 to E 8156 rd
E 8363 to E 8365 then 1000 yds NORTH of river to E 6967
to E 6660 excl rly E 3347 - rly E 1445 - rd E 1432 -
rly E 0405 - rd D 9104 - rd J 8393 - canal J 7398 -
canal D 7803 - rd D 7508 to D 6006.

- (b) (For 1 Airborne Div).

E 7573 to E 7975 to E 7979 to E 7683 rd E 7383 rd E 7386
rd E 6785 to E 5885 rd E 5876 to E 5873 then 1000 yds SOUTH
of river to E 7573.

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Capt
for
Brigadier
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18 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1341. 83 GROUP17 Sep

Further detail is now available of the operations by 83 Gp - an outline of which was given yesterday. 550 sorties were flown in the day. Under the control of the contact car with 2 IG, 8 aircraft every 5 minutes for 35 minutes and 8 aircraft every 10 minutes thereafter attended to the axis of 30 Corps' advance.

Typhoons were coming in low over the leading vehicles, 50 yds to either flank and 200 yds ahead and by the end of the day Army/Air co-operation can be said to have reached a peak. Both forward tps and pilots are agreed on the complete success of this combined operation.

Score

MET - 5 flamers, two smokers, one damaged.
Locos - One destroyed, 11 damaged.
Trucks - 54 damaged.
B/Aircraft - One destroyed, one probable, 6 damaged.
Our losses - 3 pilots N.Y.R.

2. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY16/17 Sep

No enemy aircraft were reported over the British sector during the night.

The enemy put up strong fighter forces in the afternoon but were unable to interfere with the airborne operation. Three major enemy fighter groups were encountered, all in the area between the DZs and the German frontier. One of these missions made contact with Mustangs of 83 Gp EAST of ARNHEM and withdrew Eastwards.

3. PROGRAMME2 Group Night 17/18 Sep

Ferrying and movement on WEST SCHELDE RHINE crossings between EMMERICH and DUSSELDORF. Rail movements WEST of RUHR.

4. GAF DIFFICULTIES

The precise disposition of the GAF in Western GERMANY is largely a matter for conjecture. Like the army, in its withdrawal there was almost certainly some confusion between units, especially of ground staff and it will have been necessary to sort out and redeploy them.

Evidence from "Y", photo recon and sightings indicate that the close support force is now disposed along the line of the river RHINE from DUSSELDORF in the NORTH to FREIBURG in the SOUTH and in the belt approximately 50 miles wide to the EAST of the RHINE.

/Dispersal of units....

Dispersal of units in relatively small groups over numerous airfields appear to be in progress, in all probability as a result of the successful Allied attacks of 5 Sep. In particular, Rocco indicates that:-

- (1) The forces now spread out considerably further SOUTH than formerly and that
- (2) Many of the airfields are occupied by a miscellaneous assortment of aircraft, including single-engined day fighters, twin-engined night fighters and others.

In view of the probable shortage of operational satellites nearly all serviceable airfields in the above area are likely to be occupied.

The GAF are now in the unhappy position of having to use home airfields the majority of which are pre-war GAF stations, and these airfields are not entirely suitable for present operations.

Many are small but average runs of 1300 yds and have no dispersal except perhaps just outside the perimeter. All facilities are usually grouped together at one end of the field presenting perfect targets. Doubtless, attempts will be made to develop dispersal areas as rapidly as possible but this will impose a further strain on transport, fuel and labour, and as a result progress is unlikely to be rapid.

Complications are also likely to arise over the development of satellite landing grounds; they are badly needed and their serviceability during the winter will present no small problems. To aggravate the situation their main airfields are likely to be subject to heavy bombing.

In the area NW GERMANY (NORTH of 50° and WEST of 11° E.) and SOUTH GERMANY including AUSTRIA (SOUTH of 50°) there is a total of 325 airfields and landing grounds of which only 22 have single runways and 37 more than one. In other words out of 325 airfields only 59 (approximately 18%) are provided with runways. On two occasions recently the enemy was found making use of Autobahn near airfields for dispersal purposes. The aircraft are parked under trees, and the Autobahn may also be used for emergency landing.

Attacks on GERMAN airfields give every possibility of success owing to the grouping of the facilities and the poor dispersal. Destruction or damage to the facilities, the dispersed aircraft and the runways and/or landing areas would have a marked effect on the serviceability of the GAF.

(Source: 83 Gp Int Memo No.3)

5. CURRENT BOMBLINE (SECOND ARMY)

- (a) K.7473 - rd to K.6479 - excl R.MEUSE E.7547 - E.7551 - E.8156 - rd E.8363 - E.8365 - then 1000 yds NORTH of river to E.6967 - E.6660 - excl rly E.3347 - rly E.1145 - rd E.1432 - rly E.0405 - rd D.9104 - rd J.8395 - canal J.7358 - canal D.7805 - rd D.7508 - D.6006.

(Amendment in AIR 39 NOT rpt NOT included)

- (b) BOMBLINE for 1 Airborne Div

E.7573 - 7975 - 7979 - 7683 - rd 7383 - rd 7386 - rd 6785 - 5885 - rd E.5876 - 5873 - 1000 yds SOUTH of river to E.7573.

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21 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 135

1. 83 GROUP

19 Sep

Weather was again the limiting factor. Both over airfields and over the battle area it was bad for flying. Arm and recon missions sent out had to be recalled on account of banks of low cloud. Only 73 sorties were flown.

20 Sep

Figures are not yet available but it was not apparently a very much better flying day in spite of being "nice weather" as viewed by a layman on the ground. It did however clear in the afternoon for a short time and as seen by this HQ the Airborne Supply Drop was a magnificent spectacle. Unfortunately restrictions are placed on flying by 83 Group in the area of these Airborne Ops.

2. 2 GROUP

Night 18/19 Sep

Attacks on -

(i) Movement on railways GRONINGEN - ZWOLLE - OSNABRUCK - MÜNSTER and OSNABRUCK - MÜNSTER by 38 Mosquitos.

(ii) Crossings WALCHEREN - mainland.

2 MET and 8 barges shot up, 2 small fires seen, one aircraft crashed on landing.

Night 19/20 Sep

(i) Ferries on WEST SCHIELDE.

(ii) RHINE crossings between EMMERICH and DUSSELDORF.

(iii) Rail movement WEST of RUHR.

3. ALLIED AIR ACTIVITY - Day 18 Sep

IX USAAF

Fuel dumps and strong points in front of battle area.

VIII USAAF

Supply dropping -

(i) 702 tons to 1 Airborne Div (252 Liberators)

(ii) 1284 containers over WARSAW (110 Fortresses).

/9 Troop Carrier Command.....

3. cont'd.

9 Troop Carrier Command

136 aircraft plus 904 Dakotas with gliders. 26 aircraft were lost.

36 Group Carrier Command

210 aircraft with gliders. 5 aircraft were lost.

46 Group Carrier Command

122 aircraft with gliders. 1 aircraft was lost.

R.A.F. Bomber Command

No ops - weather.

4. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

19 Sep

Four operations in some strength by day.

Several formations attacked targets in NIJMEGEN area: followed by a recce in the EINDHOVEN, TILBURG, ANTWERP area.

In the afternoon two further formations carried out ground attacks in ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN areas.

5. CURRENT DOMLINE

K 8768	8477	7079	6577	6199	E 6012	6113
6520	7337	7644	7743	7547	7551	8156
8363	8365	7774	7977	7979	7684	7383
7386	6785	5885	5876	5375	5273	8166
4063	3961	3757	3850	rly 1445	rd 1432	0405
1499	rd J 9791	canal	7398	canal D	7805	rd 7508
6006.						

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22 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1361. 83 GROUPDay 20 Sep

Weather and the airborne lift kept the number of sorties down to 259 of which 181 were purely fighter ops - air cover and sweeps. Tac/R has produced little of value lately because there has been either bad visibility or a prohibition on flying during airborne drops to stop it. This enabled the enemy to produce a rabbit out of the hat later, in the shape of a temporary threat to the integrity of the 30 Corps axis in the VEGHEL area.

Day 21 Sep

"Nothing to report" is as much as can be said. The reasons are the same as for 20 Sep.

Day 22 Sep

Better results were achieved. Attacks were made in sp of 1st Br Airborne Div on a factory which was causing this trouble SOUTH of the river at ARNHEM. 24 Typhoons set the WEST end of it on fire. The threat to the axis (small "a") provided some targets for Typhoons and before detailed reports are available it is possible to say that fair success was gained by Typhoons NORTH of GEMERT on armoured cars and MET.

2. 8 USAAFDay 19 Sep

756 bombers on rly centres at SOEST and HAMM and on an Ordnance Depot at DORTMUND.

10 bombers and one fighter are missing.

3. 9 USAAFDay 19 Sep

120 Mediums attacked DEUREN (EAST of AACHEN).

4. 2 GROUP

SCHELDE Crossings.

Rd and rail movement to RHINE from EAST between EMMERICH and DUSSELDORF.

5. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY21 Sep

Considerable numbers of ME 109s and FW 190s were seen over the NIJMEGEN area during the afternoon. Two E/A were seen to be shot down, one claimed by the Royal Artillery. There were more than two altogether but claims are not yet all in.

6. CURRENT SECOND ARMY BOMBLINE

K 8768 8471 7079 6577 6199 E 6012 6113 6520 7337
7641 7743 7547 7551 8156 8363 8365 7776 7577 7681
6881 6575 6376 5375 5273 5169 4063 3961 3757 3850
3347 1445 1432 0405 K 1499 J 9791 7398 D 7805 7508
6006.

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23 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1371. 83 GROUP22 Sep

Little movement was seen by Armed Recces till afternoon when a large number of MET and tanks were reported in the area of VEGHEL and GEMERT. 3 Tanks are claimed flamers and 6 smokers, and MET claimed are 65 flamers, 6 smokers and 8 damaged.

Tac/R produced evidence of digging and activity in VENLO.

23 Sep

Another airborne drop interfered with 83 Gp ops in the brief interval of good weather in a cloudy day. But 24 Typhoons were despatched to attack targets requested by 1 Airborne Div in areas proving troublesome round their perimeter. Reports of this have not yet been received.

2. Medium Bombers23 Sep

VENLO was bombed at 1800 hrs.

3. RAF GROUND OPERATIONS - "PER ARDUA"...

On the morning of 21 Sep Fl/Lt Turner who had belly landed his Stirling near 30 Corps HQ the day before set off for ENGLAND via EINDHOVEN. On the morning of 23 Sep he returned to Corps HQ having in the interval been in command of a mixed blue and brown force of 20 men, fighting in a ditch near VEGHEL with the enemy on the other side of the road. After losing 4 men killed and having 4 wounded when his TCV was hit by MG fire and overturned, he kept his party without further casualties and got the military elements of it, who were 14 gunners, back to their Battery. After some hours in the ditch the 4 wounded were dragged 40 yds along the ditch to a farmhouse where they could be attended to. The claims of the party are one SS Captain destroyed and several probables.

4. CURRENT SECOND ARMY BOMBLINE

K8768	8471	7079	6577	6199	E6012	6113	6520	7337	6544
7555	7448	8156	8363	8365	7776	7577	7176	7278	6979
6876	6475	6376	5375	5273	5169	4063	3961	3757	3850
3347	1445	1432	0405	K1499	J9791	7398	D7005	7508	6006.

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24 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1381. 83 GROUPDay 22 Sep

500 sorties, 104 being armed recon in general area NW of ARNHEM and down to VENLO.

Day 23 Sep

216 sorties.

Two targets in 1st Airborne Div area in the morning. The aircraft landed in the dusk on airfields not equipped with night landing facilities. Mustangs discovered a heavily loaded goods train moving EAST.

6 of the trucks contained FW 190s and a successful attack was made.

Claims -

JET	9 destroyed	17 damaged
Tanks	-	1 damaged
Locs	-	6 damaged

2. 2 GROUPNight 20/21 Sep

Harassing tasks were carried out on the WEST SCHELDE and from WILGHEREN to the mainland. RHINE crossings were also attacked.

Day 21 Sep

54 Mitchells and 24 Bostons attacked targets at BOULOUGNE; a casemate was destroyed and an ammunition dump blown up.

Night 23/24 Sep

Road and rail movement across RHINE, North HOLLAND and SCHELDE area.

3. AIRBORNE OPSDay 21 Sep

64 Stirlings and 230 Dakotas dropped paratroops and supplies in the ARNHEM area. 30 aircraft not yet returned but may have landed away from base.

4. RAF BOMBER COMMAND

Day 20 Sep

648 aircraft bombed CALAIS. Excellent results, one bomber only is missing.

5. VIII USAAF

Day 22 Sep

626 heavies on industrial plants at KASSEL: 9 missing.

6. MEDIUMS

Day 23 Sep

Two targets at VENLO and one at ROERMOND were attacked each by 60 Marauders.

7. CURRENT BOMBING (Subject to 2 corrupt messages not yet corrected)

K 8768 8471 7079 7104 7086 6986 6989 7392 E 7104
7118 Canal 6525 7133 7136 7138 7640 7545 7846 8348
7651 8155 rly 9056 rly 9261 river 8365 excel river 7076
rly 7170 rly 6979 incl rd 6871 incl river 6376 5575
5273 5169 4063 3961 3757 3850 3347 1445 1432 0506.

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25 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1391. 83 GROUPDay 24 Sep

Enemy positions round the Airborne perimeter were very thoroughly attacked. An observer who watched from the SOUTH bank of the NEDERRIJN near DRIEL saw that for 3 hours there was a procession of Typhoons which must have given as much heart to the Airborne troops as it caused discomfort to the enemy. Specific targets such as gun and mortar positions were located but results were hard to observe. Armed Roccos operating round ARNHEM interfered effectively with rail movement for 12 locos were destroyed and 10 damaged and 74 railway trucks were destroyed plus 31 vehicles on railway trucks (these were first reported as tanks but were found to be arm cars or MET). Of MET on the roads 3 were destroyed and 33 damaged.

Tac/R produced some information in the early part of the day but nothing of great significance.

Day 25 Sep

The priority was still on the ARNHEM sector. A very large number of targets round the perimeter of the Airborne Div were engaged in spite of cloud, sleet and rain - the cloud haze was high and advantage was taken of this. Results are not yet available in detail but gun and mortar positions incl Nobelwerfers were attacked.

Some rather deeper targets were also taken on. Movement into ARNHEM from RENKUM on the WEST was given a good stop and armed roccos went to AMERSFOORT where camouflaged MET was reported - no results are available.

Tac/R was hindered by some trouble on the reconnaissance airfield - probably bad going or ground mist - early on and by cloud banks later. By 1700 hrs the sorties had mostly proved abortive.

2. MEDIUMS

A considerable force attacked targets in the ARNHEM area at 1700 hrs.

3. ENEMY ACTIVITY

The NIJMEGEN br was covered by Spitfires and these provided a long and spirited series of dog fights over the NIJMEGEN area where they met a strong force of FW 190s and ME 109s. The score is not available; but several enemy aircraft were seen to go down.

4. USAAF - HEAVY BOMBERSDay 25 Sep

Over 1200 Fortresses and Liberators escorted by Lightnings and Thunderbolts attacked marshalling yards at FRANKFURT, COBLENZ and LUDWIGSHAVEN.

5. CURRENT SECOND ARMY BOMBLINE

K7079 - 6987 - 6989 - 7392 - 7194 - 7497 - E7118 -
6524 - 6629 - 6333 - 7640 - 7446 - 8348 - 7650 -
8255 - 8056 - 8260 - 7963 - 8265 - 7677 - 7277 -
7278 - 7178 - 7177 - 5575 - 5273 - 5169 - 4063 -
3755 - 3949 - 3945 - 4541 - 4237 - 3334 - 3135 -
1532 - 0605 - 1500 - J9890 - 7598.

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Capt

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26 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1401. 83 GROUPDay 25 Sep

The most important aspect of ops was the breaking up of a major enemy formation in the NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM area. At 1650 hours a warning of 120 - 170 aircraft approaching put every available Spitfire and Mustang of 83 Group into the sky over this area and the total bag was -

	<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Probables</u>	<u>Damaged</u>
ME 109	6	-	9
FW 190	10	1	10
	16	1	19

5 of our own pilots are missing.

Through the middle of this battle the MEDIUM bombers on their way to attack targets near ARNHEM were seen. This attack and a number of Typhoon attacks on targets outside the perimeter were described by a RAF Radar Officer, (who had been in ARNHEM with the Airborne Div since their drop), as "wizard". He also said that even one Allied aircraft seen in the sky caused a stoppage of the whole German artillery and mortar programme till it went away.

On ground support a factory at BEST was completely destroyed by Typhoons.

2. 2 GROUPNight 24/25 Sep

36 Mosquitos operated over HOLLAND.

15 Mosquitos patrolled ANTWERP and BRUSSELS area. One HE 111 was destroyed.

3. RAF BOMBER COMMANDDay 24 Sep

188 aircraft bombed CALAIS. 9 are missing.

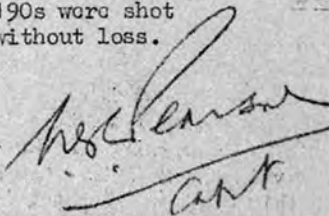
4. PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT - to dawn 25 Sep.

Plotted	11
Overland	8
London	Nil
Shot down	Nil

5. CURRENT SECOND ARMY BOMBLINE

K8768 - 8471 - 7079 - 7184 - 7086 - river to E7746 - 8348
- 7651 - 8155 - rd 8056 - rd 8160 - 8061 - 7963 - river to
8365 - excl river 7076 - rly 715780 - rd 685785 - 689771 -
incl river 6376 - 5575 - 5273 - 5169 - 4063 - 8961 - 3757
- 3850 - excl rd 3745 - excl rd 4141 - 4241 - excl rd 4137
- rly 3333 - rly 1632 - 148310.

NOTE :- On 26 Sep between 1445 and
1500 hrs 8 FW 190s were shot
down by 83 Gp without loss.



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AIR NOTES No.1411. 83 GROUP26 Sep

697 sorties were flown; more than half fighter patrols in NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM areas. 19 attacks were also carried out in ground support tasks including one which destroyed with Rockets a Pontoon bridge across the MAAS river near BERGEN (E8234).

Claims -

Enemy aircraft	- 15 destroyed, 3 probables, 10 damaged.
MEET	- 9 flamers, 13 smokers, 33 damaged.
Locos	- 3 flamers, 1 smoker, 4 damaged.
Rly trucks	- 35 flamers, 28 damaged.

27 Sep

A Hotel in DIESPRONG (E6188) was attacked shortly after lunch on information received that it was the HQ controlling troops in ARNHEM. Pilots report that they discovered the Hotel and the HQ Staff standing outside it and destroyed both. It is hoped that this will adversely affect the ops of German troops based on ARNHEM.

2. ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY

The effort against our troops in NIJMEGEN and ARNHEM areas (with the Nijmegen bridge as a tempting target) was sustained on 26 Sep. As soon as 83 Group fighters had left the area to get back to base before landing became impossible, enemy activity became more marked and an unconfirmed report has come in of the use of PICKADOCK aircraft against the bridge. This is being investigated. Some bombs were certainly dropped but the bridge was not further damaged.

3. 2 GROUP.Night 25/26 Sep

35 Mosquitos operated in HOLLAND - GERMANY but low cloud hampered ops and only 19 aircraft attacked.

Night 26/27 Sep

WALCHEREN ferries and NORTH of 30 Corps salient were targets for the night.

4. RAF BOMBER COMMANDDay 25 Sep

875 aircraft were despatched and 282 attacked strong points in CALAIS area. Results were good and there were NO losses.

/Night 25/26 Sep.....

4. cont'd

Night 25/26 Sep

48 aircraft attacked MANNHEIM and 4 Mosquitos attacked a Chemical Works at HOCHST near FRANKFURT.

5. 8 USAAF

1127 Bombers with 567 fighters as escort attacked -

2 Marshalling yards at FRANKFURT
2 Marshalling yards at COBLENZ
1 Marshalling yard at LUDWIGSHAVEN
Synthetic Oil plant at OTTAU

2 enemy aircraft were damaged on the ground. 7 bombers and 3 fighters were lost.

6. 9 USAF

Bombers did not operate. 145 fighter sorties were flown on armed recon of VIER area.

7. CURRENT SECOND ARMY DOMB LINE

K8768	8471	7079	7184	7086	river	E7746	8348	7651
8155	8056	8160	8061	7963	river	8365	excl	river
7076	rlly	715780	rd	685705	689771	incl	river	
6376	5575	5273	5169	4063	3961	3757	3848	rd
3547	rd	3645	rd	3440	river	3235	rlly	148310.

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AIR NOTES No. 1421. 85 GROUP27 Sep

The most successful fighter battle of the campaign was fought over ARNHEM, NIJMEGEN, AACHEN and KREFELD areas when out of 600 enemy fighters employed 45 were destroyed, 2 probably destroyed and 21 damaged - all He 109s or FW 190s, except one which was an Me 410. This fighter activity which absorbed 390 of the 760 sorties flown did not mean that ground attack was neglected and gun posns, strong points and MET as well as rly tgts was attacked by Typhoons. The ground score was -

MET	-	22 destroyed	37 damaged
Lodges	-	4 "	24 "
Rly Trucks	-	41 "	82 "
Barges and vessels	-	3 "	7 "

A Rocket Typhoon Wing (124) and a Typhoon Bomber Wing (143) are now operating from EINDHOVEN.

2. 2 GROUPNight 26/27 Sep

44 Mosquitos operated without loss against rail movement and factories in GERMANY and HOLLAND.

Day 27 Sep

EMMERICH and COCH were attacked.

3. RAF Bomber CommandDay 27 Sep

Lancasters and Halifaxes bombed DUISBURG.

4. PILOTLESS AIRCRAFT24 hrs to 0500 hrs 26 Sep

Platted	-	6
Overland	-	4
IAZ	-	2
Shot down	-	Nil

5. PICK-A-BACK AIRCRAFT v. NIJMEGEN BRIDGES

The report referred to yesterday has now been investigated and is regarded as reliable. In the dusk on 26 Sep an officer of 84 Med Regt RA saw 8 aircraft (probably Ju 88s) carrying beneath them what seemed to be smaller twin-engined aircraft about $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ their own size. They came up the river at 1000 ft and released their loads some considerable distance from the tgt, the parent plane then turning right-handed and climbing upwards and the "load" gliding slowly and inaccurately towards the tgt which was NOT hit. Whether the apparent engines were in action is doubtful. They exploded with a considerable blast which was felt at a distance of more than a mile away and no trace of them has been found. The first flight was followed after five minutes by 12 more.

6. CURRENT SECOND ARMY BOMBLINE

K8768 - 8471 - 7079 - 7184 - 7006 - rd 6989 - rd 7999
- incl canal E7117 - rly 8215 - excl rd 7726 - excl rd -
- 8231 - river 7746 - 8348 - 7651 - 8155 - rd 8056 -
rd 8160 - 7963 - river 8365 - excl river 7076 - river
689771 - incl river 6376 - 5575 - 5273 - 5169 - 4063
- 3961 - 3757 - excl river 3051 - excl rd 3246 - rd
3645 - rd 3440 - river 3235 - rly 148310.

WP/cc

W. Pearson
Capt
for Brigadier,
General Staff,

29 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1431. 83 GROUP28 Sep

The enemy relaxed his effort over this theatre for the day and in consequence lost only 2 destroyed and 5 damaged. The size of the formations used was smaller than before, the largest being 20.

Typhoon Bombers continued a successful programme of cutting rail comms mostly in the KREFELD - GELDERN area and R.P. Typhoons attacked enemy concentrations and gun positions and ferrying and movement on the NORTH bank of the NEDERRIJN.

726 sorties were flown, our losses were 6 pilots not yet returned.

Claims are -

MET	8 destroyed, 6 damaged.			
Locos	6	"	5	"
Rly trucks	95	"	65	"
Barges	4	"	2	"

2. 2 GROUPDay 27 Sep

29 BOSTONS and MITCHELLS attacked GOCH.

23 " " " attacked targets in GERMANY.

Night 27/28 Sep

11 Mosquitos patrolled battle area.

3. RAF Bomber CommandDay 27 Sep

132 Heavies	attacked oil plants at BOTTRCP	} No losses
83 " " " "	at STEKRADE	

4. VIII USAFDay 27 Sep

1044 Heavies attacked COLOGNE net works, LUDWIGSHAVEN and MAINZ Marshalling yards and KASSEL. 46 Bombers are missing. The escorting fighters claim 36 destroyed, 7 damaged for the loss of 10.

5. IX USAAF

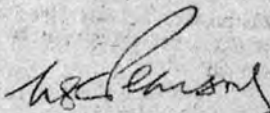
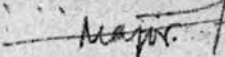
618 fighters and fighter bombers flew armed reconnaissance in COBLENZ - HAMBURG areas.

Claims -

Enemy aircraft	5 destroyed	1 damaged
Locos	52 "	5 "
Rly trucks	152 "	163 "
MET	39 "	16 "

6. CURRENT SECOND ARMY BOMBLINE

E8231 - 7746 - 7846 - 7450 - 7651 - 8155 - 8056 - 8160
- 8061 - 7963 - 801660 - 790665 - 7770 - 7672 - 7574 -
7375 - 713762 - excl river to 5473 - 5169 - 4063 - 3961
- 3757 excl river 3051 - 3246 - 3645 - 3440 - 3235 -
148310.


Major. 
Brigadier,
General Staff.

30 Sep 44

AIR NOTES No. 1441. 83 GROUP29 Sep 44

The enemy re-appeared in strength over the NIJMEGEN area during the day and formations of 30 and 50 aircraft at a time were successfully dealt with. The final claims of 83 Group are 33 destroyed and 13 damaged; six of our pilots are missing of whom 3 are thought to have been shot down by flak.

A large number of target demands were submitted by 43 Div - mainly ferries and barges along river lines - and the Div reports that in general these were successfully engaged.

The rail cutting programme of the Bomphoon Wing (143) of 83 Group was continued in co-operation with fighters of IX USAAF and fighter-bombers of 84 Group. 11 out of 15 sorties, mostly in the DEVENTER - ZWOLLE area and EAST of the MEUSE, were successful in cutting or cratering the line.

In 527 sorties the claims are -

MET	14	Flamers,	1	smoker,	4	damaged.
Barges	6	"	1	"	-	
Rly trucks	-	"	-	"	50	plus damaged
Ferry-boats	6	"	-	"	-	

30 Sep

The high spot of the day was a pre-arranged attack by 24 RP Typhoons on two factories and a village cross-rds in the area of HAALDEREN on the NORTH bank of the WAAL just EAST of NIJMEGEN. Besides containing Germans with Roving guns, mortars and small arms the area was suspected of providing OPs commanding the NIJMEGEN bridges. The attack took place at 1230 hrs and the red smoke put down by 43 Div to mark the target was reported as conspicuous and well placed. The first factory was knocked down except for the chimneys (which are very difficult to hit with a rocket), the second was set on fire and a volley of rockets was fired into the village. There was considerable small arms and 20 mm fire from the target area which proves that it was well worth attacking and the sensations of those attacked may be judged by the story in the next paragraph.

2. ROCKETS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE

On 28 Sep 12 Typhoons attacked what was said to be an inf posn near BEST but no results were observed by the pilots. This was followed by a further attack shortly afterwards - also NMS. But after the first attack one of our loud-speaker vms, by threats of a repeat attack, coaxed 20 disheartened Herrenvolk into captivity and 70 more trailed in after the second attack and/or broadcast, hotly pursued by fire from their more steadfast comrades.

3. 2 GROUP

Day 28 Sep

Bombed road and rail crossing EMERICH. Good conc of bombs on target. Railway station also observed hit. Rd junc at the same place was missed and bombs fell in railway yard and town.

Night 28/29 Sep

Road and rail movement in HOLLAND harassed by Mosquitos.

Night 29/30 Sep


Mosquitos on NW of RUHR.

Day 30 Sep

GOCH and CLEVE to be bombed.

4. CURRENT SECOND ARMY BOMBLINE

E8231 river 7746 excl rd 7846 excl rd 7450 excl rd 7651
8155 rd 8056 rd 8160 8061 7963 788638 769651 790665 7770 7672
excl rd 7574 excl rd 7375 rd 713762 excl river 5473 excl rd
5169 4063 3961 3757 excl river 3051 excl rd 3246 3541 river
3235 rly 148310.


Brigadier,
General Staff.

FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- GSI Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div 43 Div
12 Corps Main Second Army
G-2 XIX US Corps

I/127 (.) For GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM 012300D (.)
FIRST (.) minimum 2000 PW today but count impossible
and total probably much greater (.) ninety units div
corps army troops identified (.) SECOND (.) General
VIEROW Comd and Col ULRICH C of S of Corps ZIV SOME
captured area DAYENCOURT M.38 (.) State SEPP DIETRICH
this area today and now Comd Fifth and Seventh Armies (.)
Col DAYER Comd 20 Flak Dde also PW (.) THIRD (.) Only
organised resistance today from inf battlegroup all that
remains of 10 SS Div along rd ALBERT BAPAULE (.) No
tanks or anti-tk guns left (.) FOURTH (.) Civilian
states 9 SS Div quit AMIENS 30 Aug for ST QUENTIN with
40 AFV (.) Comment (.) Move plausible but AFV
exaggerated (.) FIFTH (.) Cap doc shows following
inf div strengths 27 Aug (.) 344 (.) Two bns 16 guns
(.) 17 GAF (.) 550 men 3 anti-tk 3 Assault guns (.)
271 (.) 450 men with inf weapons only (.) 353 (.)
90 offrs 1284 ORs with four inf guns (.) 363 (.) 800
men (.) 277 (.) 1200 men (.) 326 (.) 150 men with
one anti-tk gun (.) SIXTH (.) Three low-category inf
divs not so far committed believed area ETAPLES - ST OMER
- DUNKIRK (.) SEVENTH (.) Unconfirmed report captured
SS map shows route back to GERMANY via DOUAI TOURNAI GHENT
ANTWERP TURNHOUT thence through HOLLAND (.) all informed

By any means excl Wireless

IMMEDIATE

W. W. W. W.
Major
GSI

authority
BGS

TOPOGRAPHY - North Western German Frontier Zone

A. The area under consideration covers the Belgian district of CAMBRINE to the West of the German frontier, and the Lower Rhine lowland to the East of the frontier.

The area may be divided into the following main topographical regions, as shown on the trace at Annex "Z" -

- (1) The river flood plains
- (2) Low plains of sand and gravel.
- (3) Open undulating arable land.

1. River flood plains

Main dykes lie along the rivers. The land is drained by ditches and the fields are bounded by hedges and ditches. All the land is cultivated and well over a half of it is under grass. There is no woodland. Large areas away from the main rivers are liable to seasonal flood or are marshy. Between ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN this plain is about 9 miles wide.

The MEUSE has wide meanders, abandoned channels, islands and a wide floodable zone. Meadows, bordered by ditches planted with poplars and compact villages surrounded by orchards, cover the plain. Below GRAVE E 65 the river is raised above the plain and is dyked on both banks. The right bank is dyked further upstream also.

The lower RHINE in GERMANY is bordered by great dykes enclosing the river bed which is about 1,500 ft wide. The plain is 5 - 7 miles wide above XANTEN A14 and 15 miles below XANTEN to the frontier.

Meadows with ditches, and, near the river, scrub in dead stretches of water, and abandoned river meanders marked by reed-grown marsh, cover this plain.

2. Low plains of sand and gravel

These includes the CAMBRINE, West of the MEUSE; VELLE North of ARNHEM; low morainic hills from NIJMEGEN South-East to CLEVE and KREFELD, A 10. The same type of country is also found on the East bank of the Rhine, extending Southward to the border of the RUHR coalfield.

The towns of ARNHEM, NIJMEGEN, CLEVE and XANTEN lie on river bluffs. Characteristic is an intermixture of heath, wood (pine plantations), peat bog dunes, scattered cultivation (rye, potatoes, oats). Farm holdings are under 12.5 acres, and fields are very small. Fields are often bounded with earthen embankments, or by ditches. Marsh with a network of drainage ditches follows the German frontier North of VENLO E.90.

3. Open undulating arable plain

This is gently undulating or flat country with a loam soil which is sticky after rain, but dries quickly (loess). This land is almost entirely under arable cultivation, with no hedges or ditches, very few streams, and large compact villages.

A narrow belt lies B23 on the northern edge of the RUHR valley and leads East through SOEST to PALERBOON. Westwards, it is occupied by the urban area of the RUHR as far as the RHINE.

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The country is broken by low wooded uplands and flat valleys (with meadows) running from North to South.

D. Siegfried Line Zone (Northern Sector)

The Northern Sector of the SIEGFRIED line lies in the Lower RHINE Lowland. The fortifications are on the east side of the wide MEUSE valley south of CLEVE, on a zone of marsh and heath on land raised slightly above the MEUSE plain and lying between the plain and the NIEERS valley to the east. After crossing the ROER valley they cross open cultivated country & part of the great east - west open arable belt - to AACHEN.

C. Waterways of the NETHERLANDS.

1. Albert Canal. The ALBERT canal is 80 miles long, and runs from ANTWERP J 79 to LIEGE K12. It is navigable to vessels of 2,000 tons, and forms a very formidable obstacle.

Width at water level - ANTWERP - WYNEGHEM J 79 - 154 ft
WYNEGHEM - HASSELT K 36 - 140 ft

The average depth is 15 - 16 ft, and the average slope of the banks 2 in 3, becoming gentler below water level.

2. ANTWERP-TURNHOUT CANAL. 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles long, this canal links the ALBERT canal at WYNEGHEM with TURNHOUT in the wooded Belgian Campine. It flows through flat, enclosed country with patches of heather and scrub, and large pine plantations. The banks are sloping on the North side, and fairly steep on the South. Width 65 ft, depth 10 ft.
3. TURNHOUT branch canal. Links the ANTWERP-TURNHOUT canal with the ALBERT canal at QUESMECHELEN, and crosses the KEMPEN canal near DESSCHEL K 19. Length 23 miles. Bank - sloping on the West side, fairly steep on the East. Width 65 ft, depth 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft.
4. KEMPEN ZUID WILLEMS VAART (Southern Section) canals. Length 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles, links the ALBERT canal at HERENTHALS with the ZUID WILLEMS VAART at /J99 BOCHOLT, which runs Southwards to the ALBERT canal at LANAEKEN K 55. It crosses the drier Northern part of the CAMPINE and the Western slopes of the MEUSE valley. Width approx 100 ft, depth 6 - 8 ft.
5. ZUID WILLEMS VAART.

This canal flows partly in BELGIUM and partly in HOLLAND, and was built to avoid the long detours made by the MAAS and the strong currents of the river. It begins at MAASTRICHT on the left bank of the MAAS, with which it is connected by a short canal to the North of the town. From S'HERTOGEN-BOSCH it is continued to the MAAS at ENGELLEN by the canalized R. DIEZE and the NIEUWE DIEZE. Total length is 60 miles. Width - MAASTRICHT - BEEK 102 ft, North of BEEK, E 52, 70 ft, R DIEZE 130 - 160 ft. Depth 6 - 8 ft.

6. JULIANA Canal.

The JULIANA Canal leaves the canalized MAAS below MAASTRICHT and re-joins it at MAASTRICHT K78. At MAASTRICHT it connects with the ZUID WILLEMS VAART and at MAASTRICHT it connects with the ZUID WILLEMS VAART and at MAASTRICHT with the WESSEM - NEDERWEERT canal. It is 21 miles long, 152 ft wide and 15 ft deep.

7. WESSEM - NEDERWEERT Canal

This canal connects the MAAS at WESSEM K 68, 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles above ROERMOND K 79, with the ZUID WILLEMS VAART, South of NEDERWEERT. It is 10 miles long, 114 ft wide and 8 ft deep.

8. River MAAS

This waterway connects the HOLLANDSCHDIEP with the JULIANA canal at MAASBRACHT. It is canalized from GRAVE to MAASBRACHT. The MAAS is rejoined by the canalised DONCE at GEERTHUNDENBERG and by the ZUID WILLEMS VAART near ENGELN. The stretch between GEERTHUNDENBERG E 04 and ENGELN is called the BERGSCHIE MAAS.

The MAAS rises and falls very suddenly after heavy rains, sometimes 13 ft or more within a few days. High flood water at MAASTRICHT reaches GRAVE two days later. Dimensions are as follows -

BERGSCHIE MAAS	length 16 miles: width - varies between 500-1,000 ft depth - 8 ft.
NIEUWE DIEZE - GRAVE:	length 39 miles: depth 6 ft.
	width 330 ft at ROERMOND.
	394 ft at VENLO
	656 ft at MOOK, E 75.

9. River WAAL.

The river WAAL is the most important shipping channel of the RHINE by which ships can reach the RUHR area from the estuary ports of the NETHERLANDS. The river flows through polderland, which gives place to river terraces in the upper reach near NIJMEGEN. The river is called the MERWEDE between DORDRECHT D 96 and HARDINXVEID E 06. The river is has a constant seasonal variation which is felt along the whole stretch as there are no locks. Low water is in September - October.

The length, from DORDRECHT to NIJMEGEN is $56\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Width, at normal low water - R. WAAL, normally 853 ft (ST ANDRIES to GORINCHEM E 06 1,150 ft). R. MERWEDE approx. 1,150 ft.

10. R. MAAS - R. WAAL Canal

$8\frac{1}{4}$ miles long this canal links the river MAAS at MOOK with the river WAAL at WEURT E 65. Width 200 ft, depth 13 ft.

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 494Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 7 Sep 44.THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONESUMMARY OF OPERATIONS 1 Sep - 6 Sep

After the break-through on the SOMME at AMIENS on 31 Aug, the enemy was unable to offer any serious resistance to our advance on ANTWERP.

On 1 Sep, our tps reached ARRAS shortly after midday, overrunning the hastily formed SOMME Corps and capturing its commander, General VIEROW, with his staff. By last light, they had entered DOUAI and LENS, though far in the rear, a battlegroup of 10 SS Div still denied us ALBERT and RAPAUME.

Little further progress was made on 2 Sep. Pockets of enemy resistance, by-passed on the previous day, were cleared up, and preparations made for the following day's operations. The fifth anniversary of the war coincided with one of the most striking advances ever made by this Corps. 11 Armoured Division, on the left, met a certain amount of opposition near the Franco-Belgian frontier. Up to a dozen 88 mm from 294 Flak Bty were operating around SECLIN H 6828 and to the NE of it. 863 Regt of 348 Div was also involved, but, for the most part, the infantry consisted of stragglers from almost every formation in 7 and 5 Armies. Once the 88 mm had been dealt with (at least seven were claimed destroyed), we advanced rapidly. By last light, the leading tps of 11 Arm Div were just short of LCST 4066 and had reached ASSCHE 5102. Further EAST the Guards Arm Div entered TOURNAI early in the morning; by 1900 hrs they were fighting in the streets of BRUSSELS and by last light their leading tps had patrolled to within a few miles of MECHLIN J 77.

On 4 Sep, LOUAIN and ANTWERP were both captured. Among the many PsW captured was Maj-General GRAF von STOLBERG STOLBERG, GOC 136 Special Div, and the fourth General to be captured by 30 Corps during the past three weeks. Only minor damage was reported in the docks at ANTWERP and in both towns many of the bridges were captured intact. Further WEST, 50 Div reached KEMAX J 04. Throughout the day small parties of enemy tps filtered eastwards out of the FLANDERS pocket across the main BRUSSELS - TOURNAI rd. The enemy was still in some strength SE of BRUSSELS and tks were reported at WAVEE 7940. These may have belonged to 116 Pz Div though no identification was obtained.

On 5 Sep, mopping-up continued in ANTWERP during the course of which at least 3,000 PsW were taken. The enemy still held the western exit of the tunnel under the SCHELDT, and were also in some strength on the North bank of the ALBERT canal. All the bridges across the canal had been blown as far EAST as HEFENTHAIS 9789.

On 50 Div front there was fighting SW of LILLE. On 4 Sep a considerable force of enemy including a few tanks had tried without success to break out eastwards. The following day the area was partially cleared of enemy tps, the majority of the PsW captured being from 732 and 745 Regts both of 712 Div.

Yesterday 6 Sep, our armoured divisions aimed at establishing bridge-heads across the ALBERT Canal. NORTH of ANTWERP considerable opposition was encountered. The infantry succeeded in getting across the canal at 692983, but were subjected to a series of counter-attacks supported by about half-a-dozen Mk IVs. These were all repulsed in spite of the fact that enemy mortaring and shelling made it impossible to start bridging till late in the evening. Prisoners were captured from 743 Regt of 719 Div formerly stationed in the NW of HOLLAND, and not previously identified in battle.

Elsewhere on this sector, the enemy attacked the sluices at 627029 which we had previously captured intact. Attempts were also made to cross the river SW of ANTWERP. How far these were successful is not yet known.

Further EAST there was little opposition. A bridgehead was established at 234751 and a class 40 bridge had nearly been completed.

On 50 Div front the enemy was still making frantic attempts to escape Eastwards. Heavy casualties were inflicted on the enemy at EYNE 1060, and another 450 taken prisoner.

The number of PsW taken on 30 Corps front during the week's operations is difficult to estimate. The PFI and the Armee Blanche have also taken their toll, and have done excellent work guarding them. 20,000 is certainly a conservative estimate.

ENEMY OPERATIONS SEP 7

From the strength of the enemy's resistance today it seems fairly certain that he was determined to hold the line of the ALBERT canal. In the attempt to do so, he was prepared to pledge most of the forces still left in HOLLAND.

Both Regts of 719 Div have now been identified. A captured map shows 723 Regt to be holding the line from excl HASSELT K.36 to incl HERENTHALS 9790. This tallies with identifications, which show that 2 Bn was WEST, 3 Bn centre and 1 Bn EAST.

The same map showed 352 Div NW and 272 Div NE of HASSELT. From PW statements both of these Dives - remnants of 7 Army - are estimated to be each about one bn strong. 1 Bn 289 Regt (a new identification) was also shown just SOUTH of HASSELT.

Although none of these formations was identified on the ground, prisoners were taken from a variety of other units. Taking all these into account it is estimated that between HASSELT and ANTWERP there are about ten full infantry bns, with the six bns of 723 Regt providing the crust along the bank of the canal and the other four a little way back in reserve.

In spite of this the bridgehead we established yesterday over the canal at BEERINGEN 2475 was considerably enlarged. HELOUTEREN 3576 was taken this morning. The Arnd Rocce Regt then swung NORTH towards HECHTEL 3483. Along this road they shot up many enemy infantry. Claims were about 500 enemy killed, and this figure added to other claims, which included 300 PsW incl 10 officers, means that not far short of 1000 German troops can be considered completely written off.

HECHTEL however was strongly held by anti-tank guns and a few SPs; by last light our tps were still outside the village. Only one tank was reported operating on this sector of the front today. It may have belonged to 224 Tank Coy which was identified today from a captured document as being under command of 88 Corps in HOLLAND.

There was a considerable amount of enemy shelling on the road leading to the bridge at BEERINGEN, though the exact number of guns firing is not yet known. According to captured documents 723 Regt has a Bn of 1719 Arty Regt under command. It is doubtful, however, whether the other formations opposite us have much artillery of their own.

/On the ANTWERP.....

On the ANTWERP sector the day was fairly quiet, with a slight increase of enemy shelling and mortaring against our bridgehead NORTH of the town. In view of what is happening further WEST, where the enemy is hastily retreating across the SCHELDT estuary, it must be expected that an increasing number of more or less disorganized troops will eventually be pushed back into the line on to the Corps front.

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

Although the main line of defence at this moment is supposed to be the ALBERT canal, the enemy has surely envisaged the possibility to having to withdraw even further back. The RHINE (called WAAL along its LOWLANDS stretch) is obviously the most important obstacle, since it is at once the largest and the last between us and GERMANY. Evidence of the enemy interest in it is shown by digging on the NORTH bank on air photos dated 5 Sep.

In addition the WOLFSBERG - MUNTBERG feature SOUTH of NIJMEGEN is the highest hill in HOLLAND (pt 83, 7456) and protected as it is by the MAAS - WAAL canal to the WEST, the MAAS to the SOUTH and the WAAL to the NORTH, it is a bastion which guards a vulnerable part of the German frontier at the end of the SIEGFRIED LINE, and is the connecting link with its natural prolongation, that is, the line of the WAAL to the sea. It seems obvious that such a feature should be made into a hedgehog defensive position by the Germans and this is borne out by the German bridge defences and weapon pits along the canal (which are visible on photos as well as being reported by Dutch sources)

There is considerable railway activity at ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN and heavy and light flak in both places is increasing very considerably. Guns getting into position (with vehicles and pits under construction) can be seen on several photos and there is railway flak at ARNHEM. This is hardly surprising as these two towns are the main centres of communication for movement in any direction in the NETHERLANDS and contain the crossings most important to the Germans.

It is therefore appreciated that whatever his present intentions as regards defence of the ALBERT canal, a pretty desperate resistance will be attempted later along the line of the WAAL.

The principal force available for this (if it is not pledged beforehand) is of course the heavy flak referred to above. It is estimated that the equivalent of 14 battalions (approximately 200 88 mm) could be scraped together for use in a ground role. In a country riddled by big rivers and little canals these guns could be deployed very effectively and so on paper it represents a considerable force. However it is most unlikely to be found bristling along the line of the WAAL. It will be met unit by unit in each village and water-crossing just as it has been hitherto. The only difference is that there is likely to be rather more, and operating on more favourable terrain.

The SS Training Units are reported to have been sent to guard the coastal ports in place of 719 Div, and so could spare little from that task to come and help on the SOUTH.

Meanwhile Dutch resistance sources report that battered panzer formations have been sent up to HOLLAND to refit, and mention EINDHOVEN and NIJMEGEN as the reception areas. This is quite plausible, for there was no panzer formation in HOLLAND and any one or more of the divisions now operating in the area CHARLEROI - LIEGE - i.e. 2 Pz, 116 Pz, 9 SS, 10 SS - may have been sent up.

/This force.....

This force, if it ever arrives, is not likely to be worth more than one motor brigade and one armoured regiment in strength (i.e. three or four bns and 60 tanks). After (or even before) refit its task would probably be to lend support to the infantry defence of the ALBERT canal. Its non-appearance against our bridgehead within the next 24 hrs will show that either these reports have no foundation, or that the panzer divs are not fit to fight. If we do break into anything it is not likely to exceed the size specified above.

R.A.C. *Handwritten signature*
Brigadier,
General Staff.

Main HQ 30 Corps

T.O.S. 0300.....

Appendix "D" to 30 Corps
Intelligence Summary No. 494.

Extracts from Sitreps from 2 Bn 723 Regt

5 Sep: Midday sitrep. The Bn was moved to the area NORTH of HASSELT with the object of protecting the left flank of the Div. Fwd alts of the Bn are on the ALBERT canal. 7 Coy is in reserve.

On the way to the new position several fires were observed, reported to have been caused by sabotage tps.

Yesterday evening several houses were visited by civilians who told the inhabitants to leave their houses, as there was a story going round that a paratroop attack and/or air bombardment was going to take place on the night 4/5 Sep.

Four Belgians were captured by 7 Coy. They wore the uniform of the Armee Blanche and were in possession of weapons. After a brief interrogation the four terrorists were shot on the orders of the Bn Comdr.

Sufficient rations until 8 Sep, fodder till 6 Sep.

At the station near HEPPEN K.2481 are two trains containing clothes and equipment. The civil population tried to plunder these. Tps passing through will help themselves from these waggons.

PART II

1. ENEMY ORGANISATION

3 Pz Gren Div

Comd: Genmaj HECKER

Ia :

Wehrkreis: III (FRANKFURT-AM-ODER)

Emblem: yellow sword with
blade curved to the
right..

103 Pz Abt

8 GR (mot)

I Bn

II Bn

III Bn

29 GR (mot)

I Bn

II Bn

III Bn

3 Arty Regt

3 Engr Bn

3 A Tk Bn

103 Pz Recce Bn

3 Sigs Bn

Services - 3

History: Took part in Polish and French campaigns as 3 Inf Div. It was motorised in autumn 40 and fought in RUSSIA from the beginning. After being virtually destroyed at STALINGRAD, it was reformed in SW FRANCE early in 43, when it was incorporated the bulk of 306 Pz Gren Div. Transferred to ITALY in June 43, it was reported to have been withdrawn to a rear area early this month and has been identified in the last two days in FRANCE fighting East of TROYES at Y 6282.

The division has been reported to bear the nicknames "SCHROTT" and "KRIMHILD". The reason for the second name is NOT known.

15 Pz Gren Div

Comd: Genmaj: RÖDT

Ia :

Wehrkreis XII (KAISERSLAUTERN)

Emblem:

(yellow)

115 Tk Bn

104 GR (mot)

I Bn

II Bn

III Bn

115 GR (mot)

I Bn

II Bn

III Bn

33 Arty Regt

115 Pz Recce Bn

33 Arty Regt

115 Pz Recce Bn

33 A Tk Bn

33 Sigs Bn

33 Fd Ersatz Bn

33 Engr Bn

315 Army AA Bn

Services - 33

/History

History: As shown by its ancillary number it was originally 33 Inf Div, belonging to the peace-time army with Bavarian personnel from the Palatinate. It was on the Ardennes front in 39 and fought well during the French campaign. In the autumn of 1940 it was reorganised as 15 Pz Div, whose emblem it still bears, and was transferred in the Spring of early 41 to LIBYA. It entered TUNISIA early in 43 after suffering by losses and was virtually destroyed in May 43.

"Division Sizilien" formed from many miscellaneous units was renamed 15 Pz Gren Div after the fall of TUNISIA. It has been engaged in ITALY since autumn 43 and was reported to have been withdrawn from the front line in July 44.

A captured doc gives its ration strength in May as 14,899 incl 915 Italian HIWIS. 104 and 115 PGRs and 33 AR were identified yesterday in the area TROYES.

90 Pz Gren Div

Comd: Gennaj BAADE

Ia :
Wehrkreis: III

Emblem: An outline of
SARDINIA with a
clenched fist
superimposed.

190 Pz Bn
155 PGR (honorary title for 155 GR (mot))
I Bn
II Bn
III Bn

200 PGR (honorary title for 200 GR (mot))
I Bn
II Bn
III Bn

190 Arty Regt
190 Engr Bn
190 A Tk Bn
Pz Recce Bn
190 Sigs Bn
Services - 190

History: Formed as "Afrika Division z.b.V." early in 41 and renamed 90 Lt Div in Nov 41. Reorganised in Mar 42 and suffered by losses in Africa in the autumn of 42. Renamed 90 Lt Africa Div late in 42 and eventually destroyed in May 43. After the fall of TUNISIA "Division SARDINIEN" was formed from many miscellaneous units and renamed 90 Pz Gren Div. It withdrew to CORSICA in autumn 43 and has since fought in ITALY. It was reported to have withdrawn to the BOLOGNA area in ITALY early this month and was identified in action yesterday EAST of TROYES.

88 Corps

According to a cap code list belonging to 2 Bn 723 Regt the following were under command 88 Corps on 25 Aug -

119 ARKO
1230 Army Arty Coastal Defence Bn
1231 Army Arty Coastal Defence Bn
88 Corps Sigs Bn
224 Tank Coy
3 Bn 861 Regt
2 Bn 723 Regt

719 Div

Cap docs show that the Arty Regt only had two bns. 1 Bn was to be put under command 723 Regt and presumably 2 Bn under command 743 Regt.

3 Flak Coy was apparently put under command of 719 Div on 2 Sep.

One doc mentions a fourth Bn in each of the Gren Regts but these did not accompany the rest of the Div to the ALBERT CANAL.

15 Recce Unit

PWs state the units consists of three coys all mounted on cycles and drawn largely from convalescents. Each coy stated to have three light and one heavy pl with approx 140 men in each Coy.

2. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

Cap docs show the following -

OC 3 Bn 723 Regt - Hauptmann TOLKSDORF
OC 1719 Feld Erratz Bn - Hauptmann BUCHHOLZ

3. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identifications</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>719 Inf Div</u> II/723 GR	6 Sep	Area HASSELT K.36 and BEERINGEN K.25.	PW. Bn on left flank of div sector (excl HASSELT).
II/743 GR	6 Sep	N of ANTWERP	PW.
III/723 GR	7 Sep	W of BEERINGEN	PW. Understr - mostly Poles and Russians.
I/723 GR	7 Sep	W of BEERINGEN	PW.
<u>353 Inf Div</u> 853 Fus Bn	7 Sep	W of BEERINGEN	PW. Str one weak bn.
<u>15 Recce Bn</u>	7 Sep	In BEERINGEN	PW. States unit belongs 176 Div.
<u>559 A Tk Bn</u>	7 Sep	239753	PW.
<u>227 Div</u> 990 Regt	7 Sep	E of BEERINGEN	PW.
<u>Miscellaneous</u> 1020 Regt	7 Sep	E of BEERINGEN	PW.
147 Res Bn	7 Sep	E of BEERINGEN	

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 496Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 8 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.PART ONEENEMY SITUATION

There was no lessening of enemy resistance on the Corps front today. The expansion of our existing bridgehead at DEERINGEN was as stubbornly contested as the establishment of a new one SW of GHEEL K.0088.

HECHTEL K.38 is still not clear of the enemy. There has been heavy fighting today both here and at DEVERLOO K.2479. The latter was eventually mopped up and our troops are now just short of BOURG LEOPOLD.

Two of our infantry battalions are now across the canal at K.0587. They met fairly strong enemy opposition, and were counter-attacked four times during the day. Two armoured regiments were sent across the DEERINGEN bridge with the object of striking NW, so as ultimately to link up with the infantry near GHEEL. They too met considerable opposition; by last light they had reached approximately the line of the 20 Easting.

The resistance was provided by the three weakened battalions of 723 Regt and by a motley collection of parachutists and GAF troops estimated to be about six battalions strong. Including those portions of ex-7 Army divisions opposite the Corps front, the total enemy strength opposite the two bridgeheads is estimated to be about ten battalions. In support were about 50 AFVs, mostly from 559 Anti-Tk Bn with a few from 344 Anti-Tk Bn, also operating independently.

The sudden appearance of parachutists on our front suggests that our bridgeheads on the canal have caused the enemy some concern. From PWs statements, it appears that more of these troops are due to arrive shortly. It is doubtful whether these will all be parachutists; GAF units are apparently being used to make good the gaps. Moreover 5 Para Div was identified as recently as 6 Sep near SEDAN. Documents captured today suggest however that part of 6 Para Div is already here, and 3 Para Div may well follow.

From the statements of a Dutch SS soldier captured today, it looks too as though the SS Training Units in the North of HOLLAND may be diverted from their task of guarding the coast and be sent to the ALBERT CANAL instead.

In view of the serious enemy situation at ANTWERP and to the WEST of it, it is unlikely that troops escaping from FLANDERS will be sent opposite 30 Corps. Nor can much armour be spared from the South. In yesterday's Summary it was suggested that up to four weak armoured divisions might be moving North. However, today 116 Pz Div and 2 Pz Div were identified near LIEGE and 10 SS Div is reported to have been so badly mauled around MONS a few days ago as to be virtually written

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off. 9 SS Div is admittedly unlocated, and might be able to get into HOLLAND in time.

Likely enemy reinforcements therefore amount to about five more parachute-cum-G.I.F battalions from GERMANY, five SS Training Battalions from the North of HOLLAND, with possibly one weak armoured division in reserve.

Further interrogation of the PW from 15 Recce Unit of 176 Div captured yesterday shows that this division is between HASSELT and the MEUSE; it should not therefore interfere with 30 Corps.

The enemy's decision to commit the gathered fragments of his parachutists to containing a bridgehead, which he cannot hope to eliminate, is in part dictated by what is going on in FLANDERS. The remnants of 15 Army are still queuing up for the ferries across the SCHELDT estuary. However, soon we shall have amassed sufficient forces in the bridgehead to make further resistance along an undefended line impracticable. In that case the enemy will fall back to the nearest rather than to the best line of defence. This will be the MEUSE - ESCAUT canal.

(a) Non-Metallic Anti-Tank Mine (Pappmine)

The following particulars and description of this new mine are based on information from PW sources.

(i) Description

The Pappmine is an Anti Tk mine made entirely of non-metallic materials to prevent detection by mine detectors. It derives its name from the material from which it is chiefly constructed - PAPPE - a type of cardboard or Essex boarding. The mine is circular in shape and consists of a container and a lid, with the lid covering the full length of the container. The top and bottom edges are rounded and the two parts of the box are bound together by a band of cardboard. The mine is black in colour. In the centre of the lid is a 7 cm pressure plate of thick green glass resembling a threaded glass stopper. Inside is a glass igniter set which resembles the T Mi 42 in shape. The body of the igniter is stated to taper towards the bottom. The contents of the mine are about 11 lbs of compressed TNT. The circumference of the igniter cover (pressure plate) is knurled vertically.

(ii) Data

Mine body -
Diameter 30 cm
Height 12 cm

Pressure plate -
Diameter knurled part 7 cm
" threaded " 4.5 cm
Height knurled part 1.5 cm.

+(iii) Mechanism

The explosion is caused when pressure on the plate crushes the internal glass tube and the initiating flash passes to the priming charge at the base of the igniter tube, so exploding the main charge. There may be a delay of 3 seconds. Pressure required to explode the mine is 340 - 360 kg. Pressure on the cardboard side of the main will not explode the charge. The mine is stated to be anti-tk and not anti-personnel.

(iv) Method of Disarming

To render the mine safe, carefully unscrew the glass pressure plate, and turn the mine upside down. The whole igniter set will then fall out. There is no anti-lifting device according to reports.

COMMENT: It is stated that the mines are to be laid intermixed with T/mines in uniform fields using Minenmessdraht, or scattered indiscriminately. The mine is reported to be able to destroy tk tracks.

(Source : MI 10).

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(b) Greater range for the Panzer-faust

A captured document states that the latest type of Panzerfaust has a range of 66 yds, as against the 33 yds of the of the older type. The new type has a release lever instead of release button. A few specimens are required for trial.

(Source: Second Army IS No. 94).

3. BACKGROUND TO HITLER

Among the many PW taken in the last few days is one who was one of HITLER's batmen. He was until 1935 a waiter, and, thinking there was little future in his work, he joined the Waffen SS. In August 1937 he was selected, together with one of his companions, to become HITLER's batman. He was transferred at once to the personal bodyguard (Führer Begleit-Kommando) with the rank of Sgt. Served as personal batman until late in 1940.

HITLER, he says, has a bodyguard of about 40 men. Half comes from the Gestapo and the other half are LAH personnel. He keeps 3 batmen who are members of the bodyguard and who wait on him. The Führer is a very difficult man to know for he is different every day. He alternates between kindness and a brutal harshness towards his subordinates. He is a very nervous man; before the war he never went to sleep before 0300 hrs and was not wakened until 1000 hrs, but now he is called at 0800 hrs. He breakfasts on milk and arrowroot. PW confirms that he never takes meat, alcohol or tobacco. On the subject of his "love life" PW is emphatic that the Führer is not impotent. During his stay as batman, HITLER made the acquaintance of the stenographer of one of his staff and has continued a liaison with her to this day as far as is known. She lives in MUNICH and visits the Führer in a special car. The scandal concerning Leni Riefenstahl has no foundation.

PW has seen and spoken with many important visitors, and states that all senior commanders are very nervous before an interview. Among the stories he has to tell are those of the Führer's interview with Dr. HACHA, the Czechoslovak President and the Führer's reaction to the Nazi Soviet Pact. Before Dr. HACHA arrived, HITLER told his personal physician to be ready to give the President stimulants. Sure enough the unfortunate Dr. needed two injections after collapsing under the strain of the interview. Five nights before GERMANY invaded POLAND, RIBBENTROP telephoned his success from MOSCOW. The batman heard a shout and thinking that something might be wrong ran to the room. He found HITLER dancing, gesticulating, and shouting "I didn't think it would work; I didn't think it would work".

(Source: Second Army IS No. 93).

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T.O.S. 6370

PART TWO

1. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE.

(a) 347 Inf Div

860 GR
I Bn
II Bn
III Bn

861 GR
I Bn
II Bn
III Bn

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347 Fus Bn
347 AR
347 A tk Bn
347 Engr Bn
347 Sigs Bn
Services 347.



787 TURKISTAN Bn probably attached to 861 GR, reported to wear white cords on shoulder straps. Italian PW, unarmed, used as "HIWIS".

History

Formed as a static Div in Oct 42. Provision was originally made for third regt (862) but only two were actually formed. Stationed in HOLLAND from Nov 43 occupying DEN HELDER sector.

The division consists of older age groups (over 35 years) and appears also to contain East European elements. It is probably below full str and is NOT of high fighting value. The div has the nickname "HABICHT DIVISION" (Hawk Div) from its emblem.

The name of the div Comd is NOT known.

(Source: Second Army IS No. 94)

(b) 64 Inf Div

An undated captured document gives the outline Order of Battle of 64 Inf Div as follows -

Comd: Genmaj EDENDING

1037 GR
I Bn
II Bn

1038 GR
I Bn
II Bn

1039 GR
I Bn
II Bn

164 Fus Bn

164 Arty Regt
I Bn
II Bn
III Bn

? 164 A Tk Coy
? 164 Sigs Bn
? 164 Engr Bn
? 164 FG Ers Bn
Services - 164

(Source: Second Army IS No 94)

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(c) 70 Inf Div

The following translation of a captured document should clear up the uncertainty about 165 Inf Trg Div and 70 Inf Div, both of which were reported garrisoning WALCHEREN ISLAND -

"165 RES DIV

CONFIDENTIAL

DIV HQ 30 July 1944

SUBJECT: REDESIGNATION

The 165 Res Div will be renumbered to 70 Inf Div (Static) effective 1 Aug 44.

Further renumbered will be -

Res Gr Regt 205 to Gren Regt 1018

Res Gr Regt 215 to Gren Regt 1019

Res Gr Regt 260 to Gren Regt 1020

Res Arty Regt 5 to Arty Regt 170

Auxiliary Unit No. for the div was by this order established to be 170.

(Signed) DASER

(Source: G-2 Periodic Report).

2. ENEMY ORGANISATION

Inf Regt in the "new style" Inf Div

Original German WEs confirm many of the changes that have been observed from our contact with the so called "Infanterie Division neuor Art" (new style inf div), with the two-bn inf regt.

The new WE was introduced mainly to bring about a reduction in personnel and reflects the German manpower shortage as well as the increasingly frequent tendency to sub-allot sp weapons on a permanent basis.

The org and strength of the units under this new arrangement are set out below, and the following points of interest arise -

- (a) The total personnel of the regt as compared to that in the old style div shows a reduction of 1160 or a cut of about one-third.
- (b) The total of personnel in the bn drops from 854 all ranks to 698.
- (c) The rifle coy is reduced from 191 to 140 all ranks. (Many PW have given this new figure as the maximum str of their coy).
- (d) Each rifle coy now has its own two medium mortars, but the 1st mortar per pl has been dropped.
- (e) The MG coy, besides retaining its 12 MGs has a pl of four 4.2 (12 cm) mortars.
- (f) The Inf Gun Coy remains substantially unaltered, apart from a slight reduction in personnel (188 instead of 200).

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- (g) The A Tk Coy, surprisingly, calls for four pls, all equipped with 5 cm or 7.5 cm PAK. In the light of experience against these divisions, a shortage of A Tk guns becomes apparent, for the great majority of regtl A Tk coys so far encountered have been equipped with OFENROHRE in two or three of their pls. The many adverse reports on the OFENROHRE heard from PW lead one to suppose that their introduction into the 14 Coys was dictated by necessity rather than choice.
- (h) Provision is made, in the "elastic" manner so typical of German WEs, for either a Mtd Pl or a Cyclist Pl for Regtl HQ Coy, but no guidance is given as to the circumstances in which either one would be encountered.

Complete Composition of an Infantry Battalion.

Unit	Pers		Horses			Weapons			Veh		MT Vehs					
	Officers	Officials	NCOs	ORs	Chargers	Lt Horses	Hv Horses	Rifles	Pistols	Mach Carbines	Lt MGs (Hv MGs)	Med (hvy) Mortars	Horse-drawn Not horse-drawn	Peoples cars (tractors or Lor)	M.T. (Sidecar)	Cycles
BN HQ	4	1	14	57	5	28		58	7	14	1		14	1	2	3
Rifle Coy	2		21	117		21	2	92	24	28	16	2	13 (18)			3
Rifle Coy	2		21	117		21	2	92	24	28	16	2	13 (18)			3
Rifle Coy	2		21	117		21	2	92	24	28	16	2	13 (18)			3
MG Coy	3		34	165	8	48	2	123	52	32	1 (12)		31 (4)		2 (8)	(1)
Total	13	1	111	573	13	139	8	457	131	130	50 (12)	6 (4)	84 (72)	1 (8)	4 (1)	12

Complete Composition of an Infantry Regiment

Unit	Pers		Horses			Weapons			Vehs			MT Vehs							
	Officers	Officials	NCOs	ORs	Chargers (if Mtd Pl)	Lt Horses	Hv Horses	Rifles	Pistols	Mach Carbines	Lt MGs (Hv MGs)	Med (hvy) Mortars	PAK (Inf Gun)	Horse drawn (not horse drawn)	RSC Tractors	Lorries	Peoples cars (Tractors & Cars)	MCs (Sidecar)	Cycles (if Cyclist Pl)
Regt HQ	6		1	14	7			14	6	7							2	3	2
Regt HQ Coy	4	1	36	179	3 (32)	62	2	114	68	32	10			34 (6)		2			8 (37)
I Bn	13	1	111	573	13	139	8	457	131	130	50 (12)	6 (4)		84 (72)			1 (8)	4 (1)	12
II Bn	13	1	111	573	13	139	8	457	131	130	50 (12)	6 (4)		84 (72)			1 (8)	4 (1)	12
Inf Gun Coy	3		31	155	18	54	2	146	20	28	4		(8)	28 (2)			(9)	1	3
A Tk Coy	5		25	179	8	72		141	49	24	13	12		24	6	10	4	9 (1)	7
Total	44	3	335	1673	62 (24)	466	20	1359	405	351	127 (24)	12 (8)	12 (8)	254 (152)	6	12	8 (25)	21 (81)	44

(Source: M.I.R.S.)

3. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

An undatd captured document, lists the names of what are probably the Commanders of the following divisions -

3 Para Div	-	Col MAHRLE
+ 326 Inf Div	-	Col ZASCHNER
85 Inf Div	-	Gen CHILL (Gen SCHILL thought to have been div comd)
+ 84 Inf Div	-	Col KOSSAK (formerly comd 1051 GR)
275 Inf Div	-	Gen SCHMIDT (as expected)
+ 708 Inf Div	-	Col MAIBERG (formerly comd 728 GR)
243 Inf Div	-	Col KLOSTERKEMPER (formerly comd 920 GR)
352 Inf Div	-	Gen SCHUCKMANN
+ 277 Inf Div	-	Col VIEBIG (as expected)
+ 363 Inf Div	-	Maj PAULS
+ 276 Inf Div	-	Capt BOYC
+ 89 Inf Div	-	Lt Col NIETZEL (? GSO 1 of the div)
272 Inf Div	-	Gen SCHACK (as expected)

If the above list does in fact, show the div comds, it is evident that there have been some drastic changes. Even for the German Army it must take a dire emergency to put a Capt in command of a division.

In the original document, divisions as indicated above were marked with a cross. These represent all those divisions which were ordered back for reconstitution in Germany :

with, in addition, 84 and 89 Inf Divs which were put temporarily under command 85 division

4. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>Misc GAF Units</u>			
600 Mixed Flak Bn	GHEEL area K.08	8 Sep	PW. Four tps out of twelve manned by RAD personnel of extreme youth.
2/51 GAF Regt	"	8 Sep	PW
198 GAF (Trg?) Bn	"	8 Sep	PW
53 Flak Bn	"	8 Sep	PW
2 Para Regt	DEVERLOC	8 Sep	PW from all three coys. which is present total str of regt.
88 REINHARDT Regt	HECHTEL area K.38	8 Sep	PW states previously in 15 Para Regt.
Gruppe SCHULTZ	"	8 Sep	PW. New Para Regt, known also by its FLV "62251". Str so far only 22. Rest of regt due in a fortnight.

FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- GSI Guards Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div
 12 Corps Tac Second Army Main Second Army
 G-2 XIX US Corps

I/140 (.) ISUM to 081800B (.) First (.) Identifications
 by PW BEERLINGEN - HECHTEL area (.) 559 Independent A/Tk Bn
 with 15 Jagdpanters and 30 75mm SPs (.) 600 mixed Flak Bn
 partly manned by REICHS-ARBEITSDIENST incl one boy aged 15
 (.) 344 A/Tk Bn with four 75mm SP guns operating independently
 from Div (.) 2 Para Regt only three coys strong just arrived
 from COLOGNE (.) Second (.) Cap docs same area from 1 Bn
 4 Para Arty Regt and dated 20 Aug to 1 Sep (.) Code list
 suggests this Bn under comd 6 Para Div (.) No PW
 identifications yet (.) Third (.) Cap map confirms
 believed disposes of 719 Div (.) 1 Bn 743 Regt from
 GROBBENDONCK J 99 to incl OELLECHEM J 89 with 3 Bn from excl
 2 Bn in res area D 2003
 OELLECHEM to incl ANTWERP DOCKS D 6601 (.) HQ 723 Regt at
 183925 (.) All informed

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By any means except w/T

IMPORTANT

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30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 497Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 9 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONE1. OPERATIONS

There was hard fighting round both ALBERT CANAL bridgeheads today. Throughout the last 36 hours, the enemy has been steadily reinforced and has been counter-attacking vigorously in all sectors.

In the smaller Western bridgehead, our two brigade crossings linked up and by this evening had enlarged it to a depth of about 3,000 yds between 035 and 075 Eastings in the face of considerable opposition. This came from Battle Group SEIDEL, reported by PW to be 5,000 strong, and apparently composed of German Air Force training and replacement units from HOLLAND. The figure of 5,000 may be slightly high, but not very, for there are certainly three battalions and maybe four in the battle group with a battalion of heavy AA (about 12 88 mm) in support. Apart from airbursts by the latter, arty fire in this sector today was nil, and the hard core of the resistance was MG fire. The troops themselves are of good quality - many of them are flying personnel under training and only diverted to the infantry for this emergency.

Round the BEERINGEN bridgehead today all three regiments of 2 Parachute Division have been identified in force, following the fighting at BEVERLOO with 2 Para Regt yesterday. These troops are obviously better led than 723 Regt and the structures that we have met hitherto, and appear to have taken the latter under command. From now on it is a parachute show, with several familiar personalities in charge.

On the WEST, in the woods round OOSTHAM 2181 is 6 Para Regt with three battalions and a battery of SS Artillery under VAN der HEYDTE (who it will be remembered commanded a parachute battalion at ALMEIN). Only 10% of the regt personnel are proper parachutists, the remainder drafts from GAF and Army units.

All the same they are resisting stubbornly. Early this morning VAN der HEYDTE himself briefed a suicide squad of 40 picked men with an officer to filter SE and blow up the RE bridge. They actually got to within a half-mile of the bridge and though they did not succeed in blowing it, they brewed up a whole echelon in that area before being liquidated.

2 Para Regt, worth one battalion (and a weak one at that after their fight with the Guards at BEVERLOO yesterday) has with it the remnants of 723 GR (also reported now to be less than a battalion strong) and is holding the BOURG LEOPOLD camp. This is a big strongpoint, however, and may contain more than just these two battalions. Round HECHTEL village and cross-roads 3483 the hardest fighting has taken place. Our own tps hold the SE corner, but the crossroads itself is No Man's Land and the NW corner is firmly held by HUIJNER's battle group. HUIJNER is another ALMEIN veteran and his group consists of two battalions of 7 Para Regt and a battalion group of oddments. The third battalion of

7 Regt is stated by PW to be still at BREE 5085, but will probably join up soon.

Round the corner on the EAST side, it is not known what enemy tps are operating against us but they are certainly active. Today they have been trying to filter WEST across the main road NORTH and SOUTH of HELCHEREN 3575 and WEST from the railway junction 3271. They may be the battalion of NEDERLAND SS identified yesterday. On the other hand 352 Div (worth a battalion only) which was on or near this flank is stated by PW to have gone back to GERMANY, and so perhaps have 272 and 353 Divs of similar strength.

In addition to the above, two anti-tank battalions (559 and 344) with 40 odd SP 88 mm and 75 mm and two infantry regimental anti-tank coys have been encountered, along with the remaining guns (say half-a-dozen) of 600 Flak Bn. There may also be a few tanks.

This brings the total force on the corps front to about thirteen infantry battalions, up to 50 AFV, about 20 active 88 mm Hvy and about a battery of field arty which has not so far fired.

It is emphasised that this is an approximate estimate: it is not intended to quote the horrific complexity of the Order of Battle on which it is built up. Enthusiasts can look up Part Two.

Incidentally 2 Para Div was supposed to be holding out in BREST: today's identifications show quite clearly that it is on our front minus its artillery. Possibly the three regiments are under command of another HQ, 6 Para Div or 2 Para Corps being the most likely.

As for reinforcements, there are three lots that are known to be coming and a fourth that might.

First, police and SS training units from the SS depots in HOLLAND. The first of this lot has arrived already. What has still to come is rated at four battalions.

Second, parachutists. 3 and 5 Para Divs are very recently identified along the MEUSE valley and in view of American pressure are likely to remain there along with the armour mentioned in yesterday's Summary. That leaves only 6 Para Div, and this might well turn up with say three battalions on our front.

Third, flak. More 88 mm are bound to be brought down from HOLLAND and across from the RHINE to make good the deficiency of fd arty and exploit the difficulties of the terrain. No estimate of this is possible, but it will surely be an important component.

Fourthly, 15 Army remnants. As they clear the FLUSHING ferry they appear to make straight for the Fatherland, but at TURNHOUT today the MPs stopped 600, paraded them into coys in the barracks, and marched them down to fight at GHEEL. This sort of thing is likely to go on ad lib.

To sum up, reinforcements in the next two or three days are likely to consist of about eight infantry battalions and a certain amount of Hvy AA. More armour is unlikely in any quantity.

There is little news from other fronts. XIX US Corps are reported to have got some tanks as far as EUPEN K 72, but the enemy is digging in on the EAST bank of the canal from K 5541 to 5643.

As to intentions, they remain unchanged as yet. There is still no sign of the enemy falling back to the MEUSE - ESCAUT canal, but it is doubtful if he will persist indefinitely in costly and unsuccessful attempts to rope us off round DEERINGEN and GHEEL.

Main HQ 30 Corps T.C.S. 19.030.5B

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General Staff
19/12/44

IMPORTANT P.O.L. STOCKS IN HOLLAND

STOCKS are very low; only WEELE is of confirmed importance

LOCATION	MAP REF GSGS 4083	DESCRIPTION	Date of latest Infm	Relia- bility	Traffic
AMERSFOORT/ VLALAKKERS	E 351969	Very active, well camouflaged storage including tanks and drums (for airfield)	Jan 44	Good con- firmed by air 15 Aug 44	
AMERONGEN	E 4280	Major petrol point at C 230, DETONWEG	1943	Good	
APELDOORN	Z 70	Major petrol point 41 DEVENTERSTR.	1943	Good	
ARnhem	E 77	Major petrol point 262 JOHN de WITT LAAN	1943	Good	Petrol arrives in barges from GERMANY via RHINE
		GAF petrol point on NEW HAVEN, WESTER- VOORTSCHE DYK	Mar 44	Good	Unloading place for ships and waggons
BARLE- NASSAU	E 0514	14 concrete protected tanks dug EAST of goods shed. Large capacity, small stocks	End Feb 44		
BRED.	D 93	Major petrol point 50, TETERINGSCHEDIJK	1943	Good	
EINDHOVEN	E 41	Major petrol point at STRATUMSCHEDIJK	1943		
HASSINK Area	Z 9307	Large stores POL in drums lying in groups of 100 buried in slightly sloping hollows	Mar 44	Good	Supplies EAST part of HOLLAND
s'HERTOGEN- BOSCH	E 34	Army filling Point at VEE MARKTDE	1943	Good	
"	"	Major petrol point at VUGHTERWEG	"	"	
"	"	SHELL depot	Jan 44	"	
MOOK	E 716520	Approx 30 camouflaged tank wagons in groups of three at 10 yds interval	End Nov 43		

NIEUWLOOS- DRECHT	Z 229057	A/C petrol in 3 barges on canal	Sep 43	Good	
NIJMEGEN	E 76	Major petrol point ST ANNSTR	1943		
TIEL	E 46	Army Filling Point at 2, ECHTELSCHIED	1943	Good	
TILBURG	E 13	Major petrol point at 44, NEUWEL, Rd EINDHOVEN-s'HERT CGENDOSCH			
UTRECHT	E 19	A.P.C. depot at KEULSCHEKADE	Jan 44	Good	
		GAF depot NORTH end INDUSTRIEHAVEN	Mar 43	Good	Unloading tranship- ment takes place here. Tank wag- gons usually present in vicini- ty
VENLO	E 90	Army Petrol Dump at HAVENKADE, NOLENSINGEL (now identified air cover 15 Aug 1944)	1943	Good	
	"	Army Filling Point at KEULSCHEPOOERT	1943	Good	
	"	APC depot	Jan 44	Good	
WEELDE	B 052147	500 tons in MT petrol depot (tks under sheds & drums in trenches)	Jul 44	Very good	Loading & un- loading of tk waggons supplies ANTWERP area
ZWOLIE	Z 83	Depot	Jan 44	Good	
		Major petrol point at STATION SPLEIN			
TILBURG	E 13	Army Filling Point at LE DUDE MOLENDOCHT Str	1943	Good	

ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>2 Para Div</u> III/6 Para Regt	N of DEERINGEN	9 Sep	Offr PW. States regt str approx 3000, incl only 200 paratps. Regt crossed frontier in NYMEGEN night 6/7 Sep. Recoilless guns no longer being manufactured - considered unsatisfactory.
2 and 6/7 Para Regt	3575 and HECHTEL K38	9 Sep	PW. Also known as Regt HUENER. Two bns each of four coys each of 120 men. Left COLOGNE 3 Sep and marched most of way.
1/2 Para Regt	BEVERLOO K 27 and HECHTEL K 38	8 Sep	PW. State 1, 2 and 3 Coys only in action. 4 Coy in GERMANY.
<u>352 Inf Div</u> 914 GR	area HECHTEL	9 Sep	PW. States remainder of div 600 str - all returning to GERMANY.
<u>719 Inf Div</u> 723 GR	HEPPEN K 28	9 Sep	PW. State Regt now only consists of 60 stragglers. One TIGER, one PANTHER, one Mk IV in sp. Latter plausible, former probably untrue.
<u>1 SS Pz Div</u> 5/1 SS PGR	area HECHTEL	9 Sep	Desorter. States div returning to GERMANY after vain attempts to regroup en route. Coy str 70.
<u>70 Div</u> 3(Flak)/170 L/Tk Bn	area HECHTEL	9 Sep	PW
<u>102 Trg Div</u> 17/112 GR	0706	9 Sep	PW (Mortar coy). State str 160 men with ? 3 x 12 cm and 4 x 8 cm mortars. 80% Poles.
<u>G.F units</u> Battle Gp SEIDEL	area GHEEL K 08		Offr PW. Battle Gp about 5000 str.
22 Luftgau Fd Regt	area HECHTEL	9 Sep	PW. Fighting with 863 Sich Regt and 15 Reco Bn u/c HUENER.
4 and II/53 G.F JR	area GHEEL K 08	9 Sep	PW. These may be u/c SEIDEL
<u>Misc Units</u> 13/SS Sturmbr LANGENMARK	area HECHTEL	9 Sep	Desorter. States str 160. Ddc consists of FLEMINGS; two bns strong and on way from RUSSIA.
14/3 Police Regt	area HECHTEL	8 Sep	PW
5 SS Arty Regt	?	9 Sep	PW. States two tps of 105 mm hows near OCSHAM.
Coy/437 Ersatz Bn	area GHEEL K 08	9 Sep	PW

2. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

Obst(?) VAN DER HEYDUE	Comd 6 Para Regt
Hptm PEISE	OC I/6 Para Regt
Hptm MAGER	OC II/6 Para Regt
Hptm DOBLER	OC III/6 Para Regt
Obst(?) HUENNER	Comd 7 Para Regt

3. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

226 Inf Div

Comd : Genlt KLUGE
(believed to be a brother of the late C-in-C WEST)
Wehrkreis : ? VIII

1040 GR
I Bn
II Bn
FW state probable bn strength
450 men

1041 GR
I Bn
II Bn

1042 GR
I Bn
II Bn

226 Arty Regt

I Bn - 12 x 10.5 cm gun hows
II Bn - 12 x 10.5 cm gun hows
III Bn - 12 x 15 cm hows. (due to cas bn has only 2 guns
and 90 men left)

226 Engr Bn - three coys; estimated coy str 165 men.

226 Fus Bn - three rifle coys and hy coy; estimated str 450.

Sigs Bn

? 1. Tk Bn

Services

History: 226 Inf Div was mobilized in NEUHAMMER, Upper Silesia, possibly a part of a new wave of recent call-ups. Leading elements entrained for FRANCE between 4 - 10 Aug. 1042 GR was sent on 16 Aug immediately on detraining to LILLEBONNE and later withdrawn to area AMIENS. 1041 GR is still thought to be part of the LE HAVRE garrison.

(Source - 1 Cdn Army Int Summary and
Interrogation Reports)

4. ENEMY ORGANISATION

Arty in 6 Para Div

The following arty units have been identified within 6 Para Div -

III/2 Para Arty Regt (also Regtl HQ and HQ Bty)
4 Para Arty Regt
I/12 Para Arty Regt.

/ Their ...

Their histories and organisations are as follows -

III/2 Para Arty Regt : This regt formed part of 2 Para Div and the whole regt was practically destroyed in the WHITOMIR sector in Nov 43. So complete was the rout that no ofrs or NCOs were available to act as a cadre for the new regt which reformed in LUNEVILLE. After reconstitution I and II Bns are believed to have been sent back to RUSSIA in mid-July although one PW reported them to be still in LUNEVILLE in the second week in Aug. III Bn was to have returned to RUSSIA as well, but by the time it was ready for action it was retained in the WEST and att to 6 Para Div. Regt HQ and HQ Bty remained with III Bn.

Org: III Bn has three btys (7, 8 and 9) each equipped with 4 x 8.8 cm guns (? Pak 41/43) used a fd arty role. Str of each bty - 90 to 100 men.

4 Para Arty Regt. This was formed at LUNEVILLE in June 44 and was to have joined 4 Para Div in ITALY. It is not quite clear how much of the regt is att to 6 Para Div - reports from PW vary between one and three btys. No details of its org are available.

I/12 Para Arty Regt. This bn was formerly in 12 Para Arty Trg Regt which was located at LUNEVILLE, the home of Para Arty training. The regt comprised two bns, of which the second is believed to have remained behind at LUNEVILLE as it was not up to str in eqpt. II Bn is stated by PW to possess only Italian guns of small calibre. I Bn was att to 6 Para Div on 27 Aug.

Org. At the beginning of Sep, the bn had three btys (1, 2 and 3) each with a str of some 250 men.

- 1 Bty - 3 x 15 cm Hows
- 2 Bty - 4 x 15 cm Hows
- 3 Bty - 4 x 10.5 cm gun/how

3 Para Div, with remnants of 5 Para Div under cmd was given the task of holding a sector on the SOMME def line (see 7 Army OO dated 29 Aug of which a translation appeared in 30 Corps Int Summary No.493). 3 Para Div then had no arty at all, and depended upon the fire power of its neighbouring unit 89 Inf Div, and on 31 Aug 6 Para Arty Regt was itself placed under cmd of 1 SS ARKO in 5 Pz Army. It was stated in the notes to a captured staff table that the precise org of the regt could NOT be stated. It would thus appear that the enemy has been hard put to it to provide all his rapidly increasing para divs with arty, and has been obliged to resort to cannibalisation.

(Second Army Int Summary No.96)

FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- HQ Airborne Tps

I/141 (.) TOPSEC for URQUART ADRU NORTHOLT (.) ISUM to 091000B in six parts (.) one (.) enemy apparently prepared pledge all available forces to hold line ALBERT CANAL (.) when forced off this appreciated will fall back to line MEUSE - ESCAUT CANAL (.) two (.) following forces already in situ 7 Sep (.) able (.) 719 Div with three bns 743 GR from incl NORTH side ANTWERP to excl HERENTHALS J 99 (.) three bns now depleted 723 GR from HERENTHALS to excl HASSELT (.) baker (.) estimated three bns remnants ex 136 z.B.V. Div which lost Div Comd and many PW ANTWERP now helping 743 GR (.) charlie (.) area HASSELT 272 352 353 Divs each worth one bn (.) dog (.) according PW newly formed 176 Div EAST HASSELT (.) easy (.) 559 A/Tk Bn with forty SP guns and 344 A/Tk Bn with four SP operating round BEERENGEN brhead (.) fox (.) 719 Pz Jug and 224 Pz Komp ident by cap doc would account for round dozen tanks so far reported NORTH bank ALBERT canal (.) george (.) flak (.) two bns already identified and increasing steadily (.) three (.) identifications 8 Sep show that three important rfts consisting GAF and SS Trg units from HOLLAND and paratps from area MOSEL RHINE now arriving (.) strong landing elts engaged yesterday and remainder expected next 48 hrs (.) details as follows (.) able (.) elts 51 and 53 GAF Regts 198 GAF Bn from HOLLAND plus oddments total estimated three plus bns now fighting area 0386 to 0983 (.) baker (.) 2 and 6 Para Regts identify 2 Para Div area 1881 to 3483 (.) with oddments estimate worth at least three bns (.) cap docs indicate 6 Para Div involved in this rft (.) 3 Para Div could possibly come but 5 Para Div very doubtful since engaged SEDAN 6 Sep (.) charlie (.) Dutch SS landsturm bn and 105 mm Tp SS Arty Trg unit both from HOLLAND already identified general area BEERENGEN brhead (.) four (.) PEARL 9 Sep shows 115 Pz Recce operating EAST side LIEGE (.) unconfirmed report 2 Pz Div even further SOUTH (.) 10 SS Div badly mauled area MONS last week (.) 9 SS Div unlocated but in view American pressure appreciate unlikely operate this front (.) five (.) conclusion (.) grand total now engaged incl CHEEL to excl HASSELT estimated eleven bns inf two bns flak 50 plus assorted AFV (.) negligible fd arty (.) rfts on way may be eleven bns inf and more flak but vague estimate only possible (.) six (.) no news escaping remnants 15 Army ex FLEMISH coast (.) persistent reports armoured tps area EINDHOVEN but do not consider these worth much yet

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EMERGENCY OPS

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LO XIX US Corps
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By Hand

GSI 12 Corps
" Gds Armd Div
" 11 Armd Div
" 50 Div
29 Armd Bde
8 Armd Bde

DRLS

FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- GSI Main Second Army HQ Airborne Corps
 G-2 XIX US Corps GSI 12 Corps GSI Gds Armd Div
 GSI 11 Armd Div GSI 50 Div 29 Armd Bde
 8 Armd Bde

I/143 (.) for GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM to 092000B (.)
first (.) enemy strongly reinforced round both bridgeheads
 today and counter-attacking vigorously with inf supported by
 SP guns but negligible fd arty (.) second (.) idents
 show following layout BEERINGEN bridgehead which supersedes
 our I/141 of 091345B (.) able (.) area woods round
 OCSTHAM 2101 6 Para Regt strength three bns under comd VAN
 DER HEYDTE with bty 5 SS Arty Regt (.) only ten per cent
 paratps remainder GAF and Army (.) special suicide squad
 40 strong briefed early morning 9 Sep to destroy BEERINGEN
 bridge (.) failed this task but beat up echelon before
 being liquidated (.) baker (.) 2 Para Regt worth three
 coys with remnants 723 GR estimated less than one bn heavily
 engaged and suffered area LEVERLOO 2379 and BOURG LEOPOLD
 (.) charlie (.) 7 Para Regt worth two bns under comd
 HUBNER fighting HECHTEL 3483 (.) dog (.) battle group
 composed 863 Security Regt 15 Recce Bn 22 Luftgau field regt
 total six coys also there under HUBNER (.) easy (.) SS
 landsturm Nederland bn believed area EAST HELTCHEREN 3575
 (.) fox (.) also identified but unlocated 3 AA Coy 170
 A/Tk Bn 14 Coy 3 Police Regt 14 Coy 1020 Regt 600 Flak Bn
 105 mm Tp SS Ersatz arty (.) george (.) 559 SP A/Tk Bn and
 344 SP A/Tk Bn mustering 50 AFV (.) maybe some Panthers and
 Tigers operating also (.) how (.) deserters state remnant
 bn 352 Div gone back to GERMANY (.) item (.) grand total
 operating against BEERINGEN brhead estimated nine bns inf
 (.) three (.) CHEEL bridgehead idents and strengths as
 in I/141 para three able but PW state whole battle group under
 comd SEIDEL approx 5000 strong (.) consider this plausible
 (.) four (.) regardless BREST idents consider whole 2 Para
 Div less arty operating this front possibly under another Para
 Div HQ (.) estimate of rfts in I/141 para five remains
 unchanged

GSI Main Second Army
 HQ Airborne Corps
 G-2 XIX US Corps

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IMMEDIATE
 (authy EGS)

GSI 12 Corps
 " Gds Armd Div
 " 11 Armd Div
 " 50 Div

} DRLS

W. Whelan
 Major
 GSI

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY NO. 498Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 10 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONEOPERATIONS

Hard fighting continued today all along the Corps front. The enemy got very much the worst of it however, suffering heavy casualties and losing GHEEL and a crossing over the next canal.

The principal event is of course the capture tonight of the bridge at 3596. This was reached after dogged resistance by the enemy the whole way up the main road from HECHTEL, and at the bridge itself no less than five 88mm are reported KO. The latest report states that we hold the bridge intact and in some strength. Just SE another column has reached 3792.

On the EAST side of the bridgehead our tanks had great success against two parachute battalions deployed astride the road at KUNSEL from 3579 to 3473. At least 200 enemy were killed and 400 captured. These troops were from 2 Battalion 7 Para Regt (the missing battalion from HUDNER's battle group which has been fighting further NORTH at HECHTEL) and 2 Battalion Regt GRASMEHL. GRASMEHL's Regiment was recently formed at COLOGNE from a parachute cadre from ITALY (probably from 4 Para Div) made up to strength with Air Force drafts. PW state 1 Bn is also in the area, and so now the one big gap in our knowledge of the enemy order of battle round our front is filled. By this evening we had pushed on to 3602 and 3978.

Further SOUTH there was another successful party round the road junction 3366. Our tanks went out and KO'd one Panther, two SP and three A Tk guns. Further identifications of the NIEDERLAND SS and a new one of LINGEMARCK SS in this general area prove that the Dutch SS Battle Group has been allotted this sector. Their morale is not good: they know what is in store for them from their own countrymen and many are reported to be slipping into civilian clothes.

Thus there are five battle groups operating round the big bridgehead: 6 Para Regt, 2 Para Regt (which in spite of its stubborn resistance in DOURG LEOPOLD is definitely very weak - say a battalion all told), 7 Para Regt, GRASMEHL's Para Regt and the Dutch SS.

On the little bridgehead, the enemy counter attacked strongly with infantry at 1345 hours. This effort was seen off and our own troops attacked and captured GHEEL at 1600 hrs. Our infantry got into the village and destroyed three anti-tank guns and an armoured car. Meanwhile the tanks fanned out on the NORTH side where they shot up a good number of enemy. Two counter attacks this evening were repulsed. The later one is reported to have been supported by a few tanks, one of which was KO'd. Meanwhile a solitary SP opened up with solid shot on the Class 9 at 073042 and sank it.

All round therefore/.....

All round therefore there has been stiff fighting, and it is quite apparent that the enemy strength is increasing on this bridgehead as well as on the big one. Present layout appears to be 51 G.F. Regt E.ST, an Army Battle Group (which may be SEIDEL's but this is not confirmed) in the centre, and 53 G.F. Regt WEST. The whole worth four or five battalions with some tanks, SP guns and 88mm in support.

Even allowing for enemy losses, therefore, yesterday's estimate of enemy strength on the Corps front has to be slightly increased to 16 weakened infantry battalions. AFV losses amount to at least 15, so there cannot now be more than 30 or so remaining from units so far identified.

The general estimate of enemy reinforcements remains the same, but intentions will now surely change. Destruction or scaling off of the ALBERT bridgeheads is no longer possible, and although he might conceivably attempt another counter attack, the enemy is much more likely to withdraw NORTH from GHEEL - HECHTEL and NORTH EAST from HECHTEL - HASSELT to the next obstacle, the MEUSE - ESCAUT canal.

This evening the Americans report that the withdrawal from HASSELT has already begun.

2. ENEMY METHODS

Sabotage

The following instructions were given to saboteurs in FLORENCE and whilst there is no indication of the same being given in this country the possibility should not be disregarded :

Grenades placed in bouquets of flowers and thrown at Allied troops entering the city. Hotels to be blown immediately Allied Comd installed (Bonus paid for each Hotel demolished). Plastic HE to be placed inside wardrobes, behind pictures, in or under chairs likely to be occupied by Allied troops.

(Source : First Cdn Army)

3. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) Pappmine

Specimens are urgently required of the PAPPINE described in 30 Corps Intelligence Summary No. 496.

(b) Anti Tank Mine 43 (Panzermine 43)

This mine is made in two parts and is somewhat similar in type to the S-mine. It contains a magnetic charge and shrapnel loading, and has a 'snap' igniter.

On setting off by a tank, the propellant charge projects the mine to a height of approximately 6 ft, and upon hitting the armour plate, it acts as a magnetic charge.

It can also be used apparently as an effective anti personnel mine owing to the shrapnel loading, which surrounds the magnetic charge.

(c) "Snap" Igniter (Knickzünder)

This has a rupture tube, 1 metre high, and the mine is actuated by bending or snapping this tube which is designed for use with the mine in snow, sand-drifts or thick undergrowth.

Comment : In its action this igniter appears to be identical to the French rupture igniter "Ollivier", although a previous document has named that as "Stabzünder".

(Source : Second Army I.S. No. 97)

Main HQ 30 Corps

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At Appendix 'A' is a translation of a message from Field Marshal MCDEL.

At Appendix 'D' are notes on the Terrain in the area
NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM - DOESBURG - DOCHOLT - WESEN - KANTEN - NIJMEGEN

Distributed by the German Military Police on Sunday 3 Sep 44 in LOUVAIN

To the soldiers of the Western Army

MESSAGE FROM FIELD MARSHAL MODEL

With the enemy advance and the withdrawal of our front, a great stream of troops has been set in motion. Several hundred thousand soldiers are moving backwards, Army, Air Force and tank units. Troops which must reassemble and form new strongpoints or lines according to a plan and the orders they receive.

Among them stream along, together with headquarters now superfluous, columns which have been routed, which have broken out from the front, and which for the moment have no firm destination and could receive no clear orders. Town Majors' offices and headquarters of rearward towns are often taking on tasks which would not overtax a corporal and three men. So, while closely packed columns turn off the road to get themselves sorted out, the stream of the others pushes on. With their vehicles travel idle talk, rumours, haste, inconsiderateness, unnecessary disorder and short-sighted selfishness. They may bring a feeling to the rear areas and into the fully intact bodies of the fighting troops which must be prevented at this moment of extreme tension with the severest measures.

As your new Commander in Chief I direct this call to your honour as soldiers.

We have lost a battle, but I tell you, we will still win this war! I cannot say more now, although I know that there are many questions burning on the troops' lips. Despite everything that has happened do not allow your firm confident faith in Germany's future to be shaken one whit. I must however make known to you the gravity of this day and hour. This moment will and should separate the weaklings from the real men. Every single man carries now the same responsibility: when his commander falls out he must take his place and carry on in his spirit.

I demand of you categorically:

1. Report without any hesitation to the nearest Headquarters or collecting point. In your statements there about your withdrawal about orders given, your destination and your tasks, stick precisely to the facts.
2. Do not expect that Headquarters or collecting points can deal with you and your affairs and fix you up as quickly and as suitably as is now necessary. Think over to yourself what is best and most right in the situation.
3. Don't sit back with your hands folded! Stand up and get about actively, and don't rely on luck. Above all don't give yourself up to the feeling that luck would never come to you. It comes to every man who has his heart in the right place. A quiet word, a sensible thought, a steady word of advice at the right moment will give to countless others the necessary support, confidence, self-reliance, self-belief and the right demeanour.
4. Show increasingly to the outside world a flawless discipline. I have satisfied myself that your inward spirit is flawless. Do not forget that even the slightest gesture, each word, every good proof of honour, shows the population that the spirit and cohesion of the German Army are intact. So let your inward feelings be fully demonstrated outward; your head high in all difficulties; your body erect; your salute smart and confident. With the French and Belgians too the fighting worth of a unit and of each individual soldier will be judged by the outward behaviour. The terrorist himself, our most cowardly enemy, thinks so too. He will sooner attack a slack, unmanly soldier than one who strides along erect and confident and gives that impression by his soldierly bearing or his correct salute.

5. Let yourselves be irritated by nothing, especially not by stupid chattering, pessimistic rumours and idle talk which the enemy seeks to bring you. Take immediate steps against all such panic mongers. The enemy has lost battles for four years. He has for the first time won a battle against us. He has not won it because he is cleverer and better and braver. He is not a magician. He is not everywhere. If one added together all the tanks which rumour mongers reported they had seen, the enemy would have a hundred thousand. In fact they were often only very small spearheads. They can be increasingly halted by defensive obstacles of all kinds. Often the rumours have done us more harm than these tanks. With courage and presence of mind make an extra effort; stop important positions being given up needlessly, necessary weapons, equipment and fortifications being over hastily blown up. For every hand grenade, every rifle, every gallon of petrol is now needed to arm the new line to receive our troops. They are more important than suitcases or useless plunder.
6. Take thought then that at this moment everything adds up to the necessity to gain the time which the Führer needs to bring into operation new troops and new weapons.

Soldiers, we must gain this time for the Führer!

(Sgd) MODEL

Field Marshall.

NOTES ON THE TERRAIN IN THE AREA :-

NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM - DOESBURG - DOCHOLT - WESEN - XANTEN - NIJMEGEN
(Enclosed within map references 6763 - 7580 - 9037 - 5255 - 2337
on GSGS (1/1,000,000) Series 2541 Sheets 2 and 5
Series 4416 Sheets PI and QI).

GENERAL

1. The area is located in the lower RHINE plain that broadens out to the wide alluvial plain bordering the distributaries of the WAAL, RHINE and ISSEL. The broad alluvial plate of sandy clays and silt form an area of very low relief, but the smallest changes of altitude give better drainage and afford likely points for cover, observation and concealed movement.

2. The region can be subdivided into (a) the river flood plains and (b) the low plains of sand and gravel bordering them.

(a) THE RIVER FLOOD PLAINS. Above XANTEN, this plain is approximately 9 miles wide. Between ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN it has broadened to 15 miles. Main dykes lie along the banks of the RHINE which averages 350 yards in width.

(i) The low flood plain on either side, often below the level of the river itself is intersected by innumerable drainage ditches, and the geometrically shaped fields between them have few hedges and few lines of trees. Most of this low-lying ground is under pasture. Large areas of this type of country, often stretching well away from the rivers are liable to seasonable flooding and are marshy even in the dry season. Near the river, low scrub is sometimes found in stretches of 'dead' water; numerous abandoned river meanders and "cut-off" are masked by reed-grown marshes all along its course.

(ii) On slightly raised areas between these flats, differences in height of only a few feet give better drainage, a slightly undulating topography and a dense settlement of villages and scattered isolated houses and buildings. These areas with their irregular pattern of small fields, mostly unhedges, fewer ditches and dense network of secondary roads serving the scattered farms contrast with the river flats with their regular field pattern and fewer houses and roads.

There are only a very few small copses and plantations in (i) and (ii) for mostly all the land is cultivated. The area between NIJMEGEN and ARNHEM (between the WAAL and RHINE) is an exception to this general statement; here numerous small scattered plantations on the slightly elevated sandy terraces afford cover but break up the open stretches of cultivated fields.

(iii) Three regions of slightly higher relief again rise above the plains of (i) and (ii) as isolated wooded 'knolls'. They are found -

immediately South of XANTEN between ELTEN (9165)
and BRANET (9870) to the NW of EMERICH.

In an elongated strip stretching from DIERSFORST
(1244) to the SOUTH of ISSELBURG (1250).

/These are.....

These are elevated sand and gravel terraces forming low eminences with a good amount of cover from plantations commanding the surrounding flats. Many of these plantations are of pines; some are very young or have been cut, affording varying qualities of concealment.

(b) LOW PLAINS OF SAND AND GRAVEL

Overlooking the river flood plains, and forming the borders of the area, these slightly elevated tracts are characterised by alternating areas of sandy heath, woods (many of them pine plantations), peat bog, occasional patches of bare sands dune and scattered cultivated fields. Fields are small and often bounded by hedges, tree lines and ditches. The towns of ARNHEM, NIJMEGEN, CLEVE and XANTEM lie on the edge of these plains on low terrace bluffs overlooking the river. Woods occur on the higher, better drained areas. Large stretches of woodland are found North and NE of ARNHEM, SE of NIJMEGEN and South of CLEVE. SE of DOUCHOLT, the woodland is wide-spread but intermittent.

The three areas of raised ground mentioned in (a) (iii) above are outlines of this region in the flood plain.

1. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE(a) Latest Developments

Further details of the mobilisation of all potential fighting manpower inside Germany is now available, and the picture presented is one of "total mobilisation" indeed.

To begin with, it seems quite evident now that the ERSATZ HEER has ceased to exist as such and has been merged into the Field Army. This means that Replacement Units, Training Schools, War Academics etc are all pooling their resources to create the maximum possible number of divs - on paper at least. In practice the results can be far from satisfactory from the point of view of the German Army. Apart from a cadre of trained NCO instructors, the personnel will largely be lower category, - including cooks, sentries, provost staffs and general fatigue men, who have been fluctuating between the sick list and the permanent depot staffs.

Meanwhile the upgrading of trg divs continues: 16 Inf Div was identified some time ago as the new version of 158 Trg - now comes news that 19 Inf Div is also fighting in EASTERN FRANCE. It is reported to be the re-numbered version of 166 Trg Div which has performed a static function in LEMVIG for some time. It may well be followed by a renumbering of 160 Trg Div, also in DENMARK, now thought to be moving SOUTH.

That a new wave of divs is being created is certain. Already 59, 64 and 226 Inf Divs have been identified with regtl numbers in the 1000 series, while further inf divs in the 540's, 550's and 560's are being formed. Of these latter, 564 has been identified in DUNKIRK. 553 Inf Div is holding NANCY and 552 has already been identified NORTH of METZ. These new inf divs, formed in GERMANY from Depot Units, are all three-Regt, LE Divs. None is likely to have much fighting value.

As far as the SS is concerned, the same process seems to be current. Already the nucleus of 26 and 27 SS PG Divs have been identified, formed from the SS training Units in DENMARK, and 30 SS Inf Div, formed from SS Police Units in the BESANCON area was well on the way towards formation when elts were identified in action.

Of the Pz Ersatz Units and Tk Trg Schools it is unlikely that anything approaching full scale Pz Divs can be formed. At best some ten Pz bns might be formed, but if the replacement of losses in the existing pz divs is to be effected, there will be little enough left to form the nucleus of new divs.

An example of the cannibalisation that may occur in the enemy's frantic efforts to find new armed firms is given today by the identification in action of 106 Pz Bde, formed from 90 Pz Gren Div from ITALY.

Apart from 98 Inf Div, which is thought to have left YUGOSLAVIA, the only other firms known to have been withdrawn into GERMANY are the two SS Inf Divs, 14 "GALIZIEN" and 15 "LETISCHE", but it is more than probable that these will return to the Eastern Front after their period of refit, in view of their place of origin.

(b) The "WEISSBROT" Div

Confirmation of the theory that "WEISSBROT" Div is in fact 70 Inf Div is provided by a PW from 170 A Tk Bn.

He was a trifle muddled and referred to his unit variously as the "Magen-Kp" 170 Div, "Magen-Bn" and "Weissbrot-Bn".

From his somewhat garbled story the following acceptable facts emerge.

His unit is 170 Pz Jäg Bn of 70 Inf Div and was formed in MAGDEBURG in May 44. The unit, then only a coy of some 170 strength completed its formation at ANTWERP. All the personnel were sufferers from stomach disorders (PW himself had Duodenal ulcers and had undergone a "short circuit" operation). The officers however were physically fit "but", said the PW, "suffered from wind-up".

As the coy grew into a bn strength, it was divided into two coys, 1 Coy containing the "fitter" personnel, while 2 Coy according to PW, were the "dead beats". The original eqpt of the unit consisted of 2 cm AA/A tk guns, but later the eqpt was exchanged for 12 x 7.5 cm PAK. Recently, some 42 men with 7 x 7.5 cm guns were transferred to FRANCE probably with the artillery men who provided our first identification of the existence of the div on 18 Aug, when they were captured in NORMANDY.

Meanwhile the "deadbeats" of 2 Coy remained behind at ANTWERP as bridge and harbour guards, equipped only with rifles, some of which were Italian. PW, together with some 40 - 50 men and the remaining 5 x 7.5 cm PAK were sent to MIDDELBURG on WALCHEREN Island, and later committed to action South of the SCHELDT.

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.499Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 11 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

In spite of our capture yesterday of the bridge over the MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal, the enemy increased the weight of his counter-attacks against our bridgehead at GHEEL.

Under cover of darkness the enemy infiltrated into our lines last night, and did a certain amount of damage to our tanks in the early hours of day, before being finally ejected. Further attacks continued throughout the day from the NORTH and NW. Though our troops withdrew to the Southern outskirts of GHEEL, these attacks met with little success and cost the enemy dear. 192 PWs, incl 3 officers, were taken on this sector alone and at least 4 enemy tanks were destroyed.

On the BEERLINGEN sector the enemy was less active. HESCHTEL is still not yet clear, and there are enemy in the woods two kms NORTH of BEERLINGEN bridge. Our troops have occupied BOURG LEOPOLD and control most of the area EAST of this place to excl BREE K 58.

Our bridgehead over the MEUSE-ESCAUT Canal was unsuccessfully attacked from the SOUTH this morning; NORTH of the Canal, however, opposition was negligible, consisting of a few hastily improvised Battle Groups each about one Coy strong. We consolidated our positions around the bridge and sent patrols over the Dutch Frontier as far NORTH as VALKENSWAARD E3908.

The situation is indeed rather an unusual one. The enemy at GHEEL has behind him a series of blown bridges; the only intact one is in our hands. His infantry are fighting with a reckless bravery reminiscent of the Parachutists of PRIMOSOLE Bridge. Their military skill is, however, not so great; this is hardly surprising in view of the fact that only a small percentage (estimated to be between 5 and 10 per cent) of these GAF troops are actual Parachutists. A fair number of them are prospective pilots whose training has been interrupted by lack of aircraft and patrol.

Their casualties in the last two days fighting have been exceptionally severe, some of the Coys now being less than 20 strong. On paper the enemy around GHEEL looks fairly strong. On the WEST flank there is 51 GAF Regt and on the EAST 53 GAF Regt, each with at least two and possibly three Bns of inf. Sandwiched between them are some Army troops - about one Bn - ; this afternoon 2 Bn 6 Para Regt also appeared on the scene. But they have all come in dribs and drabs, so that new arrivals barely compensate current losses.

Similarly a new two - Bn Para Regt (called after its CO, LEYTVELDT HARDEGG) has today been identified on the Eastern sector of the BEERLINGEN bridgehead. Its arrival coincides with the virtual extinction yesterday of the second Bns of both the HUBNER and GRASMEHL Para Regts.

/ The enemy

The enemy cannot afford to continue pouring good troops to positions that are rapidly becoming untenable. From his activities and dispositions he appeared to be aiming today at eliminating our GHEEL bridgehead, so as to free his troops engaged there for an all out attack on BEERINGEN. A deserter from 5 Bn 6 Para Regt stated that 10 Coy in the woods 2 Kms to the NORTH of the town should have attacked BEERINGEN yesterday. However the CO became a casualty and the attack was postponed. Now it is too late for any such plan to succeed. The enemy must cut his losses and withdraw NORTH of the MEUSE Canal.

Both as regards quality and diversity, the enemy force opposing us shows the effects of the recent measures in GERMANY to step up the national effort. Paratroops and pilots, policemen and sailors, boys of 16 and men with duodenal ulcers - all these have been through the Corps Cage during the past few days. And now we have some deep sea divers. The depths have indeed been plumbed.

Meanwhile the enemy's desperate efforts on the ALBERT Canal have had repercussions elsewhere. This evening American troops crossed the German frontier in force a few miles NORTH of TRIER.

APPENDICES

Appendix 'A'	-	The Siegfried Line.
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The SIEGFRIED LINE

Introduction

- (1) The Siegfried Line is a system of fortifications stretching along the Western frontiers of Germany from KLEVE to BASLE with, in addition, certain reserve positions in the rear. The fortifications are organized in strength according to the importance of the regions to be protected, and the suitability of the ground for operations by armoured forces. The system, except for some 50 miles at its Northern end, is continuous. The course of the line is shown on the sketch map at Annex Z, and is described in more detail in para C below.
- (2) Preliminary work on the Siegfried Line was begun immediately after the reoccupation of the demilitarized Rhineland in 1936, and construction was given the highest priority from the summer of 1938 onwards. At the outbreak of the war the line, still for the most part under construction, extended from 30 miles NORTH of AACHEN to BASLE. By May 1940 it had been extended, though in diminishing strength, to KLEVE in the NORTH, and it was largely complete. After the fall of FRANCE no further work appears to have been done on the line. It remained, apart from the dismantling of the wire entanglements and the ploughing in of some of the field works, completely inactive and is still in this state. The concealment of the works was carefully planned from the beginning, and earth was piled around and on top of the forts wherever possible. Four years of inactivity and undisturbed growth has greatly improved this concealment, and the forts are now extremely hard to locate.

Nature of Fortifications

- (1) The line consists for the most part of a zone of small concrete forts sited to support each other and to produce a closely interlocked zone of fire. This zone reaches its maximum depth in parts of the SAAR area, where the distance from the anti-tank obstacle on the forward edge of the position to the rather scattered works at the rear edge is nearly three miles (e.g. area SE of ZWILDRICHEN). Here also the works reach their maximum density of about 40 forts per 1000 yards square on the forward part of the position to something less than 20 in the rear part. In contrast to this, the line along the RHINE from KARLSRUHE to BASLE has an average depth of about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile, and consists in the main of only two rows of forts, the first along the actual banks at intervals of 400 yards and the second in rear with its forts placed between the gaps in the first line (e.g. NORTH of BASLE).

In addition to these forts designed to contain weapons, there are a number of unarmoured shelters for HQs, reserve troops and ammunition. The forts, further details of which are given at Para D are designed to contain machine guns and anti-tank guns. The high trajectory weapons, including nearly all the artillery except the anti-tank, were not provided with concrete protection, and were sited in open field works. Anti-aircraft artillery, usually sited in the rear of the fortification belt, was also in open emplacements.

- (2) An anti-tank obstacle, consisting of either concrete dragons teeth, curved steel rails, ditches or escarpments, runs along the forward edge of the position. Mines were laid to support the anti-tank obstacle, and minefields were also laid in advance of the obstacle to canalize the attack on to the strongest defences.

- (3) Communications The majority of the works were linked with each other by communication trenches. Only the larger works in rear area were thought to be linked by underground passages. There is a fairly extensive network of buried telephone cables (2 m deep) between the works. On the RHINE, for example, the works are inter-connected in groups and each group is itself connected with a continuous cable skirting the RHINE at a distance of two to three miles.

Description of the Line

(1) The RHINE Province, NORTH of the MOSELLE

- (a) This area falls into two distinct regions, the COLOGNE plain leading to the industrial RUHR, and the wooded EIFEL massif.
- (b) In the area of the COLOGNE plain NORTH of AACHEN the Siegfried line is at its weakest, consisting only of a thin line of forts following the frontier, and becoming very widely separated in the NORTH. Photographic reconnaissance in the GOCH area discloses only four forts in a strip of 8 miles. AACHEN itself is more strongly defended, and a second line of forts runs to the East of the town and continues parallel to the first line for some 40 miles before rejoining the latter at HALLSCHLAG in the EIFEL.
- (c) The defences in the EIFEL massif are typical of those in other mountainous and wooded sections of the line. They consist of a zone of forts of little depth, covered at intervals by an anti-tank obstacle, formed mostly by concrete dragons' teeth.

(2) SOUTH of the MOSELLE to KARLSRUHE

- (a) In this area the relatively flat PFALZER BERGLAND and RHINE plain are bounded by the wooded hills of the HUNSDRUCK, the SAARDRUCKEN Forest and the HAARDT, and the forest area of the BIENWALD.
- (b) This area contains the three strongest sections of the Siegfried Line, covering the PFALZER BERGLAND on each side of the SAARDRUCKEN Forest, and the WEISSENBURG Gap between the HARDT and the BIENWALD. The strongest of these three sectors is that covering the PFALZER BERGLAND between the HUNSDRUCK and the SAARDRUCKEN Forest. Here the line is double, dividing SOUTH of MERZIG. The forward line, continuous but of no very great depth, follows closely the east bank of the SAAR; the rear line, which is of greater strength consisting of a dense zone of forts about 2½ miles deep, passes in front of LEMACH and continues through in reduced strength, through the SAARDRUCKEN Forest to rejoin the forward line ten miles east of SAARDRUCKEN.
- (c) Some 10 to 15 miles behind the main forward positions, and running roughly parallel to them, there are indications of a reserve line. Information on this line is, however, scanty and little is known of its strength. Recent air reconnaissance has confirmed sections of this line EAST of TRIER and SOUTH of LANDAU, but cover is as yet very incomplete.

(3) The RHINE and BLACK FOREST

- (a) The RHINE, owing to its swift and wide course, the changing nature of its navigable channel, and the complexity of old arms of the river on the east bank, constitutes a first-class obstacle. The densely wooded hills of the BLACK FOREST are separated from the river by an alluvial plain some 10 miles wide, crossed by numerous streams.
- (b) The defences consist for the most part of a double line of forts enfiling the river from the east bank. These are placed at intervals of about 400 yards, thickening up at bridges and likely crossings. Behind the line on the river, there are occasional short reserve positions blocking the entrances to the valleys leading into the BLACK FOREST.

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- (c) The junction of the RHINE line with the WEISSENBURG - BIEBWALD positions is strengthened by the continuation of the former to GERLERSHEIM and the latter to HALLSCH.

(4) NECKAR - MAIN Positions

Prior to reoccupation of the demilitarized zone of 1936, the Germans began work on defences on the EAST bank of the NECKAR NORTH and SOUTH of HEILBRONN, and probably also EAST of the MAIN from BUDINGEN to the ODENWALD. These defences are not thought to be comparable in strength to the main Siegfried Line, and the existence of much of the line NORTH of the ODENWALD is doubtful. In view of the subsequent construction of the main Siegfried Line further to the WEST, the completion of these positions may have been considered unnecessary.

D. Design and Strength of Concrete Positions.

(1) Design

- (a) Air photographs show that the forts of the Siegfried Line are of a large number of different types. Information concerning the design and exact armament of all these types is unfortunately lacking, but it can be said that they fall into three main categories, viz machine gun forts, anti-tank gun forts, and unarmed shelters. None of these forts is very large, the usual complement being a section of 10 men, and an average size can be taken approximately as 35 ft by 45 ft. They usually consist of one or two fighting chambers and one or two living rooms. In some cases there is no direct communication between the fighting and living spaces except by speaking tube. The embrasures are in the forward part of the works and the fields of fire are almost always to a flank, the works being frequently defiladed from the front. In most cases an additional embrasure is included to enable the entrance (in the rear) to be covered by fire. In some cases embrasures are protected by short flanking walls. The average height of the forts from foundation to roof (exterior measurement) is about 20 ft, of which about 6 ft is below the level of the ground. Earth is piled round the sides and thence over the roof to a depth of not more than a foot. The anti-tank ^{forts} are larger than those for machine guns. It is probable that the great majority of the anti-tank forts were designed to contain the 37 mm anti-tank gun, which was the standard anti-tank of the German Army at the time the line was built. A few rather larger forts, usually sited on the rearward edge of the position and frequently on a reverse slope, probably contained heavier artillery, although it is unlikely that anything heavier than a 10.5 cm gun was employed. These works are also thought to be equipped in certain cases with high-angle weapons (trench mortars of various calibres) which can be used to strengthen the general barrage at certain points. They sometimes consist, furthermore, of several concrete works placed side by side, connected with one another by underground passages, the whole being surrounded by an anti-tank obstacle. They are the only type of SIEGFRIED work which is in any way similar to the "gros ouvrages" of the MAGINOT.

- (b) A proportion of the works are fitted with fixed steel cupolas, to provide for observation and close defence. In most cases, the works so fitted are unarmed shelters but individual instances of forts with cupolas have also been located. In the case of shelters, it is normal for the cupola only to be visible, the remainder of the work being embedded in banked up earth.
- (c) Little is known of the design of the unarmed shelters. Photographs show them to conform roughly in size with the armed forts.

(2) Strength

- (a) Although our knowledge of the various designs of forts is limited, it is very probable that, according to their date of construction, they were all built to a standard strength.
- (b) Works constructed in 1938 had reinforced concrete walls and roofs 5 ft thick, while the armour plate surrounding the loopholes was $3\frac{7}{8}$ " thick. In the case of works constructed in 1939 these dimensions were increased to 6 ft 8 in and $7\frac{7}{8}$ " respectively.

In many cases the 1938 forts (particularly those on the banks of the RHINE) had additional strengthening added against erosion and undermining by the construction of an apron 3 ft 4 in thick which consisted of two rows of steel sheet piling in front of the outside walls with a filling of unreinforced concrete was constructed against the original outside walls up to the level of the embrasures or to roof level in the case of blank walls. The thickness of this extra wall was said to be up to 5 ft.

Translation of Information received from Belgian
Military Authorities on the SIEGFRIED Line.

BELGIAN FRONTIER

1. Between the road from EUPEN and ROTGEN, large and small pillboxes guard the frontier as far as ROTT. In this last sector, a group of large pillboxes with long-range guns is sited in the forest on the road ROTT - LAMMERSDORF, which runs behind the village of ROTGEN. In this sector, forts and strongpoints stretch as far as NIDEGGEN with very strong forts at SMIDT.
2. Between ROTGEN and MONSCHAU - same defence system.
3. Sector MONSCHAU - HOFEN - HOLLERATH
Between MONSCHAU and HOFEN, numerous forts and strongpoints are sited in the forest and extend in depth with groups of very strong forts at EINKRUHR and HELMBACH.
4. The road WAHLERSCHIED to DREIBORN and SCHLEIDEN is strongly fortified. All the strongpoints and forts are sited in the forest with MG nests along the road. The frontier road at WAHLERSCHIED has been extended in the HOFENWALD and leads to a command post and a group of very strong pillboxes.
5. Sector HOLLERATH - HOLLENTHAL
This road runs from the frontier to HELLENTHAL between wooded hills which hide numerous forts and strongpoints which were under construction in 1938/39.
6. Summary
In these sectors fortifications have been constructed in depth between NIDDEGEN and GEMUND. It is not thought that bridgeheads have been built at COLOGNE, BONN or COBLENZ as time was too short. This is confirmed by conversation with people in COLOGNE who state that all OT workers left these sectors in 1940.

DUTCH FRONTIER

1. Sector BILDCHEN, VAALS, KERKRADE
Strongly fortified sector, numerous large and small strongpoints commanding the roads. Near ORSBACH there are long range guns which are believed to be able to fire on EBEN EMAEL.
Strongpoints in the HORSBACH sector are sited in fields in more or less flat country, in contrast with the forts which are sited in higher country and in the forests. Strongpoints are also sited behind AIX LA CHAPELLE.
In September 1939 these strongpoints had not all been completed. According to reports received late in 1940, all these strongpoints were ready in May, 1940. From ESCHWEILER to STOLBERG the sector has not been fortified. On the other hand, STEINBACHS-HOCHWALD, between ESCHWEILER and STOLBERG, were very strongly fortified. OT workers from this sector were at HAZEBROUCH in 1940, from where they were moved to LORIENT.

2. Sector KERKRADE - HEINSBERG

This sector is strongly fortified as far as the road HEINSBERG, GEILENKIRCHEN, ALDENHOVEN. This group of strongpoints protect the frontier. There were a few small pillboxes like those in the AIX LA CHAPELLE sector which were generally scattered. One of these groups of strongpoints is sited near HERBACH - MERKSTEIN and another in TEVERENWALD. There are no fortifications indepth in this sector. The works were hardly begun in August 1939 and had certainly not been extended once the strongpoint which had been started in 1939 had been completed.

HOLLAND

1. Sector ROERMOND - WEERT - PEEL - HELMOND - MILL

Numerous strongpoints protect this sector. Roads are obstructed with large blocks of concrete between which only certain types of vehicles can pass. There are also deep, wide ditches which can be filled in a short time from ZUIDWILLEM canal. Certain zones are very strongly fortified. There are strongpoints and concrete works commanding the roads to HELENAVEEN, YSSELSTEYN, MILL.

2. Sector MEUSE - ROERMOND - MAESTRICHT and the German frontier.

No strongpoints. Roads are obstructed by rails and concrete blocks constructed by the Germans in 1940. This sector is reported not to be fortified but all roads would be under fire from the artillery of the SIEGFRIED Line.

GOEBBELS SCRAPES THE BARREL

A new announcement from Goebbels on 24 August gives details of a further comb-out to provide manpower for the army and war industries. The following are extracts from the announcement -

(a) "The whole of GERMANY'S cultural life has been maintained, even in the fifth year of war, to an extent which the other belligerents did not reach even in times of peace... The total war effort of the German people now necessitates far-reaching restrictions in this field as in others. In future it will be mainly by film and radio that relaxation will be provided for and cultural value conveyed to the soldiers at the front and working homeland".

All theatres, music halls, cabaret shows and schools of acting are to be closed by September 1st. Private lessons in the arts will be suspended. All circus enterprises will be closed down except for a few needed to preserve the valuable animals. All orchestras, schools of music and conservatories, with the exception of a few leading orchestras urgently required, for instance, by the radio for its programmes will discontinue their activities. Academies, art colleges, private schools of art and painting, and art exhibitions, will be closed down. Only scientific and technical literature, armament and school books, as well as certain standard political works will be published, all other types of literature will be suspended. The daily press will be further curtailed and far-reaching amalgamations must be effected. Many tens of thousands of high-class skilled workers will be released for work of war importance or for the forces by closing down and restrictions in these fields.

(b) The welfare work for the troops carried out by the NS community R&F will be suspended. About 200 touring companies, concert agencies and theatrical companies can thus be closed down, the R&F office in these in the occupied territories, all artists' homes and all tours suspended, and the welfare work for armament workers confined to the command camps.

(c) The Reich Minister for Learning, Education and Adult Education has drawn up a comprehensive programme for the curtailment of activity. Trade schools of no direct war importance, e.g. domestic and commercial colleges, will be closed. At the universities, male and female students who are studying subjects which are not of direct importance to the war will be available for employment in the armament industry. These measures will make available a total of several hundred thousand persons.

(d) A new combined food ration card will be introduced on 16 October saving about 300 million ration cards in each rationing period. Apart from saving a substantial quantity of paper, many workers will be released for other purposes of war importance.

(e) In order to utilise fully all labour, working hours in public administration and offices in industry and trade have been fixed uniformly at a minimum of 60 hours per week. Those sectors where considerably larger hours are worked to deal with vital war contracts will not be affected by this measure. Every head of an authority or factory will be responsible for seeing that no workers are idle. Any staff made redundant by the increased working hours must be released immediately. The afternoon of one day per week can be left free for shopping and other personal needs, provided that the prescribed total number of working hours per week is maintained and the work in hand is done.

In order to bring civilians in line with the soldier, a universal temporary ban on holidays is ordered with immediate effect. Women who will be 50 and men who will be 65 or over on 31 Dec are exempt from the ban. Short leave may be granted in accordance with strict but just standards to people who are bereaved or have serious illness in their family.

GOEBBELS concludes: "Our joint endeavours for the war are not only a matter of voluntary effort. Care will be taken that the burdens involved are fairly distributed".

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(Source: SHAEF Economic/Summary No.1).

1. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
1 SS Pz Div			
1 SS Pz Engr Bn	4297	11 Sep	PW. States two coys each of 100 men, fighting as Inf.
2 Para Div			
14 & 16/6 Para Regt	Dr 3695	11 Sep	PW.
5/6 Para Regt	Area GHEEL	12 Sep	PW
Misc Units			
UGO FC Rft Unit	3995	11 Sep	PW. States unit has three rifle, one hy coy. Arrived 8 Sep from HOLLAND.
137 Flak Bn	LOMAEL 3095	11 Sep	PW. States Bn had 4 tps x 4 x 88mm.
602 Flak Bn	HECHTEL br 3596	11 Sep	PW. States Bn had 6 tps: five x 4 x 88mm; one x 15 x 20mm (?) Hy cas.
I, II & III/51 Flioger Regt	Area GHEEL	12 Sep	PW

2. ENEMY ORGANISATION

GHQ Assault Gun Brigades

So far six GHQ assault gun brigades (341, 304, 393, 902 and 12 Para) have been identified in the battle area. In addition to this there seems a possibility that an uncertain identification of 506 Assault Gun Battalion may represent some sort of upgrading of 506 Mobile Battalion.

Comparison of the equipment shows the following:

<u>Assault Gun HQ and Brigade</u>	<u>HQ Tp</u>	<u>1 Tp</u>	<u>2 Tp</u>	<u>3 Tp</u>
341	3 x 7.5cm	10 x 7.5cm. 4 x 10.5cm	10 x 7.5 cm. 4 x 10.5cm.	10 x 7.5 cm 4 x 10.5cm
304	?	?	?	?
393	?	?	?	?
394	1? x 7.5cm	10 x 7.5cm.	10 x 7.5cm	10 x 7.5cm.
902	?	7? x 7.5cm	7 x 7.5cm	7 x 7.5cm.
12 Para	?	12(10?)x7.5 cm on III chassis. 4x10.5cm on III chassis	12(10?)x7.5cm on III chassis. 4x10.5cm on III chassis.	12(10?)x 7.5cm on III chassis. 4x10.5cm on III chassis.

What seems probable from this rather unclear picture is that assault gun brigades will have their eventual 10.5cm equipments allotted in groups of 4 per tp. 341's composition is established by documentary evidence, and 304, 393 and 394 may be expected to have the same if they ever reach full strength, both with respect to the 7.5s and 10.5s. There is as yet no apparent reason for 902's low allotment of guns, and 12 Para Assault Gun Brigade's 12 x 7.5 cm guns per tp may yet turn out to be 10.

(Source: SHAEF Int Notes No. 25).

PART TWO

1. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>GAF Units</u>			
51 Flioger Regt	W of GHEEL	11 Sep	PW from all three bns. 1 and 2 coys almost wiped out.
55 Flioger Regt	E of GHEEL	11 Sep	PW from II and II Bns. Adjut II Bn states 5 out of 7 tks in sp KO. Under comd Battle Gp DREYER.
6/36 Army Flak Rft Bn	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW. Had lost 2 out of 4 x 88 mm.
1/308 Searchlight Regt	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW. Coy of 6 pls each of 3 x 20 mm. ? any left.
7, 8 and 15/HUENNER Para Regt	area HELOCHTEREN 3575	11 Sep	PW.
LEYTVELDT HARDEGG Para Regt			
HERMANN GOERING Rft and Trg Regt	HECHTEL	11 Sep	PW. States 4 rifle coys and one hy coy in regt. Coy str 120 plus 3/4 old tks.
<u>2 Para Div</u>			
HQ IV 14/6 Para Regt	HEPPEN 2582	11 Sep	PW.
2 Para Regt	BOURG LEOPOLD 2783	11 Sep	PW.
<u>182 Trg Div</u>			
112 PGR	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW. from res mortar coy. Pl of 3 x 81 mm mortars in sp 53 Regt.
<u>70 Inf Div</u>			
3/170 A Tk Bn	0785	11 Sep	PW states only 2 x 37 mm guns left out of 9.
<u>85 Inf Div</u>			
2/1053 GR	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW.
<u>719 Inf Div</u>			
8 and 14/723 GR	area BOURG LEOPOLD	11 Sep	PW. A Tk coy was under comd 6 Para Regt.
<u>Misc Units</u>			
Battle Gp EROCKE	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW. Pl of naval personnel.
Battle Gp MEYERHOFER	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW. Gp pl str under comd battle gp BAUER.
Battle Gp ALFONS	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW. Pl str.
Sturm Bn 15	area GHEEL	11 Sep	PW. One gun sec impressed into service of Battle Gp DREYER.

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Lt Gen von und zu GILSA

A captured order of 86 Corps reveals the fact that 64, 59 and 17 CAF Divs opposing the First Cdn Army are to come under command of 89 Corps from 1000 hrs 5 Sep 44. This Corps was located in ANTWERP controlling the divisions in BELGIUM long before D-day, is commanded by a stolid Prussian, Lt Gen FREIHERR WERNER ALBRECHT von und zu GILSA.

He commanded an infantry regiment in FRANCE and POLAND during the last war, and in 1941 became a Maj Gen. A year later he led 216 Inf Div in RUSSIA, where he distinguished himself and was promoted to Lt Gen. He was given command of 89 Corps early this year, which up to the 5 Sep had not been committed on the Western front.

Born in 1899, Lt Gen GILSA presents the picture of a typical, old-type German General, being six foot two tall, with close cropped grey hair, and what has been described as "a pleasantly ugly face". As a Lt Col of the WACHTRUPPE, a select, Guards-type unit stationed permanently for duties in BERLIN, he was responsible for the reception and accommodation of the various foreign teams that arrived in Germany to compete in the Olympic Games of 1936. He handled this job with such tact and diplomacy that as a reward he was promoted to a full Colonel and given command of a regiment.

Prior to this war he had done little travelling outside of Germany, spoke no other language and knew little or nothing of foreigners. This ignorance led him to the belief, even as late as 1939, that there would be no war with England. His personal tastes are most orthodox with a decided preference for popular music, American films and nightshirts, in preference to pyjamas.

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Info :- Tac Second Army 11 Armd Div Gds Armd Div 50 Div

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More hard fighting today and enemy suffered many killed captured both
bridgeheads (.) Gds broke through capturing bridge 3596 (.) 50 Div took
GHEEL 0380 (.) SECOND (.) identifications (.) 2 Bn 7 Para Regt and 2 Bn
Regt GRASMEHL area KUNSEL 3676 (.) GRASMEHL Regt formed COLOGNE from GAF
with Paratp cadre from ITALY (.) 11 Armd Div killed 200 captured 400 from
these units (.) PW state 1 Bn GRASMEHL also in area (.) 1 and 3 Bns 7
Para Regt identified HECHTEL 3483 9 Sep (.) SS LANDSTURM Regts both
NEDERLAND and LANGEMARK strength unknown fighting half heartedly area 3366
(.) 2 Para Regt battle group DOURG LEOPOLD definitely less than bn strength
(.) No fresh idents GHEEL but GAF battle group apparently being reinforced
with oddments ex 15 Army (.) present strength approx five bns (.) THIRD (.)
AFV casualties at least 15 since 7 Sep (.) estimate remaining strength 30
plus operating Corps front (.) undated oap doc shows Pz ZUG 723 Regt has
ten tanks armd 37 mm (.) COMMENT (.) presume French and not operating
this front (.) FOURTH (.) appreciate enemy will now start fall back on
MEUSE - ESCAUT canal but might try counter attack first (.) 2 US Armd Div
reports indicate withdrawal from HASSELT already started (.) reckon
SEIDEL Group 6 and 2 Para Regts should head NORTH and that 7 Para
GRASMEHL and Dutch SS Regts should head NE (.) FIFTH (.) PEARL (.)
1145 hrs HQ 116 Pz Recce LONZEN 7733 (.) 1500 hrs patrol 116 Recce
mentions SS Reich (.) THUMB (.) 2 SS Div lines only 9 Sep run DEIST
LIEGE (.) COMMENT (.) 2 SS Div clearly engaged SOUTH of 116 Pz Div (.)
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30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 499ABased on Information received up to 2359 hours 12 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.PART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

Today the enemy's reactions on 30 Corps front have remained fundamentally the same. He has ignored our bridgehead over the MEUSE canal and persisted in his attacks against the one at GHEEL; these attacks have been noticeably weaker than yesterday's. Once again he has lost heavily, though today's prisoner bag of 39 for this sector is relatively small.

In the area between the two canals, HECHTEL has been finally cleared of the enemy. The garrison was provided by 2 Dn of the Hermann Goering Training Regt and 2 Dn of GRASMEER Para Regt. Only a few can have escaped. At least 150 were killed and 418 taken prisoner. It is estimated that the whole area between the canals EAST of the 34 Easting and NORTH of the 80 Northing is now clear of enemy.

The remnants of HUBNER and GRASMEER Regts (probably totalling not more than a Dn strong) may have withdrawn EAST across the canal where HARDEG Para Regt is probably also located. 6 Para Regt, the strongest remaining parachute formation left, is still between our two bridgeheads over the ALBERT Canal. Part of it - 5 Coy at least, and possibly the rest of 2 Dn - was involved in the attacks around GHEEL, together with 51 GAF Regt, 53 GAF Regt appears to have been resting today.

The enemy's decision not to withdraw his troops round GHEEL to the NORTH bank of the canal is influenced by the events further WEST. 15 Army's withdrawal across the SCHELDT is a little less disorderly than it was. A potential reinforcement pool is therefore reasonably close to the enemy troops around the GHEEL bridgehead. Some of these 15 Army troops could also be diverted NORTH of the MEUSE canal. A civilian reports enemy digging in near AALST B4314, but this is not yet confirmed by air photos.

On XIX US Corps front a captured map has revealed the following enemy dispositions -

HQ 5 Panzer Army	- K 643607	HQ 533 Div	- K 872477
HQ ? Corps	- K 899353	HQ 348 Div	- K 935401
HQ ? Corps	- K 922554	HQ 146 Pz Div	- K 749330
HQ 9SS Div	- K 670611	HQ 176 Div	- K 4971
HQ 275 Div	- K 784591		

No further details are available. The map appears, however, to be fairly recent, and shows a reasonable lay-out for the forces defending AACHEN. No mention is made of 347 Div which was thought to be in or near the town itself. 533 Div is a new identification, and is probably of the same type as 553 and 559 Divs recently identified near NANCY and METZ respectively.

No further news has been received of the progress of First US Army in GERMANY.

The best news of the day has been the capture of LE HAVRE.

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2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Rifle Grenades

Specimens of two new types of grenades fired from the standard discharger cup have been recovered in FRANCE.

- (i) SS Gewehr Panzergranate 61 mm. - Streamlined, unpainted phosphated steel body with conical black cap. The stem is of steel and has the normal pre-rifled section to correspond with the rifling in the discharger cup.

Weight	-	Approx 19 ozs
Overall length	-	230 mm (9.4 ins)
Length of stem	-	102 mm (4 ins)
Diameter of stem	-	30 mm (1.2 ins)
Max diam of head	-	61 mm (2.4 ins)

The propelling cartridge is a lacquered steel cartridge case, enclosing a small wooden pellet. The cap is uncoloured.

- (ii) SS Gewehr Panzergranate 46 mm. - smaller edition of the 61 mm grenade. The cap is unpainted. The stem is identical in appearance with that of the larger grenade.

Weight	-	Approx 15½ ozs
Overall length	-	195 mm (7.7 ins)
Max diam of head	-	46 mm (1.8 ins)

Propelling cartridge is a lacquered cartridge steel 7.92 mm case, crimped at the neck, and sealed with wax. The cap is yellow. No details of penetration performance are available. (MI 10 and 21 A Gp)

(Source: Second Army IS No. 99)

3. ENEMY METHODS

(a) Occupied Countries: Accommodation

The following translation of a letter from 4/799 Engr Construction Bn is inserted without comment -

4 Coy 799 Engr Construction Bn. In the Field
3 Sep 44.
SUBJECT: "ST ST-NISLUS" billet in POPEMINGHE

To 164 Dutchery Coy, FPN 10906.

The above named monastery was allotted to the Coy as a billet for the night of 2-3 Sep 44 by the local garrison comd. The naval unit which had been stationed here for a long period - probably the "Naval Sigs Eqpt Workshop, Adm, POPEMINGHE", FPN 23305 - had, immediately before its departure devastated these quarters in an almost indescribable manner, as a result of which national property of the utmost value was destroyed in a senseless and irresponsible way. The destructive urge had abandoned itself to a veritable orgy here, to say nothing of the damage done to the building and its contents by wanton demolitions.

/Herr Stabsveterinär.....

3(a) cont'd..

Herr Stabsveterinar Dr SCHEIDTMANN is requested to leave no stone unturned in seeking to punish the perpetrators of this utterly inexcusable vandalism, especially considering that the prestige of the German Wehrmacht has been considerably damaged thereby.

Lt. and Coy Comd
2/Lt and Coy Offr."

(Pencilled note follows -)

The destruction most certainly cannot be justified. Valuable Wehrmacht property could in my opinion have been removed. (Sgd) KENARD, Capt, Coy Comd.

(b) Food "Requisitioning"

An Order dated 14 July 44, issued by C in C WEST expresses strong disapproval of unauthorised removal of foodstuffs and other commodities from the civilian population. A copy of the Order was issued down to companies, and a translation appears below -

70 Inf Div
Ops No. 7720/44 SECRET

Div HQ (Main)
13 Aug 44

Subject: Unauthorised removal of Foodstuffs from the Country.

C in C WEST..... has ordered:

"It has been reported that, not only in the areas of the Feldkommandaturen ALENCON and CAEN, but also in districts far removed from the front, individual units have been taking quantities of butter, eggs, and other essential commodities from the land, on occasion by the use of force. I am not prepared to tolerate this breach of discipline and I forbid all independent requisitioning."

"I am seeking to ensure that cases of this sort will be severely punished, so as to make absolutely certain that tps are provisioned according to plan from the resources of the country while at the same time these resources are utilised for the benefit of the home country, as has been ordered."

The necessary steps will be taken.

For G.C.C. Div.
von KLEIST, GSO I.

4. ENEMY MORALE

The Party and the Offr Corps

Some indication of the nervousness felt by the Nazi Government as to the reactions of the Offr Corps to the recent purge is contained in the following declaration -

70 Inf Div
National-Socialist Direction Branch
No. 1579/44 Top Secret.

Div HQ (MAIN)
20 Aug 44

In a declaration made in person by the Chief of the National-Socialist Directing Staff (Gen von HENGL) on the psychological effects

/of the latest....

of the latest events, the Führer has laid down that, since the proceedings of the People's Court were published, the matter is closed. In future bulletins will be issued concerning only implicated persons who were not members of the Army, such as Dr. COERDELER, who was arrested, and Count HELLDORF. The Führer particularly desires that his Generals and the General Staff, together indeed with the whole officer corps, will no longer allow their self-confidence to diminish. The officer corps will be instructed accordingly.

For GCO Div,
GSO 1.

(Source: Second Army IS No. 99)

4. ENEMY LOSSES

The following PWs passed through Second Army cage since 1800 hrs
3 Sep -

To 1800 hrs	4 Sep	-	4,600
" "	5 "	-	2,432
" "	6 "	-	1,313
" "	7 "	-	7,944
" "	8 "	-	2,887
" "	9 "	-	3,560
" "	10 "	-	4,302

	Total		27,116

Brigadier,
General Staff.

Main HQ 30 Corps

T.O.S. 13.3.46

1. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

Divisions of the Twenty-Sixth Wave

Documents captured in XI US Corps zone reveal the identity of thirteen Divs in the "500" series, all apparently products of the total mobilisation programme that followed the abortive assassination attempt on HITLER on 26 July. These divs in this new twenty-sixth wave must represent the final scrapings of the REICH's desperate manpower resources. They are what may aptly be labelled the GOETTERDAEMERUNG Wave, created in his extremity to strengthen HITLER's last ditch stand against extinction as Allied drives in the EAST and WEST thrust ever closer to GERMANY's borders.

The documents, dated 1 Aug 44, are orders of German Army Personnel Office for transfer and promotion of General Staff Officers. The following Divs are mentioned: 541, 542, 544, 547, 548, 549, 551, 553, 558, 559, 560, 561, and 562 Gren Divs.

There is no clear indication why HIMMLER chose to begin numbering these GOETTERDAEMERUNG Divs with 541. However, 537, 538, 539 and 540 are the numbers of Grenzwacht or Frontier Guard Divs. These Divs of the twenty-sixth wave are in a sense Grenzwacht Divs, too, for they were formed with the express purpose of manning GERMANY's last lines of defence. Therefore it is not unreasonable to assume that the GOETTERDAEMERUNG series is an extension of the Grenzwacht Divs.

A civilian source of unknown reliability reported 6 Sep that 559 Inf Div, with 1125, 1126 and 1127 Regts was located near the FRANCO-GERMAN border vicinity THIONVILLE (U 8788). This civilian source further stated that each Regt has three Bns and that the 13 Coy of each Regt is equipped with 88 mm AA guns. Nine Bns is an unusual divisional organisation. All previous waves of Divs formed in 1944 were organised on a six bn WE, either two Regt - three Bn or three Regt - two Bn. There is support for the three Regt organisation of twentysixth wave Divs in the recent report of identification on the RUSSIAN front of 544 Gren Div, with 1082, 1083 and possibly 1084 Gren Regts. The RUSSIAN report indicates, however, that all Regts of the GOETTERDAEMERUNG Divs are not numbered in the 1100's. 88 mm AA/A Tk guns in the regimental Inf Gun Coy is a reasonable possibility. However, if the 13 Coy has 88s, then there probably will be no 14(A Tk) Coy.

553 Gren Div is reported to contain three Grenadier Regiments, numbered 1119, 1120 and 1121. 559 Gren Div likewise has three regiments. They are numbered 1125, 1126 and 1127. Judging from these regimental affiliations, 558 Gren Div, the only one known between 553 and 559, should have 1122, 1123 and 1124 Gren Regts. The numbering of the regiments within the other divisions of this new wave is as yet uncertain, but a RUSSIAN report identifies 1082, 1083 and 1084 Inf Regts as belonging to 544 Inf Div.

A single PW, captured by Third US Army, in the vicinity of BRIEY (U 6973) claimed to belong to 551 Gren Div, but as yet this is deemed insufficient basis to accept 551 Gren Div in this area.

The detailed organisation of these divisions has not yet been established, but aside from the infantry elements, other supporting units such as Engr, Reco, and Anti-Tank are to be expected. The artillery regiment of these divisions probably contain three or four battalions. It is thought probable, in view of our superiority in armour that at least one battalion of 88 mm guns will be in the artillery regiment.

(Source FUSA)

2. ENEMY ORGANISATION

70 Inf Div

Further info about the now almost legendary "Weissbrot" Division is now available from PW statements.

Several PW of the Fus Bn stated that the bn consisted of four coys, each of three lt pls and one hy pl. The latter was reputed to contain two 8.1 cm mortars, which nobody had ever seen. Tpt was by bicycle and where supplies of German cycles were lacking the unit was ordered to requisition enough Dutch bicycles to bring them up to strength before leaving HOLLAND.

The unit left KONIGSBERG on 25 Jul and took over from a Russian bn on WALCHEREN, leaving the island again on 4 Sep.

Offrs and men of the whole Div are reported to be suffering from stomach complaints and/or the results of stomach wounds. The point of forming these "Magenbataillone" is that it is much easier to provide the necessary milk and white bread diet if all the sufferers are banded together in the same unit. Other nicknames for the division and its sub-units are "Magenkrank", "Puddinggeschwade", "Milchsuppe" (reminiscent of the nickname given to 12 SS but for a different reason), and "Griesbrei".

The personnel are nearly all Germans and many are not malingerers but are quite seriously ill and would have been discharged but for the present manpower shortage.

(Source: Second Army I.S. No.104)

3. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
? 2 Para Div 1/6 Para Regt	3498	14 Sep	PW.
<u>GAF Units</u>			
51 Flieger Regt } 53 Flieger Regt }	N of GHEEL K.OG	14 Sep	Under comd Battle Gps SEIDL and DREIER respectively.
<u>2 Marinehelferinnenersatzabteilung</u>	HELCHEEREN	13 Sep	By paybook only - not, alas! by contact.

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FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- HQ Airborne Army HQ Airborne Corps
Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 43 Div 50 Div

I/isc (.) for GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM to 121300B (.) first (.) GHEEL bridgehead (.) able (.) further counter-attack this morning shows regardless yesterday's losses enemy still trying reduce bridgehead (.) baker (.) Adj 2 Bn 53 Flioger Regt PW 11 Sep states under comd battle gp DREIER (.) previously given orders by HQ 85 Div in TILBURG (.) comment (.) reckon DREIER under comd 85 Div but no units 85 Div yet identified fighting (.) charlie (.) PW identification 5 Coy 6 Para Regt GHEEL indicates whole 2 Bn worth three coys this area leaving 1 and 3 Bns OOSTHAM woods 2181 (.) dog (.) whole force engaged therefore comprises 51 Flioger Regt DREIER battle gp with 53 Flioger Regt 2 Bn 6 Para Regt total worth over five bns supported by sqn tks and SP guns and by flak bn (.) easy (.) Adj also stated battle gp SEIDEL based HERENTHALS 9791 whence other sources report considerable numbers enemy (.) second (.) BEERINGEN bridgehead (.) able (.) except for infantry still in OOSTHAM woods enemy has withdrawn and holding crossings MEUSE - ESCAUT canal (.) whole triangle BEERINGEN LOMMEL 3095 OPITTER 5382 now clear (.) HECHTEL pocket eliminated and 400 PW claimed (.) report follows (.) baker (.) idents and PW 11 Sep show 7 Para Regt area HECHTEL with elts HERMANN GOERING Trg Bn (.) charlie (.) HUDNER still believed comd 7 Para Regt with two bns (.) GRASMEHL Para Regt also two bns (.) dog (.) HARDEGG Para Regt area BREE 5004 also two bns (.) easy (.) Mark 3 tks KO 9 Sep area 3594 reported belonging GOERING Pz Trg unit (.) fox (.) along with NEDERLAND SS and oddments estimate force surviving this area worth ten bns inf supported by 30 misc AFV some 88 mm (.) third (.) several civilian reports indicate AALST E 4314 rather than EINDHOVEN strongly held (.) all informed

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HQ Airborne Army

HQ Airborne Corps

Main Second Army & 12 Corps

XIX US Corps

43 Div

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IMPORTANT

FROM : Main 30 Corps

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TO : HQ Airborne Army HQ Airborne Corps 12 Corps

INFO : Main Second Army XIX US Corps Gds Armd Div
11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div 110 SWS

I/150 (.) for GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM to 130900B (.) first (.)
fresh identifications last 48 hrs (.) all post mortem so no
change general appreciation outlined in our I/150 of 121400B (.)
860 Rft Bn 3995 (.) 137 Flak Bn LOBEL 3095 (.) 602 Flak Bn
lost heavily 11 Sep bridge 3596 (.) 2 Bn HERMANN GOERING Trg Regt
under comd MULLER destroyed X-rds 3483 12 Sep (.) HQ 4 Bn 6 Para
Regt possibly controls regtl wpns coys and not considered another
inf bn (.) FW 1 SS Eng Bn 4297 11 Sep states two coys fighting as
inf (.) rest of div nowhere near (.) second (.) cap map
recent date shows following HQ (.) 5 Pz Army K6460 (.) unspc
Corps K8935 (.) another Corps K9255 (.) an SS Div K6761 (.)
275 Div K7359 (.) 535 Div K8747 (.) 348 Div K9348 (.) 116 Pz
Div K7433 (.) 176 Div K4971

Any means excl W/T

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HQ Airborne Corps)

Main Second Army - By hand
XIX US Corps - By LO
Divs by DRLS
110 SWS - By hand

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 500

Based on information received up to 2300 hrs 14 Sep 44

THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.

PART ONE

1. OPERATIONS

Following his withdrawal on Sep 13 to the North bank of the MEUSE - ESCAUT canal, the enemy has tried-rather belatedly - to eliminate our bridgehead at 3596. It will be remembered that this bridge was captured by us on the evening of Sep. 10, since when we have had plenty of time to consolidate our hold on it. Small wonder therefore that the enemy attacks on it today failed miserably.

The first came from the NORTH on either side of the main road. It was broken up by our artillery fire before it even got properly under way, and none of the enemy troops arrived near enough to our lines to be taken prisoner. At about the same time another attack was started from the Northwest, but this one fared little better and the enemy lost 112 PW. They were all from 1 Bn 6 Para Regt; from their statements it appears that this regiment was responsible for both attacks, supported by 6 AFVs of which 3 are reported KO and one captured.

The enemy artillery has also been slightly more active than of late. About a dozen guns (all types) fired during the course of the day, mainly at the bridge over the MEUSE - ESCAUT canal. This was also attacked early in the morning by a few enemy aircraft without success.

On the Eastern sector of the Corps front, there has been skirmishing and patrolling. Small parties of enemy appeared to be crossing the canal by night, but apart from burning a few houses in BREE they have done little damage. Meanwhile 12 Corps on our left has also established a bridgehead over the canal at 0792. This was counter-attacked but the ground gained has been held. Battle Groups SEIDEL and DREIER are still providing the opposition on this front.

On the rest of the Allied front the Americans have practically cleared MAASTRICHT, are within a mile of AACHEN and have made further gains North of TRIER. The reaction of the German civil population to their arrival appears to vary from glum hostility to profuse gestures of friendliness supported by gifts of money. The pressure of the Americans should have the effect of continuing to pin down the enemy armoured formations on the Central and Southern sectors of the Western front. Certainly little if anything can be spared to help the parachutists and 15 Army flotsam on this front.

From V US Corps, who have penetrated into Germany, it is reported that, WEST of the SIEGFRIED Line, defences encountered were for the most part isolated strong points and local defences of road blocks and stream crossings. On the SIEGFRIED Line, one pillbox was newly camouflaged; troop movements were observed up to company strength. The defences had apparently recently been refurbished.

/Civilians report.....

Civilians report that they were unmanned on 8 Sep ; that many are inundated by seepage ; many guns have been removed, with barbed wire and obstacles taken up. Pillboxes camouflaged as houses have also been reported.

VII US Corps experienced heavy artillery and SA fire from concrete emplacements. Some of the emplacements were not manned, but those that were put up stiff resistance. Routes leading up to the line were blocked by large steel beams and rails sunk into the roads; huge craters had been blown at important points, and steel cables and other obstacles placed across roads. Likely by-passes were heavily mined with anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. All obstacles were defended by infantry and AA automatic weapons.

2. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

(a) Corps Front

Without exception every enemy formation operating in the WEST has suffered so heavily that its actual size bears no relation to its order of battle as originally composed. Regimental numbers no longer have any significance ; in many cases their identification is positively misleading.

With almost pathetic perseverance the enemy has tried after each catastrophe to avert the next. HQ SOMME Corps was set up to reform the shreds from NORMANDY. This plan frustrated, and BELGIUM lost, "Straggler HQ KLOSTERKAMPF" and a half-dozen similar posts were established along the Dutch - German frontier and at important towns in HOLLAND itself. Their task is to collect stragglers (nearly 50,000 men from 15 Army must by now have been ferried across the SCHELDT) and form them into fighting bodies again.

There is no attempt at divisional organisation now, for they have virtually no transport, signals or heavy equipment. So they are formed into infantry battle groups anything from 100 to 3,000 strong and sent off by train or on foot to their allotted sector. Groups are named after the officer commanding, and are often flung into battle so quickly that on capture the prisoners can not give it. SEIRLATHERENTHALS and DREIER at CHEEL are two examples.

Administration too is chaotic - ammunition is in short supply and few of the 2,000 prisoners taken recently between the two canals had had a full food ration in weeks. These battle groups have just as much cohesion and fighting value as the personality of the Commander can impose on them : some, such as DREIER and VAN der HEYDE, fight bitterly while others disintegrate long before they are destroyed.

This comment on enemy organisation is presented in order to show how rickety is the whole structure, regardless of present resistance on the Corps front.

Future resistance is likely to be very much on the same scale as what we have experienced over the last week ; that is to say a crust along waterlines composed of infantry battle groups supported by a fair amount of heavy flak and a few AFVs.

There is no doubt that a large number of troops - say 15,000 - can now be spared from 15 Army to reinforce the dozen or so battalions now fronting 30 Corps. Numerically this is an imposing force, but its great vulnerability lies in lack of equipment, particularly MT and anti-tank guns.

There is also little doubt that the former static heavy AA defences of HOLLAND and the RUHR have yielded up a large number of guns - some hundreds in all - and the enemy certainly has enough to put a troop of six 88mm at each important junction or watercrossing.

Bad communications and lack of mobility should however ensure a repetition of what has happened before : ie. that it takes the enemy about 24 hours to seal off a penetration of the crust/when the /even pressure is not sustained.

That, in general terms (and it is regretted that it is not possible to give more detail at this stage) is the potential force against us. There is no evidence that anything like 15,000 infantry have been earmarked or 200 AA guns deployed - it is simply a capability, but a likely one in view of the ^{commitments of the} panzer divisions between AACHEN and METZ and the meagre reserves available in GERMANY itself. They must oppose us with something, and 15 Army remnants plus flak is all that is handy.

(b) STRATEGICAL

The German, not many months ago, could console himself for many defeats and disappointments, by thinking that the war was still far from the REICH frontiers. Now, not only is the war right up to those frontiers in many places, but German garrisons still far from the REICH have ceased to be protectors ; they are themselves an added anxiety. The evacuations from SOUTH and WEST FRANCE, and from RUMANIA have proved immensely costly, and those from FINLAND, GREECE and JUGOSLAVIA, even longer and more difficult, have still to be negotiated. Good German bodies and souls are dropping in thousands by the wayside, and will be missing in the hour of the defense of the Fatherland. Even those that get back, will get back too late. The whole wreck of the BALKANS and FINLAND may yield up perhaps half a dozen divisions.

These will go no way to meet the crying need for more divisions to ~~run~~ the WEST Wall : moreover, a line in FRANSYLVANIA will need to be manned. Where, then, are more divisions to be found? Not in NORWAY, withdrawal would take too long, and the troops of too low category to be worth much; they pay more dividends where they are. DENMARK might still supply one division, and a dozen or more may yet be formed in GERMANY, given time, from training units, remnants and so forth. The ITALIAN and RUSSIAN fronts risk collapse if anything more is withdrawn from them. In ITALY in particular, any form of withdrawal to the Alps will probably cost as many men in casualties as it saves by improving the line, even if complete disaster is not incurred in the process. In short, C in C WEST may expect not more than a dozen divisions within the next two months to come from outside to the rescue.

C in C WEST himself salvaged rather over 200,000 fighting troops from the second battle of FRANCE. Since then he has had a further 70,000 trapped in BELGIUM, of which two-thirds no doubt will escape, but he has gained some 50,000 additional troops from GERMANY and perhaps 30,000 replacements may be acquired by degrees (a generous estimate). If 50,000 fighting troops escape from the SOUTH of FRANCE, the total troops available for manning the WEST Wall should eventually be around 300,000, or the equivalent of about 15 divisions, to which the speculative dozen from other quarters have to be added. It is most unlikely that more than the true equivalent of four panzer /panzer grenadier divisions, with 600 AFVs will ever be found.

To sum up, C in C WEST will soon have available the true equivalent of about 15 divisions, including 4 panzer, for the defense of the West Wall. A further five or six may struggle up in the course of the month, making a total of about twenty.

Clearly the West Wall cannot be held with this amount, even when supplemented by many oddments and large amounts of flak.

(Source - SHAEF W.I.S. No.25)

Main HQ 30 Corps

C. J. P. W. G. Lt
Brigadier,
General Staff.

T.O.S. 150220R

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THE GERMAN AIR FORCE - 'D' DAY to 12TH SEP

1. Since 'D' Day the German Air Force has undergone a series of strains which have cumulatively affected its efficiency until now its fighting value is very low.
2. It may be of interest to trace shortly the history of the German resistance to Operation OVERLORD. In the first place, the fighters existing in FRANCE were boosted up by the addition of a number of Gruppen sent from various other theatres and particularly from GERMANY. This force, which seems to have been the Tactical Air Force of the LUFTWAFFE, varied in establishment but generally speaking seems to have been in the neighbourhood of 500 aircraft. It came under the tactical control of Jagdkorps 2.
3. It must be remembered, however, that the GAF was operating against the bridgehead under conditions which were, from the outset, nearly as difficult, and later, far more difficult than ours. The bombing which had preceded the operation had been directed firstly against German fighters and secondly against the enemy's communications. By reason of the nature of the territory on which we landed, there were few airfields in existence within 50 miles and those which fringed the 50 mile radius, such as the EVREUX Group, had been so bombed as to be unprofitable to use. The enemy, therefore resorted to the construction of landing strips. These, however, suffered from many disadvantages; the servicing facilities were bad, dispersal had to be remote and much time was wasted in assembling squadrons for an operation.
4. But, perhaps of greater importance, was the fact that communications were so poor that the greatest difficulty was experienced in obtaining essential supplies at the right place and time. The crew position, too, was not good. While the morale of aircrew, particularly of fighter pilots was high, their experience was insufficient for any high standard operation.
5. In the early stages, the German TAF attempted to work as a Tactical Air Force to the extent that it carried out a few ground attack missions. Dive-bombing, rocket firing and ground strafing with cannon were all tried, but never on a large scale and never in a very concentrated operation. Losses were, moreover, very heavy. After a week or two, the enemy seems either to have decided that the game was not worth the candle or to have turned his aircraft on to more pressing tasks such as protecting troops on the ground, for dive-bombing and rocket attacks were discontinued and it was not until about the time the Americans started to break out of their bridgehead that they were resumed, and even then ineffectively.
6. Once the break out commenced, the GAF was on the run. Turned out of its landing strips at ARGENTAN, ALENCON, FLERS, LAVAL, LE MANS and ANGERS, it moved Westward. Immediately, its efficiency, such as it was, dropped, for no sooner had he got into position in one set of bases than he had to move to another. East of PARIS and BEAUVAIS, to JUVINCOURT and PAS DE CALAIS to BELGIUM and the NANCY area, then to South HOLLAND and STRASBOURG he went. But now all these bases are denied to him and the German TAF is now in the REICH itself. Its bases seem to stretch from the RUHR, Southwards to the SWISS frontier.
7. This force now has the backing of the fighters of the Air Defence of GERMANY, controlled by JAGDKORPS 1, and will presumably also have the support of such aircraft as have been thrown up by the German withdrawal in South East EUROPE. But it is doubtful if this force will, so far as this Group is concerned, be ^{much more} formidable than before. With the XVth Air Force operating in ITALY, a fair proportion of the force will have to

/remain in.....

remain in the SOUTH to protect Southern GERMANY and AUSTRIA. The VIIIth will also be a menace and a good proportion of fighters are likely to be tied to a permanent state of readiness to meet them.

8. However, it is believed that some months ago a number of the most experienced German formation leaders were transferred to GERMANY to meet the attacks of the Fortresses. It is worth considering, therefore, some of these pilots may be encountered, in which case an improvement in the handling and tactics of some fighter units may be expected.
9. The Long Range Bomber Force has been quiet for some time. Having also been on the run, its serviceability is probably quite low and its crews, now that the relatively simple operation of minelaying is not required, are not expected to put up any very startling effort.
10. The strength of the present force in GERMANY is estimated as follows -

	<u>Jagdkorps 2.</u>	<u>Jagdkorps 1.</u>
Long Range Bombers	150	-
Ground Attack	20	-
Single-engined fighters	300	305
Twin-engined fighters	80	390
Long Range Recce	25	-
Tactical Recce	10	-
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TOTALS	585	695
		585
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		1,280
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(Source: 83 Group Intelligence
Memorandum No.2)

FROM : GSI Main 30 Corps

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TO : Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div Tac 43 Div 50 (N) Div
12 Corps Main Second Army XIX US Corps
Airborne Corps 101 US Airborne Div

I/156 (.) for GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM 142200B (.)

first (.) enemy manning line MEUSE ESCAUT canal and thickening
up round bridgehead 3596 (.) counter attack this morning from
NORTH and NW by one bn and 6 AFV (.) 110 PW from 1 Bn 6 Para
Regt and 3 AFV reported KO (.) second (.) civilians
report first Dutch and German SS troops area 3996 4297
4697 (.) second WILHELMINA canal (.) BEST bridge 389251
mined SOUTH side and three 88mm one a/tk gun NORTH side (.)
area ZON 4425 three bridges prepared for demolition but
weakly guarded as yet (.) all informed

Any means excl wireless

IMMEDIATE
Authority BGS

W. M. Holman
Distribution : BGS
110 SWS

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 501

Based on Information received up to 2359 hours 16 Sep 44

THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.

1. ENEMY SITUATIONPART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION.

During the past forty-eight hours there has been little enemy activity on the Corps front. Realising that our bridgehead at 3596 is far too strong for him to eliminate, the enemy has directed the full weight of his attacks on the 12 Corps bridgehead instead. PW have therefore been scarce, and their statements complicate rather than clarify the enemy picture on our front.

It appears, however, that the bulk of 6 Para Regt, commanded by VAN DER HEYDTE, less two coys fighting against 12 Corps, are still opposite our bridgehead. In addition there are two weak battalions of 1 SS Division, 860 Pft Bn and 6 ZBV Bn, consisting of 'defaulters trying to get their honour back.'

This means that up to six battalions of infantry are immediately available to contest our advance from the bridgehead. These are backed by about 20 AFVs of 559 A Tk Bn, and a dozen or so field and medium guns.

The number of 88s on our immediate front does not appear to be very large. Most of the Flak in HOLLAND is still centred around the crossings over the WAAL and the NEDEPRIJN. Of 241 light AA and 116 heavy AA guns reported between UTRECHT and the German frontier, well over half covers the towns of ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN. The figures are :- ARNHEM area 13 heavy AA guns, 95 light AA guns; NIJMEGEN area 61 heavy AA guns, 54 light AA guns.

On the American front there has been little change. Initial reports from the troops that have come up against the SIEGFRIED Line indicate that much that has been written of its decay and out of dateness is true but that obstacles in the form of dragon's teeth are being encountered; the former present a formidable problem for the Engineers without whose aid passage will be impossible. Pillboxes have been encountered too, generally manned by machine-gunners who leave their shelter rapidly once it is hit though not penetrated by a shell from the anti-tank gunners. There is no evidence from recent photographic cover of the reported extension of the line NORTH, and to the EAST of NIJMEGEN there are no signs whatever of fortifications.

(Last paragraph - Source - GSI Second Army).

STOP PRESS

Tac/R this evening reports that the bridge at E.6760 has been blown.

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) 8.8 cm Pak 43 on PANTHER chassis (Jagdpanther)

The dimensions of the Jagdpanther (Sd Kfz 173) are given as follows -

Overall length (incl gun)	32' 4"
Overhang of gun	9' 7"
Overall width	10' 9"
Overall height	8' 3"

(Source: SHARP)

An official German manual on this equipment gives some fresh facts on the performance and handling of the vehicle in battle.

Jagdpanther is evidently designed to fulfil the dual role of "Assault" gun and mobile A/Tk gun. The manual recommends that targets should be engaged from 2,700 yards.

Performance data is as follows -

Maximum speed	- 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ mph
Average speed on roads	- 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ mph
Average speed cross country	- 9 mph
Radius of action, roads	- 87 miles
Radius of action, average country	- 68 miles
Radius of action, difficult country	- 50 miles
Trench crossing	- 8 ft $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Step	- 2 ft 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ in
Uphill gradient	- 30°
Downhill gradient	- 40°
Fording	- 5 ft 1 in

The following is a fairly literal translation of the chapter dealing with the characteristics, employment and handling of Jagdpanthers in battle.

- (i) "Jagdpanther" is a heavy A/Tk equipment. It is designed for use by the high command as a "Schwerpunkt" weapon for the destruction of enemy tank attacks. "Jagdpanthers" are organised in Army Troop heavy A/Tk battalions. A battalion consists of 3 companies of 14 "Jagdpanthers" each and there are 3 Jagdpanthers at Battalion HQ. Each coy has 3 Troops each with Jagdpanthers, and there are 2 Jagdpanthers at company HQ.
- (ii) With its 8.8 cm A/tk gun (L/71), Jagdpanther can destroy all known types of enemy tanks at long ranges. Its cross country performance and armour protection enables it actually to attack enemy tanks and assist friendly tks in frontal attacks.
- (iii) The ltd traverse, vision, and available means of defence at close quarters, do not permit "Jagdpanthers" to be used in the role of tks and make it necessary for them to be protected by infantry or tks.
- (iv) The employment of the complete bn is the primary consideration towards obtaining a decisive success. If it is found necessary to employ single coys, they may be placed under cmd of formations down to and inclusive divs but not lower. They may be placed in support of brigades & bns. The "Jagdpanthers" unit cmd will be consulted before tasks are allotted. In all circumstances he remains responsible for the execution of his task.
The bn is responsible for the repair of veh in sub-allotted coys. The employment of individual sections (4 Jagdpanthers) is only permissible against fortified positions and in close country. The use of the individual "Jagdpanthers" is forbidden.
- (v) "Jagdpanthers" should be located where the enemy Schwerpunkt and thrust line is known to be, in order to strengthen up existing A/Tk weapons. Here, they should be committed to battle as complete units.

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- (vi) "Jagdpanther" is not a static A/Tk gun. It is not designed for the role of protection.
- (vii) "Jagdpanther" is not an artillery piece on an SP carriage. The engagement with HE ammunition of unarmoured targets is only permissible -
- if there are no enemy tanks about;
 - if there are no other heavy guns available or
 - if they have been knocked out;
 - if the ammunition supply allows.
- (viii) After completing their mission at the front, "Jagdpanthers" should be withdrawn for repair and maintenance. The readiness for action of a "Jagdpanther" depends on the amount of regular maintenance that it is possible to do.
- (ix) Full use must be made of the range of the gun when attacking enemy tanks, particularly when the enemy has a large superiority in the numbers of tanks. Targets should be engaged in good time from 2,700 yards.
- (x) When "Jagdpanthers" are in concealed positions unknown to the enemy, it is best to let enemy tanks ride into the field of fire. The tanks then can be engaged at short range with the effect of surprise. Concentration of fire is desirable.
- (xi) When engaging targets, full use should be made of manoeuvrability. Firing positions should be changed frequently and it is possible to increase the effect of "Jagdpanthers" by opening up from unexpected directions.
- (xii) An enemy tank attack can be pinned down by a proportion of "Jagdpanthers", while the rest attack the enemy tanks from the flank or rear and destroy them.
- (xiii) The tasks of a "Jagdpanther" unit during an attack by tanks are -
- support of the first wave by engaging enemy cruiser and heavy tanks.
 - pinning down the enemy tanks from the front while the enemy flanks or rear are being attacked.
 - protection of either or both flanks of the attacking tanks.
- (xiv) In the case of an attack by infantry, "Jagdpanthers" should follow immediately behind the leading riflemen. Their main task is then the engagement of enemy tanks to the fronts and to the flanks. If no enemy tanks out in an appearance, targets, the engagement of which would assist the infantry attack, can be taken on by machine gun fire and HE.
- (xv) In attacking fortified positions "Jagdpanthers" can effectively support the advance of the assaulting troops by firing at vision and weapon slits.

- (xvi) In the pursuit; "Jagdpanthers", together with other mobile units, follow up the enemy ruthlessly. Patrol and ammunition supplies must be ensured in good time.
- (xvii) In the defence; "Jagdpanthers" should be concentrated and held in readiness in the rear of sectors, particularly threatened by tank attacks. Approach routes, assembly areas and fire positions should be reconnoitered and prepared beforehand. Dispersal over a wide front lessens the effect of fire and increases the difficulties of command and supply. "Jagdpanthers" must never be dug in on main defensive lines. Enemy tanks, which have broken through must be destroyed in the manner described in paras (i) to (1).
- (xviii) After disengaging and retiring from the battle, "Jagdpanthers" should be used for mobile fighting in the intervening terrain between defensive positions. Convenient fire positions should be sought out, making use of available sectors. Positions should be chosen so that the vehicles can be driven back quickly into a concealed position. "Jagdpanthers" are not suitable for giving close support on rearguards owing to the limited traverse of the gun and the difficulties involved in recovery work. Close co-operation with Grenadiers is necessary.
- (xix) When fighting in built-up and wooded areas, "Jagdpanthers" can give fire support to the attacking forces until the enemy position has been penetrated.
- Their employment within such areas has a limited value only as their tactical mobility cannot be exploited and the length of the gun often prevents the vehicle from being traversed. Complete protection by infantry must always be provided.
- (xx) "Jagdpanthers" can be used at night in close co-operation with other weapons provided the attack is limited in range and complete facilities for reconnaissance and guidance are available.

(Source - 21 Army Gp Tech
Int Summary No.3)

(b) 8 cm HE Rocket

A new German rocket weapon has been captured - 8 cm Raketen Sprenggranate. It is an electrically fired, unrotating rocket carrying an HE shell. Stability in flight is ensured by the fitting of four steel fins.

The rocket is 29.4 inches long and consists of a nose fuze HE shell screwing into an adapter ring, which in turn screws into the rocket motor tube. The motor tube is closed by a cone-shaped assembly carrying the fins on the outside and containing the venturi and propellant supporting grid. The open end of the tail assembly is closed by a cardboard cup cemented in position.

The whole projectile is painted the usual dark green and the only markings found to date are "13 d dov 44" in white stencilling on the motor tube together with anormal German work mark in purple stencilling. The shell and fuze are unmarked, the fuze being flatnosed and of an unusual shape. On the motor tube, on lines midway between two adjacent pairs of fins, and two pairs of metal studs diametrically opposed, one pair about an inch from the rear of the motor tube carrying insulated conductors to the interior where they are joined by a fine brass wire ignition bridge, and the other pair about one inch from the forward end of the motor tube being plain.

The propellant consists of 6 tubular sticks of cordite (not yet identified), the ignition ridge running over a circular silk igniter bag containing gun powder. There is another ring-shaped bag at the forward end of the motor tube.

It is possible that the rocket is launched while the metal studs are resting on guide rails. Nothing is, however, at the moment known about the projector, except that the official name of the weapon is 'Mantelrohr'.

(c) 35 cm (18.8 in) HE Rocket

A semi-official document gives some details of a new HE rocket, known as the 35 cm Wurfkerper. This has a range of approx 11,000 yds and differs from previous German rockets in that the propellant chamber runs the full length of the projectile and is surrounded by the HE filling and outer casing. It is probable that ballistic advantage will be obtained from this system as opposed to rockets with rear or forward motor units.

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THE CLIMATE OF CENTRAL AND WESTERN GERMANY IN AUTUMN AND WINTER

This study summarizes the salient aspects of the autumn and winter climate in central and western GERMANY as they affect military operations. The general area considered is bounded by a line including KREFELD - HANOVER - BERLIN - DRESDEN - NUREMBERG - STUTTGART and the RHINE Valley; the period reported runs from September to February, inclusive. It is emphasised that the conditions described are those generally prevailing and are not an adequate basis for specific or short range forecasts.

General. A modified continental climate prevails in this region, characterised by an annual temperature range of about 30 degrees Fahrenheit to 66 degrees Fahrenheit, with considerably more sunshine, clearer skies, and less rain than Western BRITAIN or Northwestern FRANCE.

Temperature. The temperature at any point in this area at the same latitude depends as much upon altitude as latitude, for, generally speaking, at the same latitude, each rise of 360 feet above sea level results in the lowering of the daily mean temperature one (1) degree Fahrenheit.

TABLE 1. Mean Monthly Temperature (Degree Fahrenheit)

Station	Alt(ft)	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
AACHEN	669	57	50	41	36	35	36
BERLIN	131	58	49	40	34	31	34
FRANKFURT am MAIN	341	58	49	41	35	32	36
LEIPZIG	394	57	48	39	33	30	33
NUREMBERG	1033	56	47	38	32	29	33

TABLE 2. Mean Daily Maximum and Minimum Temperatures for BERLIN

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
Maximum	66	55	43	37	35	38
Minimum	51	43	36	30	27	29

In the RHINELAND for five days in January and twelve throughout one winter, it can be expected that the temperature will not rise above freezing, and in BERLIN ten in January and twenty-five for the winter.

Precipitation. The maximum precipitation takes place in the summer and the minimum in the spring. The amount of rainfall depends upon the distance from the sea and terrain relief. There is a steady decrease from WEST to EAST, the effect of which is altered by mountain areas, so that the average rainfall is greater in the higher Southern areas than in the lower NORTH. The rate of increase varies from about one and one-half to three and one-half inches of rainfall for each 300 ft of altitude, and is greatest where the relief feature runs perpendicular to the prevailing rain-bearing wind, usually South-westerly or Westerly. Winter rain occurs mostly as light showers or drizzle; December generally has more days with rain than any other month, although, in regard to total precipitation, it ranks among the drier months.

TABLE 3. Mean Monthly Precipitation (inches)

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB	Average
AACHEN	2.8	2.8	2.5	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.7
BERLIN	1.8	1.7	1.6	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.6
FRANKFURT am MAIN	1.8	2.0	1.7	2.0	1.5	1.4	1.7
LEIPZIG	2.3	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.7

TABLE 4. Mean Monthly Number of rain days (at least 0.1 mm)

	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC	JAN	FEB
AACHEN	14	16	17	17	16	17
BERLIN	13	14	14	15	15	15
FRANKFURT am MAIN	11	14	14	15	14	14
LEIPZIG	12	14	13	15	14	14

* /The yearly.....

The yearly amount of rainfall is generally consistent, but over short periods the variation may be great. In exceptionally wet years the rainfall in a month may be two or three times the normal, and in exceptionally dry years may be negligible. Exceptionally wet months are comparatively rare, occurring on an average in one year in twenty. February and November are the months most susceptible to abnormally high rain, and conversely, February is the month with the most frequent rainfall deficiencies.

As the severity of the winter increases from west to east, so does the average snowfall. The average number of days on which enough snow falls to yield 0.1 in (0.004 inches) of water on melting ranges from 30 days in the RHINE Valley to 60 in EAST PRUSSIA. There is, of course, an increase with altitude. January is the month with the most snow days, but February is not far behind. Snow may occur in October, rarely below 1500 ft but more frequently above; in November it begins to be fairly frequent inland (four to eight days), but is rare in the west (two or three days). By December, winter conditions have set in and snow is as frequent as rain in the west and more frequent in the east. In BERLIN the average date of occurrence of the first snowfall of the winter between 1880 and 1906 was 13 November, and varied between 24 September and 6 December.

Pressure. Western and central EUROPE is under the influence of depressions which move inland from the ATLANTIC Ocean. The winds in GERMANY most usually associated with the passage of depressions blow from between south and north-west, rarely from the north and east. During the winter a ridge of high pressure extends along the "backbone" of EUROPE from the UKRAINE to SPAIN, resulting in a prevailing southwesterly wind. However, these generalized conditions represent only an over-present tendency which may be overshadowed from day to day by temporary and periodic pressure changes as well as by local terrain relief.

In the autumn there is an increase in the relative importance of southerly and easterly winds, though the westerly direction is still the most frequent. The variety of the relief and direction of the valleys exert a strong local influence. For example, at COLOGNE, sheltered from Northeasterly and Southwesterly winds, there is a notable prevalence of Northeasterly and Southwesterly winds following the RHINE Valley. Another example of the effect of terrain is the WISPERWIND which takes its name from the River WISPER, a small tributary of the RHINE flowing from EAST to WEST in a deep-cut valley through the TAUNUS uplands, north of FRANKFURT. It results in a down valley flow of cold air, often 18 degrees Fahrenheit colder than that in the RHINE Valley, causing fogs and frost there.

September is, in general, the calmest month.

Humidity. The mean relative humidity for BERLIN rises gradually through the fall and winter from 75 in September to 87 in December and then falls more slowly to 83 in March. There is considerable regional variation in the mean relative humidity, but in general, the seasonal variation, with a maximum in mid-winter, and a minimum in early summer, is common to all but the high mountainous areas.

Cloud and Sunshine. Winter is the cloudiest season and December the cloudiest month. Winter cloud is generally of the largest type. Cloud level is lower in winter, generally below 3,000 feet. Only the highest mountains are normally above cloud levels.

TABLE 5. Monthly Mean Cloud over BERLIN (tenths of the sky covered)

<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>
5.5	6.5	7.3	7.7	7.3	7.2

Because of this winter cloud maximum, combined with the shortness of daylight, sunshine hours in January average only one or two hours per day. The figures for southeastern ENGLAND, the sunniest district in the BRITISH ISLES, are added for comparison. In general, these regions of GERMANY situated away from the coast and mountains have a better record in summer, but are cloudier in winter.

TABLE 6. Sunshine hrs per Day.

	<u>SEP</u>	<u>OCT</u>	<u>NOV</u>	<u>DEC</u>	<u>JAN</u>	<u>FEB</u>
BERLIN	4.8	3.1	1.7	1.1	1.3	2.2
NUREMBERG	4.3	3.0	1.4	0.9	1.2	2.1
SE ENGLAND	5.4	3.4	2.2	1.4	1.7	2.6

Fog Accepting the definition of fog when objects are not visible in daylight at distances of 1,000 metres, the number of foggy days in the area considered increases sharply during autumn and reaches a peak of between seven and eight days per month for October and December from two or three in September. In December and January this declines gradually to between four and six. Fog in GERMANY is nearly always land fog and is due to cooling by radiation. Thus it is at its maximum in the early morning, and in the late autumn and winter tends to persist throughout the day. Calm or very light breezes are necessary for its formation, and, over the land, a light drift of air from South or SouthWest is a condition predisposing to fog. In high mountain areas mist and fog are really cloud and the frequency of occurrence is very high, especially in autumn and winter.

Visibility In general, visibility tends to be low when (1) the relative humidity is high (2) and wind velocity is low; (3) warm air travels over relatively colder land. Visibility is worst from January on.

TOPOGRAPHICAL APPRECIATION OF THE AXES OF ADVANCE

1. WESTERN AXIS

(a) ESCAUT CANAL - EINDHOVEN

First class road 25 - 30 ft wide with a tarmacadan surface and ample grass verges in most places. Parts of the road, however, are onbanked and flanked by ditches. Deployment is considered difficult except in sandy woodland areas immediately on either side of the road between VALKENSWAARD and EINDHOVEN. This stretch is also suitable for the dispersal of vehicles.

(b) EINDHOVEN

Except for the main North - South road, the streets are to be avoided as they are tortuous and narrow.

(c) EINDHOVEN - GRAVE

First class road, width 20 - 30 ft. Deployment possible along most of its length except between ZON 4426 and ST OEDENRODE 4232 where the surrounding country is peaty, and in the neighbourhood of GRAVE where the wood is onbanked with ditches on either side.

The bridge over the WILHELMINA canal is believed to be class 40 but can only take single line traffic. That over the ZUID WILLEMS VAART canal at 4736 is shown on a German map corrected to Mar 1943 as having a maximum load capacity of 16 tons.

The loop at ST OEDENRODE can be by-passed by a new road (not shown on the 1:100,000 maps) from 424317 to the x-rds at 427322.

(d) GRAVE to NIJMEGEN

First class road with concrete surface, 20 - 30 ft wide. Also two cycle tracks 5 ft wide, flanked by broad grass verges.

From GRAVE to 6459 the road crosses the MEUSE valley polders intersected by hedges, trees and ditches at almost the same level as the adjoining land except for a stretch on an embankment half-a-mile each side from the MEUSE bridges. From 6459 the road follows the railway through country dotted with clumps of trees or bushes and villas. Almost the whole of the road is dominated by the high ground SOUTH and EAST of NIJMEGEN. Between GRAVE and NIJMEGEN there are firm dry soils except for two belts of wet clay, one for two miles NORTH of GRAVE and the other a mile long at 652600.

(e) NIJMEGEN to ARNHEM

The old road via ELST 7070 varies from 20 ft to 40 ft in width. The surface is concrete for most of the way, though parts are of rolled clinker.

The road crosses the WAAL river by a new bridge 716631 to LENT 7164, and the open cultivated plain to the lower RHINE through flat open fields lined with ditches and small scattered orchards near the villages. Firm dry, sandy soil. Trees along the roadside and the orchards afford the only cover as far as ELST, whilst deployment is limited to several secondary roads.

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At 715737 a new road leads to ARNHEM via a new bridge over the lower RHINE at 748767. The road is believed to be still under construction. It should be capable of taking tracked vehicles, but these would have to by-pass two incomplete "fly-over" bridges.

2. EASTERN AXIS

(a) VALKENSWAARD - LEENDE 4807 - GLENDROP 4816

First class road, but deployment very difficult, except for a short stretch between LEENDE and HEEZE 4911, owing to peaty nature of the ground. Limited deployment just West of road HEEZE to GELDROP.

(b) GELDROP to HELMOND 5522

First class road with Class 40 bridge over the EINDHOVEN Canal. Deployment poor as far as MIERLOO 5218, but fair from there to HELMOND.

(c) HELMOND - BAKEL 6124 - GEMERT 5780 - VOLKEL 5640
- MILL 6445 - ESCHEREN 6151

Secondary road, in several places fit only for single lane traffic. Surface generally good and suitable for heavy loads, except for a stretch midway between VOLKEL and MILL where the subsoil is peat.

One Class 40 and two Class 24 bridges over the ZUID WILLEMS VAART at HELMOND.

Deployment possible along most of the road, though there are bad stretches West of the road at 6026, on either side of the road between VOLKEL and MILL, and for a couple of miles NW of MILL.

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.502Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 17 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.PART ONE1. OPERATIONS

The latest available reports indicate that today's combined ground and airborne attacks have gone according to plan. The enemy's front line has been pierced and his back areas surprised.

Of the actual landings which took place at 1300 hrs, there is only scanty news. Allied paratroops are reported established at SON 4426 (where a troop of heavy flak was defending the bridge), SOUTH of ODENRODE 4332, WEST of VEGHEL 4737, in possession of the bridge intact at GRAVE, NEERBOSCH 6661, NIJMEGEN and ARNHEM.

The big bridges at the two latter places are still intact, but the one at NIJMEGEN is apparently still being used by enemy traffic.

Reports that the actual drops took place without opposition indicate that the enemy was taken by surprise, and it is not known exactly what troops, other than flak units already committed, are available to counter them.

Such forces as are raked together will most likely come from the direction of TILBURG E 13 since large numbers of troops recently ferried across the SCHELDT are passing through this place.

Shortly after the airborne landings, at 1445 hrs, the attack from the bridgehead started. 400 guns and swarms of RP and fighter-bombers put down a narrow barrage right up the EINDHOVEN road and this was followed closely by tanks and infantry. The advance reached the 02 Northing and here the hard fighting started. The enemy was well dug in along both sides of the road in the woods which stretch NORTH from this point, and after the barrage had passed over they opened up again. Altogether five enemy battalions were involved: on the NW side of the bridgehead and inclusive the main road were 1 and 3 Battalions 6 Para Regt and Penal Battalion No.6 (which strangely enough fights as hard as any, since the convicts can thus regain their citizenship and "honour"). On the NE side of the bridgehead, but exclusive the main road, were two SS battalions, of 9 SS "HOHENSTAUFEN" and 10 SS "FRUNDSBERG" respectively with the sole surviving 88 mm troop of 602 Flak Bn. The arrival of these two SS battalions is a complete surprise, but from PW statements it is not thought that much more of either 9 or 10 SS Divisions is in the area.

Anyway these five battalions fought hard and suffered heavily. All except the extreme right and left wings were able to bring fire to bear on the road itself. HOFFMANN, OC Parachutists, and KERUTT, OC Convicts, were both killed and 300 PW are claimed (though not yet confirmed) along with four a/tc guns and one SP KO. At 1800 hrs another attack was made to clear up the situation. By 1815 hrs our leading troops had reached the 07 Northing against weakening opposition

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and at last light entered VALKENSWAARD which they now hold firmly, reporting only light contact.

That briefly is the story of today's breakthrough and it is not out of place to acknowledge the very gallant part played by the Air Forces in achieving it.

In spite of the fact that the whole German Army in the NETHERLANDS will be in a state of alarm, it is reasonable to hope that this evening's breakthrough will not have been sealed off by tomorrow, and that only minor opposition should prevent our columns pushing on to the airborne bridgeheads. There will no doubt be the same sort of desperate but disjointed attempts against the flanks of the penetration as there were a fortnight ago at OUDENARDE and TERMONDE. As stated above, TILBURG is the direction from which they are most likely to come. However, these are not so serious - what really matters is the preservation of the river bridges.

1. ENEMY ORGANIZATION

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Flexible Organization (FREIE GLIEDERUNG) of the Tank Regt

A recently captured document sheds further light on the tank element of the Panzer Division '44, particularly on the effect of setting up supply (Versorgungs) companies within the battalion. The net effect of it in both the Panther Bn and the IV Bn is to reduce the total number of motor vehicles (other than tanks and motor cycles) by 33 each.

Each tank company is completely streamlined, leaving it with only its tanks, two motor cycles and two cars, as opposed to the three motor cycles and fifteen vehicles the company formerly controlled.

The headquarters company, usually a conglomeration of staff and fighting troops, is stripped of everything except its light flak platoon (3 Vierlings: 12 x 2 on guns), its reconnaissance and engineer platoon and its signal and tank platoon (with five Panthers).

Summary of vehicles shows the following -

(a) IV Battalion

	<u>Old Type</u>					<u>Flexible Organisation. (Freie Gliederung.)</u>		
	<u>Tks.</u>	<u>Half Tracked Vehs</u>	<u>Other Vehs.</u>	<u>MC Tracked & otherwise</u>	<u>Tks</u>	<u>Half track vehs</u>	<u>Other Vehs</u>	<u>MC (tracked and otherwise)</u>
HQ	-	-	7	2	-	-	3	2
HQ Coy	4	17	43	19	5	17	7	8
4 Tk Coys (each)	22	2	13	3	22 +	-	2	2
Sup Coy	-	-	-	-	-	8	52	2
Wksp Coy	-	12	35	6	-	12	33	6
TOTAL	93	37	137	39	93 +	37	103	26

(b) Panther Battalion

	<u>Old Type</u>				<u>Flexible Organisation. (Freie Gliederung.)</u>			
	<u>Tks.</u>	<u>Half Track Vehs</u>	<u>Other Vehs.</u>	<u>MC (Tracked & otherwise)</u>	<u>Tks.</u>	<u>Half- Track Vehs.</u>	<u>Other Vehs.</u>	<u>MC (tracked & otherwise)</u>
HQ	-	-	7	2	-	-	3	2
HQ Coy	5	24	61	19	5	14	10	8
4 Tk Coys (each)	22	2	16	3	22 +	-	2	2
Sup Coy	-	-	-	-	-	15	82	2
Wksp Pl	-	6	33	1	-	6	32	1
TOTAL	93	30	165	34	93 +	35	135	21

+ = 4 Pl with five tanks indicated as "pers Reserve".

(Source - SHAEF Int Notes No.25)

An official explanation of this org has been provided by a German document of 11 Apr 44 issued by the Director-General of the Pz Arm and signed by General Guderian.

Extracts from the document have been translated as follows -

All formations of the Pz Arm have been reformed according to the new organisation known as independent composition (freie Gliederung). They represent a way of taking into account the requirements of personnel and material in the 5th year of war. No further reductions are now possible if the same battle strength is to be maintained.

Principles of independent composition (freie Gliederung) are -

1. Improvement of the ratio of fighting personnel and personnel not actually engaged in fighting.
2. Formation of really mobile fighting units with the abolition of all supply columns.
3. Relieving young coy comds of supply tasks for which they have not been trained and for which they have not sufficient time, so that they can concentrate on their principal duty, i.e., combat.
4. Continuity of supply even with repeated change of coy comds.
5. Concentration of non-combatant personnel in order to accomplish a large saving of men and material by proper employment.

Advantages derived therefrom are -

- (a) Liquidation of A/Q matters of the bns and simplification of the supply org.
- (b) Simplification of the trg and replacement for the personnel of the supply coy.
- (c) Securing of efficacious reconditioning of front line units, i.e. suitable for battle tasks as regards personnel and material, by dispatch of purely combatant draft-conducting units.

The situation with regard to personnel and material necessitates hasty action.

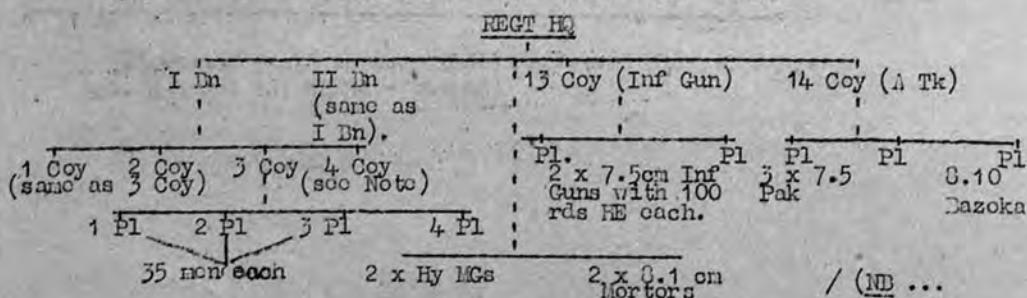
(Source - M.I.R.S.)

2. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

(a) 59 Inf Div

The following details of org in this div has been established from PW statements -

- (1) Grenadier Regts (numbered 1034, 1035, 1036)



(NB. It is NOT certain if 4 and 3 Coys are HQ Coys with hy weapons permanently decentralised or if each of the four coys has 3 Rifle Pls and a hy pl as normal composition).

(ii) 159 (or ? 59) Fus Bn

Has 6 coys, each 120 - 130 strong, containing 2 lt pls and a hy pl with 2 hy MGs and 2 x 8.1 cm Mortars. It has no bicycles, is 50% Volks deutsche, and up to 8/9 Sep is supposed to have suffered negligible losses.

(iii) 159 Arty Regt

Has 3 Bns. I and II Bns each have 9 x 10.5 cm LFH 18/M, and III Bn 9 x 15.5 cm med hows (nationality unknown).

(iv) Personalities

G.O.C.	Gen Lt POPPE
OC 1034 GR	Oberst KLEMM
II Bn	Hptm HALLMANN
OC 1035 GR	Oberst SCHROEDER
I Bn	Maj von ROHOEKEN
II Bn	Hptm SCHNEIDER
OC 1036 GR	Oberst von DEWITZ
I Bn	Maj GOTTHARDT
OC 159 Arty R	Maj KRAMPE
II Bn	Hptm KRAUSE

The formation of this div is of interest. It seems to have had two main sources - 182 Trg Div, and personnel collected at GROSSDORN, POMERANIA. I/1036 GR seems to have been formed entirely from 182 Trg Div and to be composed very largely of POLES, 698 and 321 Res GrenBns were dissolved entirely some two to three weeks ago to form this bn as was also 195 Res Gren Bn which has not previously been connected with 182 Trg Div. Remnants of 79 Res GR which had previously provided large drafts for other divs were absorbed in 59 Div, but the PW concerned did not know the number of their new unit. 159 Sigs Bn as well has received personnel from 163 Ers Sigs.

The personnel from GROSSDORN were drafted from several sources, 247 Bn ZIV which had been stationed near KONIGSBERG being the only complete unit so far traced. The remainder of this section of what is now 59 Div was made up of a draft of 600 Poles from SPANDAU, various unfortunates who found themselves on leave in GERMANY when the leave ban was introduced on 13 July, men discharged from hospital and various foreigners. Any men who were found to be young and fit were immediately sent on draft to better class Divs. The result was that the personnel were mainly from 1900-1913 classes and about 30% - 40% of them Volks deutsche.

It is not clear where the marriage of these two sections of the div took place. It is unlikely that the section from 182 Trg Div returned to GERMANY, for the evidence for the dissolution of the Res Gren Bns comes entirely from the First Odn Army front. Additional evidence is that some of the GROSSDORN party were sent straight into battle at ARRAS on their way to taking up positions on the Channel coast.

(Source - Second Army Int Summary No.100)

(b) 19 Inf Div.

19 Inf Div has been identified in action by our Allies. It is thought that it may be the former 166 Trg Div, lately stationed in DENMARK, and now upgraded to full inf div status and renumbered.

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The following units of the div have so far been identified - 59, 73 and 74 Gren Regts, 119 Arty Regt, 119 Sig Bn, 119 Engr Bn, 119 A Tk Bn and 119 Fus Coy.

The original 19 Inf Div was one of the peacetime divisions of the German Army and was reorganised in the autumn of 1940 to become 19 Pz Div. As such it took part in the initial attack on RUSSIA and fought in the Central Sector, incurring very heavy cas at BYELGOROD in 1943. It was withdrawn to HOLLAND for refit but has since returned to RUSSIA and was again identified on the Central Sector in Aug 44.

166 Trg Div, stationed in the COEHNHAGEN and LEMVIG districts of DENMARK since early in 1943 was previously a draft-finding and trg div in BIELEFELD in Wehrkreis VI. It was last reported in July to be under comd Genmaj CASTORF.

(Source - Second Army Int Summary No.101)

(c) SS PG Ddes

Captured files of the 49 and 51 SS PG Ddes reveal the following items of interest -

(i) 51 SS PG Dde originally had two bns, a 9th(Flak) ? Coy, and 10th (Engr) Coy, and an 11th (Supply) Coy. It seems likely that a third bn was formed late in July. An artillery bn was included in the original organisation, with at least three batteries, the second of which had LFM 18s. The brigade had over 600 miscellaneous vehicles, including British, Russian, French, Italian and American motor transport. The brigade was formed 10 July from SS Kampfgruppe 3 and was apparently at one time under administrative control of 410 Inf Div in DENMARK. On changing its name to 51 SS Dde, it surrendered 300 German soldiers and received LITHUANIANS in exchange. At least one member of the brigade had previously been in 12 SS Pz Div. No connection is established in these files between this unit and 27 SS PG Div. However, the file of papers ceases on the transfer of the brigade to FRANCE on 12 Aug, and since there is no question of any connection between the units prior to this date, the possibility of the brigade having been renumbered 27 SS PG Div does not lapse, nor by the same token, does the possibility of 49 SS PG Dde having been renumbered 26 SS PG Div.

(ii) There are indications that 49 SS PG Dde was organised on identical lines. Several distribution lists to SS units in DENMARK exist. In these there is no mention of either 50 SS Dde or of 26 or 27 SS PG Dives.

(Source - 12 Army Group)

3. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
6/III/Para Regt <u>HOFFMANN</u>		16 Sep	Desertor. Swam canal at 215963. States OC is Oblt POHL. III Bn consists of 6,7 and 8 coys - 6 coy 150 str. Regt VON SCHILL on right. ? I Bn on left.
6/6 Para Regt	Area 3397	16 Sep	PW
286 Rft & Trg Bn	SE HASSELT	16 Sep	436 PW - reported (almost incredibly) to be all DEAF.
3/Para Regt HARDEGG	K 39	15 Sep	PW. States coy 200/250 str. Believed regt had 3 bns.
II/VLAAMISCHE WACHABTEILUNG	K 39	15 Sep	PW. Originally 3 bns of 6 coys each of 70/80 men.

TOPOGRAPHICAL REPORT - Routes NORTH of ARNHEM

A. INTRODUCTION

The routes to be considered lie within an area bounded by ARNHEM in the SOUTH, ZUTPHEN 9494 and DEVENTER 9207 in the EAST, ZWOLLE 8835 in the NORTH, and BARNEVELD 5295 in the WEST.

This area distinguishes itself sharply from the region SOUTH of ARNHEM by a comparative scarcity of water, canals and ditches. There are in fact only two places where water is an obstacle to movement: between BARNEVELD 5295 and OTTERLOO 6591, where there is a small patch of marshy ground and between the APELDOORN Canal and the LIJSSSEL river, where ditches abound.

Running NNE from ARNHEM is a belt of relatively high ground, known as the VELuwe, covered by extensive woodlands and open heaths. The going is likely to be firm in all weather, and cross-country movement excellent save in forests where growth is close and deployment limited to tracks; those, however, are plentiful.

The ground EAST of the APELDOORN canal, which forms the valley of the LIJSSSEL, is flat and open. The soil consists of river clay which tends to be sticky after rain. Moreover, ditches are plentiful. Deployment is accordingly limited to the innumerable minor roads, mainly running EAST and WEST, which link the main ARNHEM - ZWOLLE road with the secondary alternative route along the WEST bank of the LIJSSSEL.

B. ROUTES

1. ARNHEM - NUNSPEET

ARNHEM - T junction 682815 - OTTERLOO - MOESPOOT 603996 - GARDEREN 618059 - cross-rds 648057 - ELSPEET 670123 - NUNSPEET 6621.

Excellent secondary road, macadam and bitumen spray most of the way, subsoil sand and gravel throughout. Width 10 - 14 ft with reasonably wide berms; the first part of the route to T junction 682815 is 16 - 18 ft wide.

Deployment good, mainly over open heath. Two small patches of marshland on the WEST side, SW of HARSKAMP 6494 and at 6098 respectively. Pine forests chiefly on EAST side, where deployment is limited to tracks which have a hard surface but tend to be narrow.

No bridges whose destruction would constitute an obstacle.

Alternative Routes:

(a) ARNHEM - BARNEVELD - HARDERWIJK 5519 - NUNSPEET.

A better but very much longer road, with an average width of 16 - 18 ft. The stretch PUTTEN 5409 - NUNSPEET has recently been modernized and bonds eliminated and is now rated first-class.

(b) ARNHEM - HONDERLOO 725935 - thence by forest track to 709962 and across open heath to 708979 - 699993 - level crossing 684020 - MILLINGEN 663045 - cross-rds 648075 - thence as principal route

This is the shortest and most direct route to NUNSPEET but is unsuitable for wheeled traffic.

2. ARNHEM - APELDOORN 7804 - ZWOLLE.

From ARNHEM to APELDOORN a straight road over the main crest of the VELUWE, ascending for $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles through forest to a 3-mile open stretch across undulating sandy heath plateau (maximum altitude 295 feet at TERLET 7686), then descending for $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles to BEEKBERGEN through forest and small heaths. Between BEEKBERGEN 7897 and APELDOORN, wooded hills to the WEST and fields lined with trees to the EAST. Good ground cover all the way and possibilities of deployment on both sides along good secondary roads.

From APELDOORN to ZWOLLE follows the flat IJssel valley, through fields as far as HATTEM 8632, thence for 2 miles through polders and across the IJssel into ZWOLLE. Ground cover to the WEST. Good deployment to the WEST, but limited eastward to the secondary roads crossing the APELDOORN canal and leading to the WEST bank of the IJssel where there is an alternative route.

Road width 16 - 18 ft with a 10 ft cycle track. Surface tar-macadam and rolled clinker. A new road under construction from HET LOO 7805 to HATTEMERBROEK WEST of the old road is believed not to be complete.

The only important bridge is that over the IJssel at 860347. This was destroyed in 1940, but has been rebuilt. Total length 1,350 ft. Roadwidth 25 ft. Load class probably 40.

Alternative Route: ARNHEM - HOENDERLOO 7393 - APELDOORN.

Excellent secondary road, about 16 ft wide to HOENDERLOO; thence 16 - 20 ft wide. Good deployment across open heath between 84 and 91 Northings; elsewhere generally only along tracks through woodland.

No bridges.

3. ARNHEM - ZUTPHEN.

First-class road forming a continuation of the MAASTRICHT - ARNHEM route from NE France to NW Germany.

From ARNHEM to DIJEN 8884 parallel with the railway and with a tramway on one side; close under the steep slopes of wooded hills on the NW side, while the SE side is bounded by villages and the river IJssel; soils sandy and fairly well drained.

From DIJEN to ZUTPHEN EAST of the railway through villages and open fields of river clay soils with ditches and hedges in the IJssel valley; deployment restricted by the railway embankments and ditches on the left, and the river on the right.

Surface tar-macadam near ARNHEM. Thereafter rolled clinker. Width 20 to 40 ft. Cycle tracks 5 to 10 ft not separated from carriage way.

Bridges: (a) DIJEN 887849. Steel drawbridge built since 1940. Roadway about 20 ft. Class 40, possibly 70. Banks sloping, piled at water edge. Alternative crossing by swing bridge at 884856.

(b) ZUTPHEN 941952. Steel and concrete bridge with a short vertical lift span built 1941. Roadway about 20 ft. Class 40, possibly 70. Watergap about 400 ft. EAST bank vertical masonry, low-lying WEST bank.

"SOLDATENSENDER CALAIS"

A bag of captured mail from the beleaguered garrison at CALAIS, captured on its way to GERMANY, reveals the state of mind of the defenders called upon to hold out until the last.

From: Obergefreiter Josef KOLIER

To: His Home

4 Sep 44

".....I am still alive, perhaps this is my last letter to all of you. We are in the port of CALAIS and expect to be encircled very soon. The ring will soon be getting smaller. How we shall all end I don't know, death or imprisonment. Our strong points have been left in a panic, hence no ink. Demolitions are going on day and night and the town looks like STALINGRAD. A pity, because all the huge wealth which is being destroyed. Yes! the Atlantic Wall is no more. The average soldier is not to blame for this mess. I never thought that things would turn out this way. I would NOT like to see all those who have been killed. I have seen scenes which can hardly be described. The Flak units will be better than the others since they are not so disorganized.... At the moment the front line runs North of ARRAS, not far from us (look up the map). Food is good, we still have enough but only "strong point" rations....The French cannot be trusted any more. They hang around all the street corners with their hands deep in their pockets. Yes, when will the end come? Not a sign any more of the V.1 in our sector. Our pillbox keeps shaking from all the demolitions and big pieces of concrete keep on flying past when one happens to be on guard duty outside."

From: Pte F. GERBER

To: His Parents

5 Sep 44

".....We have just been informed that there will be vehicles going to BELGIUM, enabling the mail to be despatched. However, I will not be able to get any more mail from you. The OKW report will give you an idea of how critical the situation has become. I do not intend to keep silent any more about our situation. We arrived in CALAIS on Saturday. You will find it on the map. It is on the Channel coast. The picture is as follows: The Tommy has left PARIS far behind. In the North he is right in BELGIUM. We are completely encircled. We cannot retreat any further. We shall most likely have to face a DUNKIRK. I hope God will not leave me. Without His will nothing happens."

Our task is to defend CALAIS. How we shall do it remains to be seen. Our only fate is to be taken prisoner. Now my dear ones, I send you my last greetings from the West, and should we not see each other in this world, our only hope is a reunion above.

(Source: Second Army IS No. 102)

From: Grenadier Adolf DIENELT.

To: His wife.

6 Sep 44

"I don't feel like writing any more. What is the use. FINLAND is no more. All that I have told you before is now happening step by step. Nobody would believe me then. Look at a map of the world and the distribution of the goods of the world. Only lunatics believed that a world would kneel before GERMANY."

From: Grenadier Kurt KRAUSS.

To: His wife.

7 Sep 44

"The situation is hopeless. We have been betrayed and sold out. Don't worry more than necessary. Pray for me."

(Source: 1 Cdn Army)

PART TWO

1. ENEMY ORGANISATION

1. Flak Units

A system is in being whereby poorly trained members of the RAD, chiefly of the 1926 - 28 age groups, are being used to man AA guns. A further study of AA units reveals that many of them have obtained their personnel in this way.

In addition to lack of man-power, AA units are suffering very heavily from lack of guns. Some of the RAD units have been forced to convert 7.62 cm Russian field and A Tk guns into 8.8 cm AA guns boring them out and many reports are being received of difficulties, such as premature bursts, bulges in the barrel and very inaccurate shooting. These guns are of no use in a ground role. That this lack of guns is being daily aggravated by heavy losses is also only too obvious.

It still remains impossible to give any sort of chain of command or complete order of battle for the AA units so far identified or those likely to be encountered in the near future. It does NOT, however, seem plausible that a complete AA firm (whether or not it remains 16 Flakdivision) is still available NORTH of the ALBERT CANAL, untouched by any of the demands made upon it by firms for personnel or guns.

There is as yet NO indication that the heavy AA defences of the RUHR are being called upon to supply rifts for the depleted units further WEST.

A note appears below on the AA units so far identified in the battle area with details of their org and losses where known.

<u>Unit</u>	<u>Composition</u>	<u>Under Comd</u>	<u>Origins</u>
1. 36 AA Ers Bn	6 Tp only identified. 4 x 8.8 cm & 2 x 2 cm	925 AA Bn	Last known of at CLEVES
2. 96 AA Ers Bn	8 Tp only identified Had 4 x 8.8 cm - one lost by 10 Sep	Part of ? Para battle group	Came from DORTMUND 3 Sep
3. 242 Mixed AA Bn	No guns	?	?
4. 251 AA Bn	?	A para unit	GAF personnel of 251 Landeschützenzug of 1905 and earlier age-groups
5. 295 RAD AA Bn	Two tps of 4 x 8.8 cm three tps of ? x 2 cm	?	Formed of untrained RAD youths.
6. 308 (V) AA Searchlt Bn	No searchlts. All guns destroyed by 12 Sep.	?	Left searchlts in BORDEAUX and moved to AMIENS.
7. 685 RAD AA Bn	No guns	?	All RAD personnel
8. 409 (V) AA Searchlt Bn	Two tps with no searchlts. Guns (32 x 2 cm in 1 Tp and ? 24 in 2 Tp) all destroyed by 12 Sep.	?	Formerly III/4 AA Regt

9.	502 AA Bn	No AA guns	Para Rft & PW left unit in Trg Bn 1, TRONDJHEM to formerly nr become para rfts. BETHUNE
10.	554 AA Bn	four tps each 6 x 10.5 cm AA guns. Losses NOT known.	? All RAD personnel
11.	600 AA Bn	three tps each 6 x 8.8 cm and one tp of 4 x 10.5 cm. All guns destroyed by own tps.	? ?
12.	614 AA Bn	No guns	? All RAD personnel
13.	652 Mixed AA Bn	6 Tp only identified 12 x 2 cm AA guns	? ?
14.	683 RAD AA Bn	4 x 8.8 cm and 3 x 2 cm left	? ?
15.	831 AA Bn	2 Tp only identified. Had 9 x 3.7 cm AA guns and 2 x 60 cm searchlts all destroyed at TOURNAI	95 AA Bn Static Flak bn in 195 BELGIUM. AA Regt
16.	842 AA Bn	? No guns	Part of Battle Gp KAUFMANN ?
17.	984 Lt AA Bn	1 Tp had 9 x 3.7 cm all destroyed 7 Sep. 2 Tp had 6 x 3.7 cm left 7 Sep	? ?
18.	996 AA Bn	? 9 x 3.7 cm	? ?

(Second Army Int Summary No.103)

2. EXACT IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>SS Battle Gp HOHENSTAUFEN</u>	Area 3799	17 Sep	PW. Bn str.
<u>SS Battle Gp FRUNDSBERG</u>	Area 3999	17 Sep	PW. Bn str.
<u>Battle Gp HOFFMANN</u>	Area 3500	17 Sep	PW. Apparently consists of 9, 10, 11 and 12/6 Para Regt. States III Bn comd by Hptm ULLMER.
<u>Battle Gp HAUPTMANN</u>	Area 3701	17 Sep	PW. Apparently consists of 1, 2, 3 and 4/6 Para Regt.

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FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- 8 Corps 12 Corps

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 both battle gps under comd FRUNDSBERG HQ (.) C (.)
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 ordered two coys to BEST and platoon to OIRSCHOT (.) B (.)
 1710 hrs Flak elt ordered 2 Hy Tp 428 Flak Bn to defend
 BEST on NORTH and EAST sides (.) comment (.) only
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 out of contact (.) all informed

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IMMEDIATE
(Authy BGS)Supplementary Distn:

Main Second Army

By Hand

Gde Armd Div

43 Div

50 (N) Div

By DRLS

BGS

110 SWS

By hand

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.503Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 18 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

As a result of the operations of the past 36 hours, allied troops are now in control of most of the nodal points between GRAVE on the MAAS and the Dutch-Belgian frontier at 3798. Apart from the bridge at SON 4425, all the others along our main axis of advance are reported to be intact and in our hands.

NORTH of GRAVE we are a few hundred yards SOUTH of the NIJMEGEN bridge, with a firm base on the high ground SOUTH of the town. Near ARNHEM we hold the ground WEST and NW of the town, but the enemy - estimated at three coys of SS infantry - is in the town itself. Both the ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN bridges are reported to be intact.

The leading troops of 30 Corps have now reached SON, where bridging operations have already started, while others are just short of GELDROP 4816, strongly held by the enemy.

Our advance this morning from VALKENSWAARD 4108 met considerable opposition along the two roads NORTH and EAST of the town. Generally speaking our opponents were the same as those we met yesterday WEST of the main road, i.e. 3 Bn 6 Para Regt, which is believed to have provided the resistance at AALST 4213, and 1 Bn HOFFMAN Para Regt identified today EAST of VALKENSWAARD.

It was not until late this afternoon that the enemy's resistance showed signs of weakening at these two points. By that time our armoured car patrols, bypassing AALST to the WEST, had already made contact with American Airborne troops NW of EINDHOVEN. These attacked and captured the Northern part of the town. The enemy troops at AALST thereupon withdrew NE, leaving our troops with a clear run to SON.

So far the enemy has managed to make a fairly orderly withdrawal. Though we broke right through his positions last night in our drive to VALKENSWAARD, he was able to pull his forces back under cover of darkness, and use them to impede our advance this morning.

But now that we have linked up with the Airborne troops, such manoeuvres will not be so practicable. A large part of the enemy troops in HOLLAND will soon have to start fighting their way out across our front.

Last night 12 Corps established another bridgehead over the MEUSE Canal at 3198. It provoked vigorous enemy reaction, but later in the day this weakened. By last light two brigades were across the river with the leading troops on the O4 Northing.

The 2 Bn of both 6 Para Regt (VAN DER HEYDTE) and of HOFFMAN Para Regt were identified on this sector. This seems to prove that these two regts are not identical as was once believed. However each regt appears to have

/one bn missing.....

one bn missing, so that the combined strength of these two regts is only a little greater than a full three-bn regt.

No further identifications have been made today of the SS troops that were yesterday EAST of our main axis of advance. However several attacks have been made in the past 24 hours from the NE in the direction of the bridge at 3596. Our forward troops report that the enemy is thickening up in this sector. He appears to be adopting the same tactics as he did at BEERINGEN, where he persisted in his attacks even after we had established our bridgehead over the MEUSE Canal. However he should soon have his hands too full in this sector to continue his threats to our right flank.

On the rest of the Army Group front the two most important events have been the capture of BREST, and the news of the reinstatement of VON RUNDSTEDT as C-in-C WEST.

The following is an extract from Second Army Intelligence Summary No.105 -

Field Marshal VON RUNDSTEDT, who relinquished his command in the WEST for "medical reasons" not long after the attempt on HITLER's life, has been recalled. On resuming his appointment he issued an order of the day as follows -

"On the Fuehrers orders, I have again received command of Supreme Command West, effective 6 September. During my absence the command and troops have undergone heavy fighting. I am convinced that every single officer, NCO and soldier knows what we are fighting for. I trust you, as the whole country places its trust in you. Fight under me for our people, our country, and our leader."

The return of the Old Guard is on any footing an event of great significance. Whether its repercussions are to extend beyond purely military matters, cannot yet be answered, but the fact that command has again been entrusted to a man who cannot be - and would not wish to be - regarded as anything but a soldier speaks for itself. Moreover he is not an SS man, and his appointment appears to involve a belated recognition by the genius who controls the German people that if disaster is to be averted at all, it will take a soldier to do it.

TAILPIECE

When the leading troops of the Guards Armoured Division reached VALKENSWAARD last night, the unit IO went to the Post Office, which also happened to be the German Town Major's HQ. The latter had disappeared with his staff, but while the IO was searching the room the telephone bell rang. It was from the German commander at BINDERHOVEN, who made an impassioned exhortation to the effect that VALKENSWAARD should be defended at all costs. The IO knew sufficient German to reply that that was exactly what he intended to do.

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

Stick Grenade 43

A captured document states that a new type of stick grenade (Stielhandgranate 43) is being introduced. This is a modification of the standard Stielhandgranate 24, but in place of the friction igniter operated by a cord running through the handle, the new grenade is fitted with an igniter (of a type similar to that used for the egg grenade) screwing into the top of the explosive head of the grenade.

The grenade can thus be thrown with or without the stick (which is solid) and arming and priming are the same as for the egg grenade.

The igniter presumably has the normal blue cap ($4\frac{1}{2}$ sec delay) but differs in that the wings of the wing nuts are bent upwards instead of down.

A few specimens are required for trials.

(Source: 21 A Gp Tech Int Summary No.4)

3. RESISTANCE ACTIVITIES 7 SEP 44 - 17 SEP 44

(a) BELGIUM

A count has now been made of the successful acts of sabotage carried out by the Belgian resistance movement since D Day. The score includes 976 locomotives and railway waggons damaged or destroyed, 80 trains derailed, and cuts made on over 1000 railway lines and over 300 telephone cables. In addition, successful attacks have been made on 29 railway bridges, 21 road bridges, 11 lock gates, 25 turntables, 35 pumping stations and 30 industrial targets.

In BELGIUM, as in FRANCE, resistance is now performing regular military duties in co-operation with the Allied armies. Thanks to the Belgian movement's high degree of organisation it has been possible to issue a considerable quantity of arms, petrol and food through Army and SF channels, enabling useful work to be done in mopping-up operations, guarding and transporting PW, patrolling L of C and other similar tasks. In the NAMUR - MONS area for example four pockets of German resistance were overcome by the Secret Army, approximately 5000 PW being brought in at a cost of 75 patriot casualties. Ambushes in the ARDENNES resulted in 100 enemy killed, 50 captured and 50 vehicles destroyed. Hard fighting took place in and near ANTWERP. The Commander and staff of 348 Inf Div were captured and delivered to Second Army HQ.

In addition, the Belgian Secret Army has produced much useful intelligence by infiltration of agents and through its centralized Intelligence Bureau.

(b) FRANCE

Intensive guerilla action continues in all parts of FRANCE not yet liberated. Numerous towns have been occupied by the FFI and many thousands of PW taken. One of the FFI's greatest triumphs of the war was the surrender of 18000 Germans at CHATEAU NEUF-sur-CHER. In addition, 5000 PW have been taken at ISSOUDON, 8000 in NIEVRE, 3000 (and 1500 killed) in the ARDENNES, 1200 in the CORREZE and several thousands in AUBE. All reports state that the morale of such wretched Germans as still remain in FRANCE is very low.

Among towns liberated by the FFI during the period under review are POITIERS, BOURGES, VIERZON, LANGRES, CHATEAUNEUF and CHATILLON.

The first air Squadron of the FFI has now become operational and is performing reconnaissance duties in the territory South of the R. LOIRE.

Main HQ 30 Corps

T.O.S. 0100 A....

RAC 101
Brigadier,
General Staff.

PART TWO

1. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>Battle Gp FRUNDSBERG</u> 9/21 SS PGR	3797	18 Sep	PW. Formerly of 1/SS Res and Trg Bn HOHENSTAVEN. This bn apparently no separate entity - entirely absorbed in battle gp. 9 and 10 Coys about 80 str.
6 Para Regt 3/6 Para Regt	4418	18 Sep	PW. States 1 and 2 Coys combined. In wood 3501; 16 Coy 3601. CO I Bn Hptm PEISER.
6/6 Para Regt	wood 3195	18 Sep	PW. 5 Coy along canal 308978 - 325972.
<u>Battle Gp HOFFMAN</u> 5 and 8/Para Regt HOFFMAN	WEST of rd 310982 - 312008	18 Sep	PW. States 6 Coy on rt and 7 Coy on left. Apparently under different cmd from I and III Bns.
<u>Miscellaneous</u> 602 Hy AA Bn } 925 AA Bn } 6 z.b.V. Bn } 803 Constr Bn }	rd 3700 EINDHOVEN	18 Sep	

2. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

A captured document (undated) lists the following personalities in the chain of command in HOLLAND -

C-in-C WEST	v RUNDSTEDT
C-in-C HOLLAND	Gen CHRISTIANSEN
Comd Army in HOLLAND (88 Corps)	Gen REINHARDT
Comd 719 Div	Genlt HOCKER
Adjt	Maj FISCHER
Comd 723 GR	Oberstlt NEUMANN
Adjt	Hptm OBERER
Comd 743 GR	Oberst LUTTER
CO I/723	Hptm DYCK
Adjt	Lt BAUER
Ord offr	? PFETTER
CO II/723	Maj LANGENBERG
CO III/723	Maj BREITKOPF
CC I/723	Oberlt NOESKE
CC 2/723	Lt SCHULZ
CC 3/723	Lt DIEWE
CC 4/723	Hptm PAETHKE

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 504Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 20 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.PART ONEOPERATIONS

This afternoon a combined Anglo-American attack captured the WAAL bridge at NIJMEGEN and it is now possible for our columns to push NORTH to the assistance of the hard pressed airborne division at ARNHEM.

Few details are available, but briefly the story of the operations culminating in the capture of the bridge is as follows:

Yesterday morning our columns advanced NORTH through the American bridgeheads at ZON, VEGHEL and GRAVE and made contact with the enemy round the Southern ends of the NIJMEGEN bridges and also along the general line of the 75 Easting between the rivers MAAS and WAAL. Thanks to the Americans, this rapid advance was made without opposition.

Their jump on 17 Sep was a great success - 1 and 2 Ins Para Training Regiment "HERMANN GOERING" were wiped out at ST OEDENRODE and ZON respectively (where they were recuperating from their mauling at HECHTEL last week). Elsewhere along the "carpet" no organised opposition was encountered and all their objectives from exclusive NIJMEGEN to EINDHOVEN were gained. Only BEST held out, garrisoned by elements of 347 Div amounting to approximately one battalion in strength. About 2,000 PW, from every unit under the sun, were taken without much difficulty.

One tank of the "GOERING" Training Squadron was KO NORTH of ZON but the others (about half-a-dozen) got away and have been cruising about the area harassing traffic on the Corps axis until they were finally destroyed today. Apart from these and another body of enemy operating in the area SCHIJNDEL 4137 only small numbers of enemy have so far appeared on the flanks of our advance, though well meaning civilian informants would have us believe that there is a group of 100 tanks in almost every wood. Incidentally, our armoured division has now accounted for the entire equipment of 559 A/Tk Bn with the exception of one SP gun which was lucky enough to escape.

At NIJMEGEN however opposition has been pretty stiff. The enemy was entrenched in pre-war concrete works built to defend the Southern ends of both road and rail bridges. These defences were not held in great strength, but were too strong to attack through the built up area. Even so our last light rush very nearly succeeded in carrying the bridge. PW taken today say that when the attack went in many of the defenders ran back across the bridge, but were stopped at the other end by an SS Captain who turned them round at revolver point. In spite of the enemy, the local Dutch resistance members managed to interfere with the charges and thereby prevent the demolition of the bridge.

/Today at 1400 hrs.....

Today at 1400 hrs the Americans forced a crossing over the river in the area 6964 under considerable MG fire and wheeled round to attack the bridges from the NORTH while our own armoured division attacked from the SOUTH. These attacks were successful, and this evening some of our tanks and infantry got across the bridge and joined the paratroops on the NORTH side. A German sapper is reported to be helping us to remove the charges. This does not mean that the situation is quite tidy yet; the bridge is in our hands, but there are still some very active enemy sniping and machine gunning on the SOUTH side of the river.

On the right flank there has been considerable opposition. Around BEEK 7560 the enemy holds the line 729628 - 735615 - 748602 with about a battalion of infantry, some dug-in tanks and several 88 mm guns. There are more enemy, estimated at least two battalions with a few tanks and some arty, in the REICHSWALD area 7852. They have been attacking NE against the Americans at GROESBEEK 7555 but without success.

Further SW, the enemy holds MOOK where 1052 and 1091 Regiments have been identified. This however gives no clue as to the size of the enemy force there, since regimental numbers have no more significance than those in an obsolete telephone directory.

Even so, the BEEK - LIOOK front is the one which is likely to give us almost as much trouble as ARNHEM in the next few days. The reason is plain enough - these two villages lie at the end of three main reinforcement routes out of GERMANY - routes from the RUHR (via DUISBURG), the RHINE (via KREFELD) and the MEUSE (via VENLO). It will not therefore be surprising if the present force of four battalions or so increases considerably in the near future.

From ARNHEM there is little coherent news. The enemy holds the town and it is not known whether we still hold the bridge. Outside our troops in the area 6978 are being attacked from the EAST and WEST.

On the left flank, our armoured cars reached the SOUTH bank of the MAAL opposite TIEL 4267 where the enemy seized the ferry and sank four barges and one tug. Further SOUTH our patrols to OSS 4754 yesterday chased out the enemy and stumbled upon an EMC of no mean dimensions and one, precious to the enemy, for it was not long before they were back in again trying to replenish. Identifications are from 3 In 1 Para Regt and 12 Para Recon Bn, both newly formed units and not present in strength. If this depot is really important however the enemy will obviously make some effort to hold it.

On our left our neighbours have gained the line of the road between 3815 and 3810, but report stiff opposition from the WEST at 3802. There are however no fresh identifications on this front.

On the right our friends have secured ACHEL and HAMMONT both just short of the Dutch frontier. There are no details of the enemy opposition, but there appear to be only parachute identifications, and the SS troops who were there (two battalions of 10 SS Division) may have withdrawn. HELMONT is reported by civilians to be held by about one battalion with some tanks and sappers who appear to be mining the EAST bank of the canal.

Further SE, the Americans have taken SITTARD K.66 and hold a rough line from there to AACHEN where they are round the town on three sides and through the SIEGFRIED line to the SE of it. 12 Division, newly identified here, is fighting hard. In the SIEGFRIED line itself, our Allies report that AP shot has achieved good results against the concrete works, and that a good way to smother a pill-box is to bulldoze it!

The PW bag in DREST was 7,000.

Inside GERMANY itself, the enemy is raising fresh divisions out of the last remaining Nazi Party members, old men, boys and medically unfit. Three such divisions are SS Divisions "SIEGFRIED", "SARLAND" and "RHEINLAND" which will crop up somewhere or other in the near future.

Also of more immediate interest to this Corps is a captured map which shows in the area NE of ARNHEM two Home Guard Divisions (strength unknown) named after their Commanders "SCHERKENING" and "RAESSLER", both under Corps "FELDT" whose HQ is shown at HULS A.1509.

There are, in addition, persistent reports of HITLER JUGEND troops in NE HOLLAND, the latest one stating that they are digging along the LIJSEL river between DEVENTER Z.90 and ZWOLLE 15 miles NORTH of there. It is a striking co-incidence therefore that the map should show Regt "DRAEMER" as one of the regiments of Division "SCHERKENING". One DRAEMER was last known as a regimental commander in 12 SS Division "HITLER JUGEND". This man, incidentally, is wanted for the murder of Canadian PW. His guilt, suspected by us, is confirmed by WUNSCH, CO, 12 SS Tank Regiment, who was captured about a month ago. Of course it may not be the same DRAEMER, but the scent is worth following.

To sum up therefore the enemy form is as follows:

Two Home Guard Divisions plus tank and flak oddments thought to be NORTH of the NEDERRIJN, and possibly engaged right now at ARNHEM.

SE of NIJMEGEN about half a division and the promise of more to come.

On our L of C are parachute and GAF remnants, and likely to push against the left flank are droves of ill organised infantry withdrawing from the MEUSE-ESCAUT canal (for withdrawal is inevitable after our success today) and coming over from the SCHELDT ferries.

Lastly, flak, both heavy and light, all over the place.

John H. J. Luyten
Brigadier,
General Staff.

Main HQ 30 Corps

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PART TWO

1. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

Identification

1 Para Regt

10/1 Para Regt	CSS E45	19 Sep	PW. States only III Bn exists. Bn Comd EWALD. Unit formed 3 weeks ago at MAGDEBURG.
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5 Para Regt

5/5 Para Regt	NORTH of LILLE ST HUDERT K49	19 Sep	PW
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6 Para Regt

16/IV/6 Para Regt	277046	19 Sep	PW. Away from Coy for three days. Two Cycle Pls and one A Tk Pl. Bn Comd von DOEBBLER.
III/6 Para Regt	E 2898	19 Sep	PW.

Regt HOFFMAN

14/ HOFFMAN GR	EINDHOVEN area	19 Sep	PW. Arrived BELGIUM with 10 x 76.2 mm Russian guns on 5 Sep. State definitely Oberst v HOFFMAN is Regt Comd.
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1/HOFFMAN GR	NORTH of LILLE ST HUDERT K 49	19 Sep	PW
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347 Div

Eltz	WEST E 32	19 Sep	PW
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84 Inf Div

8/1051 GR) 3 & 4/1052 GR)	HOOK E 75	19 Sep	PW.
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Div RAESLER) Div SCHERBENING) Regt BREHLER)	? ? ?	15 Sep 15 Sep	Cap doc states under command FELDT Corps Cap doc states holding MALS - WIAL Canal under command Div SCHERBENING.
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Miscellaneous

6/GAF Bn	LILLE ST HUDERT K49	19 Sep	PW states under command von HOFFMAN.
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2/559 A tk Bn	EINDHOVEN area	18 Sep	PW. State 2 & 3 Coys amalgamated with total of 3 x 75 mm assault guns, (two of these since KO'd). 1 Coy (JAGDPANTHERS) badly knocked about- dvrs gone to GERMANY for new eqpt. PW.
March Bn 503 z.b.v.	CSS E 45	19 Sep	
Battle Gp GRUENWALD	EINDHOVEN area	18 Sep	PW. A tk Bn of three coys each of 4 x 75 mm towed guns. 1 & 2 coys came SOUTH from HERTOGENBOSCH 17 Sep. No losses. PW from rocco party.
12 Para Rocco Bn	CSS E 45	19 Sep	

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 505Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 21 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.PART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

In spite of the successful capture of the NIJMEGEN bridge last night, we have made little further progress NORTH along the main road to ARNHEM. The difficulties have been mainly topographical. The ground on either side of the road is soft and marshy, and intersected by ditches. Our tanks were forced to keep to the road which is raised more than 6 ft above the surrounding countryside. They present therefore ideal targets to the 88s the enemy has got against us. During the day we advanced about 4000 yds. No PWs were taken, apart from a few early this morning who had scrambled out of NIJMEGEN a bit too late.

Meanwhile the British paratps NORTH of the NEDER RIJN were still being hard-pressed. ARNHEM itself is thought to be almost entirely in enemy hands. Civilians report that some of our tps are still in the town hiding in cellars and sniping Germans. Up to 1000 SS tps are also reported to be there, probably another battle-group of 9 SS Div, together with a few tanks. The main body of our tps is further WEST around OOSTERBEEK between the river and the high ground to the NORTH of it. They were subjected to further attacks today, and lost the ferry at 687767. During most of the day our mediums fired in support of these paratps who reported that at least one enemy tank had received a direct hit.

This afternoon more Allied parachutists were reported to have been dropped near ELST. No further news has been received of their progress.

In NIJMEGEN itself there still appears to be some enemy in the western part of the town. It is now known that two battlegroups, each rather more than one bn strong, were responsible for the defence of the town yesterday. The first under HARTUNG was drawn chiefly from Luftwaffe personnel, and the second under EULING was the usual mixture of 9 and 10 SS Divs. How it was that the bridge was not blown remains a mystery.

SE of NIJMEGEN there has been a lull following the enemy attacks in this sector yesterday. From the evidence of captured maps and documents, the enemy were more ambitious than was at first thought. Two divisions have now been identified in this sector: one a "Home Guard" Division under a General called SCHERBINGEN with its HQ at CLEVE and the other, 6 Para Div, with its HQ at FRASSET. The latter tried large-scale enveloping movement yesterday. One part of the division was to attack SE from the southern bank of the MAAS at approx E.7564 while another was to thrust northwards through MOOK 7251 from the northern bank of the MAAS. The idea was for these two thrusts to meet, roughly along the line of the 56 Northing. The only success achieved by the enemy was the temporary occupation of MOOK. Our tps still hold practically all the high ground SOUTH and SE of NIJMEGEN. Still it is to be expected that the enemy will make further attacks NW from the FORST REICHSWALD. This district has the advantage of being close to the reserves the enemy has been assembling in the RHEINLAND. It is certainly from the SE that the enemy

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stands the best chance of recapturing NIJMEGEN, whose bridge was described to a PW by a German officer as the "gateway into GERMANY".

Along our L of C between GRAVE and the frontier, the enemy continues to make sporadic but not very effective attempts to interfere with our supplies. Yesterday near NUNEN 4822, 107 Pz Dde was identified; 105 and 106 Pz Ddes have previously been identified in the Third US Army sector. These Ddes consist apparently of about forty tanks (Mk IV and V), a bn of inf and nine guns. 107 Dde was earmarked for AACHEN but was hurriedly switched NE to meet the threat from our airborne landings.

WEST of our main axis the salvaged remnants of 15 Army, (now completely cleared from ZEELEND South of the SCHELDT estuary) are now approaching our flanks. All three Regts of 59 Div have been identified WEST of EINDHOVEN. Their intentions were not particularly offensive: they had simply been ordered to get back to GERMANY along the shortest possible route. Like 347 Div at WEST they bumped into trouble on the way.

However, the bulk of 1 Para Army is holding its ground pretty firmly in spite of the gash we have made into its front. Both our flanking Corps report that the enemy is not voluntarily giving up ground on their fronts. He is defending every important town and village, and only quits when pushed. Both Corps are now on a line roughly EAST and WEST of EINDHOVEN.

Further WEST still the position along the canal between MERT K.09 and ANTWERP remains the same. Now that 15 Army has crossed the SCHELDT, the line of the canal seems to lose any value it may have especially in view of what is happening on 30 Corps front. The enemy's future course of action may of course be influenced once again by the political necessity of hanging on to the flying-bomb sites of HOLLAND. From the strictly military yardstick, it would be better for him to withdraw with all speed NORTH of the WAAL, at the same time concentrating on the elimination, firstly of our paratroops WEST of AACHEN and, secondly, of our hold on NIJMEGEN.

2. ENEMY MANPOWER

Attempts by the authorities to ensure that the total mobilisation now imposed on GERMANY is indeed total are revealed by the following captured order signed by STOLBERG - STOLBERG, erstwhile comd 136 z.b.V. Div in ANTWERP and now a PW.

Secret
Copy

136 Div Comd for special purposes
Ops No. 2572/44 Secret

Div HQ (Main)
22 Aug 44

Subject: Training of Reich Germans (Reichsdeutschen) (battle list forces) (Kampflistenkrafte) for battle.

Ref: 136 Div Comd for special purposes Ops No. 602/44 most secret dated 21 Jul 44.

To: Feldkommandantur 520.

(1) In accordance with Directive No. 40 by the Fuehrer, all male Germans fit to bear arms are obliged in case of need to reinforce and support the fighting troops with their weapons.

In accordance with this Directive the High Command of the Wehrmacht has ordered that all German males fit to bear arms will be enlisted and will be mobilised and trained on a short service basis in preparation for military duties.

In order to achieve this it is necessary to carry out this mobilisation to the fullest extent through the agency of all Wehrmacht HQs and civilian organisations and authorities.

The authorities and HQs concerned will ensure that their activities are carried on by men unfit to bear arms and women.

(2) In accordance with this ruling, ZOC 15 Army has ordered that these recruits will be made into real soldiers by intensive training. All personnel not permanently called up will receive training and further exercise for at least 2 five-hourly periods per week.

(3) 1 Coy, 16 Sicherungs Regt (Hptm ZAPKE) will supervise the training of all Reich Germans who are entered on the battle lists and are kept under surveillance by the Feldkommandantur. Training will be carried out by Hptm ZAPKE twice a week, namely for five hours every Wednesday and Saturday evening.

(4) Times will be arranged by Hptm ZAPKE, who will notify all concerned.

Journeys made for service or business reasons by Reich Germans liable to military service will be arranged so as not to interfere with this training. The closing of undertakings and loss of production will not be tolerated.

(5) Hptm ZAPKE will decide whether exemptions can be granted in urgent cases and he will obtain a ruling from Div where any doubt exists.

(6) In accordance with the above orders, it is no longer possible to grant exemption to Reich Germans liable for service. To bear arms and to fight for the Fatherland in case of need is an honourable duty for every Reich

/ German ...

German who is fit for service. In order, however, to hold one's own it is essential that one should have received the appropriate previous training.

The general situation of Germany demands in this matter increased endeavour from every single German and imposes additional duties on him. The time lost on essential work by reason of this training will be made good by extra work in the evenings or by Sunday work. The moment when battle starts is too late to start training and to make up for past neglect. At that moment there is room only for fighting men, who can stand their ground, weapon in hand.

(7) In view of the above orders, Div is no longer in a position to accede to any kind of request for exemption. Absence without good reason will lead to disciplinary measures or court martial proceedings as the case may be.

(8) This order will be communicated to all Reich Germans concerned.

(Signed): GRAF STOLBERG
Genmaj.

Feldkommandantur 520
Recruiting Branch.

In the Field, 25 Aug 44.

Ref No. 2232/44. Secret.

Above order forwarded for information. In accordance with its provisions, all Reich Germans fit to bear arms will henceforth take part in the Wednesday and Saturday afternoon exercises, notwithstanding any previous exemptions or other types of war service. Permission to report sick or to be granted exemption etc can be obtained only from comd I Bn 16 Sicherungs Regt (Hptm ZUPKE). The units shown in the distribution list will be responsible for informing their Reich German personnel.

(Signed): ????????
Major

Distribution on file copy.

To: Army Adm Centre 667.

(Second Army Int Summary No.106)

3. PORTS

Extracts from Reports on Liberated Ports are given below:-

ANTWERP. The KRUISCHANS lock which controls the supply of water is in our hands and replacements are available for the damaged cuissons. 22 moored mines are reported in the stream while four 11,000 ton ships, two 5,000 ton ships, a Tug, a 6,000 ton Tanker, two large barges, and a Flak Barge have been sunk at loading or taking over berths. The dry dock is blocked by a 5,000 ton ship. A large number of local well equipped salvage firms are available and are being used to raise the few sunken ships in the harbour. There are almost unlimited berths for big draught ships and coasters ready for use and 80% of the port facilities including repair are available.

LE HAVRE. The entrance to the Avan Port has been blocked by at least three sunken vessels and a barge but it may be possible to get round these obstructions at high water. Extensive damage has been done to all quays and bassins but there are two possible berths for coasters alongside. In the Bassin area all buildings can be considered as destroyed.

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OSTENDE. The entrance is blocked by 14 wrecks and stakes with mines on top have been laid underwater across the harbour mouth. The outer harbour and approaches are mined and 50% of the harbour installations have been destroyed. The remainder are inoperative due to the destruction of the electrical supply. All quays had depth charges dug in at 50 feet intervals. There are berths for eight coasters of no more than 16 feet draught, and several drying-out berths for similar vessels are available once the entrance has been cleared of mines and obstructions.

LE TREPONT. There were five mines across the entrance. The approaches were also heavily mined. All cranes were damaged but one of them could soon be repaired. A few fishing vessels were sunk along the SOUTH of the Bassin a Flot, but they are being raised. In addition this port has not been dredged since 1939.

(Second Army Int Summary No.106)

Appendix "A" - Translation of an order issued by SCHERBENING Division.

" "B" - Translation of documents issued by Para Army.

Main HQ 30 Corps

T.O.S. 220345

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[Signature]
Brigadier
General Staff

SCHERVENING Division
G(Ops) 13/44

Field, 15 Sep 44
SECRET!

1. The left bdy of the Div (between BREHMER Regt and RAESLER Div) is laid down as follows -

N edge BEEGDEN K.78 - N edge OOL - S edge HATTEM - GEDROEK
K.7888 - rly GEDROEK - RHEYDT (rly incl (?) to RAESLER sector).

2. Chain of Command

SCHERVENING Div is under comd FELDT Corps (HQ at HULS, 5 km NW KREFELD).

FELDT Corps is under comd Acting 6 Corps (HQ at RHEINBERG A.22, 8 km WEST DINSLAKEN)

Acting 6 Corps is under comd Army Gp B.

3. (a) The main line of def will be the MAAS - WAAL Canal and R.MAAS, incl the adv brds.
(b) This line will be held with all means in the event of an enemy attack.

(c) All brs over the MAAS - WAAL Canal and R.MAAS will be secured. They will be prepared for demolition, especially the brs at RAUENSTEIN E.55 and GRAVE E.65 (JHLEMEYER Bn, in cooperation with RUNGE Coy, will ensure, through the engrs, that explosives are available).

The blowing of the brs will only be carried out at the express order of HQ Acting 6 Corps.

- (d) Construction of The West Wall will be carried out in close cooperation with the Party Office of Works and the Engr Hqs concerned (see Div Order of 14 Sep 44, para 10).

Especially urgent is the constr of armed weapon pits (4 ft 6 ins deep) and rifle and MG posts.

4. The enemy has recently sent out several agents in German officers' uniform, who travel past the tps on bicycles or in trucks shouting "Orders from Division! Withdraw at once!" Similar occurrences must be reckoned with in the future. In order to withdraw will only be carried out by tps if it is given by their immediately superior officer. Tps will be notified of this.

5. Manning of telephones by offr.

It has reportedly occurred that no offr has been available to answer the telephone at Hqs in this sector. This is quite intolerable. An offr will always be available - and immediately available - to answer the telephone at all Hqs. It is therefore desirable that - as already verbally ordered - that an offr should remain in the same room or in an adjoining room to the telephone, so as to be immediately available even at night.

(Signed) SCHERVENING.

PARA ARMY - TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED DOCUMENTS

There are many points of interest in the following translations, not least the distribution :-

HQ Para Army
G (Ops)

16 Sep 44.

Teleprint
SSD. NL 104/44.
SECRET

Report from Sector Comd WILMSKÖTER

Observation today strengthens the appreciation made 15 Sep 44. that a hy attack is to be expected very shortly. Increased MT activity and assembly of armour is reported.

In the AART brhead irregular skirmishing, increased enemy arty and fighter-bomber activity in this area. EAST of NEERHMAN, between the canal and the MAAS loop, a breakthrough by six enemy tanks. This is being sealed off and attacked. A quiet day and no change in the sit.

HQ Para Army.

Distribution :

Gauleiter SCHLOSSMANN, Commissar for National Def.
(via 4 Flak Div, DUISBURG)
SS - Obergruppenführer and General of Police RAUTER.
(Northwestern Dist Comd, SS and Police)

HQ Para Army
G (Ops)

Field : 16 Sep 44.

Teleprint
SSD 50/44.
SECRET

To : Gauleiter SCHLOSSMANN, Commissar for National Def. (via 4. Flak Div, DUISBURG)
SS Obergruppenführer and Gen of Police RAUTER
(Northwestern Dist Comd, SS and Police).

Report from SA (sic) - Standartenführer ENGELS

In the left sector small local enemy gains in the areas of AART and MECHLEN. The position was restored by counter-attack. The enemy's measure for rest and regrouping of his forces appear now to have been completed, so that the opening of a hy attack must be expected at any time.

The enemy was able to make an adv of about 500 yds on a front of 300 yds on the rd GHEEL - TURNHOUT after some indecisive fighting. The penetration was sealed off.

/The enemy.....

The enemy attack in a NW direction from the NEERPELT K3445 brhead was beaten back. The brhead was still further reduced.

The arrival of sector cond WILMSKÖTTER is reported. Standartenführer ENGELS will return on the evening of 16 Sep after introduction of sector cond WILMSKÖTTER to his duties.

HQ Para Army.

HQ Para Army
G (Ops)

16 Sep 44.

Teleprint
KR - SECRET

To : HQ Army Gp B
Ref: Daily Report - 16 Sep 44

(a) A quiet day, except for increased arty and fighter-bomber activity in the area of AART and armd thrusts, which led to a penetration near BUNDE later in the day. Increased MT activity and confirmed armd preparations strengthen the appreciation made 15 Sep 44 that a hy attack must be expected very shortly. Detailed reports are as follows :-

- (i) 88 Corps Continuous MT movement from WEST to EAST. Look machinery at WINEGHEM was blown by 749 Inf Div. Indecisive fighting in the AART brhead. The 15 (Scottish) Inf Div identified in this area fights toughly and stubbornly. Brhead sealed off. Attacks on the AART brhead handicapped by lack of arty arm.
- (ii) WALTHER Div Increased arty activity from BROESEIND K3095 brhead. The enemy has constructed tk obstacles some 1000 yds in front of our main def line. Our own a.tk def was thickened up and strengthened. On the EAST flank the brhead was successfully reduced by some 300 yds. The attack will be continued on 17 Sep 44 in conjunction with a special undertaking.
- (iii) ERDMANN Div A quiet day except for isolated patrol thrusts and fighter-bomber activity.
- (iv) 176 Inf Div In the area of RECHHELEN the enemy has assembled armd forces. On the South flank of 176 Inf Div the enemy increased his efforts later in the day and succeeded in effecting a penetration near BUNDE. A counter-attack with assault guns is in progress. Some six tanks broke through EAST of NEERHAAREN between the canal and the MAAS loop. These are now being sealed off and attacked. Increased fighter-bomber activity and harassing arty fire.

- (b) Unchanged as far as SOUTH of RECHHELEN. Sit at BUNDE not clear. Contact with 275 Inf Div at MEERSSEN K 65.

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G (Ops) HQ Para Army
(Signed) BROMMER, Lt.

Distribution : Cond and War Diary
Major BENLIN
Major LANGGUTH
GSI

Note : At points on the MAAS- SCHELDT canal it has been ascertained by soundings that the water level of the canal has fallen about 40 cm. On the front of I/2 Para Regt, 6 km EAST of AART, an attempt at a crossing by a fairly strong enemy patrol was beaten off.

(Signed) BROMMER, Lt.

1. ENEMY ORGANIZATION(a) SCHERBENING Division

At Appendix "A" is a translation of an order issued by the above firm which gives some idea of intentions and order of battle on the frontier SOUTH of VENLO. This particular copy was issued to I/6 Landeschützen Trg Bn; if they are typical of the tps under cond, it appears unlikely that the BREHMER mentioned is the former cond of 25 SS FGR. He would hardly be in such company.

5/6 Landeschützen Trg Bn has also been identified by a captured Wehrpass, belonging to one MULLER aged 57.

(b) 12 Inf Div

The identification by VII Corps of 27 and 89 GR Regts brings still another Infantry Division to the aid of Seventh German Army. This is 12 Inf Div which arrived from East PRUSSIA with the mission of holding the area of DUREN (F 1246). It was last known to be commanded by Genlt KURT-JURGEN Frhr von LUTZOW. This was an active division in the Wehrmacht, and was last engaged on the Northern Front in RUSSIA. Its personnel are probably of higher quality than that of the newly formed series of divisions. 12 Inf Div was last known to include 27, 48, and 49 GR Regts, 12 Arty Regt, 12 Recce Bn, ./T Bn, Engr Bn and Signal Bn. The remaining unidentified elements of the division can be expected to appear at any time.

(Source - FUSA)

(c) GAF Rft Bn z.b.V.6

This unit, of which details have recently been given by PW, is a "Bewährungs bataillon" - a unit consisting entirely of men who have served military sentences and are being given a chance to regain their previous rank of NCO by proving themselves in action. They are always put in when the fighting is hottest; they must never retreat except as a unit; if anyone is known to have been captured alive, he is officially regarded as a deserter and measures are taken against his family. PW stated that it was not normal for members of the unit to live longer than 3 months but occasionally someone is re-promoted "pour encourager les autres". It is, in short, a GAF version of the Army's notorious 999.

The personnel are all "ex-criminals" from Luftflotte 4. They fought in RUSSIA, RUMANIA and ITALY and after failing to reach PARIS and METZ before either of them fell, they were put straight into action at HASSELT. About 25 men of the bn survived the attack.

Of all the PW interrogated, the personal histories of some of them serve as a guide to the type of personnel to be found in such units. One intelligent, widely-travelled man who was formerly stage-manager of the HAMBURG State Theatre was court-martialled for being absent during the retreat from KRASNODAR and joined the unit in ITALY. Another had been a Sjt in the GAF with 8 years' service. He was found guilty of drawing an extra ration for himself in RUSSIA and served 9 months in the military prison at KIEV run by the SS, where any sign of recalcitrance or complaint was punished by death. Others were, a working-class man who served a sentence of 8 months for stealing bread and cheese while drunk, and a fourth, a Viennese medical orderly, served 12 months for slapping the face of a Ukrainian nurse who insulted the Germans. According to his story she was the mistress of the MO, which accounted for his immediate court-martial and sentence.

/ General ...

General details of the German system of punishment units were also given by PW. There are three kinds : Feldstrafabteilung, Feldstraflager and Feldstrafsonderlager. In all three rations are about one third of the normal. In the first type of unit, members are allowed freedom of movement under supervision and are allotted tasks such as bridge-building under fire, mine-laying or lifting in view of the enemy. They are armed only with spades. In the second there is no freedom whatever. The third contains all the very worst elements including the "politically unreliable" and very few survive a spell in the Feldstrafsonderlager. It is possible to be demoted or promoted from one class to another. The "Bewahrungsbataillone" are a sort of half-way house on the road back to the respectability of the Wehrmacht.

One PW who seemed to be an expert in such matters said that there were 39 main camps, including concentration camps, in Germany at the moment. He quoted average numbers of inmates in the various establishments as follows :- SACHSENHAUSEN - 17,000; DACHAU 11-12,000; BUCHENWALD 12-13,000; MATHAUSEN 10,000; FLOSSENBURG 7,000.

(Source: Second Army IS 106)

(d) 107 Panzer Brigade z.b.V.

2107 Pz Bn	Strength 40 Mk V Panther Tks and (?) Mk IVs.
2107 Pz Gren Bn	
1 Coy	Strength 23 half-track armoured cars, 28 LMGs (10 mounted on 2 tracks).
	3 Rifle Platoons plus 4 Hvy Mortar Platoon.
2 Coy	Identical with 1 Coy.
3 Coy	Identical with 1 Coy.
4 Coy	Strength 9 half-tracks mounting 3-barrelled 50 calibre MGs. (These weapons are unique to infantry and appear to have been obtained from the Air Corps).
5 Coy	Strength 9 short-barrelled 75mm SP Howitzers.

This Brigade was formed in Poland and moved by train on 16 Sep, destination AACHEN. Its orders were changed and upon news of airborne invasion detained at KREFELD, GERMANY, and proceeded to ZON, HOLLAND, with orders to attack and destroy the bridge there over the WILHELMINA Canal. It arrived during the night of 19-20 Sep, minus its tank bn, which had become separated during the march. The attack was launched by the Panzer Grenadier Bn and though the equipment was first-rate, the fighting qualities of its personnel showed lack of training.

(101 US Airborne Div Periodic Report No.4)

(e) 36 Inf Div

The identification of 36 Fus Bn on 13 Sep in the LUXEMBURG area confirmed the existence of 36 Inf Div. This div was suspected to be forming in GERMANY, but its exact composition was not known. Since then 87, 118 and 165 GRS have been identified as belonging to this div.

36 Inf Div was a peace-time div with personnel mainly from BAVARIA and Palatinato. In the Autumn of 1940 it was reorganised as a Pz Gren Div which has been continuously engaged on the Central Russian front. The existence of an Inf Div of the same number was for a long time considered doubtful.

Other div units are likely to be numbered "136" as this number is still unallotted, except for the Arty Regt which is reported to be numbered "260".

(f) 19 Inf Div

The following information on the formation of 19 Inf Div has been / obtained ...

obtained from PW statements.

The div seems to have been formed originally on a 2 Regt 3 Bn basis. At the beginning of Sep it appears that it was decided to make it a 3 Regt 2 Bn Div. 74 GR was then formed in the following manner. II/59 GR was renumbered I/74 GR while II/73 GR became II/74 GR. II/59 GR had originally been I/38 GR in 6 Inf Div, but when this div was destroyed in RUSSIA in June 1944 the bn was taken out and put in 19 Div then forming in DENMARK.

73 GR received its HQ Coy and staff in a similar way. They came from 45 GAF Regt of 19 GAF Div which had suffered severely from the Allied offensive in ITALY and was disbanded.

119 Arty Regt also received personnel from 19 GAF Div, II/19 GAF Arty Regt being transferred. It appears that this Bty was not left intact, but the personnel distributed to various Btys presumably to bring them up to strength and give them experienced personnel.

The whole div was sent to the TRIER area to finish its training, whence it was sent almost immediately into battle.
(Second Army Int Summary No.107)

2. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

Hptn VOSHAGE	OC, I/Para Rgt & Trg Regt GREVE
Maj BERLIN	
Maj LANGGUTH	Hq Para Army
Lt BROMMER	
Maj JECKEL	723 GR
Lt SCHOLZ	14/723 GR
Hptn TOLKSDORF	OC, III/723 GR (?)
Obersturnfuhrer MUNSKI	OC, 19 SS Eng Bn
Hptn PEISE	OC, I/6 Para Regt
Lt WASKE	Adj, I/6 Para Regt
Hptn MEYER	OC, II/6 Para Regt
Hptn KUENLEIN	OC, 15/6 Para Regt
Lt KRIES	OC, 10 or 11/6 Para Regt
Gemaj ROEMER	Comd 22 Flak Div
Hptn STEINDACH	
Oblt OHLENBURGER	22 Flak Div
Lt DROSTE	
Oblt MAYER	OC 3/Regt HOFFMANN
Hptn WEKLING	OC 6 z.b.V. Bn
Oblt BEVENSEE	OC 1/6 z.b.V. Bn
Hptn TRIEDE	OC II/53 Flieger Regt
Obersturnfuhrer HEINKE	OC II/21 SS PGR

3. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
9 and 10 SS Pz Divs IV/21 SS PGR	NIJLEGEN	20 Sep	PW. Mixed FRUNDSBERG and HOHENSTAUFEN elts. Str 19 Sep approx 80 per coy. State formerly II/19 SS PGR. In Battle Gp EULING.
3/10 SS Engr Bn	388954	19 Sep	PW stragglers. State bn withdrew NE 17 Sep.
II/21 SS PGR	HEIMONT 4796	20 Sep	PW. State intention to withdraw in direction HEIMONT.

/ 10/HOHNSTAUFEN

10/HOHENSTAUFEN Regt

4911

SCHERBENING Div

I/6 Landeschützen Trg Bn

59 Inf Div

All regts

W of EINDHOVEN

6 Para Div

6 Para Engr Bn area RIETHORST

Miscellaneous

SS A tk Bn HILVERSUM NIJMEGEN

365 SS Trg Bn

NIJMEGEN

2/526 Inf Bn

HORST 7754

4/HG Rft and Trg Regt. Area AART
K.0794

II/6 Para Regt

5474

Para Regt HERMANN

MOOK 7251

20 Sep PW

15 Sep Cap doc

20 Sep PW. Div escaped from SOUTH of SCHELDT, abandoning vehs and hy weapons. Total str estimated 4000.

20 Sep PW. Str 50.

20 Sep PW. Org. 1 Coy - 9 x RHINOCEROS; 2 Coy 3 x 75 mm, 3 x 50 mm, 3 x 37 mm, all towed. 3 Coy should be Flak but actually fighting as inf.

20 Sep PW

20 Sep PW. Str 350 recruits. k
2 LMGs per coy - no mortars.

20 Sep PW

20 Sep PW. Patrol only.

21 Sep PW

FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- Airborne Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps Main Second Army
Gds Arm'd Div 43 Div 101 US Airborne Div
50 Div Two Second Army

I/171 (.) for GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM to 211700A (.)

first (.) NORTH of NEDER RIJN (.)

- A (.) 20 Sep 1 Airborne Div area 6977 7077 repulsed enemy attacks from EAST and WEST (.) much skelling and slight infiltration from high ground to North (.)
- B (.) 1 Para Bde reported holding North end road bridge 748769 (.) civilian phone reports 1000 SS HOHENSTAUFEN with tanks in ARNHEM (.) also 1 Coy SS A/Tk Bn HILVERSUM with ten SP 88 mm (.)
- C (.) agents report several thousand HITLER youths digging East bank IJssel North DEVENTER Z.90 (.)
- D (.) HOR report enemy using TIEL 4268 as escape route to North (.)

second (.) between NEDER RIJN and MEUSE (.)

- A (.) few enemy only reported manning South bank NEDER RIJN but strong post South end road bridge 746767 and our thrust North from NIJMEGEN bridges today strongly opposed South ELST 7070 by NIJMEGEN survivors with several tks (.)
- B (.) NIJMEGEN garrison was three bns under OBST HARTMUT and had come down from ARNHEM (.) composed FRUNDSBERG HOHENSTAUFEN hotch potch worth two bns GAF battle gp HARTMUT worth one bn 2 Coy SS HILVERSUM A tk Bn with towed guns (.)
- C (.) Dutch resistance bribed SS guards fortnight ago to remove demolition charges (.) this NOT confirmed (.)
- D (.) cap docs and PW show DIV SCHERBENING with 6 Para Div under comd for adm fighting along general line 7361 7560 7853 7251 (.) HQ SCHERBENING CLEVE E.9055 HQ 6 Para Div 818537 (.) after yesterday's attacks quiet today (.)
- E (.) idents 19 Sep area MOOK 7252 19 Sep '8 Coy 1051 GR 3 and 4 Coys 1052 GR of 84 Div and query 1091 GR (.) 6 Para Eng Bn area BEEK 7560 (.)
- F (.) Regt BRUMMER area ROERMOND K.79 (.) inter div bdy SCHERBENING and RAESLER line of rly ROERMOND RHEYDT F.08 (.) original task these divs was hold lay back line MEUSE and MAAS - WAAI to NIJMEGEN (.) both under comd HQ Corps FELDT at HULS A.10 (.)
- G (.) civilian report enemy crossing MAAS area BERGEN 8135 and moving NW towards 7149 and 7045 (.)
- H (.) patrols Westward report no enemy between MAAS and WAAI as far as 40 Easting except at ferry 4267 (.)

third (.) South of MEUSE (.)

- A (.) 101 US A/B Div identified 20 Sep 107 Pz Bde area NUNEN 4822 (.) Bde has 2107 Pz Bn with forty Mark 4 and 5 tanks and 2107 Pz Gren Bn with five mot coys and nine SP inf guns (.) formed in POLAND destined for AACHEN but switched NE during anti-airborne flap (.) not all tanks arrived yet (.) attacked ZON bridge 4425 dawn 20 Sep but repulsed (.)
- B (.) elts all three regts 59 Inf Div general area West EINDHOVEN (.) strength after SCHELDT ferry estimated 4000 no heavy eqpt (.) div had orders get back GERMANY any possible route (.)
- C (.) elts 347 Div area BEST 3726 (.)

/ D ...

- D (.) HELMOND being fortified and HERTOGENBOSCH held
(.) TILBURG garrison 2000 incl many police (.)
E (.) important well stocked PMC captured OSS 4754 and
anticipate enemy attempts recapture (.)
F (.) party 300 inf 3 AFV area GEMERT 5780 this morning
(.)
G (.) 12 Corps have reached 3016 and 3318 but enemy not
going until pushed (.) no fresh idents (.)
H (.) 8 Corps fighting outside NUNEN 4821 but hold 4816
and 5911 (.) idents still 6 Para Regt and composite
HOHENSTAUFEN FRUNDSBERG battle gp previously identified
(.)

- fourth (.) A (.) cap docs HQ Para Army show sitrops being sent to
SS Police chief NORD WEST and REICH Defence Commissar
via 4 Flak Div at DUISBERG and Army Gp B (.)
B (.) these sitrops consolidated reports from 88 CORPS
DIVISION WALTHER DIVISION ERDMANN and 176 INF DIV (.)
719 DIV under comd 88 CORPS (.) comment (.) one
ERDMANN former comd 18 GAF DIV and one WALTHER former
comd 4 Para Regt (.)

- fifth (.) A (.) Second Army estimate 130000 enemy in HOLLAND West
of line EINDHOVEN ARNHEM incl 90000 recently ferried
over SCHELDT (.)
B (.) appreciate best course open to enemy is withdrawal
to line WAAL NIJMEGEN MEUSE with attempts destroy or
recapture bridges ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN (.) in any case
expect increase of strength and further attacks NW from
REICHSWALD E.85 since three important rft routes lead in
there from SE and vital deny us NIJMEGEN bridge whatever
his intentions (.) no estimate possible of what enemy
can produce from GERMANY (.)

all informed

SDR: Airborne Corps (3)
101 US Airborne Div (2)
64s Amd Div (2)
Tac Second Army (2)
Main Second Army (2)

LO: Tac 43 Div

DRIS: Main 43 Div (2)
8 Corps (2)
12 Corps (2)
50 Div (2)

By Hand: DGS
CCRA
Phanton
110 SMS
P. Int Sec

W. H. Wolman
Major 958

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.506Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 22 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

Today the enemy appeared to have two main objects in view. The first was to cut our L of C SOUTH of the MAAS River; the second to prevent a link up between 30 Corps troops just NORTH of NIJMEGEN and the British and Polish paratroops on either side of the NEDERRIJN WEST of ARNHEM.

He was able to achieve his first object early this afternoon by cutting the road with tanks and infantry between UDEN 5342 and VEGHEL 4737. A battalion of 21 SS PGR of 10 SS Pz Div with the tanks and infantry of 107 Pz Bde appear to have thrust NW from the direction of GEMERT. Latest reports this evening state that small parties of enemy are still at 501400, and that about 150 infantry and 30 tanks are at 4837.

While this was going on, there was slight trouble brewing up WEST of our main axis. ST ODENRODE 4232 was shelled, and it seems as though 59 Div, recently identified at SCHIJNDEL 4038, was trying to co-ordinate an attack with the one launched by the SS and 107 Pz Bde. It came to nothing, however, and it seems quite clear that the enemy on our Western flank, though far more numerous, constitutes a smaller threat.

NORTH of NIJMEGEN our troops attacked early this morning. The enemy's resistance was very stubborn. It is estimated that two battalions of infantry and about half-a-dozen tanks were astride the main road to ARNHEM. By last light our right-hand brigade had only reached the 675 Northing. However further to the WEST the enemy was not so thick on the ground. Early in the morning our armoured cars filtered round and linked up with the Poles on the SOUTH bank of the river at 6876. Later the infantry were able to overcome the enemy's resistance at OOSTERHOUT 6866, which gave them a clear run to the river. During the fighting 130 PWs were taken, two tanks knocked out and another captured.

The river itself has not yet been crossed by the relieving infantry; this may entail some difficulty as both the Northern end of the railway bridge and the ferry-crossing at 6876 are in enemy hands. The perimeter still held by the British Airborne Division is a few hundred yards NORTH of the river astride the 69 Northing and about one square mile in extent. Our troops were again heavily mortared and shelled, but the enemy's attacks today do not appear to have been as strong as yesterday's, when 15 enemy tanks were knocked out.

However if we are to believe civilian reports of large numbers of tanks reaching ARNHEM today from the EAST and SE, it looks as if tomorrow the enemy will make an all-out attempt to liquidate our troops NORTH of the NEDERRIJN.

Enemy reinforcements are also crossing the M.L.S at VENLOO. 150 MT were reported yesterday moving from there to VENRAY 7826, and Tac/R this evening observed a column of 100 mixed vehicles in VENLOO itself. It looks therefore as if the enemy will intensify his attempts to interfere with our L of C. The forces he has available between our axis and VENLOO are as follows -

Two infantry battalions of 10 SS Div
One infantry battalion } of 107 Pz Bde
40 AFVs

Two battalions, identity unknown, which moved NW yesterday from VENLOO.

Possibly three battalions, identity unknown in VENLOO itself.

/WEST of.....

WEST of our axis other formations may well join 59 Div in their attempts to find an escape route to the WEST. It is difficult to give any figures but their fighting value will be low.

SE of NIJMEGEN we still have 6 Para Div and SCHERBENING Div, who are at the moment pretty low down on the priority list for reinforcements.

NORTH of NIJMEGEN is the bulk of 9 and 10 SS Pz Divs, though whether these amount to much more than one full division is doubtful. However there may be up to 100 tanks NORTH of the NEDERRIJN. For the third time within six months 2 SS Pz Corps is being called upon to fight a crucial battle.

2. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS AND DEFENCES

The following information derives from civilian sources. It has not been checked but is considered on the whole reliable. Date of information 20/21 Sep 44.

(a) Dispositions and Troop Movements

BILTHOVEN E.271961. Important German HQ. Suspected C-in-C Netherlands.

DEELEN. E.7284. Airfield and surrounding woods occupied by about 1000 SS troops with 4 tk guns and 2 on Flak.

ERP E.5335. Column AFVs moving WEST to ERP. Enemy digging in.

GEERTRUIDENBERG E.0246. PENEM power-house guarded by approximately 200 SS troops.

UTRECHT In general, few German troops in area. Little traffic on roads SE of area. Troops from "173 Inf Regt" moved to REINOUWEN Castle (SOUTH of town). A few 4 tk guns have arrived from HERTOGENBOSCH and four 144 guns from VREESWIJK E.1882. Some tanks in area. Approx 2/3rds of LANDWACHT (Dutch Nazi Home Guard) left on 20 Sep for ALMELO V.21 (HQ of Antoine MUSSERT). Total strength of LANDWACHT - 700 men armed with old Dutch rifles.

VENRAIJ E.7727. Suspected HQ and W/T Station.

VIANEN E.1880. } Fresh troops under command of Major have arrived

VREESWIJK E.1882. } at BEATRIX locks 193818. They are posted on dyke between the locks and VREESWIJK with three 4 tk guns 190819; three 44 guns 194824; three 4 tk guns 197824. At VIANEN bridge 174812 three 2 cm 44 guns on Northern bank; one 4 tk gun 175807; one searchlight 177807.

WERKHOVEN E.290836. Castle BEUERWEERD unidentified HQ.

ZEIST E.2890. MG positions in DORPSTRAAT and on railway. Three 4 tk guns at corner KOELAN and WATERIGE WEG (immediately SOUTH of castle). Estimated strength enemy in area, 700 men.

(b) Defences

HERTOGENBOSCH E.3246. All houses in the van der PARKSTRAAT from the PALEIS van JUSTITIE to the ZUID WILLEMSVAART Canal being prepared for defence. Civilians from outskirts concentrated in centre of town. Enemy activities suggest intention to defend strongly.

OCHTEN E.5070.)
RHENEN E.5175.)

Former Dutch defences being refurbished.
 Trees and houses EAST of this line being demolished. Bridge at RHENEN blown p.m. 21 Sep.

Whole area patrolled. Five 5 cm A tk guns at ferry 505753 (ferry capable of taking half-track and trailer).

SOESTERBERG E.3195.
VENLOO

Airfield and hangars mined.
 Extensive digging of A tk defences around town - entire male population conscripted for work. Airfield destroyed and prepared for defence.

WERKHOVEN E.290836.
ZEIST E.2890.

Environs mined.
 Mines being laid in ZEISTER BOSCH approx area 3090.

(c) Demolitions and Obstructions

ALSTERDAM)
ROTTERDAM)
BREUKELLEN Z.1301)
ZEGVELD E.0395)
HARMELEN

Harbour works being demolished.

Pumping stations prepared for demolition.

Rail traffic ROTTERDAM, THE HAGUE, and LEIDEN to UTRECHT blocked by derailed train approximate area E.0894.

HEDEL E.300520.

Road bridge prepared for demolition. Railway bridge blown.

HERTOGENBOSCH

Demolitions at railway station and workshops. Bridge over ZUID WILLEMSVAART prepared for demolition.

JUTPHAAS E.1885.

Bridge over new RIJN - MERWEDE canal prepared for demolition.

LEIDEN-HAGUE
UTRECHT

Road cratered.

DRIEBERGSSCHE WEG EAST of PAVIA 296091 prepared for cratering and trees marked for felling.

VLANEN E.1880.

German intention to flood area SE of UTRECHT. Bridge prepared for demolition. Charges laid at top of piers and also on top of the arch. ignition wires cut by Dutch resistance but may have been repaired. Bridge can be blown from either side of river.

(d) Miscellaneous

ARNHEM
OUDEKERK a.d. AMSTEL
 Z.0715.
UTRECHT
WERKHOVEN E.290836

Villa at 747791 used to house Allied PWs.

All barges requisitioned; believed to be for transport of munitions.

Castle De BILDT E.2292 used to house Allied PWs.
 Castle BEUERWEERD unidentified HQ.

3. APPENDIX

At Appendix "A" is a sketch and description of the German Improvised Bottle Mine.

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 Brigadier,
 General Staff.

Main HQ 30 Corps

T.O.S. 430245 A

1. ENEMY ORGANISATION(a) Panzer Bdes

What may probably amount to the final mechanisation of German armour is being carried out in the form of Pz Bdes, presumably because both personnel and tanks are in too limited a supply to allow for a more ambitious plan in the shape of new panzer divisions.

105, 106 and 107 Pz Bdes have so far been identified, SOUTH of AACHEN, in the LUXEMBOURG area, and NE of NIJMEGEN respectively. Although their origins are still obscure, some details are available about their strengths and composition.

Captured documents showed that a series of these bdes was set up on 26 Jul. They were to consist of one lorry-borne inf bn, one tk bn with eleven assault guns and 33 Panthers, an Engr coy, a Supply coy and a Wksp pl. PW have given the composition of 105 Pz Bde as: 2105 Pz Bn, consisting of three coys each of 7 - 8 Panthers; 2105 Pz Gren Bn, strength approx 400 men, of four coys each with 20 armd cars some of which are known to mount a short 7.5 cm; and 2105 Pz Engr Bn. It is known to have been formed from remnants of 18 Pz Gren Div which was badly mauled in RUSSIA and which was reported a few weeks ago to have left its tk bn behind in the WEST before its departure for the Eastern front. One report suggests that elements of the shattered 25 Pz Div. last reported to be reforming in DENMARK and absorbing 233 Pz Trg Div, are also included.

106 Pz Bde which probably has similar numbering and the same org was said to have 29 tanks. It certainly contains elements of 60 Pz Gren Div FELDHERNHALLE which was destroyed on the Central Russian sector in June and has already supplied part of its tank bn to 116 Pz Div. Both bdes probably contain men and tanks from trg schools in the WEST and in GERMANY in addition to these divisional remnants.

Further formations org on the same basis must be expected in the near future in the battle area. Other pz divs whose continued existence is considered uncertain and which may supply remnants for the formation of new bdes are 10 Pz and 22 Pz.

(b) Acting VI Army Corps

Acting VI Army Corps is the first example so far encountered of a static HQ on a Corps level leaving its Wehrkreis and taking its place in the line. When mobilization first took place, the first unit sent into the field from Wehrkreis VI was of course VI Corps. The comd of the Wehrkreis went into battle to command the Corps, leaving the second-in-command of the Wehrkreis behind to form a new staff and command the Wehrkreis in his absence.

It is not known what HQ is left in Wehrkreis VI but it seems certain that the area is already depleted of staffs. 176 Div z.b.v. from BIELEFELD has been mobilized and holds a sector in command of various Sicherungs Bns and trg units, drawn from the Wehrkreis. 526 Res Div has also been identified by our Allies both by contact and captured documents. It was previously a Grenzschutz (frontier guard) division in NAMUR until 1943 when it returned to its home station in WUPPERTAL to become a mobilization division. Now it commands three inf regts, among them 77 GR, probably formed from 77 Gr Ers Bn in MUELHEIM, 253 GR, probably 253 Gr Ers Regt from AACHEN and 473 GR, probably 473 Gren Ers Bn also from AACHEN. It may also command 526 Sicherungs Bn, identified in the same area.

ENEMY PERSONALITIES

Comds of eight firms in the WEST as
reported at 20 Sep with their Chief
of Staffs where known.

Supreme Comd WEST and Army Group D		Genfldm von RUNDSTEDT
	Chief of Staff	Genlt GIMLER
Army Group B		Genfldm MODEL
Army Group G		Genfldm BLASKOWITZ
	Chief of Staff	Gen GYLDENFELD
1 Army		Gen der Infanterie HELMUTH
1 Para Army		Gen der Flieger STUDENT
	Chief of Staff	Genlt SACKNER
5 Pz Army		Comd NOT known
	Chief of Staff	Gen GAUSE
7 Army		SS Oberstgruppenführer
	Chief of Staff	"SEPP" DIETRICH
		Genmaj von GERSDORF
15 Army		Gen von ZANGEN
	Chief of Staff	Genmaj HOFFMAN
19 Army		Gen WIESE
C in C NETHERLANDS		Gen der Flieger CHRISTIANSEN
SS HQ in HOLLAND		? DEMELHOFER
1 SS Pz Corps		? SS Obergruppenführer GAUCKLER
	Chief of Staff	OF KRÄMER
2 SS Pz Corps		SS Obergruppenführer
	Chief of Staff	WILLI BITTRICH
		OSDF SOMMER
2 Para Corps		Gen der Flieger MEINDL
	Chief of Staff	Oberst BLAUENSTEINER
4 GAF Pz Corps		Gen der Flieger PETERSEN
13 SS Corps		Comd NOT known
25 Corps (and LORIENT Fortress)		? Gen der Artillerie FAHRMBACH
47 Pz Corps		Gen der Pz Truppen Hans Freiherr
	Chief of Staff	von FUNCK
		Oberst REINHARDT
59 Pz Corps		? Genlt KRUEGER
64 Res Corps		Gen der Pz SACHS

65 Corps

66 Res Corps

67 Corps

74 Corps

Chief of Staff

80 Corps

Chief of Staff

81 Corps

Chief of Staff

82 Corps

Chief of Staff

84 Corps

Chief of Staff

86 Corps

Chief of Staff

88 Corps

Chief of Staff

89 Corps

Gen der Artillerie HEINEMANN

Gen der Infanterie LUCHT

Gen der Infanterie FISCHER von
WEIKERTHAL

Gen der Infanterie STRAUBE
Oberst ZOELLER

(? Gen der Artillerie GALLENKAMP
(? Genmaj BAYER
? Gen KOSTLIN

Genmaj SCHACK
Oberst WIESE

Gen der Artillerie SINNHUBER
Genmaj von BULOW

Cond NOT known
Oberstlt von ORIEGEN

Gen der Infanterie OBSTFELD
Oberst von WISSMANN

Gen der Infanterie REINHARD
Oberstlt von WIRSDORF

Gen der Infanterie von und zu
GILSA

FROM : Main 30 Corps

22 0915 A

TO : Main Second Army

I/173 (.) TOPSEC (.) for GSI and G-2 (.) following evidence to show 9 SS HOHENSTAUFEN and 10 SS FRUNDSBERG have been amalgamated (.) first (.) identification composite battle group MEUSE - ESCAUT canal SE EINDHOVEN worth two bns (.) PW all said FRUNDSBERG Unit HQ was controlling (.) second (.) another composite battle group with two bns contested NIJMEGEN and again PW said FRUNDSBERG in charge (.) third (.) ~~THIRD~~ evening 21 Sep elt 9 SS Div line only from MALDEN 7055 to East edge ARNHEM (.) fourth (.) civilian phone report 21 Sep state 1000 SS in ARNHEM and HOHENSTAUFEN signs in area (.) fifth (.) agent report approx 19 Sep quote HQ 9 and 10 Pz Divs unquote area A 1207 (.) sixth (.) our comment (.) Divs have amalgamated and absorbed elts other SS firms and whole hotch potch worth three weak bdes (.) all informed

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IMPORTANT

W. M. ...
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Distribution : Airborne Corps
8 Corps
12 Corps
XIX US Corps
101 US Airborne Div
45 Div
50 Div
Gds Amd Div

By DRLS

PW Int Sec
110SIS

By Hand

From: GSI Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Arm'd Div 43 Div Tac Second Army Main Second Army
101 US Airborne Div Airborne Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps
50 Div 8 Arm'd Bde XIX US Corps

I/178 (.) TOPSEC (.) For GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM to 221500A (.)

first (.) NORTH of NEDER RIJN (.)

- civilian phone reports from ARNHEM up to 1100 hrs (.)
- A (.) evening 20 Sep enemy reinforced SOUTH over road bridge after British paratps had been driven off (.)
- B (.) report centre in ARNHEM with signs HOHENSTAUFEN HEINKE ZIEGLER STOLZE (.)
Comment (.) Second Army PW report states ~~HEINKE~~ comd all FRUNDSBERG remnants (.) one STOLZE was comd Flak Coy 26 SS PGR (.) see our I/173 of 220915A which gives evidence for amalgamation 9 and 10 SS Divs (.)
- C (.) large office building 736766 being used by German police and SD (.)
- D (.) several hundred British PW at 747791 (.)
- E (.) large petrol dumps and tanks 763765 (.)
- F (.) area round aerodrome DEELEN 7284 occupied by 1000 SS men in anti-paratp role (.)
- G (.) some bedraggled Germans crossing river Northward VIANEN E.1880 and selling equipment (.) taken in hand by provost (.)
- H (.) Germans planning flood area SE UTRECHT (.)
- J (.) flash 221500A many tanks moving WEST into ARNHEM from ZEVENHAAR 8671 and RADEN 8380 (.)
- K (.) other civilian reports indicate quote HQ Army in HOLLAND unquote located NE UTRECHT at E.271961 (.)

second (.) Between NEDER RIJN and MAAS (.)

- A (.) own arm'd cars broke through to Poles on SOUTH bank opposite Airborne Div area 6977 but enemy resisting along general line 6768 to 7067 with tanks and 88 mm (.)
- B (.) PW yesterday area MOOK 7251 from Para Regt HERMANN worth two bns (.) estimated total strength between MAAS and WAAL at six bns with 20 light AFV (.)
- C (.) cap docs show SCHERVENING DIV numbered 406 (.)

third (.) SOUTH of MAAS (.)

- A (.) 21 Sep 1034 Regt of 59 Div located area 4134 (.) PW state regt 2000 strong with orders to break through at OENRODE 4232 (.)
- B (.) morning 22 Sep civilians reported coln incl AFV moved NORTH from GEMERT 5830 thence WEST to ERP 5335 and digging in there (.) 1400 hrs 101 US Airborne Div reports this coln had cut rd area 5140 with 30 tanks and inf (.)
- C (.) PEARL very corrupt 1520A mentions BOEKEL 5736 VOLKEL 5640 and 107 Pz Bde under comd 3 Bn 21 SS PGR and says 52 Flak Bn changing posn (.) 6 Coy 21 SS PGR to blow br 503341 (.)
- D (.) Civilians report 21 Sep 150 MT moved NW from VENLO towards VENRAY 7726 (.) coln included anti-tk guns but NO tanks or big guns (.) Army not SS personnel and came from BREMEN (.) W/T station and susp Hq in VENRAY itself (.)
- E (.) comment (.) reckon B is not more than can be accounted for by 107 Pz Bde and SS ~~Op~~ but ~~D~~ is a rift (.) anticipate pincer attempts on VEGHEL bridge by A and B (.)

F (.) civilians report much digging VENLO with conscripted labour

fourth (.) Conclusions (.) attacks on L of C have begun in earnest and likely to increase in strength and frequency (.) in addition expect big build-up from EAST and WEST into ARNHEM (.) enemy must realise his chances SE NIJMEGEN dwindling steadily but may still try something there (.) still no estimate of how much more can come from GERMANY or be detached from American front (.)

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TO:- Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps

I/179 (.) TOPSEC ISUM to 221900A (.) First (.)

PEARL (.) Corrupt message 1500A mentions 107 Pz Bde
under comd 3 Bn 21 SS PGR area BOEKEL 5736 VOLKEL
5640 also ref to 52 Flak Bn (.) 6 Coy 21 SS PGR to
blow br 503341 (.) Second (.) Civilian reports (.)

HOLNSTAUFEN HEINKE ZIEGLER STOLZE PETER seen on boards
in ARNHEM (.) DEELEN aerodrome 7284 occupied by 1000
SS tps (.) 221500A many tks moving WEST into ARNHEM
from ZEVENAAR 8671 and RIJNDEN 8380 (.) 21 Sep 150 LT
moving NW from VENLO to VENRAY 7726 with a tk guns but
NO tanks or big guns (.) Third (.) Idents (.)

6966 4 Bn 21 SS PGR (.) Same Bn recently identified
NIJMEGEN NOT rpt NOT 2 Bn (.) Fourth (.) Longer
ISUM follows other means soonest (.) all informed

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From : GSI Main 30 Corps

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Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps XIX US Corps

I/181 (.) TOPSEC (.) For GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM to 232200A (.)

first (.) NORTH of NEDER RIJN (.)

- A (.) civrep ARNHEM states considerable movt NORTH and NW from town today (.) few enemy in ARNHEM itself (.) little movt SOUTH over road bridge (.) comment (.) accept with scepticism pending further details (.)
- B (.) further attacks on 1 Airborne Div this morning incl tanks SP guns heavy shelling (.) no details yet enemy strength this area but reckon equivalent bde gp of 2 SS Corps involved (.) probably 9 SS Div if this fun still exists as separate entity (.)
- C (.) digging NORTH bank of NEDER RIJN reported 5374 5975 6276 (.)
- D (.) six light tanks ferried SOUTH 5175 and six remain NORTH bank (.)
- E (.) much movt NE during past week AMERSFOORT ZWOLLE (.) NTR from UTRECHT (.)

second (.) Between NEDER RIJN and WAAL (.)

- A (.) on EAST enemy pushed back to general line 6975 7070 7265 (.) and on WEST our patrols reached 55 Easting (.)
- B (.) identifications (.) area ELST Battle Gp KNAUS arrived from ARNHEM 21 and 22 Sep (.) composed 64 and 361 Trg Bns and sqn 11 Pz Trg Bn with 20 rise tanks (.) 11 of those KO by 8 Armd Bde 22 and 23 Sep (.)
- C (.) strong resistance SE ELST suggests SS Battle Gp HARTMUT worth two bns and some AFV operating this sector but no confirmation by idents (.)
- D (.) idents area 6169 and 6674 Battle Gp LIPSCH consisting one timed bn River Police (.)
- E (.) civrep partly confirmed by recon shows def line being prepared and dyke blown from 5069 to 5172 (.) Comment (.) in view of para first C above reckon layback line being prepared (.)

third (.) Between WAAL and MEUSE (.)

- A (.) own troops gained general line 77 Easting from 777630 to 770520 thence 753504 thence road to incl MOOK (.)
- B (.) no change estimate six bns and 20 AFV of 406 and 6 Para Divs this front but Battle Gp NECKER worth two coys identified Northern end (.) Para Regt HERMANN now known to be synonymous Para Lehr Regt (.)

fourth (.) SOUTH of MAAS (.)

- A (.) axis reopened this evening (.) 1540 hrs enemy tanks and inf attacking NW stopped by shellfire 4836 4934 (.) 6 Tigers harbouring for night 5336 (.)
- B (.) PW released 230615A by 1st 16 Flak Div quote in ERDMANNS sector main def line is WILHELMSS Canal unquote (.) Comment (.) presume ERDMANN who is known to be a Div Comd is in charge party EAST VEGEL (.)
- C (.) idents 23 Sep PW 5 Coy 19 SS PCR VOLKEL 5640 and stragglers 107 Pz Bde MILL 6444 (.) latter state Bde Comd Major Von MALTZE (.)
- D (.) muckage piling up against left flank area NW EINDHOVEN (.) idents by 101 US A/D Div elts 347 47 59 Divs and Battle Groups SCHAEFFER KOPPEN GRUNEMALD (.) quantity not quality here (.)

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fifth (.) Conclusions (.)

- A (.) estimate total strength NORTH WAAL nine bns inf mostly SS and 60 assorted AFV after recent losses (.) about as much again of ordinary inf available shortly (.)
- B (.) as our hold on NIJMEGEN bridge tightens appreciate enemy will concentrate on defence NEDER RIJN on elimination Airborne bridgehead (.) no change estimate enemy capabilities on flanks (.) all informed
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30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 507

Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 24 Sep 44

THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT

PART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

During the past 48 hours the enemy has persisted in his attempts both to cut our L of C and to eliminate the perimeter held by the British Airborne Division.

Yesterday afternoon the enemy was cleared from the area NE of VEGHEL, and traffic was resumed. This evening, however, our axis was cut again, this time SOUTH of VEGHEL at 4535. The attack came in from the WEST and was made apparently by part of 6 Para Regiment which we by-passed to our left in our original drive on NIJMEGEN. Behind 6 Para Regiment is the infantry of 59 Division, which was recently identified near SCHIJNDEL 4038. Other Fifteenth Army divisions which are slowly pressing eastwards are 275, 47 and 347. All these divisions are, of course, very much below strength and short of heavy equipment. The total number is, however, quite formidable - say 20,000 men - and there may be still more to come.

Part of Fifteenth Army is certainly retreating NORTH. Civilians report large numbers of dispirited troops crossing the WAAL and WAAL NORTH of 's HERTOGENBOSCH E 34, and then going NE through AMERSFOORT E 39 and ZWOLLE. Some of these troops will be needed to defend the line of the river IJssel where digging has already started.

The British Airborne Division has endured heavy enemy attacks for over a week. The enemy infantry is reported to be mediocre in quality, but the ground held by our troops is under continuous shell and mortar fire. The enemy is also using a number of Tiger tanks and SP guns, which are steadily destroying the houses in which most of our troops are entrenched. Some reinforcements have already been sent over from the SOUTH bank of the river, but the fact that the enemy controls the ferry at 6876 makes the sending over of supplies difficult.

The enemy appears to be trying to reinforce the ARNHEM area from the EAST and WEST, using the railway that runs from UTRECHT to EMMERICH. About half-a-dozen tanks were reported yesterday moving EAST from IJNENEN 4975 along the NORTH bank of the NEDERRIJN.

The enemy is also taking steps to prevent us crossing the NEDERRIJN. Cyclist troops were observed this evening moving SOUTH to the area 5876. Civilians report diggings at several places along the NORTH bank of the river, and also between 5474 and 5468, i.e. the point where the NEDERRIJN and the WAAL approach to within a few miles of each other. The enemy's defence line will then presumably continue Westwards along the line of the WAAL.

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Meanwhile between ARNHEM and NIJMEGEN the fighting has been fierce. The enemy had brought down considerable reinforcements, both tanks and infantry, from ARNHEM, in an endeavour to contain us just NORTH of NIJMEGEN, and it is estimated that about four battalions of infantry and up to 30 tanks (some of them obsolescent Mk IIIs) were between the two rivers when we attacked. The fighting for ELST was particularly fierce, and by last light this evening there were still a few enemy in the eastern outskirts of the town. Further SE DEMMEL 7367 is strongly held. Our attacks in this sector made little headway.

Most of the identifications are confusing and meaningless. However it looks as if 1 and 4 Battalions of 21 SS PGR, together with some tanks from a resuscitated 10 SS Tank Regiment are fighting on the Eastern flank, while around ELST was a Battle Group KNAUS consisting of two training battalions and a scratch squadron of tanks. Eleven of these were destroyed on 22 Sep and 23 Sep, including one Tiger and five Panthers.

There were signs this evening that the enemy is withdrawing NE towards ARNHEM.

SE of NIJMEGEN on the German frontier, things have remained quiet. The bend in the river NORTH of BEEK 7560 is now clear of the enemy. 6 Para Division and SCHREIBENING Division are still thought to be there. However, our patrols today to the REICHSWALD Forest report a considerable thickening up of the enemy in that area. A new division - 180 Res - was identified yesterday in the area of DEURNE 6520, and the arrival of new formations, hastily thrown together, must always be reckoned with. The enemy may well be planning further attacks NW towards NIJMEGEN, similar to those he launched three days ago.

At the moment, however, his best policy is to continue harassing us as much as possible along our L of C.

His second consideration is to stop us crossing the NEDERRIJN, so that he can eliminate our Airborne Division at his leisure. So we must expect a thickening up of the enemy along the Northern bank of the NEDERRIJN, and not until he is secure there, will he make a determined attack NW from the REICHSWALD Forest.

2. NAVAL SITUATION

Information from newly occupied ports is as follows -

- LE HAVRE - Small ships can now enter the harbour as initial clearance is complete and there is an 80 ft channel between the blockships in the outer harbour. Underwater demolition charges have been found under various quays.
- DIEPPE - 10 berths are now available for ships of maximum draught 17 feet - a suitable terminal for a train ferry has also been located at the QUAI DES INDES.
- LE TREPOT - It is estimated that 2,000 tons of stores can be discharged daily through this port provided ships or SCHUTTS of 10 feet draught can be provided. LCI's could also be docked.
- AMBLETEUSE BEACH - This beach is heavily obstructed by obstacles. Several ships are reported sunk 2 - 3 miles off shore in about 6½ fathoms of water.
- OSTEND - The E boat pens are intact and suitable for Coastal Force craft. A channel has been swept to the entrance of the harbour and oil storage tanks of approx 300 tons are intact. In addition the OSTEND - GHENT - BRUSSELS railway is intact and the daily stores estimate is 4,000 tons - once the harbour is cleared.

(Source: Second Army IS No. 111)

3. ENEMY METHODS

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The following extract has been taken from a long document written by Lt-Col Van der HEYDE (Comd 6 Para Regt) on the proposed reforming and retraining of his Regt during the month of Sep 44

I demand of every soldier the renunciation of all personal wishes. "Whoever swears on the Prussian flag, has no right to personal possessions". From the moment he enlists in the Paratps and comes to my regt, every soldier enters the new order of Humanity and gives up everything he possessed before and which is outside the new order. There is only one law for him henceforth - the laws of our unit. Each soldier of the regt is no longer an individual but a member of our community. He must abjure every weaker facet of his own character, all personal ambition, every personal desire. From the renunciation of the individual, the true personality of the soldier arises. Every member of the regt must know what he is fighting for.

He must be quite convinced that this struggle is a struggle for the existence of the whole German nation and that no other ending of this battle is possible than that of the victory of German arms. He must, because of this, know the reasons for this war and the aims of the nations who are at war. He must learn to believe in victory even when at certain moments

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logical thinking scarcely makes a German victory seem possible. He must know that history has given us more than one example of how a nation which has already appeared beaten, has nevertheless been victorious in the long run by its own power of resistance and joy in sacrifice.

But he must be quite clear at the same time that victory is only possible if every German gives up everything and that everyone is equally responsible. I demand that every soldier of my regt shall become as fanatical in his belief as men were at the time of the Crusades of the Knightly Orders.

Only the soldier who is schooled in philosophy and believes in his political faith implicitly can fight as this war demands that he shall fight. This is the secret of the success of the Waffen SS and of the Red Army - and lack of this faith is the reason why so many German Inf Divs have been destroyed.

(Source: Gds Armd Div Int Summary No 74).

4. ENEMY SUPPLIES

- (i) FOOD: Several large sheds on the OOSTER HAVEN at GRONINGEN (Q225142) are reported to have contained provisions in Aug this year.
- (ii) The following Wehrmacht stores are reported in DEVENTER (Z9208) April 44.
 - (a) 912079 Refrigerator meat, butter and eggs.
 - (b) 918078 Provisions incl potatoes in garage.
 - (c) 927074 Military bakery.
 - (d) 931069 Provisions in Stokris building
 - (e) 928067 Provision store.
 - (f) 930065 Wood store, incl hay and straw.

These places are guarded by the so called GUARD SERVICE composed of Germans, most of whom speak Dutch, wearing dark green uniforms and armed with rifles.

- (iii) A good source reported 3 May 44 a store for food etc in area OISTERWIJK (E2334).
- (iv) POL: The Shell sta at GRONINGEN (Q2311) is reported to be in use by the Germans. It is about two miles SSE of the town near the road GRONINGEN - HAREN.
- (v) AMN: The following amn storage is reported by various sources:

Location	Map Reference	Remarks
PRATTENBURGSCHER BOSCH	E 4880	Large stores in wood.
WEZEP	Z 819298	Storage in new barrack area camouflaged as Renaissance village.
VENLO	E 943211	Underground storage.
OISTERWIJK	E 2332 - 2432 - 2331 - 2431	Large store in barrack area. Amn arrives at UDENHOUT. sta. (214376) and from there goes to the dump via the stone factory at UDENHOUT.
DEVENTER	Z 926083	Large store of amn and guns in carpet factory.

(Source: Second Army IS No. 111)

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5. APPENDICES

- Appendix 'A' - Information from Officer of escaped PWs of 1 Para Bde.
- Appendix 'B' - Probable German re-actions to Allied invasion.
- Appendix 'C' - Summary of Civilian Reports.

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Information from officer of escaped PWs of 1 Para Bde

1. OPERATIONS

The Bde landed at 1400A hrs on 17 Sep just WEST of ARNHEM. Little opposition was encountered during the actual drop. 2 Bn moved along the NORTH bank of the river and occupied houses dominating the bridge. Part of 3 Bn later came and joined 2 Bn, but nothing was seen of the rest of the Bde.

For the next two days 2 Bn repelled all enemy attacks. In addition they twice counter attacked the Northern end of the bridge to remove the charges the Germans had laid there. A German convoy incl armoured cars and tracked vehicles was shot up as it was coming into ARNHEM from the SOUTH across the bridge. This effectively blocked the bridge for some time. (Note: It is known from German PW statements that tps later sent from ARNHEM to NIJMEGEN had to use the ferry at EMERICH).

During the early stages of the fighting only a few scratch tps were met plus three Mk IIIs, one of which was destroyed. Later SS tps arrived also some Tigers. The houses occupied by the Para Bn were eventually burnt down and most of the bn either killed or captured on the afternoon of 20 Sep.

2. ENEMY TROOPS

Little Arty. Many mortars. Approx three Mk III and three Tigers observed during the three days fighting. A few portable flame-throwers. Some SP 88mm guns on Mk IV chassis seen in ARNHEM on 20 Sep (Note: probably 1 Coy "HILVERSUM" A Tk Bn), 18 tanks, either Panthers or Tigers, counted on evening 20 Sep by escaped PW in ARNHEM.

Unspecified number of tks, SP guns and inf seen moving NW from EMERICH to ARNHEM night 20/21 Sep.

Very few German troops along river between E90 and NIJMEGEN.

3. ENEMY DEFENCES

Pill box on German frontier at 897682. Civilians were also observed digging trenches at this point.

4. ENEMY HQs

SS HQ probably Regtl level in ARNHEM in villa approx 756782.

SS ? Div HQ 9 km from ARNHEM on road to EMERICH.

5. ENEMY EMBLEMS

On road ARNHEM - EMERICH the following sign seen -

Crowing Cock with under it "VI".

PROMISABLE GERMAN REACTIONS TO ALLIED INVASION

A survey has been made by FUSA of the opinions of 962 PW on the subject of preparations for guerilla warfare within the Reich. All these PWs lived in that part of Germany WEST of the RHINE, and were a cross-section of the people as regards age, profession and residence, and of the Army as regards arm of service except for Pz forces.

The main questions and answers to them are as follows:-

1. Q. Have you seen or heard of weapons being hidden? If so, how and where?

A. Arms are definitely being hidden. The SA and SS are armed and will not give these arms up to the Allies. It is rumoured that in KREFELD pistols and shot guns are being hidden in cellars, lofts and barns or are being buried in gardens. On the other hand it is thought that many people hiding arms are NOT Nazi, and are doing so in order to shoot their former oppressors when the time comes.

2. Q. How does the HITLER JUGEND intend to carry on after the occupation?

A. The HITLER JUGEND intends to carry on on a reduced scale. It seems that the party leaders expect to lose the support of most of this movement, as well as some of their own colleagues, so only the most trusted will be given the task of organizing the underground movement. This movement is supposed to function under command of the Bannführer; no higher HQ will exist. Those members who were intended to join the SS will organize themselves into groups of 5 - 10 and work on the orders of the Bann Bannführer. These leaders have already received their orders from Berlin. The HITLER JUGEND is now being given instruction in the use of small arms and grenades.

3. Q. How does the SS intend to carry on after the occupation?

A. No details could be obtained about proposed activities of the SS, but the PW had not the slightest doubt that preparations were well in hand. It is thought that they will function in much the same way as they did while National Socialism was outlawed in Germany and will use innocent names to disguise illegal organizations. One PW asked where the Black SS had got to, thought that they may have gone underground already. (Many PW have remarked on the disappearance of the Black SS at home). Any instructions that may have been given to the SS will, as with the HITLER JUGEND, be communicated only to a very select few.

4. Q. Do you think the people will still believe in the Nazi ideology?

A. The bulk of the population will reject the Nazi ideology. PWs were almost unanimous in this answer. If their children try to continue this belief, the parents were confident that they could knock it out of them. It is thought the women will be a "future defence line against Fascism".

5. Q. Are foreign workers in Germany organised? If so, how?

A. Foreign workers are not thought to be organized and as a result they will only give us sporadic support. One PW thought that they had some kind of organization in the Ruhr, but that is only an isolated statement. Many of them have no desire to get involved in a fight, but a majority will have their own private feud with someone who has mistreated them. It was suggested that if the Allies attempted to form some organization it might be profitable.

6. Q. Names of organizations that will help the occupation.

A. The following groups are thought to be sufficiently organized to be of some assistance...

of some assistance to us :-

- (a) The Catholic Church and other religious organizations.
- (b) The communists.
- (c) The Social Democrats (who are for the most part older people).

Small local organizations still exist though they are largely dormant. Of these the most powerful is the "Edelweiss Organization". Its members are thought to be spread throughout the Ruhr. It is chiefly composed of young men who for religious reasons did not agree with the HITLER JUGEND. It is led by older men and has been joined by a proportion of wounded soldiers.

The people in the area surveyed are expected to be on the whole friendly, though we cannot expect demonstrations of welcome. The memory of their oppression will still be too strong, and there will always be the fear that the Allies will be pushed back thus allowing the Gestapo to return. It is thought that there will be less sniping in this area than further inside the country because most of the fanatics are getting well away from the frontiers. More sniping can be expected in the cities than in the country districts. Sabotage is not expected on a large scale for the general desire is to get some peace at last. It is worth remembering, however, that there will be many opportunists. To quote the words of one PW "Yes, I am a Nazi now, but I'm willing to fall in with any Government that comes along".

A break down of the PW interrogated by profession, age, residence, and arm of service is :-

Professions :-	Factory Workers	356
	Farmers	212
	Artisans	53
	Merchants	195
	Clerks, Students	
	Teachers etc.	146
Age :-	Under 25	229
	25 - 30	385
	30 - 40	290
	over 40	58
Residence :-	City Dwellers	364
	Town Dwellers	311
	Country people	287
Arm of Service :-	Inf Divs	516
	Res & Trg Units	126
	SS	101
	Para Units	83
	GAFF, para military units, etc.	136

(Source : Second Army I.S. 111).

SUMMARY OF CIVILIAN REPORTS

(Note: Information as of 24 Sep unless otherwise stated)

1. Location of Enemy Tps and Hqs

- (a) DONGEN E 03. 300 tps with fd guns and a few flak.
- (b) LOON op ZAND E 14. Tps str unknown. Arty being brought up from TILBURG.
- (c) GEERTRUIDENBERG E 04. 200 para tps arrived 22 Sep. More arriving.
- (d) OUDENDOSCH D 73 }
 FLIJWAART D 74 }
 STANDELAARBUITEN D 73 } No troops.
 STALPERGAT D 73 }
 ALDASSERWALD }
- (e) ZALTBOMMEL. 2000 SS on NORTH bank of WIL.
- (f) VIANEN E 18. 500 tps in hutments near old pontoon bridge.
- (g) MEERKERK E 07. 30 Tps.
- (h) DORDRECHT. 400 men NORTH of town. Poorly equipped. No hy weapons.
 Round town 30 - 40 2cm flak.
- (i) GORINGHEM E 06. SS Tps str unknown.
- (j) MOERDIJK D 8552. Bridge guarded by 200 tps with 5 MGs and light
 automatic weapons. At NORTH edge of one 88 mm and three 37 mm flak.
- (k) ARNHEM. Few tps in immediate vicinity of bridge. 250 tps in copse
 at 765773; 10 arm cars there since evening 23 Sep.
- (l) APPELDOORN }
 MILLINGEN E 86 } Tps, str unknown, with some arty,
 HANDEWELJK Z 51 } arrived pm 23 Sep.
- (m) WEZEP 815310. 700 HERMANN GÖRING Tps at WILLEM de ZWIJGER barracks
 820314.
- (n) ZUTPHEN. 6 "VIERLING" flak.
- (o) GREDDENBERG 532740. 800 tps with 27 guns incl flak and some 12 cm.
- (p) The HAGUE. Large numbers of SS have arrived, also 200 SD under
 "SCHIRAK".
- (q) SCHIPOL Y 91. AMSTERDAM airfield occupied by 30 tps.
- (r) HILVERSUM. On 20 Sep 950 tps incl 125 SS.
 HUIZEN Z 31. 50 Tps.
 DUSSUM Z 21. 400 Tps incl 200 HERMANN GÖRING.
 NULDEN Z 21. 200 engs.
 WEZEP Z 41. 100 bridging tps.
 MUIDEN Z 11. 30 M.ines.
 LAREN ELARIQUIM Z 20. 50 men.
 LOOSDRECHT. 20 men on airfield.
 KLUNDERT D 74. 35 tps, light weapons only and a few PANZERFAUSTS.

2. Defences

- (a) TILBURG. Indications of defence line being prepared along WILHELMINA canal - MARK canal - DINTTEL - MARK canal.
- (b) ZUTPHEN. Tk traps 6 x 3 metres constructed along ITSSEL between RHEDENSCHE VEER 840805 and WINGERDEN (not shown on map).
- (c) HILVERSUM. Approaches to town mined.

3. Troop etc Movement.

- (a) ROTTERDAM. Rumours that town will be evacuated, only demolition parties being left behind.
- (b) ARNHEM. Tks crossing WESTERVOORT bridge into town at fairly regular but well-spaced intervals. Rail tp movt AMSTERDAM - ARNHEM scheduled for 23 Sep was postponed owing to air threat, but is due to take place 24 Sep. Steady tp movts ZEIST to ARNHEM.
- (c) DEVENTER. Convoy of 10 motor vchs (one carrying a medium gun) passed through at 0930 hrs direction ZUTPHEN. Train carrying 1000 rly workers left for AMERSFOORT.
- (d) WEZEP 815310. Rumour that 1000 tps with an HQ are due to arrive at WEZEP camp.
- (e) NUNSPEET.6721. Tps of HERMANN GÖRING Regt have left.
- (f) ROTTERDAM. Train of 11 arm trucks and 10 trucks containing bicycles left at 0230 hrs for UTRECHT.

4. Dumps

- (a) SCHOONHOVEN D 97. Arm Dump. Guard of 8 men.
- (b) EPSE Z 90. Suspected petrol dump in EPSEBOSCH 942042. Heavy mining. Many Germans occupying villas on edge of wood.
- (c) AMERONGSCHERBERG.456810. Arm Dump. Supplies mainly from GRONINGEN and DRENTHE. Deliveries mainly towards ARNHEM.
- (d) PRATTENBURG 400817. Arm Dump.
- (e) GELDERMALEN.E 36. Arm Dump in former market hit by bombs. Damage not stated.

5. Communications.

- (a) MOERDIJK D 8552. Br prepared for demolition.
- (b) OOSTERHOUT E 04. Lock gates of MARK canal prepared for demolition. Informant stated that demolition would result in the river becoming tidal as far as DREDA and GINNENEN. Further, that the lock gates of the WILHELMINA canal at OOSTERHOUT are not prepared, but that blowing these would drain the canal to ten miles WEST of TILBURG.
- (c) WILLESTAD D 74. Rd blocks on approaches to HOLLANDSDIEP are being opened up, and landing stages repaired. There is a conc of barges.
- (d) UTRECHT. Emergency bridge at 793038 being reinforced with concrete.

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- (e) DRIERPENGEN E 38. Rly line ROTTERDAM - ARNHEM blocked.
- (f) AMSTERDAM Telephone exchange, cable and amplifying installations mined.
- (g) ZWOLLE Roadbridge over IJSSEL mined at Western ramp.
- (h) ROTTERDAM Charges in WAALHAVEN quay removed. No demolitions so far prepared in WAALHAVEN. Floating docks destroyed on 21 Sep.
- (i) HAGUE Telephone exchange mined.

Miscellaneous

- (a) WASSENAR D 29. Since the bombing of 17 Sep no V1s have been launched from this site.
- (b) The RIJKSCOMMISSAR has addressed an appeal to rly workers to return to work. Double salaries and food rations have been promised.
- (c) ZWOLLE About 800 metres SOUTH of IJSSEL rd bridge there are twelve bomb-like objects, length 12 metres, diameter 1.40 metres. Date of information 20 Sep.
- (d) Intercepted message from German rly official states there are still 65 German rly engines in HOLLAND.

PART TWO.

ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>FRUNDSBERG/HOHNSTAUFEN DIVS</u>			
Battle Gp HEINKE		21 Sep	PW. States in control of all FRUNDSBERG elts in area. Total four bns and plus 16 guns.
5/19 SS PGR	Area VOLKEL	23 Sep	PW. States due to withdraw to GEMEHT.
Battle Gp EULING	NW NIJMEGEN	22 Sep	PW. Equals IV/21 SS PGR.
Battle Gp WESEL		24 Sep	PW. WESEL associated with EULING until split by our attack. Elts of 3/19 SS PGR arrived as rfts for EULING, but were att to WESEL.
11/6 Lk Tk Rft Bn	} NORTH of NIJMEGEN		
10/11 Pz Rft & Trg Bn			
FRUNDSBERG Def Coy			
3/19 SS PGR			
5/Pz Regt FRUNDSBERG	680705	24 Sep	PW. States coy has 12 Panthers - 6 arrived 23 Sep, 6 left in ARNHEM. Also states not seen regt for 3 weeks.
I/PGR FRUNDSBERG	ELST 7070	24 Sep	PW. State 1, 2 & 3 coys round ELST but withdrawing NORTH.
Battle Gp HARTUNG	NW NIJMEGEN	22 Sep	PW. Stragglers.
Battle Gp LIPSCH	6566	23 Sep	PW. Came into area 22 Sep. Tired old men, formerly guarding depots in W HOLLAND.
107 Pz Bde	MILL 6444	23 Sep	PW. Stragglers.
Battle Gp MENZEL	4792	21 Sep	PW. Mainly offr cadets - fought stubbornly.
719 Inf Div			
9 & 10/743 GR	WESSEM 2916	21 Sep	PW. Whole of III Bn believed in area.
6 Para Regt	4535	24 Sep	Out axis from NW with few tks.
5/SS Arty Rft & Trg Bn	Area ELST	23 Sep	PW. States tp equipped with 4 x 15 cm hows.
93 Flieger Regt	BECK 5427	24 Sep	PW. States 350 men in BECK from I Bn. Remainder of Bn at WINTERSWYCK 3076, II Bn at DOETINCHEM 0175.
<u>Battle Gp KNAUS</u>			
64 PG Rft Bn	NW NIJMEGEN	22 Sep	PW. States two coys five pls in all. 56 PW taken out of total str 67 in 1 Coy. CC Lt FUHRMANN.
4/361 PG Rft & Trg Bn	NW NIJMEGEN	22 Sep	PW. States four coys. Str 4 Coy - 60 men.
3/11 Pz Trg Bn	NW NIJMEGEN	22 Sep	PW. States three mixed pls of Pz Kpfw IVs and Vs. Total tks 12 - 15

/Battle Gp BECKER.....

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>Battle Gp DECKER</u>	NE NIJMEGEN	22 Sep	PW. States two coys each 130 str, of odds and ends.
<u>Battle Gp LORENZ</u>	SE NIJMEGEN	22 Sep	PW. Para Bn Gp. Str 600 plus two bns lt AA fighting as inf.
<u>47 Inf Div (late 156 Trg Div)</u>			
227 Trg GR	WEST of VOGELENZANG 3639	20 Sep	PW. This was a regt of the old trg div - paybook presumably not renumbered. Div str 1 Sep - 9000.
<u>Battle Gp SCHAEFFER</u>	NW EINDHOVEN	20 Sep	Odds and ends
<u>Battle Gp KOEPPEN</u>			
<u>180 Div</u>			
269 GR	E 61	23 Sep	Contact. Regt contains 65 Rft Bn and 47 Rft Bn.
268 Sigs Coy	E 61	23 Sep	PW.
<u>3/Einheit BREMER</u>	E 61	23 Sep	PW. Taken on recon. States unit has four coys and is coming from VENLO.
<u>666 Flak Bn</u>	WEERT 5896	23 Sep	PW. Bn also known as Einheit BOLTE. Has 9 x 88 mm and 12 x 20 mm guns.
<u>Battle Gp HANDEGG</u>	?	23 Sep	PW. Stragglers. States Gp has two bns each four coys. JAEGER Comd II Bn.

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(e) 183 Inf Div

The latest known org of the div is as follows -

Comd: Genlt DETTLING
Wehrkreis: XIII

330 GR
I Bn
II Bn

343 GR
I Bn
II Bn

351 GR
I Bn
II Bn

219 Arty Regt
219 Reco Bn
219 A tk Bn
219 Engr Bn
219 Sigs Bn

The division was formed in Jan 40. It was identified on the Central Russian Front in 1941 and after transferring to the Southern sector in autumn 43, it suffered very heavy losses in the KIEV area. PW report that it has been reforming on the Austrian-Czech frontier and left for the West on 16 Sep. All three inf regts have now been identified in the AACHEN area. The division is thought to contain Poles, Sudetan Germans and Austrians, many of them recent rfts.

(Source: Second Army IS No. 111)

3. ENEMY STRENGTH

German Divisions in the West

In the West the balancing of accounts as to numbers of nominal and true divisions is getting more and more complicated. The following are some of the main factors confusing the issue:

- (a) The Führers refusal to disband gutted divisions.
- (b) The arrival of important numbers of troops NOT incorporated in divisions, yet NOT "GHQ troops" in the ordinary sense, e.g. training units and panzer brigades.
- (c) The fact that, owing to the rout, equipment of all kinds is in considerably shorter supply even than bodies, so that counting heads alone is not enough.

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- (d) The creation of "divisions" with impossibly low WE, like the pocket divisions, or impossibly deficient morale, like 30 SS Division, which proved to consist of Russians intent only on defection. (30 SS Division is no longer counted in the total of divisions). This process is carried even further in the case of pure make-believe divisions, like 26 and 27 SS Panzer Divisions. And the case of 6 Parachute Division, too, is typical and not so very different. None of the three regular regiments (16, 17 and 18) of 6 Parachute Division has ever been identified in the West, but only a demonstration regiment, a battalion of Army troops, and a replacement unit formed from a school at NANCY; none of its artillery regiment is serving, or probably ever has served, under it, but only elements from the artillery regiments of two other parachute divisions and a parachute corps training unit: its signal battalion has never been identified, nor any other signals unit instead of it: its anti-tank battalion exists, but subsists entirely on borrowed guns: its engineer battalion (what parts of it exist) is fighting as infantry in the demonstration regiment: and finally the divisional commander and his staff have been taken prisoner. Yet 6 Parachute Division has been specially transferred from the South to take over the defence of an important sector of the line in BELGIUM.

The following table of "true equivalent strengths" is offered, therefore, only for what it is worth:

	<u>Pz/PG Nominal</u> = <u>Pz/PG</u>	<u>Inf Nominal</u> = <u>Infantry</u>
Fifteenth Army	-	10
1 Parachute Army	-	4
Seventh Army	6	3
First Army	5	1½
Nineteenth Army	1	5
Fortresses	-	4
Reserve	2	3
		-
	14	5
		31
		21

(Source: SHAEF Int Summary No. 26)

2. ENEMY ORGANISATION

(a) Battle Gp HEINKE (SS Sperrverband)

HEINKE, the Comd of 21. SS PGR, also commands various units of 10 SS Pz Div formed into a battle group bearing his name. Although he controls quite a number of tps very few of them belong to the original SS Div and on interrogation reveal that some few weeks ago they were in S/L, AA units and the like. Prisoners have come in from 3, 5, 6 and 7 Coys and the Engr, A tk and AA Bns of the old Frundsberg Div. Strengths: 3 Coy - 90, 5 - 60, 6 - 70, 7 - 74 (from PW statements).

Amongst the PW was HEINKE's wireless operator. He said that their KG had two arty "regts" under command but that their tks had been withdrawn recently. Docs found in the wastepaper basket in CONVENT DE LA TRAPPE 4302 also identified this Battle Gp - described as SS Sperrverband. SS Lt GEYER, Comd II/21 SS PGR has been evacuated through medical channels.

The explanation of the two arty "regts" referred to above may be found in yet another unit bearing its Comd's name. SS Capt KRAUSE (possibly from 9 SS Arty Regt), is said to command a bty of sixteen "15 cm hows" with very little amn and some 10.5 cms. This arty unit is under command HEINKE and on 18 Sep had an ISTSTARKE of 6 ofrs, 50 NOOs and 265 ORs incl 3 adm, 11 tech and 4 mod personnel.

From civilian sources it appears that KRAUSE reformed his unit at the CONVENT DE LA TRAPPE and some five guns of unspecified calibre were reported near the convent.

(Source: 8 Corps Int Summary No. 61)

(b) 107 Pz Bde

The information in 30 Corps Intelligence Summary No. 505, Part Two, para 1(d) can now be amplified, and in some cases corrected, as a result of further interrogation.

Firstly, the eqpt of 2107 Pz Bn is now believed to be 33 Panthers and 11 x 75 mm Assault guns.

Next, the org of 2107 Pz Bn presents many points of interest. 1, 2 and 3 Coys are identical, as previously reported, and consist of two Rifle Pls each 30 str and two flak pls each 36 str. Each flak pl has eight arm half-tracked vchs, carrying a novel three-barrelled weapon stated to be the 15 mm Flakdrilling 44. PW claim that this gun is considerably more accurate than the 20 mm, and has only recently been introduced. 4 Coy has 4 similar flak pls; 5 Coy, the hy Coy, is equipped with 2 x 12 cm mortars, 4 flamethrowers, 4 x 75 mm inf guns (all on arm half-tracked vchs) and a further four half-tracks each mounting six 28/32 cm Werfers.

The high proportion of flak in the very formidable fire power is surprising, as PW state that the 15 mm guns are not used in any ground role. They are insistent, however, that the best way for us to locate this bn is for a British aircraft to fly over it, and make it plain that its reception would be something out of the ordinary.

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(c) Ohren (Ear) Bn 286

A CSM captured on 10 Sep in the area HASSELT stated that his unit was 286 Ohren Bn which consisted entirely, except for NCOs and Oftrs, of men who were hard of hearing. Some of the men were completely deaf.

The org of the unit was quite normal, except that it had no weapons heavier than 5 cm mortars.

The interrogator claimed that it was hard to find the right expression for the morale of the bn. One pl comd stated that he could give orders to his men only by gestures. Another pl comd reported that he was scared to inspect the guard because they could NOT hear anyone approach and when suddenly confronted by someone, they fired immediately. Two sjts of the guard had already been killed in this way. The men also could not hear shells being fired and the unit had consequently suffered heavy cas.

(d) Para Regt HOFFMANN

The interrogation of many PW has revealed why it has been and still remains impossible to give a definite org for this battle gp and why its origins and the identity of its comd remain so confused.

All PW said they had been with the regt only for a few days and most came from FINLAND or RUSSIA. They stated that the regt included NO genuine paraps; none had received para trg not was such trg intended. Although many carried GAF paybooks, some of them possessed them only because they had been members of air-crews on the Eastern Front, while others had been issued with GAF paybooks during September. One paybook included the identification of "6/XIV Fallschirm Jäger Regt v. H". Other personnel came from GAF fd divs in NORMANDY, and div units in RUSSIA, for example 7 Pz Recce Bn.

Other PW from this unit were six oftr candidates from the Luftwaffe Sigs School at HALLE/SAALE. They had NO papers or other means of identification and stated they had been hurriedly commissioned and rushed up to the bridgehead. Their uniform and documents were to be forwarded later.

PW could give NO info about the org within the unit; none had over seen HOFFMANN himself, nor did anyone know the names of any other oftrs.

The connection, if any, between Battle Gp HOFFMANN, 6 Para Regt and Battle Gp VAN DER HEYDE remains obscure but later identifications show that Battle Gp KERUT, comd by Oberst KERUT who is now dead, was in fact I Bn of Para Regt HOFFMANN. 6 z.b.v. Bn formed part of Bn KERUT.

Captured documents further show that on 15 Sep Bn KERUT was relieved by part of 6 Para Regt which possibly accounts for some of the confusion existing about HOFFMANN's connection with 6 Para Regt. 1 Coy of Bn KERUT was temporarily under comd Battle Gp HEINIG, controlling all the ults of 10 SS Pz Div in the area, which is yet another proof that all members of HEINIG's Battle Gp were not real SS men.

(Source: Second Army IS No.110)

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 508Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 25 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

Last night our infantry forced a crossing of the NEDERRIJN and eventually succeeded in linking up with the hard-pressed airborne tps on the northern bank. Some supplies were sent over, but ferrying operations had to be suspended during the daytime.

That the enemy is very sensitive to the presence of our troops NORTH of the river is shown by the constant reinforcements towards the ARNHEM area. Yesterday evening, it was reported that a column of 600 vehicles - tanks, half-tracks and MT - had arrived at MEKSPORT from a north-easterly direction. From the size and composition of this force this may be another of those new Panzer Brigades.

Between the MALS and NEDERRIJN the enemy has at last been forced out of ELST and DEMMEL. Reports this evening suggest that most of the enemy at ELST are withdrawing to ARNHEM. It is interesting to note that among the 50 odd PWs taken in this area today, there were none from either 1 or 4 Dns 21 SS PGR; instead there was another frightful assortment of battlegroups, so it looks as if these are being left to cover the withdrawal of their more battleworthy comrades. The tps at DEMMEL may eventually withdraw EAST across the stretch of river running SE from ARNHEM. Today's Tac R observed diggings along the eastern bank from 7675 to 8266, and civilians reported further diggings SOUTH of the river at MILLINGEN 8264.

It looks therefore as though the enemy is trying to rope us off along the line of the NEDERRIJN as far as its junction with the MALL, and thence to the REUSE, SW of the REICHSWALD FORST. As there is no natural obstacle, apart from the forest itself, between the MALS and the MALL, the enemy must keep fairly strong forces in this area.

SOUTH of the MALS the enemy is being gradually pushed eastwards. Troops of this end of our right-flanking Corps linked up today at ST ANTHONIS 7138. Further SOUTH, GEMMELT 5730, HELMOND 5522 and DEURNE 6520 are all in our hands. There have been no further identifications of 107 Pz Bde or of those elts of 21 SS PGR which cut our axis the other day NORTH of VEGHEL. A few tanks were however seen moving EAST at 6434, so that may be the tail-end of the party pulling out. There is certainly no further job for them to do WEST of the MALS.

The enemy forces between ST ANTHONIS and DEURNE are believed to be as follows, reading from NORTH to SOUTH - a battlegroup of GAF tps comprising elts of 53 and 93 Pflieger Regts, then various battle-groups of 180 Div, with its HQ probably at VINRAY 7726 (a L.C. complete with sitrop was captured today), and SOUTH of them, ERDMANN Division (ERDMANN being the name of the general in command of the various paratroop battle-groups recently fighting on the ALBERT canal).

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SOUTH of the ZUID WILHEMS V. ART canal, our main axis is still not clear. Though there are few enemy across the road itself, a sizeable force has been reported in and around SCHIJNDEL 4038. Part of 2 and 6 Para Regts are thought to be there, though whose the half-a-dozen tanks are is not known.

Although the nuisance value of this interruption to our communications is considerable, the advance eastward of our right-flanking Corps means that there is little hope now of some of 15 Army's remnants escaping eastwards across our L of C. They will all have to plod home between the NEDERRIJN and the ZUIDER ZEE.

Apart from the noticeable increase in diggings mentioned above, there is little change in enemy capabilities as reviewed in yesterday's summary.

2. ENEMY METHODS

(a) The SS and the German Civilian Population

A PW has been captured by our Allies who was on a fortnight's leave near STOLBERG, after bringing some vehicles back for repair from the Carpathian sector. On 12 Sep SS men 2 SS Pz Div "DAS REICH" came into his village to arrest all soldiers and civilians in the town. They told the people that the Americans were coming and everyone, whether a soldier or not, had to fight. No one was allowed to cross to the EAST bank of the RHINE. Everyone was to make a stand and, if need be, die for the Fatherland. When the civilians heard this, they took to the woods, PW among them, to wait for the Americans to arrive. When US forces occupied the village on 14 Sep, the people were told to return home; PW then gave himself up. He is very much afraid that his wife who lives in THURINGIA will be forced by the SS to take part in partisan warfare. He says, however, that the people in the ELFEL district look upon the Allies as liberators.

(Second Army Int Summary No.110)

(b) Enemy Interrogation Methods

A Canadian private recently released from an enemy PW cage gives a first hand account of German interrogation methods. On 25 Aug 44, being a fluent French-speaker, he was ordered to help the FFI round up some Germans in the vicinity of ROUEN. Having completed this task he returned to his unit to find that it had pulled out in the direction of LE HAVRE. He managed to get a lift as far as ST ROMAIN and continued the rest of the way on foot.

About midnight a gruff German voice challenged him, and he then realized, too late, that he had taken the wrong route. As a PW he was marched off to an underground defence post, where he was questioned by an officer of the Gestapo. His own words best describe the interrogation that followed.

"He first of all asked me if I were crazy as I had unknowingly walked along a road which was sown with mines. He threw a map at me and demanded to know the strength and dispositions of our forces. I told him that I was lost myself and had no idea of where my unit was. He took me by the throat and held me up against the wall and said that as I had a P.38 and a Schneisser on me when I was taken prisoner I would be shot. He then asked me how many tanks there were outside HARFLEUR and I replied 6,000. He then hit me on the mouth very hard, knocking my top teeth out."

This rough treatment apparently getting him nowhere, the Gestapo man called to the guard to take the PW away. Later on he was interrogated again, but this time by an Intelligence Officer who tried the gentle, "I'm-sorry-old-man" system of extracting information, but met with just a little success. He started a general and friendly conversation, asking the PW how he had been taken prisoner and ending off with the inevitable query "How many troops have you got?". To this the Canadian would only reply that he did not know and that he had lost his way.

All further efforts proving fruitless he was put in a prison together with some German soldiers who were doing time. In the week that he was there the area was bombed three times, and on the last occasion the prison was nearly hit and all the Germans fled. Seeking cover during the raid he was again taken prisoner in an underground defence position.

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Following this he was moved to TOURNEVILLE Fort at LE HAVRE, where he was put into a room with six other PW. When the Allied attack on the fortress was launched, the Commander of the Fort asked them to negotiate a surrender. The Canadian, waving a white flag and dodging a burst of Bren gun fire, finally got in touch with the attacking troops and turned in 200 Germans and 300 Italians who were waiting to surrender.

(Source : First Canadian Army Int Summary).

3. ENEMY ORGANISATION

The "V"1 Regt

A reliable deserter of 23 Bty Flakgruppe CREIL (attached 65 Army Corps) gives the following information on the organisation and history of his unit.

History. Formed in Nov 43 near KOENIGSBERG this Regt was known as Flak 755 W it was the only "V"1 Regt in the German Armed Forces. The personnel were taken exclusively from the Luftwaffe, flying personnel, flak and air signals. Previous experience in metal work was the chief requisite for selection and health was stated to be of no importance and many of the men were capable of only limited service.

Organisation. Flakgruppe CREIL as it became known in Jan 44 consisted of 5 bns, each of 150 - 160 men. Bns 1 - 4 were firing bns and 5 Bn was a signal bn. Each firing bn has 4/btys and two supply btys; the latter with a strength of 200 men were numbered 17 - 24, 17 and 18 serving with 1 Bn, 19 and 20 with 2 Bn and so on.

The Bns have code names ZYLINDER, WERWOLFE ZWEBACH, ZEGHINE and DALLETEE: firing batteries used the code name adding the number of the Bty whilst supply batteries added No.5 or No.6.

Originally the firing bty was so organised that 4 flying bombs could be launched at the same time; now, though four catapults are carried, each bty only has two crews and so but two bombs could be launched at the same time.

5 Sigs Bn was split up and sub-allotted to other bns in the Regt.

15 Bty was stated to be caught by the US armour and blow up their equipment. 23 and 24 Btys were intercepted as well as some others, and may have been encircled in the PAS de CALAIS but the rest must obviously have escaped to GERMANY, or Northern HOLLAND where 65 Corps is believed to be located.

Locations. 1 Bn was moved to CALAIS - ST OMER area, 2 Bn to AMIENS - ABBEVILLE, 3 Bn to NEUFCHATEL - ROUEN, and 4 Bn, which previously had been in the COLENTIN peninsula, to the DUCHY area, North of ROUEN. All those moves took place between Dec 43 and Feb 44.

Main bomb supply depots were in the caves of ST LEU near CREIL, N of PARIS and of NONANCOURT near BAGNY, NW of PARIS.

PW stated that his Coy Comd Lt PETERS informed him that positions were prepared in the area from ANTWERP to DOCHUM. The firing btys would go to the positions and the supply btys would follow up.

Notes on "V" 1

- (a) Maximum range 350 km or 225 miles.
- (b) It takes 45 mins to launch a "ready" flying bomb.
- (c) "V"1 is launched now from collapsible catapults which use compressed air. The catapult consists of 6 (perhaps 8) parts, 2 of which require one railroad car for transportation.

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- (d) PW claims that "V"1 is operated by means of the "ARGUS ROEHRE" (pipe) supposedly a French invention, which uses alcohol (or petrol) as a propellant.
- (e) One supply battery is supposed to have 24 HANOMAG prime movers and 48 trailers. Each trailer can carry two flying bombs. Our bombing has taken considerable toll of these.
- (f) Of late the entire supply of bombs, originally received from the caves, has come by rail.

(Source : 8 Corps I.S. No. 62)

4. GERMAN VIEWS

(a) Statements of German Medical Specialists

An eminent medical specialist has recently fallen into our hands because he specifically disregarded orders about his evacuation and refused to leave his wounded patients unattended. He says that he would be court-martialed for this if he returned to GERMANY now. He believes that GERMANY has lost the war and wants to rescue what can be rescued from the shambles. As an eminent member of his profession he has been in the closest touch with all the more important Generals and Field Marshals of the old regime.

Hitler he had met but once. His reactions were naturally in the nature of a medical diagnosis, and "he claims to have discerned a diabolically powerful personality governed by an unbalanced extrovert mind. He is convinced that Hitler would like nothing better than to be put before a tribunal so that he could give rein to his exhibition complex. He is sure that the Führer will not commit suicide, but will hang on to the last to have his own complete and final "Götterdämmerung".

Field Marshal von KLUGE, PW said, was the last of the old school. Many Generals, including von FALKENHAUSEN, thought that he was the only commander who was capable, in respect of his position, of negotiating independently of the Government with the Allies for a separate understanding with the Russians and the Anglo-Americans. PW thought it unfortunate that his intense military preoccupation prevented von KLUGE from co-operating with von WITZLEBEN; he feels sure that a better plot would have been the result. The Field Marshal is supposed to have tried to combat many of the strategic orders coming from the Führer's HQ. PW had heard on good authority that von KLUGE had committed suicide on finding that MODEL had unplaced him, and did not die of heart failure as EBERMACH said..

Field Marshal ROAMEL is suffering from a compound fracture of the skull which interferes with his vision and has effected the sensory nerves. It is doubtful whether he will ever recover fully. The doctor agrees that he is brilliant Armed Bde Commander but a shocking strategist. He was criticized by all the Generals of the old school for his defensive plans for the WEST.

Field Marshal MODEL was not known personally to the PW. He has a reputation of being a reasonable tactician with a good brain for organisation, but he is not thought sufficiently intelligent to be a long term strategist.

General von FALKENHAUSEN, the military commander for BELGIUM and NORTH FRANCE, is said to have endeavoured to carry out, as far as he could, a policy entirely in contradiction to the SS. His dissatisfaction with the Nazi regime was very much in evidence. The result was that he was recently removed and sent to a

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concentration camp. His successor was SS Gruppenführer JUNGCLAUS who had previously been HIMMLER's personal representative in BELGIUM. This man is probably the commander of Gruppe JUNGCLAUS recently identified in a captured order of 81 Corps and given the task of preparing the defences in front of AACHEN.

(Second Army Int Summary No.110)

(b) Extracts from Diary of a German Officer captured by Belgian Partisans. This diary is called "My time as a prisoner".

3. 9. 44. We withdraw to the North and intend to make for the Flemish parts to get back to the Reich. Already flags are out in all the villages and posters are up to welcome the Allies. The nearer they are to the main roads the greater the excitement. There is much activity among the civilian military groups. CPs, cyclists, etc. All the men disappear from the streets when we pass. We reach the main road. There are columns of tanks and motorised inf so that we cannot get through. We turn East but there again everything is blocked so we prepare for surrender and burn our maps etc. There is no possibility of escape since the partisans have already surrounded us. A fight, we press on towards the main road. Taken prisoner, we are disarmed. Armed civilians take us away. They seem to belong to a newly formed Army and wear brassards with F.I. The men make a good impression and behave correctly. They hold back the mob that is threatening us. There is cheering in every street, girls kiss passing soldiers and the people wear the colours of the Allies. The howling of the mob is only natural. All the same, one can understand the joy of a people whom the Germans have failed to befriend and who are now celebrating their independence. A lot is grotesque: children with rifles, hand grenades under civilian belts (probably not even primed and none may be able to use them). We feel rather depressed. What are we to do, what is going to happen to the Reich? When shall we get to our houses, when will our families get news?

5. 9. 44. Conversation is beginning gradually. We sound each other for our experiences and opinions. Quite a few accusations are brought up about the incompetence of staffs the general indecision, and the suspicion of Sabotage. There is also some criticism of internal matters. We have an interesting chat in the afternoon with a doctor who is a Sudeten German and experienced in dealing with people of foreign nationality. Interesting remarks on the German and Austrian ways of treating foreigners. Opinions held by them about us and the expression of "prussian" which has not changed for a century.

What will the situation in Germany be after a lost war? Will there be again a period of political disinterestedness, a new bourgeoisie; shall we with the flight from the political sphere become again a nation of poets, philosophers and musicians? In the afternoon talks with two Belgian Reserve Officers. Quite a few complaints about treatment by the Gestapo. It really does seem that things were not always handled correctly. We have a rare gift of putting our foot into it in our dealings with foreigners and with our cultural propaganda.

9. 9. 44. A visit to the O/R prisoners. The first impression, a superficial one, they appear bored. The outer coat of military discipline seems to have worn off quickly. In one room someone attempts to call them to attention as I enter but it requires the "deput" of the Belgian gendarme accompanying me.

Source: 3 Corps I.S. No.62).

(c) Letters Home

"We have no vehicles nor guns left and whoever is still alive will have to fight as an infantryman. But I won't stay with them for long. I really don't know what we are still knocking ourselves out for. Very soon I shall run over to the Tommies if I am not killed before I get there."

"Within the last week they knocked two trucks away from under me. But, thank God, I am still alive, and under the circumstances I rather would walk anyhow. I see that you too have got another stripe. But the way things are right now, I don't think it matters much how many stripes one gets bumped off with."

"We reached Sedan again in a very hasty retreat, much faster than our advances four years ago, but we are only 1/5 of the regiment, the rest of the men and vehicles do not exist any longer. It is impossible to describe what happened to us during the last five days."

"If I could not be an Army cook, I really could fit myself out beautifully with weapons and other equipment. The guys run away so quickly and leave everything behind. I still managed to save enough to run my kitchen. It is unbelievable how even big generals just took off with very few exceptions. Our own general was the bravest of them all. The Belgians are very friendly while one faces them. As soon as one turns his back the knife sticks between the shoulders. Even the Russian partisans are harmless compared to these birds here."

"I was in the Argentan-Falaise pocket, and I still don't know how I got out of it. We were running in wild fiery circles with artillery and aerial bombs dropping amidst us. After I got out of there I had to fight partisans and our own soldiers in order to get on the ferry across the Seine. Just accidentally I met my old battery again after having been on my own for 10 days. Naturally it is very euphemistic to call whatever is left a battery, there is not even one gun left."

"We have only 20% of our men left. All the ptes did their part to the utmost, they are not to blame. But how about the higher-ups?"

"My total estate now fits into my little bag as I have lost everything else. The words "hot meal" sound like a foreign language. We are gaining ground rapidly but in the wrong direction".

(Source : FUSA)

✓ Appendices ...

APPENDICES

Appendix "A" - Summary of Civilian Reports.

"D" - Translation of captured document issued by Para Army HQ.

Main HQ 30 Corps

T.C.S. 0225

Brigadier
General Staff

SUMMARY OF CIVILIAN REPORTS

(Note: Information as of 25 Sep, unless otherwise stated)

1. Location of Enemy Tps and HQs

- (a) DENNEKOM E.57. No tps.
- (b) GREBBENBERG E.57. 200 tps incl SS. Defences being strengthened.
- (c) AMERONGEN E.40. 2 tks marked "SS T3", weight about 27 tons, have arrived.
- (d) AMERSFOORT E.49. 1,000 tps in LEUSDERRIEG and PRINS BERNHARD barracks.
- (e) ARNHEM. 24 Sep. Every night 12 tks park under the trees of the ORANJE STRAAT, corner of ALEXANDER STRAAT.
- (f) VELP 750737. Near the STEENENTAFEL, guns firing at NIJMEGEN.
- (g) LICHTVOORDE A.1977. 3 troops of 3 guns. Stated by soldiers to be going to ARNHEM 26 Sep.
- (h) COTTEN E.3380. 200 rft tps have arrived.
- (j) 's HERTOGENBOSCH. About 1,000 tps.
- (k) GEERTRUIDENBERG E.04. About 300 tps, mainly GAF, forming into units.
- (l) 's HERTOGENBOSCH E.34. A HQ in a villa at 318419 was visited by Gen MODEL 24 Sep.

2. Defences

- (a) DOMMELERWAARD area between ZALTBOMMEL E.36 and HEDEL E.3053 has been evacuated and inundated.
- (b) 's HERTOGENBOSCH E.34. Defences being constructed along line 3145 - 3345.

3. Troop, etc., Movement.

- (a) AMSTERDAM. Troop trains carrying SS and Wehrmacht have passed through, direction AMERSFOORT.
- (b) YPENDURG (EAST of HAGUE, not shown on map). All tks, numbering about 50, left 18 Sep, direction UTRECHT.
- (c) ZEIST E.29. Constant tp movement to ARNHEM.
- (d) UTRECHT. Diminution of number of tps.
- (e) BREDA. 24 Sep. 600 tps left on foot and bicycle for OOSTERHOUT E.04.
25 Sep. Arty coln left for OOSTERHOUT.
- (f) DENNEKOM E.5979. Six guns passed through, direction ARNHEM, six guns direction GREBBENBERG E.533740.

- (g) RHEINEN E.47. 14 guns have arrived.
- (h) KESTEREN E.57 - OCHTEN E.47. Line at present held by about 1,000 tps without hy weapons.
- (j) RENKUM E.5977. Five tks passed through direction WAGENINGEN.

4. Dumps

- (a) GELDERHALSEN E.3267. The vegetable market building, NORTH of rly sta, is being turned into an amn dump.
- (b) 's HERTOGENBOSCH E.34. POL dump at 3343.

5. Communications

- (a) ALERSTFOORT A.49. Rly line to KESTEREN E.57 cut in three places.
- (b) APELDOORN Z.70. DEVENTER Br being strengthened for passage of tks.
- (c) EPE Z.31. HORSTED Br being strengthened for passage of tks.
- (d) 's HERTOGENBOSCH E.34. Drs at 316475 and 310456 blown.

6. Miscellaneous

ARNHEM. The civilian population has been ordered to evacuate the town by 262000 hrs.

TRANSLATION OF CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENT

Para Army High Command
Office of the Commanding General,
Dr B No. 12437/44. SECRET

Army HQ, 5 Sept 1944

TO: Trg Staff Col HARTUNG.

According order High Command West G-3 Nr 7 613/44, Most Secret, dated 4 Sept 44, the Para Army Command is tactically subordinate to Army High Command West. Mission: Severe control and keeping order in the area West of the line NANCY - LANGRES and eventual protection of the retreat of the 19th Army. In order to accomplish this mission, the following order is given: Trg Staff Col HARTUNG will organize in the sector of SAARBURG March Dns out of individual soldiers and small groups retreating from the combat area. Usable parts of Arty, Para dn Mortar units should be picked up and attached to these March Dns or should be organized as independent battle groups. Individual vehicles which do not belong to definite unit should be given to these March Dns as trains. Trg Staff Col HARTUNG will send one officer to the Para Army High Command who is qualified to handle g matters. Furthermore, another officer will be detached who can be used as liaison officer for Ops.

For the Commander-in-Chief
(signed) LACKNER
Lt Gen.

Trg Staff for Officers Trg Col HARTUNG
Ltr No. 236/44 Secret

6 Sept 1944

Additional Orders

1. Execution : Maj AHLBORN is hereby ordered to execute above-mentioned mission. All units of the Trg Staff in this locality are at his disposal.
2. Special Orders : Controls will be handled according to a regulation of C-in-C West, which is in the hands of the Commandant and which should be copied.
3. Control Points : They have been discussed in the office of the CO on 5 Sep. All roads from West and Southwest have to be blocked even if there are additional controls near the town manned by police Maj Ahlborn will report which roads have control points (officer). A straggler collecting officer (Lt WENDT) will be stationed in the OESSEL Barracks to examine the collected soldiers and to organize the new units. Officer stragglers will be checked by Maj Ahlborn personally. Besides the OESSEL Barracks, the main elementary school will be used as billets.
4. Patrols : Hotels, restaurants, and other buildings where soldiers can be billeted, will be checked by officer patrols, especially between the time from 0630 to 0830 hrs in the morning and 2100 to 2300. Contact with the police should be maintained.

5. Collecting and organizing of transport convoys : Lt Gen LACKNER puts special emphasis on the collecting and reorganizing of transport

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convoys : Lt Gen LACKNER puts special emphasis on the collecting and reorganizing of transport convoys (20 - 30 tons). These convoys will be primarily held back and later recommitteed through Para Army High Command. Goods without any particular value and especially goods which are not used for combat, should be unloaded and remain in secure storage in SCHARBURG.

6. Provisions: Q Branch will take care of provisions and cooking facilities. Responsible personnel will be furnished by the Trg Staff, later it will be picked from recollected troops.

7. Battle Groups: Generally speaking, battle groups will consist of 1 Bn plus AT guns, Mort, HMGs and a few Arty pieces. Commanders should be Majors, otherwise Captains. Competence is decisive, not rank.

8. Reports: Daily up to 2000 to the Trg Staff:

- a. Number of officers (name and rank), NCO and men collected during day.
- b. To what extent a battle group has been organized.
- c. What convoys are available (type of vehicles, type of fuel used, separate according to Diesel, Otto gas and gasogene).

9. General: The execution of the above-mentioned measures is very important and has to be reinforced by all means. All officers have to be employed for this purpose, especially for the road controls. Units of the Trg Staff not employed in this work will receive the usual training.

(Signed) MARTUNG
Col

DISTRIBUTION:

Maj Ahlborn	1
Lt Wondt	1
Capt Maruffke	1
Lt Mattern	1
QM	1
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PART TWO

1. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

180 Trg Div

Interrogation of several PW from this new arrival throws a good deal of light on its org.

Originally a "Division-Nummer" - or depot staff - from VERDEN in Wehrkreis X, 180 Div has now collected under its control a medley of trg and rft units. As usual, they are appearing in a series of battle gps named after their comds, but the actual numbering of the constituent units is gradually emerging. These are believed to be -

? 268 Trg Regt
409 Trg Bn

269 Trg Regt
47 Trg Bn
65 Trg Bn

? 18 Arty Trg Regt
30 Engr Trg Bn
22 A tk Trg Bn
268 Sigs Coy
11 Werfer Trg Bn (? two tps only)

The majority of these units have been identified by contact; the remainder mainly by PW statements. A Gren Regt WALTER has also been mentioned, which may be one of the Trg Regts above.

A captured sitrep, timed 241630Z gives the first info as to the grouping of these tps in action. Battle Gp HOPPER, including 30 Engr Trg Bn, 2/52 Flak Bn, part of 22 A tk Trg Bn, some paratps (unidentified) and doubtless other elts were in action yesterday against the fan on our right in the DEURNE E.62 area. The engrs were thrown out of VLIEDEN E.61, the paratps on their right were ordered to close the resulting gap, 2/52 Flak Bn was in posn at MILHEEZE x-rds 6524, and 22 A tk Bn succeeded in knocking out one British tk. So ran the day. Losses in the gp were considerable, and the sup posn difficult. HOPPER signs the sitrep as Major and Battle Gp comd.

47 Trg Bn is stated by PW to have some 1500 men - it may, in fact, prove to be a third regt. It is, however, completely lacking in hy weapons, and regards itself as cannon-fodder. 65 Trg Bn has also been formed of sick, wounded and unfit men, and together they hit a new low record in morale. The two tps of 11 Werfer Regt are each stated to be equipped with 5 x 15 cm Nobelwerfer.

The div is comd by Genlt LEMCKE, and its present HQ is stated to be at VERNIJ E.72.

2. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>Battle Gp WILKEN</u>	ST ANTHONIS 7138	25 Sep	PW state 2 coys each 140 str.
<u>Battle Gp LONDREY</u>	ST ANTHONIS	25 Sep	PW state 50 str - from 53 and 93 Flieger Regts.

/ Battle Gp TIEL ...

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Battle Gp TIEL</u>	OCHTEN-LEEUWEN E.46-57	25 Sep
<u>406 (SCHEIBENING) Div</u> <u>I/6 Landeschützen</u> Regt	7756	24 Sep
<u>Battle Gp DECKER</u> <u>Fliegerhorst VOLKEL</u> Coy	EAST of NIJMEGEN	24 Sep
<u>Marschkp/9 Res PG Bn</u>	LENT E.76	23 Sep
<u>2 Para Regt</u>) <u>6 Para Regt</u>)	Tracking from SCHIJNDEL 4058 - EERDE 4536	24 Sep
<u>Battle Gp REINHOLD</u>	DEMAEL 7367	24 Sep
<u>Battle Gp WESEL</u>	DEMAEL 7367	24 Sep
<u>53 Flieger Regt</u>	VOORHEIDE 1607	25 Sep

Comment

PW state gp consists of
120 men from airfd def
coy in AMSTERDAM. CC
Maj TIEL.

PW state 90 str.

Captured paybook.

Consists of -

10 SS Div Def Coy

181 Landesschützen Bn (100
str)

Airfd Def Coy VOGEL (150
str)

Consists of -

11/6 - tk Rft and Trg Bn
(130 str)

10/11 Pz Rft Bn (120 str)

Mixed coy (60 str)

HSL

From GSI Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 43 Div Airborne Corps
Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps XIX US Corps

I/186 (.) TOPSEC (.) For GSI and G-2 (.) ISUM to 242100A (.)

first (.) NORTH of NEDER RIJN (.)

- A (.) Pressure on 1 Airborne Div maintained (.)
- B (.) Recce from SOUTH reports more digging on NORTH bank between 53 and 65 Hastings (.)
- C (.) civreps (.) ammo dump woods area E 4581 and pontoon bridge 4478 (.) no garrison ROTTERDAM demolition parties only (.)
- D (.) Attempts reinforce ARNHEM area by goods trains carrying personnel from both EAST and WEST badly interfered with by RAF (.)

second (.) Between NEDER RIJN and WAAL (.)

- A (.) Enemy holds BEHEMEL 7367 and EAST edge ELST (.)
- B (.) PW area ELST (.) 1 Bn SS PGR FRUNDSBERG (.) 5 Coy 5 Pz Regt FRUNDSBERG with 6 MCV and 6 more left behind in ARNHEM (.) State had not seen regt for 14 days (.) Stragglers 2 Coy HILVERSUM SS A tk Bn (.)
- C (.) In addition to above following elts identified within FRUNDSBERG battle gp (.) 3 Coy SS PGR (.) DECEBIT Coy FRUNDSBERG (.) 11 Coy 6 A tk Trg Bn (.) 10 coy 11 Pz Trg Bn (.) 21 Tp 5 SS Arty Trg Regt with four 15 cm (.)
- D (.) Comment (.) This involves no change estimate strength given in last ISUM I/181 and confirms para second C (.)
- E (.) More civreps digging area KESTEREN 5172 (.)

third (.) Between WAAL and MEUSE (.)

- A (.) No fresh idents but patrols into REICHSWALD report enemy much thicker and civrep screen CC NNE from GENNEP 7046 (.)
- B (.) 1600 hrs air recce saw train with 20 tanks A 0716 (.)
- C (.) Comment (.) Considerable build-up SE NIJMEGEN (.)

fourth (.) SOUTH of WAAL (.)

- A (.) Gds report enemy coln previously operating outside VEGHEL now withdrawn area GEMEET 5730 HANDEL 5933 (.)
- B (.) PEARL 1420A unknown sta ordered battle gp RICHTER to occupy OPLOC 7136 with scout cars and tanks to cover area to NNE (.) RICHTER connected with panzer gp HUMBERTUS (.) comment (.) No hint yet size these gps but RICHTER used to be comd 1 Bn 22 SS PGR so presume this force part of GEMEET coln (.)
- C (.) 8 Corps reached general line HILMOND DEURNE 6520 ASTEN 6113 (.)
- D (.) 180 Res Trg Div identified in force here (.) has six hrs inf some sp arms all orsat (.)
- E (.) Undated map shows Hq Div ERMANN in WEERT K 59 so I/181 para fourth B comment appears incorrect (.)
- F (.) HOFFMAN reported renamed WALNER and HUMMER and HARDEGG paratp battle gps still on right sector 8 Corps front (.)
- G (.) BREMER battle gp formerly left hand regt 406 Div also identified here (.) comment (.) this means any present rft into REICHSWALD must be from another flm (.)
- H (.) 8 Corps cap docs shows existence 190 Res Trg Div GOC HAMMER ex NEUMUNSTER (.) could possibly arrive on Second Army front (.)
- J (.) Axis out again today at 4535 from NW by remnants 6 Para Regt with a few tanks (.)
- K (.) Gds have crossed INTWERP-TURNHOUT canal with only light contact (.) civreps from BUNDA support assumption enemy withdrawing to WAAL (.)

fifth (.) Appreciate new enemy line runs from WAAL estuary upriver to KESTEREN 5172 thence along NEDER RIJN to junction 0205 thence SW through REICHSWALD to GENNEP 7746 thence up WAAL (.) This involves elimination airborne bridgehead (.) enemy quite capable reinforcing fairly strongly and attacking NW from REICHSWALD but no sign yet any offensive intentions this sector (.) all informed

By/DLS and Hand

26 Dec 30 A

FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- Main Second Army

I/1st (.) TOPSEC for GSI and 3-2 (.) ISUM 252300A (.)
first (.) NORTH NEDER RIJN (.) Tac R reports diggings
7675 to 3267 (.) civrop arml coln total 600 vehs
arrived area ALERSFOORT from NE evening 24 Sep (.)
Second Army PEARL 1500A arty dlt within view VALBURG
6670 reported by fire on 109 (.) comment (.) could be
109 Pz Bde and in view civrop could be round 1 Airborne
Div brhead but almost certainly not South NEDER RIJN (.)
second (.) between NEDER RIJN and MAAL (.) enemy
yielded DEMMEL and ELST (.) general impression FRUNDSBERG
gp withdrawn NORTH leaving screen muckage (.) third (.)
between MAAS and MAAL (.) PW 1 bn 6 Landesschutzen Regt
7756 (.) fourth (.) South MAAS (.) no signs 107
Pz Bde or FRUNDSBERG gp today (.) PW ANTHONIS 7138
state HQ 100 Div now VENRAY 7726 and that units under
comd include Regt WALTHER and Werfer Ersatz unit (.)
captured sitrep shows battle gp HOPPER worth one bn under
comd 100 Div operating NE DEURNE 6520 (.) civrop MODEL
24 Sep visited HQ located villa 318419

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30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 509Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 27 Sep. 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT1. ENEMY OPERATIONS ON CORPS FRONT

The main enemy effort during the past two days has been directed against the bridges at NIJMEGEN. These have been subjected to persistent bombing and shelling, though so far only minor damage to the road bridge has been caused. On the rest of the Corps front the general trend of enemy activity has been defensive on the East and mildly offensive on the West.

The Luftwaffe's expensive effort against the NIJMEGEN bridges shows that, in spite of the withdrawal of the 1st Airborne Div on the night 25/26 Sep, he is still very sensitive to the presence of our troops North of the WAAL. He is holding on stubbornly to his positions East of DEMMEL and ELST, partly so as to gain time for the construction of defences along the river SE of ARNHEM, and partly because the factory at 745660 provides good observation on NIJMEGEN.

Further West the enemy is getting somewhat bolder. Today about 350 men including a few SS crossed the river at 5875 and occupied RANDWIJK 5975. They were eventually thrown out; from the prisoners so far interrogated it appears that 227 Landerschuetzen Bn was involved, some of whose troops are veterans of over 60.

The enemy has also been exerting pressure on our Western flank South of the MAAS. Perhaps he is after the food dump at OSS. At any rate during the past two days, 745 Regt of 712 Div, coming up from 'S HERTOGENBOSCH and supported by some 88 and SP guns has tried quite hard to get into HEESCH 4851. It has lost 250 PWs as well as a fair number killed.

Further South still the enemy was cleared from our main axis South of VEGHEL on the morning of 26 Sep. However he still holds SCHIJMDEL 4137 and DEST 3726 in some strength. From these places he can still threaten our L of C.

SE of NIJMEGEN the only event of note was the report from an Air OP of 45 tanks near ZIJFFLOH 7859. The figure sounds too high for almost any German armoured formation these days, and at the moment there is no other evidence to show that any are due to arrive on this sector. 107 Pz Bde is certainly still further South. According to an officer PW captured yesterday it is holding a line north from VENRAY 7726 so as to be able to cover the withdrawal across the MAAS of the disorganised remnants of 180 Div.

However it is in the sector between the MAAS and the WAAL that the enemy must feel most concerned. It is here that reinforcements are mostly urgently required. At the moment there are thought to be only between 7 and 8 inf battalions in this sector. Elsewhere there has been a lot of digging reported, both along the MEUSE and NEDERRIJN SE of /along the ARNHEM. The bridge has been blown at GENNEP, and the enemy has withdrawn from CUIJK - further evidence that he has no intention of remaining West of the MAAS for very long.

2. Review of Operations on Western Front 16-22 Sep

On 16 September a great effort was still being put into the battle WEST of the VOSGES by Army Group G. Both digging and flooding were being carried out behind the lines. It was clear that no withdrawal to the West Wall was to be effected except under strong and continual pressure. On that day LUNEVILLE fell, and to the NORTH further advances were made by the Allies over the LUXEMBOURG - GERMANY frontier. AACHEN for the first time was penetrated by Allied patrols in spite of the arrival of some new infantry. In HOLLAND training units were committed from as far afield as Wehrkreis X.

On the following day German resistance in the SOUTH became, if anything, stiffer, though the German bulge WEST of the VOSGES was in part reduced by the ejection of 189 Training Division from LUXEUIL. German fear of a crack-up in this sector is illustrated by the erection of road signs threatening death to anyone fleeing through BELFORT. Along the whole of Seventh front, too, resistance was stiffening. In the AACHEN area 12 Infantry Division, a newcomer, was put into the line for the first time. In HOLLAND the Allied spearhead forced a withdrawal to within about 6 miles SOUTH of EINDHOVEN where elements of 9 and 10 SS Panzer Divisions were in action. The Allied airborne operation encountered at first only light opposition.

On 18 September an Allied armoured spearhead reached the MOSELLE in the area of EPINAL. On German 80 Corps front increased artillery fire was concentrated especially against the Allied break-through SW of BIEBURG (L15) where an unsuccessful counter-attack was launched with infantry and tanks. On Seventh Army front the heavier resistance, together with natural terrain difficulties, was slowing the Allies down. In HOLLAND the first junction was made between the Allied armour and airborne forces threatening German forces SOUTH and WEST of the WAAL (Rhine mouth). Military District VI became operational, and established its headquarters 5 miles NORTH of DINSLAKEN (A23). Resistance continued in the PAS DE CALAIS fortresses but in the far WEST of FRANCE BREST at last surrendered, and its commander, Parachute General RAMCKE, was taken prisoner. On 19 September gradual Allied progress forced the German Army out of GERREVILLER and LAHATH WEST of the VOSGES. On the MOSELLE the Allied bridgehead at SERRIERES was enlarged despite the resistance offered by 553 Infantry Division. On the LUXEMBOURG front and NORTH to AACHEN, further Allied penetrations were made over the frontier again despite an increasingly fierce defence put up by the WEST Wall troops. In HOLLAND the HOHENSTAUFEN battle group (elements of 9 and 10 SS Panzer Divisions) was strongly opposing the British thrust up towards the airborne force and fierce fighting resulted. Many other ad hoc formations were involved including the remains of 84 Infantry Division which was probably refitting in the area. In ZEEUWSE VLAANDEREN the Allies crossed the Canal de HULST and reached ZAMMELAC which, together with AXEL and HULST, was captured the following day.

The following day Nineteenth Army showed signs of fighting a stronger and better organised defence battle on the Southern flank but further NORTH in the areas REMIREMONT and EPINAL the bulk of the forces were thought to have withdrawn EAST of the MOSELLE, leaving only scattered groups to cover obstacles. On the LUXEMBOURG front particularly heavy counter-attacks were pressed home in which 19 Infantry, 36 Infantry and 2 SS Panzer Divisions were heavily engaged. To the NORTH around AACHEN and STOLBERG bitter fighting was in progress.

In the general area of RAMBERVILLERS on First Army front, 21 Panzer Division, operating with 111 and 112 Panzer Brigades, was putting up a hard fight: further NORTH 113 Panzer Brigade, newly arrived, was put in the line EAST of NANCY. The heavy German counter-attacks EAST of LUXEMBOURG succeeded in driving the Allies out of VLANDEN and pushing them back NW of BOHTERVACH. North of AACHEN another new division was put in the line: 183 Infantry Division had two regiments committed on 21 September. In HOLLAND another new panzer brigade, 107, contacted the Allies for the first time near EINDHOVEN. A great attempt was being made to cut the NIJMEGEN - EINDHOVEN neck which appeared so uncontrollable and isolate.....

and isolate the Allied airborne troops to the NORTH. Strong defence was offered along the LEOPOLD Canal chiefly by elements of 59 and 70 Infantry Divisions. BOULOGNE was virtually completely captured by the Allies on 22 September.

(Source : S.H.A.E.F. - W.I.S. No.27)

3. ENEMY CAPABILITIES

In the sphere of major strategy, none of GERMANY's problems are any nearer to solution. So far as the Russian front is concerned, the guiltiest fears show signs of being justified, and certainly no divisions can be safely withdrawn. Intentions must remain purely defensive, and in the NORTH hard fighting with strenuous counter-attacks will be necessary to maintain communications with the BALTIC armies and save them from destruction. In the SOUTH in TRANSYLVANIA, geography is kinder. In ITALY the position is essentially unchanged. A withdrawal, even to the ALPS, may be desirable, but it cannot be effected without heavy fighting and considerable risk of an Allied break-through; and in the very end, the contribution to the Eastern Front would not amount to more than five divisions. The enigmatic NORWAY might as ever, produce two to three divisions, but there is no sign of this actually happening.

As before, therefore, the rallying of the Western Front depends for the moment almost entirely on the manpower problem in GERMANY. In addition to the four divisions so far formed from training units and comb-outs by the four Western Wehrkreise, up to a further six from the same stable may be expected. These for preference will be used in manning the WEST Wall, not in open fighting. The rest of GERMANY might form a further ten such divisions, but it is far from clear that this will in fact be done, as the whole training and replacement system would then be wound up for an indefinite period, and even if it is done, the divisions would not necessarily be available for employment in the WEST.

Of the panzer brigades, a total of about 15 may be formed, but most of these seen in fact to be more or less directly incorporated in the army panzer divisions, as a means of bringing these up to strength again. Otherwise no new tank units are thought likely, but the SS Panzer Divisions will be sedulously reformed up to a point. Artillery is extremely short and heterogeneous, but a dozen useful anti-tank battalions may yet be formed, and a few assault gun brigades.

Otherwise there may be in GERMANY some eight or ten divisions, either in the "500" class or of the Bogus SS type, and three or four frontier divisions: more may yet be formed in due course. It is doubtful how many of these will be available for employment in the WEST, but four or five would be a reasonable share.

Finally, there are the remnants of divisions destroyed on various fronts, including the WEST, perhaps a dozen in all. If not already incorporated in some other new formation, these will be committed wherever the battle reaches them: a very few may even be reformed in their own right.

In detail, the enemy on the Western Front can only cut his coat according to the cloth. Unless his desperate counter-attack into the long Allied flank NORTH of BIELEHOVEN is successful, and unless he holds ANTWERP, HOLLAND is gone, and it will remain only for him to evacuate, as much as possible (very little) by sea. Ports no doubt will be destroyed and fouled thoroughly: but how far it will be worth squandering heavy garrisons on them any longer is doubtful. A loss of a further 100,000 men in HOLLAND is possible by the end. Meantime,
/a new line.....

a new line will have to be formed linking up with the Seventh Army (presumably the NORTH-SOUTH line of the river LUSSEL, joining both the RHINE and the alleged SIEGFRIED Line at EMMERICH), to be manned initially by troops from WEHRGEBETS X.

In the crucial AACHEN sector the battle is still touch and go, and the enemy has absolutely nothing to spare in case of a heavy Allied offensive towards the EAST. The SIEGFRIED line is already penetrated and broken through, both here and at several places in the ARDENNES. Yet this is still the line that the enemy, in some sense, intends to hold.

In the SOUTH, the enemy has gambled more heavily. His intention clearly was to hold a position along the MOSELLE forward of the SIEGFRIED Line, running through METZ - NANCY - EPINAL - BELFORT to the Swiss frontier. This line, if held, keeps the Allies out of the kink in the SIEGFRIED Line; the kink is not merely long, but also doubly dangerous, since there are several natural "gaps" in the WEST-EAST section from TRIER to KARLSRUHE, and SOUTH of KARLSRUHE the line is on the RHINE itself, so that the RHINE line is put in one basket with the WEST Wall. From this MOSELLE Line, the enemy meant to retreat only by stages and under pressure. However, he elected to concentrate his armour in the Southern VOSGES, and to conduct a series of unprofitable violent counter-attacks, not to say attacks. This seriously weakened the NANCY sector, which has in consequence been deeply penetrated, and it is clear that the enemy is now having to concentrate his armour further to the North to attack this penetration in the flank. This will leave Nineteenth Army, in turn, dangerously weak in the SOUTH. It would seem that an unstable situation is once again developing, most inopportunistically, and, in view of the critical position in HOLLAND, little aid is likely to be forthcoming to deal with it.

(Source : SHAFT - WIS No 27)

4. Report on GERMAN tps contacted by 1 Br Airborne Div in ARNHEM area 17 - 23 Sep 44.

(a) The chief difficulty in assessing enemy order of battle arose from the lack of communications experienced by 1 Airborne Div, particularly in the later stages, when all touch was lost with 1 Para Bde. This meant that practically no identifications were passed back, and the general picture had to be gleaned from interrogation of PW, which was carried out at times under extreme difficulty, owing to persistent shelling. Any accurate assessment of the enemy strength opposing the division at the time of withdrawal is out of the question. The main trend was as follows.

(b) Homogeneous units

No battle groups were identified by name. The largest unit identified was of bn strength. Below is a list of all the tps fighting as formal bodies identified as such -

3 SS Wachbataillon - total str approx 500 men, mainly Dutch volunteers. Parent unit SS Landstorm NEDERLAND.

3 SS Pz Trg Bn - Org into five coys of about 120 men each.

March coy/SS Pz Trg Bn HOHNSTADT - two pls of two secs each of 25 men.

/3/26 Sicherungs.....

3/26 Sicherungs Regt -

63 Pz Gren (? Rft) Regt - two coys only identified.

908 Sicherungs Bn - Org into three or four coys.

10 and 14 Schiffstammabteilungen - Naval personnel

(c) Ad Hoc bodies

Out of the 48 PW taken on D - D+1, 27 different units were identified, the WOLFHEZEN area 6679 being used as a reforming and bivouac area for regts and units destroyed in FRANCE. It is therefore impossible to make any assessment of total strengths.

(d) Support Weapons

Although several SP guns and tks were knocked out, no identifications were obtained. Known and confirmed enemy veh casualties were as follows up to 22 Sep. After this date a check was impossible -

Tanks	6	
Arm'd Tp Carriers	6	
Arm'd Cars	1	
SP guns	2	
Arm Lorries	2	
Personnel Lorries	1	(full)
Loudspeaker van	1	(damaged)

(e) Propaganda

On 22 Sep the forward units of the division were visited by a loud speaker van which threatened them with an attack by a German Arm'd Div, and exhorted them to think of their wives, sweethearts, etc and surrender. It then played dance music, and was forced to withdraw in some confusion after an attack by 21 Indep Para Coy with a Platoon.

(f) Tactics

- (i) The low standard of the infantry, despite their eventual superiority in numbers, forced the enemy to rely chiefly on his support weapons, and casualties from SP gun fire and mortars were very heavy, particularly in wooded areas initially before our men had dug in. There was a morning and evening lull on div HQ which became more and more intensive, and at times continuous, as more hy weapons were engaged. The following were identified. Mortars of varying calibre -

105 mm gun hows
150 mm hows
88mm flak (HE and air bursts)
Rockets (a few of unidentified calibre)
as

The use of all hy weapons was laid down in the text books. Mortar fire in particular was accurate and rapidly forthcoming. SP flamethrowers were reported but all details are lacking.

- (ii) A few "mock surrender" parties were encountered among SS tps. The technique was for the Germans to fall flat on their faces, to permit a hy MG to open fire on the British party receiving the surrender.

(iv) The observance of the red cross was very good by the Germans except for their snipers. An SP gun commander apologised for having put two shells into the MDS in error. It was overrun by the Germans but men who got away later report that our men were being well looked after.

(v) Snipers were numerous and inaccurate. No night attacks were attempted but snipers infiltrated at night, and one in particular existed for three days in the centre of the div area without being spotted, although his approximate location was confined by observation and experience to a group of three trees.

(g) PW.

In general PW gave information freely. Only one case was found of a refusal, by an SS private, but this was soon quelled by theatrical demonstration.

Three Officers only were captured - a security minded oblt from 3 SS Wach Bn, who had been a waiter in civil life and was aged about 47, an oblt from 908 Sicherungs Bn, aged about 47 who spoke freely within the very limited confines of his knowledge, and a third SS officer who was evacuated to hospital before he could be interrogated.

As for OR - The SS gave info as freely as did the Wehrmacht.

A high proportion of Volksdeutscher and Dutch was encountered. Curiosities included a Pole aged 65, a Japanese and a German WAF from ARNHEM. Casualties inflicted on PW after capture by German shelling and mortaring totalled about seven killed and a score wounded. Morale of most PW was fair, and increased as the battle progressed. One noticeable feature was that when all PW who eventually totalled about 200, were fallen in for roll-call by their own NCOs, the SS and Wehrmacht automatically fell in as separate bodies.

(h) Conclusions

(i) Order of Battle. This was confused in the extreme. March coys and ad hoc units are being formed out of army remnants, and the only units of bn size were SS.

(ii) Enemy Strength. Impossible to assess, partly due to no estimate of Germans killed being available. Chiefly due to the fact that no March coys had been formed for more than a few days.

(iii) Fighting value Of the infantry, poor. The SS were very noticeably better than the army. Not one night attack was made although machine gun demonstrations by night were frequent.

(iv) Method of Reinforcement. All available troops were rushed from the WEST of HOLLAND and Germany to reinforce the threatened area. Transport was chiefly by road from Germany, by bicycles in HOLLAND

(Source : AB Corps)

5. APPENDICES

Appendix "A" - Ready reckoner for infantry regts in the WEST.

Appendix "B" - Summary of Civilian Reports (incl Annex "Z")

Appendix "C" - To follow in Summary No 510.

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SUMMARY OF CIVILIAN REPORTS

(Note: Information as of 26 Sep, unless otherwise stated)

1. WELGELEGEN 908308. 40 amn lorries.
2. VUGHT E.45. Enemy HQ. Enemy withdrawing towards floating br near
HEDEL E.25.
3. ARNHEM. (a) HQ at WOOD of EPSEM 9404. (25 Sep).
(b) Arty near MOSCOWAL cemetery 7679.
4. REIKUM E.57. (a) Near JONKERSHOEVE a few guns on edge of wood
firing SE on ferry at DRIEL.
(b) Near Reform Church on UTRECHTSCHESSTRAAT,
3 hows, 8 flak and SS HQ. (25 Sep).
(c) Two 15.2 cm guns at 6277. In neighbourhood
SS tps LAM.
(d) Guns between BERGERENG and castle of KEIJENBERG.
(e) 4 Tigers on German camp road. (27 Sep).
5. HEELSUM E.67. CP of SS at 66 UTRECHTSCHESSTRAAT/EG.
6. WIJK bij DUURSDEDE E.37. 100 Russians guarding ferry.
7. MERONGEN E.48. 1,000 inf, 4 tks (45-ton) at castle 434805.
8. COTTEN E.38. 100 bridging personnel.
9. EDE E.58. 6 med or hy guns at 586859.
10. VRIESWIJK E.18. Hrs heavily guarded. Decrease in number of tps
during last 7 days.
11. CULEMBORG E.27. Around town at least 10 bunkers garrisoned by 100
tps with much flak.
12. ECK on WIEL E.47. Six 2 cm flak at ferry.
13. OPHEUSDEN E.57. Ferry guarded by about 40 tps.
14. DIJEN E.88. Tks on rd DIJEN - ARNHEM.
15. ZEIST E.29. About 1,400 tps.
16. BAAN Z.30. "INDHOTEL" occupied. Otherwise no tps.
17. 's HERTOGENBOSCH. In course of evacuation by enemy. All switches
and signal-boxes on rly blown up. (23 Sep).
18. ROTTERDAM. (a) Strongholds appear to be in process of evacuation.
All moving out except parachute commandos. (22 Sep).
(b) Train which loaded arm at MARS Sta 773/39 unable
to leave owing to line damage.
(c) Circular rly blown by saboteurs between DEAFSCHE
POORT and HOFFLEIN.
(d) German rly personnel preparing to move. Trains to
be ready by 1800 hrs, 26 Sep, at ROTTERDAM, AMSTERDAM,
UTRECHT, MERSFOORT, ZWOLLE and HENGLO.

19. DONGEN E03 and 's GRAVENMORE E04. Large tp conc, amongst others from TILBURG (22 Sep)
20. ZALTBOOMEL. Over 1000 SS.
21. HOEVELAKEN. Z40. (a) Three tks in village 432000 (27 Sep)
(b) Derailment has put line to APELDOORN out of action for at least 24 hours.
22. GOIRLE E.12. 3000 tps left in direction of POPPEL E 12.
23. BERKEL E.23. 2000 Luftwaffe with 1t flak (25 Sep)
24. RIEL E.12. Greater part of three regts left for BAARLE-NASSAU E.01 (25 Sep)
25. ZUID BEVERLAND D33. 2000 tps, comd Gen POPPE of which 1300 in GOES D.32.
26. 'S GRAVENZANDE D.58)
27. MONSTER D.58) 600 tps (27 Sep)
28. NAALDWIJK D.58 350 tps (27 Sep)
29. POELDIJK D.58 No tps (27 Sep)
30. WATERINGEN D.68 No tps (27 Sep)
31. DE LIER D.68 No tps (27 Sep)
32. SCHIPLUIDEN D.68 No tps (27 Sep)
33. IEPENBURG (unidentified) 30 tks left in direction of UTRECHT (27 Sep)
34. AMSTERDAM (a) About 2000 tps (27 Sep)
(b) Two regts leaving for DEN HELDER by train.
(c) Rly line to AMERSFOORT can be used single track only.
35. LEKKENSCH E.57. From ferry to HEELSUM 6477 MG nests constructed near river.
36. WAGENINGEN E.57. MG posns dug 562752.
37. UTRECHT (a) Defs practically deserted. A few sentries posted.
(b) General direction of rd traffic SOUTH to BREDA and HERTOGENBOSCH.
(c) Enemy moving ferry boats to VRIESWIJK for building of pontoon bridge (27 Sep).
38. BEDUM Q.22. Country as far as DEELIJL Q.42 being inundated.
39. BREDA D.93. (a) Arty coln left for OOSTERHOUT consisting of fifteen 8.8cm and four 2cm Vierlingen (25 Sep).
(b) Forty eight wheeled SS Arml C's and 60 guns, large calibre, to OOSTERHOUT.
(c) Coln of forty 80mm(0) guns in direction of OOSTERHOUT (27 Sep).
(d) Tps in BREDA comd Gen GOETZ (27 Sep).
40. KEIZERSVEER E.04.
(a) Coln left for ZWOLLE via NIEUWENDIJK and BOMMELEINWAARD.
(b) Dr 035505 prepared for demolition.

41. RHENEN E.57. (a) Traffic 25 Sep direction LEEFSUM, 48 lorries, 26 supply lorries, 3 guns; direction WAGENINGEN 43 lorries, 44 supply lorries, one gun, 2 tks.
(b) Dr intact. Charges on rly br near RHENEN temporarily neutralized by saboteurs.
(c) Rly to AMERSFOORT destroyed in three places area ACHTERBERG 5177.
42. AMERSFOORT. Train of Wehrmacht ready to leave for ZWOLLE via APELDOORN. Another with 120 tps leaving for EDE via NIJKERK.
43. ROSENDAAL D.73. 16 HD guns via BREDA to TILBURG.
44. DENNEKOM E.58. 4 trucks with boats 18 ft long in direction of WAGENINGEN (27 Sep).
45. HELLEVOETLUIS D.46. 4 ships with amm at 515642.
46. HOOGSOEREN Z.60. 80 tps arrived for defence of an amm dump.
47. GROENEGAN E.29. Rly UTRECHT - HILVERSUM cut in two places.*
48. DEVENTER. Rd br over IJSSEL prepared for demolition. Igniter set on EAST side.
49. HENGEL V.30)
50. ENSCHEDE) Civs conscripted to work on IJSSEL defence line (27 Sep).
51. OOSTERHOUT E.04. Tps under comd Gen GOETZ (27 Sep)
52. VENLO. A Tk ditch 15 ft wide u/c 9107 (27 Sep).
53. VOLKEL E.54. Rd to MILL 6444 rendered useless by demolitions. (27 Sep).

PART TWO

1. ENEMY ORGANISATION

(a) German troops contacted by 1 Br Airborne Div in ARNHEM area 17 - 23 Sep 44.

- (i) Part One of this Summary includes a full Intelligence report on the forces facing 1 Airborne Div, but detailed Order of Battle information has been omitted. It is reproduced in full below for the information of Intelligence Staffs.

(ii) Homogeneous Units

No battle groups were identified by name. The largest was of bn strength. Below is a list of all the troops fighting as formed bodies identified as such.

3 SS Wachbataillon

This unit was first encountered on 18 Sep on the WEST flank of the division. Its parent unit was SS Landsturm Nederland. 106 PW were taken from the bn, which was organised in five infantry coys of four pls of three secs armed with Czech LMG. It had been engaged in security duties at various points in the AMERSFOORT area - 4 coy had for a time performed guard duties on the concentration camp at S'HERTOGENBOSCH. The bn was concentrated at AMERSFOORT on 17 Sep, and marched into action from there. Personnel were about 60 - 70% Dutch volunteers, but also included two Belgians, released from prison a few days previously for drafting purposes. The rest were Volksdeutschen. All personnel had had a few months infantry training. Total strength approx 500 men.

3 SS Pz Trg Bn

Stationed in the COEHOOIJ KASERNE in ARNHEM, providing inf trg for three months. NCOs came from the Unterfuhrerschule in ARNHEM. Organised into five coys of about 120 men each, armed with LMG varying from one to three in number in each pl. Personnel was mainly German, with a fair number of Dutch volunteers. The Bn was engaged on the Eastern flank of the div within a day of landing.

March Coy of SS Pz Pi Btl HOHENSTAUFEN

Only one PW was taken from this unit on 22 Sep. He gave the following information. His unit had come direct from LOUVAIN, where it had originally been formed. It consisted of two pls of two secs each of approx 25 men. The armament of each sec was 1 LMG., rifles, machine pistols and pistols. The coy had been quartered in ARNHEM, but only for a very brief period, so PW was unable to give its location. (Note: Immediately prior to the capture of this PW, a message from Dutch sources had suggested that SS Pz Div HOHENSTAUFEN was digging in on the IJssel).

5 Coy 26 Sicherungs Regt

This coy was destroyed on the div west flank on 19 Sep. 26 Sich Regt was stated by PW to contain seven coys, each of unknown armament. It was reported by the same PW that the other six coys were moving on 19 Sep by bicycle from the HILVERSUM to the ARNHEM area, but none of them had been identified up to 25 Sep.

/Pz Gren Regt 63.....

Pz Gren Regt 63 (Ersatz ?)

At least two coys of this Regt were identified north of the div. PW were taken from 1 & 7 coys. Other coys were stated to be engaged, but were not identified. 1 & 7 coys were organised each into three pls of 4 secs, with 1 LMG per sec. Owing to their speedy formation no confirmed knowledge of the other units in this regt could be obtained, but a NCC believed that each bn had a mortar pl consisting of 4 secs with 50 mm mortars. Most of the personnel arrived direct from WUPPERTAL where they were undergoing primary training.

908 Sich Bn

PW from this unit gave the following information. The bn was originally stationed in the LILLE - HAZEDROUCK area, performing security duties. It consisted of (1), 2, 3 and 4 coys. No 2 coy consisted of about 120 men, organised in four pls of four secs armed with rifles. PW believed that there was a No.1 Coy. The general age of personnel was 40 - 50 years, and the standard of inf try was low. No 2 coy had been split up amongst SS tps.

10 and 14 Schiffstammteilingen

Two PW were taken from 10 S. Sta A., and 15 from 14. Unfortunately the interrogation reports have been destroyed, so full details cannot be given. The units provided guards for ferries on the lower Rhine, but had been engaged as inf.

(iii) Ad hoc bodies

The WOLFFEN area 6679 was used as a reforming and bivouac area for arty and a few GAF (flak) tps, - about 200 in number. The troops concerned were practically without exception from regts and units destroyed in France. Most PW believed that they were to be reformed as inf march bns. A few 105mm guns were overrun by 1 Para Bde, but there was no arm for them, and it seems unlikely that the German intention was to re-equip them as gunners. The morale of these troops was low, and hy weapons were lacking. Out of 48 PW taken on D - D+1, 27 different units were identified. As none of the several march coys identified had been formed for more than three days it was impossible to make any assessment of total strengths. As an indication of the general chaos prevailing, the following list of PW held at 191645 is given -

<u>Unit</u>	<u>No of PW</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>No of PW</u>	
AR 344.1	1	10 S.St.A	2	
AR 347	1	14 S.St.A	15	
AR 346	2	A. Erz A. 28	1	
AR 191	1	Batt Osnbruck	1	
AR 363	11	Fuhr Ausb St	1	
AR 146	2	Sich Regt 26	1	
AR 762	1	Krankenabt 686	1	
AR 147	1	" 352	1	
AR 275	3	Transport Abt 990	1	
AR 352	1	" "	14	1
AR 70	1	KW Inst P 522	1	
AR 713	1	SS Wach Bn 3	106	
AR 273	1	Lazeretl ARHEM	1	
Arty Abt 1255	4	Arty Ers A 5	1	
" " 555	1	" " 6	1	
" " 507	1	L.S. Abt 17	1	
" " 511	1	A.O.K. St Bn 15	2	
5/131 Arty Abt	2	1/1192 Arty Abt	1	Grenl
2/1252 " "	4	FP.N 13160	1	Total - 183
Flak Abt 273	2	17 GAF Div	2	

READY RECKONER FOR INFANTRY REGTS IN THE WEST

REGT	DIV	REGT	DIV	REGT	DIV
1 Mtn Trg	157 Trg	157 GR Trg	157 Trg	901 PG	Pz Lehr
1 SS PG	1 SS Pz	192 PG	21 Pz	902 PG	Pz Lehr
2 SS PG	1 SS Pz	221 GR		914 GR	
2 Para	2 Para	223 GR	16 Inf	915 GR	352 Inf
2 PG	2 Pz	225 GR		916 GR	
3 SS PG	2 SS Pz	205 GR Trg	165 Trg	917 GR	242 Inf
4 SS PG	2 SS Pz	213 GR Trg	158 Trg	918 GR	
5 Para	3 Para	214 GR Trg	189 Trg	919 GR	709 Inf
6 Para	2 Para	215 GR Trg	165 Trg	920 GR	
7 Para	2 Para	221 GR Trg	158 Trg	921 GR	243 Inf
7 GR Trg	157 Trg	239 GR Trg	148 Trg	922 GR	
8 PG	3 PG	251 GR Trg	159 Trg	932 GR	
8 GR Trg	148 Trg	252 GR Trg	148 Trg	933 GR	244 Inf
8 Para	3 Para	260 GR Trg	165 Trg	934 GR	
9 Para	3 Para			935 GR	245 Inf
10 PG	9 Pz	304 PG	2 Pz	936 GR	
11 PG	9 Pz	305 GR		937 GR	
13 Para	5 Para	308 GR	198 Inf	941 GR	
14 Para	5 Para	326 GR		942 GR	353 Inf
15 GR Trg	159 Trg	342 GR Trg	182 Trg	943 GR	
15 Para	5 Para			957 GR	
17 Para	6 Para	557 GR		958 GR	363 Inf
18 Para	6 Para	558 GR	331 Inf	959 GR	
19 SS PG	9 SS Pz	559 GR		977 GR	
20 SS PG	9 SS Pz	582 GR		978 GR	271 Inf
21 SS PG	10 SS Pz	583 GR	319 Inf	979 GR	
22 SS PG	10 SS Pz	584 GR		980 GR	272 Inf
25 SS PG	12 SS Pz			981 GR	
26 SS PG	12 SS Pz	723 GR	719 Inf	982 GR	
28 GR Trg	189 Trg	726 GR	716 Inf	983 GR	
29 PG	3 PG	728 GR	708 Inf	984 GR	275 Inf
31 GAF	16 GAF	729 GR	709 Inf	985 GR	
32 GAF		731 GR	711 Inf	986 GR	276 Inf
33 GAF	17 GAF	732 GR	712 Inf	987 GR	
34 GAF		736 GR	716 Inf	988 GR	
35 GAF	18 GAF	739 GR	709 Inf	989 GR	277 Inf
36 GAF		743 GR	719 Inf	990 GR	
37 SS PG	17 SS PG	744 GR	711 Inf	991 GR	
38 SS PG	17 SS PG	745 GR	712 Inf	1018 GR	
46 GAF	16 GAF	748 GR	708 Inf	1019 GR	70 Inf
47 GAF	17 GAF	751 GR		1020 GR	
52 GR Trg	189 Trg	752 GR	326 Inf	1034 GR	
59 GR	19 Inf	753 GR		1035 GR	59 Inf
60 PG	116 Pz	757 GR		1036 GR	
62 GR Trg	158 Trg	758 GR	338 Inf	1037 GR	
73 GR	19 Inf	759 GR		1038 GR	64 Inf
74 GR	19 Inf	765 GR	242 Inf	1039 GR	
79 GR Trg	182 Trg			1040 GR	
		851 GR		1041 GR	226 Inf
103 GR	47 Inf	852 GR	343 Inf	1042 GR	
104 PG	15 PG	854 GR		1049 GR	
104 GR	47 Inf	855 GR	344 Inf	1050 GR	77 Inf
110 PG	11 Pz	857 GR		1051 GR	84 Inf
111 PG	11 Pz	858 GR	346 Inf	1052 GR	
112 GR Trg	182 Trg	859 GR		1053 GR	85 Inf
115 PG	15 PG	860 GR		1054 GR	
115 GR	47 Inf	861 GR	347 Inf	1055 GR	89 Inf
125 PG	21 Pz	863 GR		1056 GR	
126 GR		864 GR	348 Inf	1057 GR	91 Inf
127 GR	48 Inf	894 GR		1058 GR	
128 GR		895 GR	265 Inf	1119 GR	
148 GR		896 GR		1120 GR	553 Inf
149 GR	49 Inf	897 GR		1121 GR	
150 GR		898 GR	266 Inf	1125 GR	
156 PG	116 Pz	899 GR		1126 GR	559 Inf
				1127 GR	

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 510

Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 28 Sep 44.

THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

The efforts of the Luftwaffe to destroy the bridges at NIJMEGEN show no sign of slackening. Yesterday about 600 enemy fighters were active. The railway bridge was temporarily put out of action, and further slight damage was inflicted on the road bridge. Today and this evening these air attacks have continued. In addition the bridges have been subjected to a good deal of shelling.

This bombing is the central fact of the enemy's present military activity on the Western Front. What is happening on the ground must be correlated with it.

Early this morning a series of attacks was launched against our positions SE of NIJMEGEN. The strongest were those made one kilometre or so SOUTH of WYLER 7757. The enemy eventually succeeded in capturing the woods at 776575 and at 773568, woods which would appear suitable as forming up places for a more ambitious offensive later on.

About a dozen enemy tanks were reported during the day's fighting. Of these five were knocked out. Whose these tanks are is still not known. They included Mark IIIs, IVs and Vs. Only a few PW have been interrogated so far; these, rather surprisingly, are SS troops, possibly from 9 SS Pz Div, though the identifications still have to be checked. However, it appears that the enemy is bringing reinforcements to this area on a greater scale than one would expect if his intentions were mainly defensive. For him this is the most promising approach to NIJMEGEN itself.

On the Corps front the day has been relatively quiet. There has been no change near BEMMEL and ELST. Further WEST he continues to exert a certain amount of pressure on HEESCH 4851. Last night 3 Bn of 732 Regt of 712 Div put in another attack against the village. It achieved no greater success than those previously launched by 745 Regt of the same division. An officer PW gave an interesting explanation for these apparently aimless and costly ventures: the aim, he said, was to link up with the German troops at GRAVE and then withdraw to GERMANY. This is no doubt a carrot for the donkey, but achieves the purpose of making us keep sizeable forces at HEESCH and OSS.

On the Western part of the sector between the NEDERRIJN and WAAL the enemy was cleared from RANDWIJK 6174. Several reports from civilian sources indicate however, that he may attempt another crossing of the NEDERRIJN tonight near this place. Any effort that he makes here will not be strong enough to take him to the NIJMEGEN bridges. It will however contain and direct part of our forces to the area NORTH of the WAAL. The object of these attacks over the RHINE is therefore similar to those being made against HEESCH.

To sum up, therefore, the purpose behind the present modest offensive of the enemy is to destroy the NIJMEGEN bridges and capture the town from the SE. All other attacks are designed to distract the attention of our forces, and keep them away from the vital sector.

/ENEMY EQUIPMENT.....

2. ENEMY EQUIPMENT

(a) Penetration Performance of long 8.8 cm guns

The Ordnance Board have issued the following penetration figures for the 8.8 cm Pak 43/41 firing APCBC against homogeneous armour. These figures are based on trials carried out in UK -

Weight of projectile 22.36 lbs.

<u>Range</u> yards	<u>MV</u> ft/sec	<u>Penetration of homo armour in mm.</u>	
		Normal	30°
0	3280	236 (9.29 in)	194 (7.64 in)
500	3089	218 (8.58 in)	179 (7.05 in)
1000	2905	200 (7.87 in)	164 (6.46 in)
1500	2728	183 (7.20 in)	150 (5.91 in)
2000	2558	168 (6.61 in)	136 (5.35 in)
2500	2398	153 (6.02 in)	123 (4.84 in)

The above figures can also be taken as applying to the 8.8 cm Pak 43 (field mounting), Pak 43/1 (Rhinceros formerly Hornet), Pak 43/2 (Elephant formerly Ferdinand), Pak 43/3 (Jagdpanther) and 8.8 cm Kw K 43 (Tiger II).

(Source: 21 A Gp Tech Int Summary No 6)

(b) Concrete "Wheelguard" Mine

The above new type of explosive charge or mine has recently been encountered in Italy. It consists of a concrete block in the shape of a wheelguard as commonly found on road berms or curves, 24 ins high and 6 ins thick, in the centre of which is approximately 3 lbs of explosive. Access to the explosive is given through a rectangular hole in the front. At the rear, there is a small hole for the insertion of an anti-lifting pull igniter.

A tread detonating mechanism is made up of 3 pieces of wood $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins x $1\frac{1}{2}$ ins x 3 ins strapped together so that the two outside pieces are rigid and the inside one is free to move on a wooden pivot. A small wooden shear pin is inserted between the two outer members so that when the inner board is resting on it the inner member is 1 in proud of the outer boards.

The concrete wheelguard is set on the verge and a small trench is then dug from the concrete at right angles to the road edge. The tread mechanism is laid and covered and the concrete is buried up to the main hole. The anti-lifting igniter at the rear is attached to a peg by string or wire. The tread mechanism could be used with either a DZ 35 or ZZ 42 igniter connected by instantaneous fuse to the mine.

These wheelguards are thought to be of local manufacture.

(Source: AFHQ Notes No. 73).

3. TAILPIECE

Pte Kurt SCHELTE of Landesschutzen Ausb Battalion 1/6 was sentenced to 6 days CB at GRAVE on 15 Aug 44 for wilfully -

1. Taking off his equipment in a Dutch Inn - contrary to Company Orders and hanging his rifle on the hat-stand.
2. Damaging the reputation of the Wehrmacht by asking a Dutch woman for some butter or margarine in such a way as to suggest that his own rations were insufficient - although his rations were good and bread at least was available in ample quantities.

(Source: Airborne Corps IS No. 8)

4. APPENDICES

- Appendix "A" - Summary of Civilian ~~information~~.
- Appendix "C" - Held over from 30 Corps Intelligence Summary No. 509, is published herewith.

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SUMMARY OF CIVILIAN REPORTS

(Note: Information as of 28 Sep, unless otherwise stated)

1. WAGENINGEN E 5776. General situation as at 27 Sep. Most dumps completely cleared within last 7 days: in particular, all respirators, bicycles, rifles and food supplies taken away by lorry, destination unknown. A large Car Park at 595763 has been almost entirely evacuated. Town held by 250 - 300 troops, no SS. Compulsory civilian evacuation of the part SOUTH of the GREBBE DIKE and its Eastern continuation, the VEERSTRAAT; and of the NUDE, an area enclosed by the following co-ordinates: 562757, 561763, 572763, and 573760.

Several MG posns along VEERSTRAAT and de WAARDEN. The AA posns on the LEXESVEER 594759 destroyed in a fighter attack; new posns under construction.
2. BREDA D 9536. 50 lorries, each with 20 men, and 12 pieces of flak (of approx "3 cm") passathrough direction MOERDIJK 27 Sep.
3. 's HERTOGENBOSCH Demolition charges in VUCHTERWEG bridge 312456 removed. Evacuated civilians given permission to return. Near HEDDEL bridge 293520 MG posns under construction. 3 tanks crusing up and down GRAAFTSCHEWEG (rd 's HERTOGENBOSCH - GRAVE). Between swimming pool IJZERENVROUW 327467 and NIJMEGEN rly line four 15 cm posns and one 8.8 cm, served by 65 SS tps. Total tps in town 200.
4. BERLICUM E 3745. 400 troops.
5. NULAND E 4050. Fairly large number of troops, principally paratroops and a few SS. 6 tanks.
6. VEENENDAL Z 58. 25 - 30 tanks moving EAST on ANHEM road.

1. ENEMY ORGANISATION(a) Battle Gp HOPPER.

This newly identified Battle Gp turns out to be 100 Cavalry Ers Dn of three squadrons without horses, tpt or hy weapons of their own. It is one of the replacement units from Wehrkreis X forming part of 180 Div. The Dn was the replacement unit of 100 Cavalry Regt, stationed at LUNEBERG. During the past few weeks a weeding-out process has been carried out amongst cavalry units and personnel from such units as the Cavalry School at DROMBERG were sent to LUNEBERG. Those considered fit for service were despatched to HOLLAND on 19 Sep but an extract from the 1400 hrs Sitrep of 1 Sqn on 23 Sep reveals the quality of some of those considered fit for service.

"2. Where can L Cpl HAPPEL who has totally collapsed from former wounds and Tpr EICHORN, blind in the left eye and his right eye damaged, see an MO?".

The three sqns were originally about 120 strong and organised into three pls each with 1 Polish LMG and four secs. There were also some Faustpatronen in the bn. A document reveals that on 23 Sep, while near OMEL, it received 160 rfts with some A tk and A weapons, from Division ERDMANN.

(Source: 2 Army I.S.No.114)

(b) 3 Police Regt

PW captured recently at BEST have given the following details about the history and composition of the unit.

The Regt has three bns each of three coys and an A tk pl of 4 x 3.7 A tk guns. Each of the coys has three pls and a hy sec with 1 x 5 cm mortar and 2 MMs. The existence of 13 and 14 Coys seems doubtful, although 14 Coy may contain more 3.7. cm A tk guns.

Personnel were nearly all German between the ages of 35 and 45. There had, however, been a draft of 120 Slovenes to the Regt in May. These had been conscripted in JUGOSLAVIA and had done a three months' police course at GRAZ before being posted to HOLLAND.

There is still some confusion surrounding the identification.

PW state that their unit and their previous one, which in most cases was 56 Police Dn, is under Wehrmacht command. They disclaim any knowledge of or connection with the SS Polizei Pz Gren Div. Their unit is shown in their paybooks, however, as I/SS POL3. Some speak vaguely of HIMMLER as the ultimate comd and none know anything of a more definite affiliation to a higher formation. This may account for the "SS" designation of the unit which it has borne since at least Feb 43.

Their paybooks are of a different type from the normal Army book, giving little info other than name and personal details, medical history and awards. Peculiarly enough, the SS in the book is shown, whether in script or by a rubber stamp, by a normal double S and NOT by the usual Double "blitz". Their uniform is a green version of the normal Army pattern with a swastika device on the left upper arm which is NOT the normal SS type and the "Hoheitsabzeichen" on the right breast. Officers had normal ranks with the addition of "..... der Polizei."

All personnel encountered were in their early forties and all had served since Sep 39 or early 40. Many were independent shopkeepers or tradesmen in peace time, some comparatively luxury trades such as photographic dealers and jewellers being represented. None had served in the police before the war and few knew anything at all of normal police duties, having spent all their time in barracks on inf training.

(Source: Second Army IS's Nos. 112 & 114)

(c) 10 SS Pz Div FRUNDSEBERG

What may well be the last order from 10 SS Pz Div as we previously knew it will help to clear up some of the many reports of elts of this div on various sectors. One order states that the div will be reorganised on the new 44 basis. The second is translated below -

10 SS Pz Div
FRUNDSEBERG

Div Hq
8 Sep 44

Subject:- Reorganisation of the Div.

To:- ALL UNITS

In order to complete the changing of the div into the "Pz Bde FRUNDSEBERG" the following further orders are given.

1. SS PGR "FRUNDSEBERG" (SS PGR 21) will form an A tk Coy of twelve 7.5 cm A tk guns and a hy inf gun coy of four guns.

In addition during the day of 9 Sep 44 all hy and med A tk weapons at present in the div incl crews and amm will be handed over to "SS PGR FRUNDSEBERG".

10 Pz AR will send three 10.5 cm gun hows together with crews (less amm numbers) to SS PGR FRUNDSEBERG for the forming of the hy inf gun coy.

Handing over place TERWOLDE.

2. 10 Pz AR will hand over on 9 Sep 44 to 10 SS Pz Regt all tk dvrs and wireless operators.
3. SS PGR FRUNDSEBERG and 10 SS Engr Bn will hand over all arm and personnel carriers (whether in running order or not) to 10 SS Pz Recce Unit.
4. All AA guns in the div incl four-barralled (with crews and spare parts but not amm) must be handed over to 10 SS Flak Bn at its Hq at KILGERN BEEK.

Signed ??????????

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(Source - 8 Corps Int Summary No.64)

2. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

General Gossip

Confusion about the identity and origins of German comds continues, NOT only in the many battle gps now operating against us, but also in the higher formations. While many stories of the dismissals and deaths of comds may merely be rumours, there is enough in recent PW statements and captured documents to amend and add to existing lists of existing comds.

SS Oberstgruppenführer SEPP DIETRICH, whom an unreliable source reported to be commanding both Seventh and Fifth Panzer Armies, may no longer be in command of either. Seventh Army is now commanded by Gen der 12 Truppen BRANDENBURGER, former comd of 17 Corps. Documents captured by our Allies dated 11 Sep that Gen von Hasso Ecard von MONTAUFEL is now in command of a Pz Army, thought to be Fifth Panzer Army.

/PW stated ...

PW stated that Gen der Infanterie GRASE, former C-in-C BELGIUM and North FRANCE, and been succeeded by SS Gruppenführer JUNGCLAUS, described as Chief of Gestapo in BELGIUM and Personal Representative of the Reichsführer SS in the NETHERLANDS. JUNGCLAUS is now believed to be in command either of Wehrkreis VI or of the Acting Army Corps VI formed from it recently. He also commanded of course the Gruppe JUNGCLAUS which was delegated to prepare def positions in the AACHEN area and to assist the withdrawal of 81 Corps behind the SIEGFRIED line.

Gen der Pi SACHS, Comd 64 Res Corps in the South has been dismissed and replaced by Genlt LASCH. Gen der Artillerie GALLENKAMP is said to have been dismissed from the comd of 80 Corps and it seems likely that his successor is Genmaj BAYER. The comd of 1 SS Pz Corps is now reported to be KEEPLER.

Among divisional commanders, Genlt PRAUN, once encountered as comd 277 Inf Div and later reported to have died for various reasons, is now Director of Intelligence in BERLIN. Genlt der Flieger HERMANN RAMCKE, who commanded the garrison at BREEST and was at first reported to have been captured when the fortress fell, has since been reported to have escaped to the CROZON peninsula on 15 Sep. A picture of him as a PW has, however, since been published in the press. RAMCKE was awarded the Knight's Cross with swords and diamonds on 20 Sep.

DIESENHOFER, once a regimental commander of 10 SS Pz Div, is now in command of the reinforced 17 SS Pz Gren Div. More recent arrivals in the battle area are Genlt LANGE, comd 183 Inf Div, Genlt LEMKE, comd 180 Inf Div, Gen HAMMER, comd 190 Inf Div and Genlt SCHERBENING, now commanding 406 Inf Div and previously comd 79 Inf Div on the Lower DNIESTER.

Battle gp comds NOT previously identified are SCHAEFFER, comd 159 Arty Regt and KRAUSE, comd II Bn 159 Arty Regt. The Comd 107 Pz Bde is stated to be Major Freiherr von MITZAHN.

Genfeldm HUGO von SPERDLE former comd Luftflotte-3 has been relieved and sent back to GERMANY. His successor is thought to be Gen der Flieger DESSLOCH, previously commanding Luftflotte 4.

Further afield, a PW asserted recently that Genfeldm von BRAUCHITSCH had been reinstated and was now either comd or Chief of Staff of Army Gp Centre in RUSSIA, the comd once held by von KLUGE.

(Source - Second Army Int Summary No.114.)

3. ENEMY DISPOSITIONS AND STRENGTHS.

The number of battle gps identified on the Corps right flank between the R MAAS and the R WAAL is increasing steadily. From NORTH to SOUTH - i.e. from approx 7862 to 7348 - the order is thought to be as follows -

Battle Gp BECKER	- 2 coys
" " LEVIN	- 2 coys
" " LORENZ	- 1 bn
58 Ersatz Bn	- 1 bn
I/6 Landesschützen Regt	- 1 bn (406 Div)
90 Trg Bn	- 1 bn (190 Trg Div)
Gren Bn MUNSTER	- 1 Bn
Battle Gp BROCKMANN	- 1 Bn
" " GÜDEDEL	- 2 Coys
" " HEIMANN	- 2 Bns

/ HERMANN ...

HERMANN is probably equivalent to Para Lehr Regt; PW infer that it has been withdrawn but it has been included in the above estimate pending further info. The total str between the two rivers is therefore thought to be between

4. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Comment</u>
<u>190 Trg Div (first identification)</u> <u>90 Trg Bn</u>	7550	27 Sep	PW state Div org in four inf bns - see para 5. 76 Bn stated to be an rt, relieved 11 Para Flak Regt (Battle Gp MATTERN) at FRASSILT E05. PW states
<u>Battle Gp BROCKMAN</u>	7250	27 Sep	1st stated 4 coys each 170 - 200 str. Paratps on their left now gone (? Para Regt HERMANN). 7 Coy said to be under Battle Gp GOEBEL.
<u>1/280 Assault Gun Bn</u>	area ELST	26 Sep	PW, straggler, states bn has 10 SP guns in ARNHEM.
<u>226 Res Flak Bn</u>	area ELST	26 Sep	PW, straggler, states Bn "passed through" ARNHEM.
<u>Battle Gp GERHARDT</u>	BEMMEL 7367	27 Sep	GAF PW gave coy comd's name as BOEHL, otherwise knew nothing.
<u>Battle Gp WESEL</u> <u>9/11 Pz Rft Bn</u>	BEMMEL	27 Sep	
<u>GAF Res Rft Coy</u>	BEMMEL	27 Sep	PW, aged 47, stated no men under 40 in the coy.
<u>3/46 Fortress MG Bn</u>	BEMMEL	27 Sep	PW stated 3 coy moved 26 Sep from LOO 7971 leaving 1 and 2 Coys cooperating with SS tps in fortifying area. These SS tps had supporting arms and arty, and may be shelling NIJMEGEN area.
<u>1/58 Rft Bn</u>	area REICHSWILD	26 Sep	
<u>19/SS Arty TRG Regt</u>	719665	26 Sep	By captured document.
<u>107 Pz Bde</u>	?	26 Sep	Offr PW stated intention to hold us off pending assembly of 180 Div at VENTRAIJ 7726, then to withdraw over R MELS. Bde now has 12 Panthers and 2 x 75 mm SP guns.

/- Battle Gp RICHTER..

<u>Battle Gp RICHTER</u>	?	26 Sep	PW state RICHTER replaced HEINKE and now in command.
<u>Battle Gp JUNGWIRT</u>	SCHLUNDEL 4138	25 Sep	
<u>Battle Gp GOEBBELS</u>	area 7349	27 Sep	Probable str - two coys
<u>Battle Gp LEVIN</u>	area ZIEFFLICH 7859	27 Sep	PW states 2 coys, each 150 str. HQ Wehrmacht.
<u>277 Landesschützen Bn</u>	5874	27 Sep	Crossed the river during the night 26/27 with no ascertainable object.
<u>712 Inf Div</u> <u>III/732 GR</u>	HEESCH 4051	27 Sep	Whole bn in attack. PW states HQ 2 SS Pz Corps is at DOETINCHEM A 0075.
<u>3/Gren Bn MUNSTER</u>	WEST of REICHSMULD	26 Sep	PW state bn of 3 coys each 150 str, but casualty. 90% of personnel aged 17/19.
<u>Battle Gp MATTERN (HARTERN)?</u>	?	27 Sep	PW state 3 coys each 100/120 str. All GAF, and poorly armed. Said to be 11 Flak Regt. Going back to GERMANY to reform. One Lt MATTERN known to have been in Battle Gp HARTUNG.

5. ENEMY ORDER OF BATTLE

190 Trg Div

A captured code list dated 25 Sep gives a detailed - and probably complete - Order of Battle of this newly arrived fm. It is as follows -

Div. Nr 190
 HQ, Comd X Pz Tps
 20 Inf Gren Rft Coy
 Regt Sigs Sec
 76 Dn (4 coys)
 90 Dn (4 coys)
 FIB (4 coys)
 Dn SCHNELLER (4 coys)
 Arty HQ HEESCH
 58 Arty Dn (3 tps)
 30 Arty Dn (3 tps)

Points of interest in this document are, besides the actual org -

- (a) The document is signed by von KLENCKE, Capt and Adjt and is issued by Einhart MACK.
- (b) A similar document dealing with passwords, also apparently signed by KLENCKE, is issued by Comd, X Pz Tps himself. Comment: is MACK the Comd?

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- (c) The existence of a Comd of Pz Tps from Wkr X is a novelty, and presupposes the existence of an armed clt as part of or in sp of 190 Div.
- (d) The Div is still referred to as a "Div Nummer" or Depot Staff, in spite of its new glorified role.
- (e) The two documents bear the references "2/44" and "3/44", and one refers to another reference "1/44". These may indicate the very recent formation of the Staff.

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No. 511Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 29 Sep 44.THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPT.PART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

What the German Army and Air Force failed to do has in part been achieved by 12 members of the German Navy. Last night a small, carefully-trained party floated down the WAAL with the necessary charges, dived under the boom, and eventually reached the two bridges at NIJMEGEN. One of the spans of the railway bridge was blown; technical difficulties limited the amount of damage inflicted on the road bridge, and by this evening this was open again to one-way traffic.

On no sector of our front was there any appreciable activity on the enemy's part to synchronise with this success. No further crossing of the NEDER RIJN was attempted near WAGENINGEN 5776. It appears that the crossing made here three days ago was the result of a faulty appreciation of our strength in this sector. The tps that took part were too old and too ill-trained to constitute a serious threat. Incidentally, these assorted veterans are all believed to form part of the Division TITMU.

Further SOUTH, 712 Div has apparently decided that there is no future in trying to get back to Germany via HEESCH 4850. Yesterday evening Tac/R had the impression that the enemy was withdrawing on this sector; today a reliable civilian source reported that 712 Div was moving NORTH out of 's HERTOGENBOSCH.

On the EAST of the Corps front the position is still obscure. There was a small ineffectual attack this evening near DEEMEL by about one bn of infantry and a few tks or SP guns. It is not thought that there are more than three weak battalions SOUTH of ARNHEM between the NEDER RIJN and the WAAL.

NORTH of ARNHEM is probably 9 SS Div. Civilians report that tps from this Div are on both sides of the IJssel river between ARNHEM and ZWOLLE. They also state that the HQ of 10 SS Pz Div is at RUURLO 4187. Little is known about the rest of the Division. The Battle-group under RICHTER that withdrew from the MEUSE canal to the MEUSE river NORTH of VINRAY 7726 has not been identified for some days and has probably rejoined the rest of the division by now. The EULING Battlegroup of 10 SS Div, which fought at NIJMEGEN and ELST, was also pulled out some days ago. However, today two stragglers from this group were captured. They stated they had evacuated a damaged anti-tk gun to the unit workshops at DEVENTER 9208 and that on their way back they had seen men of their own Regt (21 SS PGR) guarding the southern end of the ARNHEM bridge.

On the other hand Tac R today saw 60 MT and 5 tks at EMMERICH presumably waiting to cross the RHINE by the ferry. If 9 and 10 SS Divs are still in the ARNHEM area, a likely owner of these tanks is 109 Pz Bde. Still, the evidence is thin.

/The only ...

The only other armoured formation whose whereabouts are unknown and which might turn up unexpectedly on our front is 12 SS Div. A prisoner's statement and an entry in a diary are the only two clues as to its location. The PW (from 90 Trg Bn of 190 Div) stated that his unit was to have relieved 12 SS tps near FRASSETT 8153. An entry in the diary (belonging to a man of the same Trg Bn) referred to 12 SS Div, reduced to 300 men, fighting near EINDHOVEN on 23 Sep.

It is difficult to come to any firm conclusions from all these jumbled clues. All that one can say is that there is little threat on 30 Corps' WEST flank, but that there exists a potential enemy striking force, both at ARNHEM and in the REICHSWALD. If the enemy achieves any success in his attacks in the REICHSWALD, he may well switch round 9 or 10 SS (or even both) to reinforce this success.

2. ENEMY METHODS

Preliminary interrogation of ten of the party of twelve who made last night's attack on the bridges at NIJMEGEN has disclosed much of interest.

The twelve were divided into two parties; one to attack the rly br and the other the rd br. The former had two charges, each consisting of a pair of torpedo-like missiles some 12 ft long and 2 ft 6 ins max diameter. These were to be fixed in a vertical position against a buttress, the process of up-ending them automatically igniting the delay-action fuze. The current, however, proved far too strong for this, and the charges were laid horizontally under water on the basis of the piers, and an emergency igniter used.

In the case of the rly br, the charge consisted of one single of missiles, which were successfully fixed and detonated - with gratifying results for the enemy.

The men had left VENICE on 15 Sep after a six months' course, and were briefed in ARNHEM. The two not taken POW are believed killed.

3. APPENDICES

- Appendix "A" - General Topography WEST German Frontier Zone
between R MAAS and R RHINE. - (TO FOLLOW).
" "B" - Civilian Reports.

PART I

GENERAL TOPOGRAPHY WEST GERMAN FRONTIER
ZONE BETWEEN R MAAS and R RHINE

Sources: ISTD Reports

A. Introduction

The region dealt with is, broadly speaking, that enclosed by the MAAS and Lower RHINE from DUSSELDORF in the SOUTH to NIJMEGEN in the NORTH.

Part II (to follow) consists of a Route Report of the district between NIJMEGEN and the road WESEL A2240 - VENLO E1209.

The region under consideration divides into two main areas -

(1) Western area: WEST of the R NIERS including the frontier zone. This is an area of rivers flowing SOUTH to NORTH and narrow alternating bands of dry, sandy, wooded plateaux, river plains and low-lying humid plateaux with areas of cultivation and peat-bogs divided by a network of drainage ditches.

(2) Eastern area: Low clay plains between the NIERS and RHINE with a series of isolated plateaux blocks - sandy, wooded terraces NORTH of KREFELD on either side of the RHINE and loam-covered cultivated terraces between the NIERS and a line from GELDEREN A02 SE to KREFELD A10.

The general picture is completed by a brief description of the country EAST of the RHINE. This is a low, undulating wooded plateau with EAST - WEST rivers flowing into the RHINE, and comprises three belts.

The Northern region is mainly farmland, forest and heath, divided by the wide, shallow valleys of the LIFFE and the EISCHER. STERCKADE A32, DOTTROP A42, GLADBECK A43, BUER A53 and RECKLINGHAUSEN A63 are the chief of its scattered settlements.

The centre belt is one of Germany's main industrial areas, closely settled, with heavy industries and coal mining; it includes the great towns of MULHEIM A41, ESSEN A44, GELSENKIRCHEN A42 and BOCHUM A62.

To the SOUTH is a low wooded plateau with narrow, steep-sided valleys, notably that of the RUHR. Settlement is mainly in the form of small hamlets and isolated farmsteads, although there are also several important industrial towns, including LANGENBERG A50, VELBERT A50 and WULFRATH F59.

B. Relief and Soils (Annex X)

The whole of the area, i.e., along both banks of the RHINE, westward to the MAAS, is built of unconsolidated sands and gravels, the lower land being covered by alluvial deposits. The lowland area is divided into a high, middle and low terrace, into the last of which are cut the normal flood plains of the present rivers - RHINE, NIERS and MAAS.

The high terrace, of sands and infertile soils, forms a forested block between the MAAS and NIERS, stretching SOUTH to VIERSEN F09 (40 - 85 m high) and defined by a fairly steep edge.

/ Glacial ...

Glacial and morainic deposits form a series of "island" blocks between the NIEERS and the RHINE. The main block begins at NIJMEGEN, where steeply sloping hills 90 m high overlook the RHINE, and stretches South-eastward to XANTEN beyond which there are small isolated hills (30 - 90 m) SOUTH as far as KREFELD. The morainic hills lie on the Eastern and higher side of these terraces and drop steeply to the RHINE plain (150 - 250).

The middle terrace comprises two main areas lying in the centre between GELDEREN and KREFELD, with a closely cultivated cover of loam. It has an altitude of 30-40 m and is marked by a slight break of slope.

The low terrace 30-35 m high in the SOUTH and 20-25 m in the NORTH, covers the remainder of the area and is slightly raised above the present river plains. The soils are mainly heavy clays and heavy loam. A wide belt of loam stretches from DUSSELDORF Northward to the lower NIEERS.

The river plains, lying at or near river level and protected by dykes, are also in general heavy clays. The largest areas are on the RHINE below its confluence with the EISCHER and a narrow strip in the plain of the MAAS.

C. Rivers

The RHINE flows in wide meanders across a level plain which widens from 1 mile in the south to 8 miles below XANTEN. The flow is very regular throughout the year, as the river receives flood-water in summer from the Alpine tributaries, and in winter from the Rhine plateau tributaries, fed by the rains. Low water occurs in spring and autumn. The river is liable to freeze for about 21 days altogether in December and January.

Gap width and depth of water (in feet).

	Gap width at mean level	Depth at mean level	Depth at low water
KREFELD-UERDINGEN	1410	10	(no infra)
HAMBORN	1600	18	10
WESEL	950	14	10
XANTEN	1010	14½	10

A system of dykes has been constructed to fix the course of the river and control inundation, and rows of groynes have been built out from the banks to maintain the navigable channel.

On the lower RHINE the system of dykes starts below DUSSELDORF where the flood plain begins to widen. The principal dyke is 6½ ft wide, increasing to 13 ft where used as a carriageway. The upper surface is paved with heavy stone slabs, and the base reinforced with loose stone revetments. Below XANTEN it is 29-32 ft above low water level.

The NIEERS rises on the loess plateau south of MUNCHEN-GLADBACH, and flows north-westwards to GOCH, where it turns west and enters the MAAS soon after crossing the Dutch frontier. The valley is shallow, bordered by low bluffs 3-5 m high, and almost entirely under meadow, with scattered patches of alder and willow coppice. The flow is regulated, and air cover shows that the channel is in course of canalisation, apparently to improve drainage as the river is not navigable above GELDEREN,

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where it is joined by the MAAS-NIERS Canal. There has been considerable re-alignment and the course has been regularized to form a constant width of about 20 ft. The depth, unless it has been increased during canalization, is 2-6 ft in the south, and 2-7 ft in the north. The river level was above that of the meadows; there was frequent flooding and at normal level the fields were water-logged. The numerous branches and irregular ditches which crossed the valley have been drained and filled in, and new drainage ditches constructed.

The MAAS flows northwards following the line of the Dutch frontier and the eastern edge of the Dutch Campine. It is a less mature river than the RHINE and has a steeper gradient and a swifter flow. It is shallow and has a seasonal regime, the water rising progressively by intermittent floods from October to February and diminishing from March to September. In winter it is liable to be rapid and violent, when high water coincides with floods from the ARDENNES tributaries. In this stretch the river is from 425 to 500 ft wide.

D. Terrain Types and Land Use (Annexes Y and Z)

The RHINE plains (type 1), confined to the river meanders and widening to 8 miles NORTH of XANTEN, are covered with wet meadows crossed by drainage, ditches and dykes, marshes and patches of reed swamp. Abandoned channels 10-12 ft below the general level of the plains, with water-logged meadows and patches of dead water, are characteristic. Prominent features are the great dykes which run parallel to the river and obscure it from view.

The NIERS plains are narrow, up to 2½ miles wide and covered with meadows, frequently waterlogged, marshes and patches of alder and willow coppice. The meadows are crossed by drainage ditches and often lined with alder and poplar trees.

The MAAS plains, bordered by gently sloping valley sides leading to dry sandy plateau, are under meadow with some arable.

The low terrace (types 2, 5a) stretching from the edge of the RHINE plateau to the NIERS, is a flat to gently undulating clay and loam plain with an altitude 35-40 m in the SOUTH and 20-25 m in the NORTH. Much of the plain is swampy, with patches of dead water marking former river-courses, and numerous winding streams and drainage ditches crossing it. Low-lying peat-bogs, reed swamps and marshy alder coppices are characteristic. Most of the plain is under meadow, used for hay and grazing, but a large percentage is arable, with open rectangular fields and field-strips, frequently bounded by drainage ditches. There are many small patches of deciduous wood (oak and birch) and occasional pine plantations.

In the SOUTH, the middle terrace (type 5) is represented by the low loess-covered terraces between KREFELD and GELDEREN. This is level to gently undulating land with an altitude of 30-40 m and bounded by a break of slope 3-5 m high leading to the RHINE and NIERS river plains. The terraces are capped by a yellow loam soil which becomes sticky after rain, but dries quickly. There is little surface water. The plateau is almost entirely arable, with open, unhedged rectangular fields, producing wheat and sugar beet. There is little woodland cover.

North of the loess terraces are the isolated sand and gravel terraces (type 4), which vary in height between 30 and 90 m. They stand out as prominent features in the plain, and are bounded by a steep edge on the

northern and eastern sides where they are highest (150-250 and 20-30 m high). Soils are thin and infertile. The long, narrow plateau belts (type 4) on either side of the RHINE have a sand and gravel base; they are as much as 2 miles wide and from 20 to 80 m high, and are defined by a fairly steep edge, which steepens south of VENLO (100-150 and up to 30 m high). The sandy plateaux are dry and predominantly forested, mainly with coniferous trees. Forst REICHSWALD in the NW is mainly coniferous. It is divided by rides into rectangular plantations of equal size, which vary in density of growth and height, and range from new plantations to fully grown trees. Large areas (approx 25%) have been cut, and remain as patches of rough land and heath with scattered pines. The MAAS belts are covered mostly by rough heath with scattered pines, pine plantations, low scrub and bracken. There are occasional patches of sand and small areas of cultivation, and little or no surface water. Between the two sand and gravel plateau belts east of the MAAS there is a low-lying narrow belt (type 3) up to 3 miles wide which follows the line of the frontier. It has an altitude of 15-30 m and is characterized by stretches of peat-bog and marsh, but much of the land has been brought under cultivation by drainage, the whole belt being covered by a network of ditches. Much is under meadow, and from 30-50% is arable, producing rye, oats and potatoes. There are small patches of wood. On the plateau between VENLO and VIERSEN there is a small area of a similar category (type 3a), $\frac{3}{4}$ mile wide and $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles long, lying between 5 and 10 m below the plateau level. It is occupied by a string of shallow, marshy lakes, surrounded by peat-bog and heath with scattered trees.

SUMMARY OF CIVILIAN REPORTS

(Note: Information as of 28 Sep, unless otherwise stated)

1. ZWOLLE.

- (a) Wiring, MGs and Pak along town canal.
- (b) HQ and Bunkers on SUIKERBERG 883360.
- (c) Wire, MGs and Pak from SPOOL 860352 along RONDWEG (NW ZWOLLE) to REUVENKAMP 893381 and ROODE MOLEN 904371.
- (d) At rly junc 894350 along EAST side of rly sidings to IJSSSEL and on WEST bank up to 1500 yds from brs. Obstacle walls at following map refs -

858746	877369
859347	877370
873365	880367
875367	901357
876370	

- (e) Wooden a tk stakes at 865359 and 883346.
- (f) Tp of guns at 865360. Arty bunkers at 857343 and 860337.
- (g) Casemates converted for defence westwards at 853353, 863336 and 858346.
- (h) Tps of Flak at 857347, 862339, 859350, 872339 and 899347.
- (j) A tk ditch under construction 835387 to 868364. Width 10 metres, depth 3 metres. 200 metres so far completed. (24 Sep).
- (k) Mines being laid at western approaches to road br at 858347. (24 Sep).
- (l) 1,800 tps in area. 250 tps near IJSSSEL brs, 8634, of whom 150 engaged in new constructional work 800 yds EAST of the road br. (24 Sep).

2. BREDA

- (a) Fifty loaded lorries night 27/28 Sep in direction of TILBURG.
- (b) Tks and guns through ULVENHOUT 9632 in direction of BELGIUM.
- (c) Forty-one loaded lorries from barracks at FELLENOODSTRAAT in direction of TILBURG.
- (d) Tp train of 15 carriages in direction of TILBURG.
- (e) Seven tks in direction of Belgian frontier.
- (f) Five "Vierlingen" and 30 men in direction OOSTERHOUT. Forty 3.7 cm Flak in direction of TER HEYDEN 9342, believed bound for MOERDIJK 8650. Ten 3.7 cm Flak and 60 men to KEIZERSVEER 0350 via OOSTERHOUT.

- (g) Convoy of fd guns and 20 lorries in direction of MOERDIJK.
- (h) Between TER HEYDEN 9342 and ZEVENPURGSCHEHOEK 485458 the polder contains sixty 3.7 cm guns.
- (j) Two generals - WANNING and PETERS - billeted in BREDA.

3. WAGENINGEN

- (a) Big conc of vehs at 594759. Tks at WAGENINGSCHIE BERG.
- (b) Ferry at RHEENEN being prepared for tpt of hy lorries and 1t tks.
- (c) Military traffic RHEENEN - ARNHEM via wooden br at 538762 varies considerably.
- (d) On ACHTERBERG common five 3.7 cm Flak.
- (e) On 18 Sep, a RAF plane was shot down, one of the crew being injured in the legs and hands. While he was receiving first-aid from a Dutch civilian, two Dutch SS men appeared and arrested him, giving the civilian one hour in which to fetch a doctor. When the Dutchman returned with the doctor after three-quarters of an hour, they found the wounded man dead, with a shot wound running from his chin to the top of his head. The SS men, needless to say had disappeared.

4. UTRECHT

- (a) Airfield at LOOSDRECHT in process of evacuation. Planes material loaded night 28/29 Sep at sta and harbour at HILVERSUM 254063.
- (b) Defences on WALL as follows (24 Sep) -
 - (i) WAARDENBURG 2962 evacuated.
 - (ii) Flak and A tk guns along dyke from HEESSELT 3560 to VARIK 3761.
 - (iii) Hy guns area 320616.
 - (iv) MG nests between river piers from HURMEN 336603 to ROSSUM 350587.
 - (v) CP at castle 320616.
- (c) Twenty-four GOLIATH tks 12 ft ZANDVOORT 8124 by rail in direction of ARNHEM.

5. 's HERTOGENBOSCH

- (a) Near DEN DUNGEN 3443 on road to BERLICUM 3645 four thousand tps, incl SS and hy arty, from direction of UDENHOUT 2038.
- (b) at VUGHT 3143, six hy tks.

6. DEVENTER

Tranches under construction on both sides of IJssel. (29 Sep).

1. ENEMY ORGANIZATION(a) Hermann Goering Rft and Trg Regt

The order of battle of II Bn of the above Regt is given in a document detailing F P Nos for all units of the regt. A translation follows -

II/Para Rft & Trg Regt
Hermann Goering

Bn HQ, 8 Sep 44.

G(Ops) 134/44 - Secret

Owing to the reorg of the bn a new allotment of suffix letters to F P Nos has become necessary.

In future units will use the following suffix letters to F P N 51685 -

Hq and Hq Coy	- A
Pz Coy (Lt SOMMER)	- B
1 Cycle PG Coy (Oblt ESTERER)	- C
2nd PG Coy (Oblt MINN)	- E
2 Cycle PG Coy (Oblt HAGENMULLER)	- H
A tk Coy (Oblt KADEN)	- K
Pz Recce Coy (Lt VETTER)	- M
Sup Coy (Oblt EGGERS)	- P
A Coy (Lt LANGTHALER)	- S
B Coy (Lt GRITZ)	- W

(A para follows of little interest except for a reference to units in HARDERWYCK Z.51).

(Signed) Illegible
Lt and Adjt.

Note - This particular copy is addressed to 5 (Pz) Coy, implying an amnd dlt in the bn

(b) 2107 Pz Bn.

Some idea of the reason for the chaos of paybook identifications is given by a captured document detailing instructions for the form of 2107 Pz Bn of coy Pz Bde. The document is undated but reference is made to a War Office letter of 28 Jul 44 and must therefore be subsequent to that date.

Summarized extracts are translated below -

To: Wkr I, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, XII, XIII, XVII

Copies to: PANTIER Trg School, ERLANGEN
Trg Bn for Wksp Personnel, WIEN
Res Bde (not) GROSSEDEUTSCHLAND, KOTTBUE
A tk Labour Hq (Arbeitsstab d. Pz. Jag.) ALLENSTEIN.

The following personnel will be detached and will report to 2107 Pz Bn at MIESSLAUF (SE PRUSSIA) -

/ Unit providing ...

<u>Unit providing</u>	<u>No. of personnel</u>
1. 10 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, ZINTEN	21
2. 5 Pz Rft Bn, NEURUPPIN	101
3. 18 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, KAMENZ	16
4. 7 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, BOBLINGEN	6
5. 11 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, BIELEFELD	9
6. 15 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, SAGAN	46
7. 1 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, ERFURT	25
8. 204 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, SCHMETZINGEN	3
9. 35 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, BAMBERG	4
10. 4 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, MODLING	1
11. 33 Pz Rft and Trg Bn, ST POLTEN	5
12. PANTHER Trg School, ERLANGEN	5
13. PG Rft and Trg Bn "G.D.", KOTTEBUS	2
14. Trg Bn for Pz Wksp Personnel, WIEN and GNEIZENDORF	2

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2. ENEMY PERSONALITIES

As a result of PW interrogation and captured docs the following amendments and additions are made to the list of comds as published in Summary No. 506 -

1 Army	Gen der Inf HELLMUTH von der CHEVALLERIE
5 Pz Army	Gen der Pz Truppen von MANTEUFFEL
7 Army	Gen der Pz Truppen BRANDENBURGER
Wehrkreis VI (Acting Army Corps VI)	SS Gruppenführer JUNGMANN
1 SS Pz Corps	? KEPLER
64 Res Corps	Genlt LASCH
80 Corps	? Genmaj BAYER
17 SS Pz Gren Div	? DIESENHOFER
49 Inf Div	Genlt MICHOLZ
70 Inf Div	Genmaj DASER
180 Inf Div	Genlt LEMKE
183 Inf Div	(? Genlt LANGE ? Genlt DETTLING
190 Inf Div	Gen HALLER
406 Inf Div	Genlt SCHERBENING

3. ENEMY IDENTIFICATIONS

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
184 AR	ARNHEM	after 6 Sep
Captured order dated 6 Sep 44 instructs remnants of regt to form two bns at ARNHEM forthwith.		
	/ Gren bn MUNSTER ...	

<u>Identification</u>	<u>Place</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>(Gren Bn MUNSTER</u>	WEST of REICHSWALD	26 Sep
<u>58 Rft Bn</u>	"	"
<p>These two units, reported among the identifications in Summary No.510, are now known to be one and the same. 90% of personnel are under 19 and untried in battle. Bn contains three coys each 140/150 str, but cas have been hy.</p>		
<u>Marschverband BUCHSTEIN</u>	?	28 Sep
<p>Deserter. Unit, 800 str, originated in an Ersatztruppenteil in HALBERSTADT, South of HERTOGENDOSCH 14 days ago.</p>		
<u>712 Inf Div</u>		
<u>6/745 GR</u>	HEESCH 4851	27 Sep
<p>PW states II Bn was returning from BELGIUM to GERMANY when they ran into our tps. The bn has 4 coys each only 40/50 str. Whereabouts of other bns not known.</p>		
<u>12/732 GR</u>	HEESCH	27 Sep
<p>PW states II Bn disbanded. 12 Coy still 80 str with some Pak.</p>		
<u>Einheit PAAR</u>	BEMMEL 7367	27 Sep
<p>PW states formed of personnel of all arms on way to parent fm, 2 Pz Div - believed to be in KOBLENZ. Coy str 120/150 - no hy weapons. ? under comd Battle Gp REINHOLD.</p>		
<u>5/6 SS Rft and Trg Regt</u>	RANDWIJK 6174	28 Sep
<p>PW. States 1 - 4 and 6 coys in AMERSFOORT. 5 Coy 60/70 str with 2 lt and one hy pls.</p>		
<u>II/26 Sicherungs Regt</u>	RANDWIJK	28 Sep
<p>PW states left ZALTBOMMEL 8 days ago. Whereabouts of other bns unknown. Has absorbed many of 277 Landesschützen Bn, this accounting for and cancelling identification in Summary No.510. Bn stated to contain 2, 7 and 8 coys. Personnel 50-60 yrs old.</p>		
<u>1/1409 Fortress Bn</u>	}	28 Sep
<u>1/30 Fortress MG Bn</u>		
<p>Also engaged in river crossing with two above units. Two MGs only of 30 Bn present.</p>		
<u>9 SS Stragglers Coy</u>	?	28 Sep
<p>SS Instructions from the NCOS school in LINDEM collected two coys of stragglers from NIJMEGEN. 9 SS Coy and one other (? 10 SS Coy). Both coys about 100 str, equipped with bicycles.</p>		
<u>764 Lt Flak Bn</u>	WAGENINGEN 5776	27 Sep
<p>Cap doc states under comd Div TITTAU.</p>		

30 CORPS INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY No.512Based on Information received up to 2359 hrs 30 Sep 44THIS SUMMARY MUST BE DESTROYED WITHIN 48 HOURS OF RECEIPTPART ONE1. ENEMY SITUATION

The events of the last 48 hours and recent activity behind the lines show quite clearly that NORTH of the MAAS the enemy has become offensive.

When we appeared across the WAAL in force and his first small counter attacks to regain the bridge had been repulsed, the enemy withdrew the bulk of his troops and immediately set about the preparation of a sealing-off line along the NEDERRIJN from the MILLINGEN fork 8265 down-river to the KESTEREN neck 5172. Only the equivalent of one brigade was left behind to contest BEMMEL and ELST (doubtless to gain time for the diggers behind and to keep observation for as long as possible over the NIJMEGEN bridge), while as much as a whole division's worth may now be lining the NORTH bank of the NEDERRIJN.

Similarly the forces in the REICHSWALD area were obliged, after the unsuccessful counter-attacks of the first three days, to content themselves with digging in until the build-up would permit them to undertake something more ambitious.

There are now signs that this build-up has assumed considerable proportions. Between the WAAL and the MAAS there must be about 15,000 men, consisting of 406 and 190 Res Divs and odd units (probably all that remains) of 84 Inf and 6 Para Divs.

In addition there is probably a battle group of 12 SS somewhere about. It is identified in this area by a captured diary and recent PW statements, but at the same time First US Army have identified the division on their front as well, so the group on our front cannot amount to very much.

Also in the area there may be 109 Pz Bde, another newly-formed armoured column of the same type as 107 which was recently operating against our right flank. 109 Pz Bde is known to have left DENMARK on route for the Western front, but there is no evidence whatsoever that it is located in the REICHSWALD, and it might equally well appear NORTH of the RHINE. Lastly, 2 and 116 Pz Divs, which have been continuously engaged for the last four weeks against the First US Army SOUTH of AACHEN, have "disappeared" and while they may only have gone back to refit, it is quite possible that one or other will crop up in the REICHSWALD - ARNHEM area. As for 2 SS Corps, both 9 and 10 SS Divs are located with reasonable certainty NORTH of the WAAL on 29 Sep: 9 SS NORTH of ARNHEM itself, and 10 SS EAST of the LIJSEL and SE of ZUTPHEN.

From this layout it will be seen that the enemy is in a position to lend considerable armoured support (at least 80 AFVs and a motor brigade) to each of the two efforts he may contemplate either SOUTH from ARNHEM or NE from the REICHSWALD.

The infantry and tank attacks from the latter area on 28 Sep and another tonight at 745510 (which was reported as dealt with very quickly) hint strongly that this is the sector we must watch, the most likely axes being the roads in from the SE.

/There is.....

There is so far no indication that the enemy is preparing to attack the NIJMEGEN bridge from the NORTH and while such an attack must be rated as a capability, it is considered that the positioning of 9 SS and 10 SS Divs NE of ARNHEM is due to uncertainty about future Allied moves rather than to any aggressive intentions on the enemy's part.

Meanwhile civilians from RIJSEN 5175 report considerable activity in the area and in particular that some more troops from the Hermann Goering Training Depot have crossed SOUTH over the river today. There is no evidence for more than a battalion being involved in this move, and while it may be the beginning of a build-up, it is not thought that any effort against our WEST flank from the direction of KESTENEN would have more than diversionary value.

2. ENEMY COMMUNICATIONS

German Road Classification System.

The load classification is designated by a Roman numeral (I - IV) and sometimes followed by an Arabic figure indicating the maximum concentrated load in long tons. Briefly the German classification is as follows -

- Class I for traffic loads up to 24 long tons (approx Br Cl 40).
- Class II for traffic loads up to 16 long tons (approx Br Cl 24).
- Class III for traffic loads up to 7 long tons (approx Br Cl 9).
- Class IV for traffic loads below 7 long tons.

Br Class II(1) means that a bridge so marked is suitable for individual loads of 24 tons, if other loads are kept off the bridge. These classifications are based on civilian ratings and in most cases heavier loads may be carried for military purposes.

Note: 1 long ton = 2250 lbs.

(Source: FUSA EIN No.46)

3. APPENDICES

Appendix "A" - "Reduction of Bunker by 'K' Coy, 22 and 23 Sep 44.

Appendix "B" - "Summary of Civilian Reports".

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Main HQ 30 Corps

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Reduction of Bunker by 'K' Coy, 22 and 23 Sep 44

Location and Construction

The bunker was intended primarily for the housing of personnel and was located on the reverse slope of a hill; bunker was mostly recessed in a hollow in the ground with steep banks accessible by steps cut in the bank; construction was concrete with I beams forming the inside ceiling and reinforced by steel bars about each foot, total thickness of reinforced concrete six feet, with five feet of earth overhead. Bunker could not be by-passed as its location would permit the occupants to fire on the main rd from LAMMERSDOHRF to ROLLESBREICH, which was mined. There were two doors in the front with slots or apertures through which MGs were fired.

Operation

'K' Coy first arrived at the pillbox in the afternoon of 22 Sep and were able to get men on top and around the sides, firing bazookas and placing a pole charge against the outer entrance door. This failing to dislodge the occupants, petrol was poured under the door and ignited with a thermite grenade. The occupants could still fire from the inner compartment type doors. This morning further attempts to cause surrender were met by bursts of MG fire by the occupants immediately afterward fired at random, as if in defiance of the attempts.

The following charges were used:

One tellermine and one "beehive" charge on the ventilator, blowing off the pipe. Next twelve tellermine placed in the opening where the ventilator had been, followed by another charge of 24 tellermine. Next a charge was placed to blow about the earth in order to get to the concrete on top. About six to eight "beehive" charges were used in succession singly, each calculated to blow through $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft of concrete, finally three "beehives" in the hollow created by the previous "beehives". The total penetration of these amounted to $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. Between these attempts bazookas and flame throwers were used against the apertures, and oily waste ignited was stuffed in the outside vents without avail. Finally a charge of 300 plus pounds of TNT was placed in the hole and well tamped, and after setting it off the occupants came out and surrendered.

PW Reaction (as obtained by interrogation)

Lt PW "Kampfgruppe BALLMANN" reports that on 22 Sep some smoke entered through firing apertures but none through vents or doors; flame throwers had no effect and no petrol entered under the door but PW sensed the odor of burning phosphorus. The candle light dimmed and went out several times. Three men who were wounded yesterday while in posn outside of bunker were taken inside before bunker was surrounded.

On 23 Sep, PW heard 20 - 30 explosions, some of which were placed on vents and others on entrances; again the air became thin and foul, this time with the odor of petrol. Sufficient air entered the firing apertures to keep the men alive. All other holes were plugged from the inside, the doors were not opened today because the smoke outside the bunker would have caused them to suffocate. They left the bunker not because of concussion of the final TNT charge but because the Lt PW believed one of the entrances was already blocked and the other was sufficiently blocked to make their fire ineffective and that it would enable us to place charges next to the door eventually.

There were 30 men in bunker.

SUMMARY OF CIVILIAN REPORTS

(All information as at 30 Sep, unless otherwise stated)

1. ZUTPHEN E.99

Arm train carrying rocket shells blown up air attack. Station gutted and much damage in town.

2. VEENENDAAL E.5083

- (a) Tps from the HERMANN GOERINGEN Training Depot arrived VEENENDAAL. Due to move SOUTH of NEDER RHEIN night 30 Sep/ 1 Oct via RHENEN bridge.
- (b) Much traffic through VEENENDAAL in direction of RHENEN.

3. RHENEN E.5175

- (a) Guns on GREBBEBERG have been moved. Some have gone to the ferry at RHENEN and others to RHENEN itself.
- (b) Area 6481 - three 8.8 cm and two 11 cm guns.
- (c) No civilians allowed in or out of RHENEN.

4. BENNEKOM E.5879

Traffic SOUTH 7 Pontoons, 2 Motor Boats and 1 Motor Launch.

5. AJERSFOORT

Train of 60 trucks left 1720 hrs for UTRECHT. Believed bound further for ARNHEM or s'HERTOGENBOSCH.

1. ENEMY ORGANISATION

(a) Battle Group MENZEL

In ASTEN 26 Sep several files of 4 Coy I Bn Regt MENZEL were found. Other documents showed that this coy was 4 Coy 3 Werfer Trg Bn of 1 Ers Smoke Regt on 31 Aug. MENZEL was previously thought to control only one coy of offr cadets. This 4 Coy certainly is one of offr cadets. Its strength 19 Sep was 2 offrs, 10 NCOs, 132 ORs - strength 9 Sep 2: 10: 156, so the coy has had few losses.

The weapons returns of 20 Sep include:

79 rifles (88), 4 rifles (98), 116 revolvers, 10 assorted MGs, 4 x 8 cm mortars 34, 2 x 10.5 cm mortars 35, 4 x 7.5 cm A tk 40, 4 Panzerschreck, 6 bicycles, 1 large fd kitchen, and 9 signal pistols.

This return was signed by yet another HOFFMAN - this time fortunately only an Oberführer and OC HQ Sec. The comd of 4 Coy is Lt JENS, 2 i/c Lt ROSENBERGER.

On 10 Sep the coy was org as follows:

- 1 Pl x four rifle secs each 7 NCOs.
- 2 Pl x " " " " "
- 3 Pl x two med mortar secs of two mortars and 20 NCOs each.
- 4 Pl x two secs, 1 x 5 cm A tk gun and 9 NCOs each.
two secs, 1 x 7.5 cm A tk guns and 9 NCOs each.
- HQ Sec x 16 NCOs.

From various orders it is apparent that I Bn Regt MENZEL had four coys and that II Bn also existed. 12 Sep RHQ was 1200 metres South of church at LOOZEN and Div Battle HQ (ERDMANN) at WEERT. It is possible that II Bn is the GRASSEHL Bn as members of 4 Coy were killed while in action with that bn (17 Sep).

(Source: 8 Corps)

(b) 180 Inf Div

Particulars of 180 Inf Div given in Summary No.508, Part II, para 1, are amended and amplified by the interrogation of 43 PW to form a fairly coherent Order of Battle.

47 Gren Ers Bn in 22 Ers Regt was at LUNEBERG. 1 Coy, approx 210 strong, arrived in HOLLAND on 20 Sep, most of the personnel having been called up on 13 Sep. Everyone in the bn was armed with carbine 98 but there were also a few LMGs manned by men who know very little about them. None of the PW had heard of 22 Ers Regt.

16 Gren Ers Bn of the same regt was slightly better trained than 47 Bn. It comprised three rifle coys of an average str of 85, armed with 1 LMG per sec and two penzorfäuste per pl, and a hy coy of about 120 men, which was said by PW from other coys to include 12 LMGs and 6 x 12 cm mortars.

PW from 489 Gren Ers Bn of 269 Ers Regt had recently left hospital after being wounded in RUSSIA. All four coys of the bn were said to have four rifle pls and some LMGs and 8.1 cm mortars. The Regt was also represented by 269 Inf Pnr Ers Coy who acted as A tk defence armed with Panzerfauste. One PW was a reservist, one, an ex-GAF pilot transferred in 1941 to the infantry, one had been recently wounded in RUSSIA and one served in ITALY with a para regt. None had very much engr trg.

269 Inf Gun Ers Coy arrived in HOLLAND with 2 x 7.5 cm lt inf guns but they have NOT been seen since the arrival of the units. The coy did however take part in two attacks in the LIESEL area, riding into action on long 7.5 cm SP guns, of which there were 11 from an unknown unit.

/22 Res Arty Regt...

22 Res Arty Regt consisted mostly of raw recruits with less than 6 weeks' service fighting as inf, although one man claimed that two horse-drawn fd bns of the Regt had now arrived in HOLLAND.

100 Cavalry Rft Bn has already been dealt with in Summary No.510. A further 13 PW from it were described by the interrogator as being "disgruntled elderly gentlemen" who all agreed it had been "criminal folly" to put them in the line at all. Their hy pl, which consisted of one 5 cm mortar and one 7.5 cm 4 tk gun, was scoffed at most, but the suggestion that they were originally intended to form 180 Div Recce Unit brought forth considerable mirthless laughter.

30 Engr Ers Bn consisted entirely of men who were called up on 25 Aug, having served several years ago as GAF ground crews. They admitted they were intended to form 180 Div Engr Bn but all had been captured while fighting as infantry.

(c) 107 Pz Bde

The detailed interrogation of twenty PW from 107 Pz Bde corrects and expands the info previously given and published in Summaries Nos. 505 and 507. PW who were all captured on 24 - 25 Sep were described as being above average in physique and intelligence.

General org of the Bde was given as :

Pz Bde

Recce Coy Tk Bn Pz Gren Bn Engr Coy Sup Coy HQ Coy

The Sup Coy is under Bde control and NOT part of the Pz Gren Bn. There is NO Sigs Coy but a Sigs Pl in HQ Coy. There is NO Med Coy as such as previously reported. Each coy in the Bde has one SPW ambulance and there is a Med Sec in HQ Coy. The Recce Coy which did NOT appear in the last organisation given is NOT an integral part of the Bde but consists of the remnants of Battle Gp HEINKE (see below).

2107 Pz Bn The org is as shown previously except that 4 Coy is equipped NOT with Pz Kw IV with long 7.5 cm, but with 7.5 cm long assault guns on Pz Kw IV chassis. In each Coy HQ there are two AFVs, NOT one. Total strength is therefore 33 Panthers and 11 Assault Guns.

2107 Pz Gren Bn The amended org is as follows:

Bn

	1 Coy	2 Coy	3 Coy	4 Coy	5 Coy
	(as 1 Coy)				
1 Pl 2 Pl 3 Pl 4 Hy Pl			1 Pl	1 Pl	1 Pl
(as 1 Pl)			each 6 x 15 mm		
			Drilling on		
Sec Sec Sec	Sec	Sec	SPW		
Each 1 SPW	2 x 7.5cm	2 x 8.1cm			
2 MG 42	KWK on SPW mortar on		1 Pl	2 Pl	3 Pl
		SPW	(as 1 pl)		4 Pl
Sec Sec Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec Sec	7.5 cm	each with
Each 1 SPW			Each 1 x 12cm	KWK on	6 "STUKAS
1 x 15 mm			mortar on SPW	SPW	ZU FUSS"
Drilling					
	1 Pl	2 Pl	3 Pl	4 Pl	
	(as 1 Pl)		(as 4 Pl)		
Sec Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec	Sec
Each 1 SPW	3 MG	7 Oas	Each	1 SPW	Sec
NCO	2 Dvrs		Drilling		
2 Faustpatronen			/ 2107 Pz Engr ...		

2107 Pz Engr Bn. This consisted of Coy HQ and three pls. Each pl had three secs, each with an NCO and 8 men. 2 SPW and 1 res SPW, two MG 42 per vehicle, 1 magnetic charge per vehicle, 3 Tellermine per vehicle and about 6 S-Mines on the res vehicle. There was NO proper bridging eqpt but sufficient timber was carried in each platoon to build a light auxiliary bridge (9 tons).

Recco Coy. As stated above this was NOT an integral part of the Bde and NOT part of the original org. It consisted of the remnants of Battle Gp HEINKE (10 SS Pz Div personnel) and had two pls of three secs, equipped with bicycles and one LMG per sec. On 24 Sep the coy strength was reduced to approx 30 and all the bicycles had been destroyed or stolen. They were then employed as ordinary infantry.

Further details of the formation of the Bde were that it started 17 Jul at MOCHOVE near MIELAU in Southern EAST PRUSSIA. The Bde was to be ready for action by 15 Sep and on that date the trg programme was completed and it left MOCHOVE. PW stated that trg was less complete than had been intended owing to the late arrival of eqpt and considerable difficulty was experienced owing to sabotage of eqpt, particularly the adulteration of lubricants, was ascribed to Czech workers. Personnel of the Bde were almost entirely survivors of 25 Pz Gren Div which suffered heavy cas in RUSSIA.

The replacement unit was given as 215 Pz Gren Trg and Rft Bn, REUTLINGEN, in Wehrkreis V.

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Subject:- Ground/Air Recognition

Main HQ 30 Corps


273/G

15 Sep 44

Gds Armd Div
43 Inf Div
50 (N) Div
8 Armd Bde
R Netherlands Bde

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G(SD) CSO
CCRA DA & QMG

1. The 8 USAAF fighters which will act as escort to the Airborne Forces for operation "MARKET" will be briefed to attack all identified enemy ground positions and flak positions, in order to reduce the vulnerability of the slow and low-flying gliders and tugs.
2. If existing instructions for the employment of yellow smoke generators, yellow celanese triangles and corise fluorescent panels are obeyed the risk of attacks on our troops should be small.
3. Between H minus 15 minutes and H hour yellow smoke will be burned when friendly aircraft are seen. NOT more than 50% of stocks held will be burned. The other recognition aids will be used in accordance with previous instructions.
4. The very limited air effort which the enemy may make is likely to be directed against the airborne force and it is most improbable that our troops will be attacked by enemy aircraft during the period of the drop. Therefore for the period H minus 1 hour to H plus 2 hours SA fire will NOT repeat NOT be opened on any aircraft whatsoever.
5. Retaliatory fire against friendly aircraft who are attacking own troops will have only one effect - to confirm the pilot's belief that he is attacking Germans.


Brigadier,
General Staff.

ENCODE

RIVERS and CANALS

(In geographical order from SOUTH to NORTH)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Codename</u>
MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal	VOLTURNO
HELMOND-EINDHOVEN Canal	GAMBIA
WILHELMINA CANAL	ATRARA
AFWATERINGS } ZUIDWILLEMS } CANAL BOIS-LE-LUC }	VOSGES
R. MEUSE } MAAS }	JURA
MAAS-WAAL	TATRA
R. WAAL	NEGIDDO
R. NEDERRIJN	HERMON
R. IJSSEL	DEMAVEND
APPELDOORNSCH CANAL	ILMEN

TOP SECRET

Subject:- News

Main HQ 30 Corps

Gds Armd Div

43 Inf Div

8 Armd Bde

69 Inf Bde

222/1/G

25 Sep 44

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82 US Airborne Div

Herewith news, as known at 0900 hrs 25 Sep, of flanking and other formations -

1. Flanking Formations

8 Corps

11 Armd Div: Enemy resistance to adv continues but progress is being made. 23 H and 3 RTR entered DEURNE at 1500 hrs, 24 Sep. 2 FFY and 4 KSLI are N of town. 8 MB cleared VLIENDEN 6217. 3 Mons at rly 6518. 15/19 H in contact with enemy area 6813.

50 Div: 231 Bde continued adv EAST of ST OEDENRODE and reached Gen line LIESHOUT 5227 - 4636. 151 Bde area NORTH of BRENNEL 4526.

3 Br Div: 185 Bde has taken over ZOMERON brnd.

Main HQ 8 Corps - GEILDROP 4816.

Intention for 25 Sep: 11 Armd Div will adv on axis DEURNE -

BAKEL - GEMERT and will also clear HELMOND from the EAST.

3 Br Div will occupy ground gained by 11 Armd Div and co-operate in the capture of HELMOND from the EAST. 50 Div will co-operate in clearing 30 Corps axis. Belg Bde will adv their front R. MEUSE. 4 Armd Bde will hold present front. Armour will be conc prepared for counter-attack role and in readiness for moves NORTH.

12 Corps

15(S) Div: 44 Bde have two bns across canal in area 3827 - 3727 and 3826 - 3827 - 3726, remaining in area 4120. 46 Bde have two bns across canal. 9 Cam on line of rly cross rds 374263 - exel factory 374257. 7 Seaforth area 3825. 227 Bde no change. Div HQ 443206

53(W) Div: 6 RWF 2009 moving to REUSEL 2010. 2 Mons head of coin at 2211 and going to VOONHEIDE 1607. 4 Welch on move to BLADEL 2410.

Main HQ 12 Corps area HEERS 3713.

2. Other Formations

Airborne Corps

101 US Airborne Div: Situation of 101 US Airborne Div at 242220A. 506 ROT UDEN, 502 ROT area ST OEDENRODE, 327 Para Inf Regt SOUTH of Cl 9 br at 472369. Three coys astride rd 452349.

82 US Airborne Div: Patrols at following places - 779632 7761 7758 7755 7754 BRUK 7652 GRAFSEGEN 7652 7354 7250. Enemy very quiet.

/2 Cdn Corps.....

2 Cdn Corps

Sitrep at 230001A. 4 Cdn Armd Div. General. Div patrolling line of LEOPOLD Canal as far WEST as rd 9702. 29 Cdn Armd Recce Regt ASSENEDE J.2199. Elts reached area DOUCHAUTE D.1903. 22 Cdn Armd Regt area J.1699. 21 Cdn Armd Regt D.0600. Lake Sup R(M) area D.0000. Line & Wesld R area J.0098. 28 Cdn Armd Regt H.9994. Loons. HQ 4 Cdn Armd Bde H.994986. HQ 10 Cdn Inf Bde J.216967. 1 Polish Armd Div. Task of clearing enemy from area between GHENT canal and R SCHELDE now completed. 10 Polish Armd Bde conc area ST NICHOLAS 4991 - BEVEREN WAES 5796 and ST GILLES WAES 4897 with permanent patrols to SOUTH of Dutch frontier and EAST 47 Grid line. 3 Pol Inf Bde conc in area AXEL 3303 - HULST 4304 - TERHOLE 4208 and ZAAMSLAG 3308 with task of maintaining permanent patrols between div bdys NORTH of Dutch frontier.

Miscellaneous

News at 1500 hrs 23 Sep.

Third US Army no change.

First US Army no change on Army front except V Corps. 5 US Armd Div has been withdrawn WEST of river OUR and is now concentrated area DIEKIRCH P.8642 - WALLENDORF 9742 - GODBRANGE 9327.

First Cdn Army. All resistance in DOULOGNE area ceased 221700. Total PW approx 9000. 1 Br Corps. 49 Div has moved to SE ANTWERP and is conc in area K.0383 - J.8587 - J.9281.

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SUBJECT: Operational News

Main HQ 30 Corps

222/1/G

26 Sep 44

Guards Arm'd Div
43 Inf Div
8 Arm'd Bde
69 Inf Bde

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82 US Airborne Div

Herewith operational news as known at 0900 hrs 26 Sep, of flanking and other formations.

1. Flanking Formations

8 Corps

3 Dr Div: Light Bde have contacted the Belgians in area 645931 and 652914 and have closed up to the line of the POIS-LE-DUC CANAL to area EAST of WEERT. 9 Bde. 1 KCSB area LIESEL patrolling to MEIGEL remainder in DEURNE. 185 Bde. 1 Norfolks have taken over part of HELMOND on EAST of Canal, remainder in the ASTEN bridgehead.

11 Arm'd Div: Advance NORTH and NW from DEUREN continued. BAKEL reported clear during the morning, GEMERT during the afternoon, little resistance was encountered. HELMOND now practically clear. Dispositions at 2130 hrs - 3 R Tanks and 3 Mons 7136 - 15/19 H and 4 KSLI 6936 - 23 H and 8 RD 6630 - 2 FF Yeo and 1 Hereford 6534 - Inns of Court 7739, 5736, 5730.

50 (N) Div: 231 Bde area VOLKEL 5640 - 5637 - MILL 6444. 151 Bde, 6 DLI BREUGEL, 8 DLI NUNEN, 9 DLI 4630. Squadron of Royals conc ST OEDENRODE. 61 Recco MILL 6444.

4 Arm'd Bde: Greys area GRUITRODE 4978. 3/4 CLY area ASCH. Otherwise no change.

1 Belgian Bde: HQ at KINROO 602847. Coys now moving to ARNAS 6372 - 6483 - 6786. THORN 6786 clear of enemy.

12 Corps

15 (S) Div: Hold up by stubborn enemy resistance area DEST 3726. 44 Bde made slow progress and reached 370283 in advance towards BOXTEL 3234. 6 ISF area 3828 - 3827 in contact with enemy DE VLEUT. 3928. 46 Bde still engaged in heavy fighting area DEST. 227 Bde no change. 15 (S) Recco conc in area 3923. HQ 15 (S) Div 316096.

7 Arm'd Div: 11 H continue to hold line junc canal from DE MUNT bridge (22364 - 0491. 5 DG reached 450342 with i/7 Queens behind coming along same road. Fwd troops 8 H supported by 1/5 Queens directed on road-railway crossing 415370 have reached 422347. Remainder 131 Bde conc area 3811 and 22 Arm'd Bde less one regt same area immediately NW of EINDHOVEN. HQ 22 Arm'd Bde 387205. HQ 131 Bde 365089.

/53 (W) Div.....

12 Corps cont'd

53 (W) Div: 71 Bde area 3025 - 3430 - 2923. 158 Bde hold general line 2418 - 2410. 160 Bde, 4 Welch 2010. 6 RMF 2210. 2 Mon occupied VOORMEIDE 1607. HQ 160 Bde 225019.

2. Airborne Corps

1 Br Airborne Division: Evacuated from WEST of ARNHEM and now in reception area in NIJMEGEN.

82 and 101 US Airborne Divisions: No change.

R. Netherlands Bde: Patrols reached 50 Easting SOUTH of R. WAAL without contact with enemy.

3. Other Formations

No information received of 1 Canadian Army, 1 US Army and 3 US Army in the last 24 hours.

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Brigadier,
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PERIODICAL COUNTER INTELLIGENCE REPORT No.8FOR PERIOD ENDING 26 SEP 44PART I(a) Military Security Situation

During the period under review F.S. Sections have mostly been detached from their firms. Consequently there has been less opportunity to assess the standard of Military Security within the Corps, but nothing has come to light to suggest that this has been other than satisfactory.

During the more static stages of operations a large number of civilians became suspect by our fwd tps, mainly because they asked what were considered to be pertinent questions. Several people were arrested on this account, and although subsequent investigation by F.S. proved nothing more startling against most of them than a knowledge of English coupled with curiosity, a further proof of the suspicious alertness of our fwd tps has been provided.

The one major Military Security task of the present reporting period was the seizure and safeguarding of the "Phillips Radio Works" at EINDHOVEN. Extra F.S. personnel were attached to 30 Corps to deal with this matter. They maintained liaison with our fwd tps throughout and were quickly on the scene to relieve them of their responsibilities.

(b) Civil Security Situation

C.I. policy had to be altered frequently during our advance from BRUSSELS to NIJMEGEN. During the phase of rapid advance, the full C.I. effort was directed on large towns. As soon as operations became static (bridgeheads over the canals) the C.I. effort had to be switched to controls and the detailed cover of towns and villages in the bridgehead areas. Thus LOUVAIN was by-passed, but DIEST (a much smaller town) became the nerve-centre of the operational area.

For operation 'GARDEN' the main C.I. effort was again switched to the main centres of population along the line of advance. These so far have been EINDHOVEN and NIJMEGEN.

EINDHOVEN may well be called PHILIPPSVILLE. The firm of PHILIPS employing some 20,000 operatives can be said practically to run the town. The leaders of the Resistance Organisations are all members or directors of PHILIPS and have their offices in the factory.

There are four main underground organisations in EINDHOVEN. The K.P. & P.A.N. who carried out sabotage and guerrilla warfare during the German occupation. The O.D., formed principally of ex-servicemen to obtain and transmit information and to prepare for mobilisation of the Dutch forces and the re-organisation of civil administration. The G.D.N., an organisation for obtaining and transmitting information of Ia and Ib interest.

There is a marked rivalry between these different movements. PAN has arrested some 350 collaborators and suspects, often on the flimsiest evidence of collaboration with the Germans. At a meeting of all interested parties at which FS was represented, it was agreed that the local police would henceforth be the authority for arresting suspects and collaborators. A representative of Prince Bernhard's HQ has now also arrived in EINDHOVEN to settle the differences between the different organisations and to appoint a leader for the combined Resistance organisations. With the excellent co-operation of the police, the Dutch Security service, CA and a steady flood of informants, it can be said that the security situation in EINDHOVEN is well in hand.

NIJMEGEN is a town of some administrative importance. Here were found not only the Municipal Police but also the General Police Directorate of the State Police. Many of the higher ranks of the latter were permeated with Dutch Nazis. Both Police organisations have now been purged and former chiefs who were dismissed by the Germans have re-assumed their appointments.

With the assistance of the Police and the O.D. (more strongly represented in NIJMEGEN than any other underground organisation) controls are being operated at the road bridge over the River WAAL. Passage of civilians over this bridge has been forbidden, with the exception of essential crossings on a very limited scale.

Many of the I(b) targets were destroyed during the fighting in the town. In others, documents had been burnt before occupants withdrew. The sealing of post and communications has been arranged, in principle, but as the Post Office has been destroyed, this has not yet been put in force.

Arrangements have been made with the Chief of Police to concentrate and immobilise all boats on the River WAAL.

In the villages around NIJMEGEN, (MALDEN, HEUMEN, MOOK), the OD have taken control of the administration. Suspects and collaborators are being rounded up. The registration and checking of refugees has been instituted.

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Main HQ 30 Corps

222/1/G

27 Sep 44

Guards Arm'd Div
43 Inf Div
8 Arm'd Bde
69 Inf Bde

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82 US Airborne Div

Herewith operational news as known at 0900 hrs 27 Sep, of flanking and other formations.

1. Flanking Formations

8 Corps

50 Div. 231 Bde area MILL 6544 - ZEELAND 5746.
151 Bde area BOEKEL 5736 - VOLKEL 5640 with 6 DLI
guarding br 5328.

11 Arm'd Div. 15/19 H holding line 7136 - 6529. 159 Bde area ST ANTHINIS with one bn BOXMEER 7640. 29 Arm'd Bde 6730 - 6934. Inns of Court in touch with HCR just NORTH of BOXMEER. One sqn FFY and one coy Herofords 5731.

3 Br Div. Relieved area WEERT and in area MALPHEEZE E5103 with bn at GEMERT 5730. 9 Br Bde and 185 Bde no change.

4 Arm'd Bde. Area WEERT and patrolling canal from K6790 - NEDERWEERT E6100.

Belgian Bde. NTR.

Intentions. 11 Arm'd Div will seal present posns and push fwd strong fighting patrols with A Tk support to drive the enemy on to the line of R MEUSE. 50 Div will position 231 Bde in area 6146 - MILL 6445 and 151 Bde in area VOLKEL 5640 - BOEKEL 5736. Recce will be pushed fwd line of R MEUSE. 3 Div will est 8 Bde in area GEMERT 5730 - DERIPS 6630 - BAKEL 6124. 4 Arm'd Bde and 1 Belgian Bde will hold present sectors.

12 Corps

7 Arm'd Div. At last light line of fwd tps ran. 131 Bde. 5 DG 428364 - 436365 - 442370. 1/7 Queens 438361 - 439362. 1/5 Queens 418359 - 422350 - 418358. 8 H 415362 - 412330 - 411325. 1/6 Queens coys at 413325 - 413335 - 420337. 5 R Tks who are directed on DENTHER 4341 have reached VEGHEL and made contact with 327 Glider Gp. HQ 22 Arm'd Bde 478370. rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL cleared of enemy by 1210 hrs.

15 (S) Div sitrep. 227 Bde. 10 HLI to area 387300, 2 A & SH to area 378297. 2 Gordons moving to area VLEVT 3828. 6 KOSB moving to general area 398313. 6 RSF to withdraw and conc area 4030 tonight. 46 Bde no change.

53 (W) Div. Sitrep at 261200L. 71 Bde no change. 158 Bde no change. 160 Bde, 6 RWF one coy 205096 remainder area 207087, 4 Welch coys 209106, 208102, 211103, 217102. 2 Mon no change. Enemy resisting fiercely NORTH and WEST of REUSEL 2010. No sign of withdrawal from Div front.

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2. Airborne Corps

NTR except 1 Polish Para Bde placed under command 157 Bde.

3. Other Formations

First Cdn Army

2 Cdn Corps. Sitrep up to 260001A. 2 Cdn Div. Active patrolling by the units SOUTH of canal. 4 Cdn Inf Bde RHLI 6402, Essex Scot at 6800 and R Regt C 6897 with one coy 6202. 5 Cdn Inf Bde, R de MAIS area 765028 to 755015. RHC 7595 and Calg Highrs 7797 with coys at 7800 and 7499. 6 Cdn Inf Bde. Fus MR along canal between 80 and 81 Grids. Camerons of C between 79 and 80 Grids. S Sask R area woods 7902 with one coy on canal area 734046.

1 Br Corps. 49 Div. 146 Bde have est a bridgehead over TURNHOUT Canal area HYKEVORSEL - D 9209. 147 Bde continue to occupy area immediately SOUTH canal from incl TURNHOUT EO506 to EO006.

First US Army - At present re-grouping is taking place and there will be NO resumption of offensive until it is completed.

Third US Army - Two bridgeheads est by 2 Armd Div on MEUTHE river at FLIN V1989 and at CHANEVIERE V1881. 79 Div reached outskirts Forêt de MONDON.

Seventh US Army - EPINAL SOUTH of THAON captured, otherwise no change.

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Main HQ 30 Corps

222/1/G

28 Sep 44

Guards Arm'd Div
43 Inf Div
8 Arm'd Bde
69 Inf Bde

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82 US Airborne Div

Herewith operational news as known at 0900 hrs 28 Sep of flanking and other formations.

1. Flanking Formations8 Corps

50 Div: Locns. Main HQ 550359. 151 Bde HQ 563394. 231 Bde HQ 634740. 61 Recce Regt 641460. 151 Bde move to area as follows - 6 DLI astride rd VOLKEL - MILL east of VOERKEL. 8 DLI area BORKEL. 231 Bde, 1 Hamps in area 653438, 1 Dorset astride the rd in area 614470. 61 Recce Regt patrol from 7045 and 6049. Contact Dutch Bde in GRAVE 6253 area 7049 now held. Enemy located at 7646 and MG post at 739479.

11 Arm'd Div: 29 Arm'd Bde taking over area to rd incl OPLoo 7136 - excl rd junc 654257. 159 Bde taking over area ST ANTHONIS - rd junc 702406. 15/19 H and 4 KSLI in ST ANTHONIS. 2 FF Yoo and 1 Hereford rd junc 702406. Patrols report DOXMEER 7640 and SAMDEEK 7739 clear.

3 Dr Div: 8 Bde completed move to NE HELMOND with 1 Suffolk area 6520. 1 S Lancs area 6124 and 2 FY 5730.

4 Arm'd Bde: Greys area 5900 - CLY area 6195. HQ 576982.

Belgian Bde: NTR.

12 Corps - HQ BREUGEL 4526.

7 Arm'd Div: 22 Arm'd Bde now all NORTH of ZWV Canal and disposed as follows - 1 R Tks EAST of DINHER 4341 which is still held by the enemy and 5 DG NORTH of VEGHEL 4837. Patrols from 11 H reached 4547 and 4444. SOUTH of ZWV Canal in area NORTH and NW of ST OEDENRODE 4232 little change. 3 H pushing towards OLLAND 3833. Remainder no change. During night 1 RE and one Sqn R Tks to hold 4341 - 4241. 3 R Tks to hold 5047 - 4946 - 4947. Rly line from 440370 - 395360 was held right 131 Bde and left 158 Bde. 3 R Tks area 505450 - 495465 - 475463.

/Br Airborne Corps.....

2. Br Airborne Corps

1 Airborne Div: Moving to area DIEST 1169 280730A.

02 US Airborne Div: NTR.

R. Netherlands Bde: Standing patrols at DEEST 5767
ROTENDURG 5460 and WAMEL 4367. NMS.

3. Other Formations

Seventh US Army & Third US Army: NTR.

First US Army:

5 US Armd Div now concentrating EAST of ST VITH
P8600.

7 US Armd Div due to complete conc in area
MAESEYCK - MEESWICK K6160 - NEEROTEN 5775 by 1200 hrs
today. Otherwise NTR.

First Cdn Army:

49 Br Div. Contact with patrols has now been made
with patrols of 53 (W) Div EAST of TURNHOUT. Brhd at
RYKEVORSEL T9209 has been enlarged to the EAST to D9509.
56 Bde and two Dns 146 Bde now NORTH of canal. CALAIS
still holding out.

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Main HQ 30 Corps

Gds Armd Div
43 Inf Div
8 Armd Bde
69 Inf Bde

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29 Sep 44

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82 US Airborne Div

Herewith operational news as known at 0900 hrs 29 Sep of flanking and other formations.

1. Flanking Formations

8 Corps

50 Div: Sitrep at 282359A. Leons. 151 Bde - 6 DLI 568405, 8 DLI 561405, 9 DLI 566357. 231 Bde - 1 Dorset moved fwd to area HAPS with coys at 70450 700447 699456 705406. 61 Recce Regt NTR.

11 Armd Div: Sitrep 282230A. Inns of Court Regt continued to patrol along line of river from OFFELT 7546 to SAMBEEK 7640 and again made contact with 61 Recce Regt at OFFELT where small party of enemy inf were dealt with. 29 Armd Bde Gp patrols found enemy posns unchanged. Any movt on roads running SOUTH and SE from SAMBEEK brought down shelling and mortaring. Enemy tks and A Tk guns were again located in area 7335 - 7435. 3 R Tks destroyed one Mk IV and engaged inf in area 7230. Div arty engaged tgts on both EAST and WEST of the river.

3 Br Div: 185 Bde has extended EAST and taken over LIESEL E.6614 from 9 Bde who have moved NORTH to occupy area DEURNE 6520 - cross rds 650248. 8 Bde. 1 Suffolk area KLOTTER PEEL 6528, 1 S Lancs BAKEL 6124. 2 EY GENERT 5730.

4 Armd Bde and Belgian Bde NTR.

Intentions 29 Sep: 11 Armd Div will continue to exert pressure on any enemy in the area of OVERLOON 7531. 50 Div will eject enemy from WEST bank of R. MAAS on the Div front and continue to recce the river bank. 3 Br Div will regroup and make area DEURNE - LIESEL - ASTEN available for conc of 7 US Armd Div. 4 Armd Bde will remain present area. Belg Bde passes under comd XIX US Corps 290600A.

12 Corps

7 Armd Div: 11 H patrols have made contact with enemy on gen line 420479 - 305450. 22 Armd Bde with 1/5 Queens u/c continued to operate in area NORTH ZIV canal. 5 R Tks reached line 445470 - 430435. 5 DG area 4943. 1 R Tks less one sqn area cross rds VEGHEL 4837. 1 HB with 1/5 Queens and one sqn 1 R Tks hold firm base area DINTEL 4340. 1/6 Queens moving to NORTH of VEGHEL. 158 Inf Bde with 1/7 Queens u/c astride rds NW from ST OEDENRODE on gen line 418360 - 400824.

15(S)Div: 44 Bde adv slightly against hy opposition. 8 RS dug in 388325 - 306323, 6 RSP area 395323, 6 KOSB area 3931. 46 Bde reported no enemy WEST of rly area BEST. 227 Bde. 2 Gordons cleared wood 3728.

53(W)Div: 160 Bde. 1 E Lancs reverted to u/c 158 Bde and moved to area 1531. 4 Welch at BLADEL 2410. 2 Mon area br Q.1805.

101 US AB Div: 506 Regt area UDEN 5342. 327 Glider Regt NORTH of canal on gen line rly 485305 - 465378. 501 Regt SOUTH of canal 458380 - rly 441370. 502 Regt ST OEDENRODE.

/Intentions 12 Corps.....

12 Corps (cont'd)

Intentions: 7 Armd Div to continue to threaten 's HERTOGENBOSCH and to bring down gunfire on brs in that town. 15(S) Div to hold present line and increase depth WEST of rd ST OEDENRODE 4232 - BEST 3626, 53(W) Div to hold present line.

2. Airborne Corps

As at 282359A.

1 Br Airborne Div: Moved from NIJMEGEN to DIEST.

82 US Airborne Div: 505 Regt released of responsibility for close def NIJMEGEN br by 43 Div and comes into Div res. SHY and Royals still under command 82 Div. Br med arty giving effective sp. Local enemy attack took IMTHAL 778582 which enemy now hold. Elsewhere NTR. 157 Bde. Recce patrol report enemy boat activity over DREUME 4463. Otherwise NTR.

Pol Bde taking over def of brs at 671704 and 701539 from 82 US AB Div.

3. Other Formations

First Cdn Army: Sitrep as at 280001A.

1 Pol Armd Div: Completed move to conc area EAST of ANTWERP. 10 Pol Armd Bde. 24 Pol Armd Regt area 7792. 3 Pol Inf Bde. 1 Pol Inf Bn 7694. 8 Pol Inf Bn 7391. 9 Pol Inf Bn 7495. 10 Pol Recce. Regt 7393. Locns. 1 Pol Armd Div Main J.577945. 3 Pol Inf Bde J.577912.

4 Cdn Armd Div: Continued active patrolling on line of LEOPOLD CANAL. 18 Cdn Armd Regt NTR.

4 SS Bde: Conc area OSTEND.

3 Cdn Div: CALAIS garrison asked for armistice last night to discuss terms at 1000 hrs 29 Sep. Minefields inundations considerably hindering progress. 7 Cdn Inf Bde. RMFG Rif fwd elts at G.847770. 1 C Scot R fwd elts 851785. Regina Rif one coy passing SOUTH of R Win Rif adv on town from SW. 8 Cdn Inf Bde conc as follows - R de Chaud 8360. QOR of C 8158. N Shore R.8458. 9 Cdn Inf Bde. SD and G Highrs. One coy area 7572.

1 Pol Armd Div pass to under op control 1 Br Corps wef 271800A.

4 SS Bde remains u/c 2 Cdn Corps

First, Third and Seventh US Armies

No change in front lines. Seventh and Third US Armies NTR.

First US Army. Xth US Corps. 7 US Armd Div completed conc in area SW of MAREYCK K.6380. 29 US Inf Div is concing in area immediately EAST of MAASTRICHT E.5651.

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Main HQ 30 Corps

222/1/G

30 Sep '44

Gds Armd Div

43 Inf Div

8 Armd Bde

69 Inf Bde

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Airborne Corps

82 US Airborne Div

Herewith operational news as known at 0900 hrs 30 Sep of flanking and other formations.

1. Flanking Formations8 Corps11 Armd Div : NTR.

3 Br Div : Bdes have regrouped this morning as follows.
8 Bde 1 Suffolk 6628 2 E Yorks 5829 1 SLR 5928. 9 Bde
 1 KOSB 6424 2 Lincs 6224 2 RTR 6124. 185 Bde. 1 Norfolk
 5921 2 Warwick 5175 2 KSLI 5911. 3 Div Recce 5923.

50 Div : 231 Bde. 1 Dorset patrol contacted 327 Glider
 Regt at 7455. The patrol crossed in a boat near the br
 at 712524 which is blown. 61 Recce report NO enemy this
 side of R MAAS within Div bdy. 4 Armd Bde. NTR. 6 Gds Tk
Bde. Bde HQ opened at 489160 at 0800 hrs. 4 Tk Gren Gds
 484158. 4 Tks Coldm Gds 438158. 3 Tk SG in wood 4616.
 One Belgian Bde went under command First US Army at 0600
 hrs.

12 Corps

7 Armd Div: Enemy remain holding line GIFFERN 4352 -
 NULAND 4050 - woods 3948 - thence gen line rd SW to incl
 BERLIGUN. Night disposns are as follows. 5 R Tks and 1 RB
LOOSBROEK 4545. 5 DG 5246 - 1 R Tks less one sqn and 1/6
Queens 4144 - 3944. 1/5 Queens and one sqn 1 R Tks 4241 -
 4043.

15 (S) Div : Enemy o/a at 373302 (227 Bde) from NW driven
 back. Div HQ 439301.

53 (W) Div : 2 Mon patrol reached 166078 and reported no
 signs of enemy.

101 US AB Div: NTR.

12 Corps cont'd Intentions 30 Sep. 11 Armd Div remain present locn and be prepared to support 7 US Armd Div if required. 50 Div remains present area and patrols to R MAAS. 3 Div and 4 Armd Bde no active ops.

2. Airborne Corps

Sitrep as at 292359A.

82 US Airborne Div: 307 Eng Bn area 7261. Two Bns 505 Para Regt in res area 7256. One Bn 505 Para Regt 7755 - 7753. 508 Para Regt 7756 - 7457. 508 Para Regt attacked DEN HEUVEL WOOD 773568 and after penetrating 200 yds withdrew in face of heavy MG fire and one SP gun to outpost line 767562 - 771570. Two PW taken, one tank type unknown destroyed 157 Inf Bde. 52 Recce Regt replused attack by 20 enemy ap by mortars on 400625. FORT ST ANDRESS occupied by enemy. Rd to MAREN 3757 clear. 1 Polish Para Bde NTR.

3. Other Formations

1 Br Corps: Brhd over TURTHOUT CANAL has been enlarged.

49 Div 56 Bde, 146 Bde and elts 147 Bde have now crossed canal into brhd.

2 Cdn Div 5 Cdn Bde NORTH of Canal and driving WEST in the direction BERGEN - OP ZOON D6027. Fwd tps incl armour now in area ST LEONARD D8609.

Pol Armd Div Now under command.

2 Cdn Corps :

Sitrep up to 291200A.

4 Cdn Armd Div NTR. 18 Cdn Armd C Regt NTR. 4 SS Bde NTR.

3 Cdn Div. 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Negotiations held at 291000A resulted in arrangements for evacuation of civilian population from CALAIS commencing 291400A to be completed 301200A. Hostilities to be resumed 301200A.

8 Cdn Inf Bde NTR. 9 Cdn Inf Bde. All hy guns CAP GRIS NEZ area now in our hands with pill-boxes still holding out. HLI of C fwd tps 690700 685695 685690 with Nth NS Highrs at 685680 680673 675670 SD and G Highrs Bde reserve.

US Armies

Seventh US Army: No change.

Third US Army: No change.

XIX US Corps: Belgian Bde now under command. 7 US Armd Div to conc today in area DEURNE - LIESEL. Head of column passing through WEERT 1000 hrs.

29 US Inf Div: Now conc area EAST of MAASTRICHT.

Brigadier,
General Staff.

30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 21"SABOT"
-----INFORMATION1. Enemy

As in latest Intelligence Summaries.

2. Own Troops

- (a) XIX US Corps is continuing their advance on the right of 30 Corps.
- (b) 12 Corps is advancing on the left of 30 Corps and is expected to reach the general area BETHUNE - LILLERS - ST POL 3 Sep. They may then be ordered to advance to GHENT 4 Sep but this is dependent on the progress of "LIMEET" (see (d) below).
- (c) First Canadian Army is directed on CALAIS and DUNKERQUE.
- (d) An airborne landing known as operation "LIMEET" is due to take place, starting 0345 hrs 3 Sep. This may however be cancelled owing to weather.

Full information has been given to those directly concerned. A brief summary of the operation is at Appendix "A".

INTENTION

3. 30 Corps will advance and capture BRUSSELS and ANTWERP.

METHOD4. Grouping

Additional troops under command and in support of formations are as follows -

(a) Guards Arm Div

231 Inf Bde (with under command 90 Pz Regt RA)	} under com and
One Belgian Detachment (approx one Bn strength)	
84 Medium Regt RA	
'B' Flight 662 AOP Sqn	

11 Pz Coy RE in support.

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(b) 11 Armd Div

86 Fd Regt RA	} under command
64 Medium Regt RA	
'C' Flight 662 AOP Sqn	

209 Fd Coy RE in support.

(c) 50 (N) Div

8 Armd Bde (with under command one Pl 210 Fd Coy RE)	} under command
147 Fd Regt RA	
7 Med Regt RA	
75 A Tk Regt RA	
'A' Flight 662 AOP Sqn	

5. Boundaries

Boundaries between -

(a) First US Army (XIX US Corps) and Second British Army (30 Corps).

(b) 30 Corps and 12 Corps.

(c) Guards Armd Div and 11 Armd Div

are given at Appendix "B".

6. Routes

Three main routes will be used -

(a) Southern route - CLUB

(b) Centre route - HEART

(c) Northern route - DIAMOND

Details of these routes are given at Appendix "C".

Formations to whom these routes are allotted are responsible for marking them as appropriate.

7. Timings

H hour is the time at which the advance of Guards Armd Div and 11 Armd Div is to begin.

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This is provisionally for 1100 hrs 3 Sep but is dependent on "LINNET". If "LINNET" is cancelled H hour may be put forward to first light 3 Sep.

The final time of H hour will be confirmed separately.

8. Tasks of Formations

A. Guards Arm'd Div

Will advance at H hour with CLUB route as main axis and capture BRUSSELS without delay.

B. 11 Arm'd Div

Will advance at H hour with HEART route as main axis and will capture ANTWERP.

NOTE: 11 Arm'd Div may use any route between Corps left boundary and their own right boundary including DIAMOND. The latter will however NOT be used for any but operational traffic.

C. 50 (N) Div

Will -

- (i) Retain one Inf Bde Gp in area ARRAS until released by orders from this HQ.
- (ii) If operation "LINNET" is cancelled, be prepared to garrison TOURNAI with part or all of the Inf Bde Gp mentioned in (i) above.
- (iii) Advance along DIAMOND route and secure ALOST. This advance will be carried out behind any fighting troops which 11 Arm'd Div may pass along this route. 50 (N) Div will at the same time be responsible for left flank protection of 30 Corps.

AA

- (a) Owing to uncertainty as to routing and timing of aircraft engaged on "LINNET" a complete "hold-fire" of all AA fire will be enforced during daylight from 3 Sep inclusive onwards. If "LINNET" is cancelled this restriction is automatically removed. If "LINNET" takes place this restriction is likely to last several days.

(b) Defended Areas

(i) ARRAS

100 AA Bde will remain responsible for AA defence ARRAS during night 3/4 Sep. It will be prepared to move forward from 0700 hrs 4 Sep to provide AA defence ANTWERP. Initial move will be with light scales of transport.

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(b) (ii) ANTWERP

11 Armd Div will provide maximum possible AA defence for ANTWERP docks until AA defence ANTWERP is taken over as a Corps task, when AA defence will be the responsibility of 100 AA Bde.

Details regarding the establishment of an IAZ at ANTWERP will be notified later.

(iii) BRUSSELS

Guards Armd Div will be responsible for the AA defence of bridges over R. SENNE at BRUSSELS.

(iv) R. DENDRE

Divs will be responsible for the crossings of the R. DENDRE and canal within their Div boundaries. 50 (N) Div will relieve 11 Armd Div of this responsibility as soon as possible on DIAMOND route.

(v) TOURNAI

27 LAA Regt will remain in action at AMIENS until first light 5 Sep and will then move forward and be prepared to provide AA defence of TOURNAI from evening 5 Sep.

10. Traffic Control

- (a) Formations to whom CLUB, HEART and DIAMOND are allotted are responsible for traffic control on these routes.
- (b) Rear HQ 50 Corps will assume responsibility for policing and traffic control of all routes SOUTH of incl ARRAS.
- (c) AFH 50 Corps will take over responsibility for TOURNAI as soon as possible after capture.

ADM

11. Separate instructions will be issued.

INTERCOM

12. Moves of HQs

- (a) Main HQ 30 Corps will move on HEART route.
- (b) HQs Guards Armd Div, 11 Armd Div and 50 (N) Div will each move on their respective main axes.

13. Instructions with regard to communications with troops employed on operation "LINNET" are being issued separately to those concerned by CSO 30 Corps.

14. Liaison

- (a) HQ 30 Corps will maintain LO with W/T set with HQ XIX US Corps.
- (b) HQ 30 Corps will be prepared to send LO with W/T set to HQ of Airborne Force at the earliest practicable moment.
- (c) Guards Arm'd Div will maintain LO with W/T set with HQ 2 US Arm'd Div.
- (d) Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div will send LO with W/T set to 101 US Airborne Div and 82 US Airborne Div at the earliest possible moment. Any information from these LOs will be sent back to HQ 30 Corps by the fastest possible means.

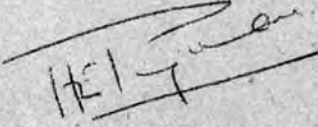
15. Allotment of Tentacles

Separate instructions follow earliest.

16. Place Codenames

Attached at Appendix "D" is a list of place codenames for use in operation "SABOT". This list will be taken into use at 0900 hrs 3 Sep when all previous lists will be cancelled and will cease to be used.

17. ACKNOWLEDGE.


Brigadier,
General Staff.

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Appendix "A" to 30 Corps
Operation Instruction No. 20
dated 2 Sep 44

OPERATION LINNET

1. Tasks of Airborne force

- (a) To seize a firm base in area TOURNAI.
- (b) Secure a bridgehead over R ESCAUT at TOURNAI.
- (c) Control principal road nets leading NE through COURTRAI, LILLE and TOURNAI.

2. Order of Battle

Hq Airborne Corps (Lieut-Gen F A M BROWNING)
1 (Br) Airborne Div
82 (US) Airborne Div
101 (US) Airborne Div
1 Polish Para Bde
52 Inf Div (trained in air landings)

3. Date of Operation

D Day is 3 Sep and H-hour 0825 hrs.

If postponement is to be made, it will be for 24-hourly periods.

4. Air Support

- (a) 9 USAAF bombing of flak posns on route evening D minus 1.
- (b) Bomber Command bombing of flak posns on route night D minus 1/D.
- (c) A number of dummy drops have been arranged.

5. Timings of arrival of force

Available aircraft will allow build-up approximately as follows -

- (a) By evening D Day - Airborne elts of 1 (Br), 82 (US) and 101 (US) Airborne Divs complete.
- (b) By evening D plus 1 - Polish Para Bde complete.
- (c) D plus 2 to D plus 4 - 52 Inf Div.

6. Tactical Plan

- (a) 101 US Airborne Div

(i) seize TOURNAI and secure intact bridges over R ESCAUT

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in that area.

- (ii) seize any of following airfields -

CHLEVRES 2328
JURBISE (North) 3023
NEUFMAISON

- (iii) establish junction pts with 82 US Div in area
MOURCOURT 9637, BOURGAGE 9435, BOIS 8730.

(b) 82 (US) Airborne Div

- (i) secure high ground NORTH of TOURNAI, vicinity
MONT ST AUBERT.

- (ii) recon and capture any of following airfields -

LILLE/VENDEVILLE 7229
INSTAIN 7733
BAISIEUX 8232
CYSOING 8230

- (iii) junction pts with 1 (Br) Airborne Div BOSSUYT 9547
and near COURTRAI.

(c) 1 (Br) Airborne Div (with Polish Para Bde under comd)

- (i) seize area from incl high ground MONT DE L'ENCLUS
- x-rds KHIRKHOVE 0152.

- (ii) seize COURTRAI.

- (iii) capture airfield WEST of COURTRAI (BISSECHEN).

7. Seaborne Echelon

- (a) 1050 wheeled vehicles of 1 (Br) Airborne Div and Polish
Para Bde are being concentrated in area GISORS. On arrival
vehicles will be routed fwd under arrangements to be made
by Rear HQ 30 Corps to whom rep will be reporting.

- (b) Similar arrangements will be made for seaborne echelons
of 52 Inf Div and US forces involved.

8. Recognition

All tps of 30 Corps who might come into contact with Airborne
forces will be made aware of following recognition arrangements -

(a) Personnel

Airborne tps including glider pilots will wear normal
airborne tps clothing according to their nationality.

US airborne tps will wear US steel helmets.

British and Polish airborne tps will initially wear British

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airborne type steel helmets, but may subsequently wear maroon and grey berets respectively.

British tps landed by transport aircraft will wear normal British Army type steel helmets, or khaki berets.

Friendly Belgian or French civilians enrolled for labour through the Belgian Mission attached to Hq British Airborne Corps, will wear BLUE and WHITE armbands as worn by British despatch riders.

(b) Ground to Air

Yellow smoke or flares will be used.

It should be noted by Air Forces that until contact is made between ground forces the only vehicles landed by air will, with the exception of a few light tractors, 15-cwt trucks, and Bren gun carriers, be motor-cycles, jeeps and trailers. Jeeps and 15-cwt trucks will be marked by the standard five pointed star. Captured enemy and requisitioned civil vehicles may however also be used by the airborne tps. These vehicles will be marked by celanese triangles or fluorescent panels on the surface so as to be clearly visible from the air.

(c) Ground to Ground

British and Polish tps - yellow celanese triangles.

American tps - fluorescent panels.

(d) Passwords

As follows -

	<u>Challenge</u>	<u>Reply</u>
H hour till 2359 hrs D Day	"RED"	"HERET"
2359 hrs D Day till 2359 hrs D+1	"UNCLE"	"SAM"
2359 hrs D+1 till 2359 hrs D+2	"CARRIER"	"PIGEON"
2359 hrs D+2 till 2359 hrs D+3	"AIR"	"BORNE"
2359 hrs D+3 till 2359 hrs D+4	"ROBERT"	"BURNS"
2359 hrs D+4 till 2359 hrs D+5	"TROOP"	"CARRIER"

B O U N D A R I E S

1. Between Second British Army (30 Corps) and First US Army (XIX US Corps)

Incl Second British Army DECHY 7204 -
ORCHIES 8117 - TOURNAI 9231 - main rd
to ATH 2033 - HAL 5343 - thence
LOUVAIN 8657.

2. Between 12 Corps and 30 Corps

All incl 12 Corps rd junc 1577 - cross
rds 2498 - rd and rail crossing 3207 -
then all excl 12 Corps ESTREE 5614 -
cross roads 3817 - rd junc 4423 - thence
all incl 12 Corps LA BASSEE 5126 - thence
incl 12 Corps rd junc 5927 to stream at
6227 - thence line of stream to confluence
of streams at 6942 thence all incl 30
Corps rd junc 7144 - TOURCOING 7646 -
MOUSORON 8247 - rd and stream crossing
9354 - rd and rly crossing 1263 - rd and
rly crossing 2365 - rd and rly crossing
3667 - ALOST - 4066 - line of road to
TERMONDE 4577 to ST NICHOLAS 4892 to
SCHELME 4316.

3. Between Guards Armd Div (RIGHT) and 11 Armd Div (LEFT)

All incl Gds Armd Div cross roads 455067 -
ROUVROY 5610 - rly bridge 838148 - THUMERIES
6819 - MERIGNES 7222 - rd junc 725241 -
COBRIEUX 8025 - cross roads 865292 - bridge
927322 - rd TOURNAI - LESSINES 2442 -
GRAMMONT 2848 thence CALMERAGES 3446 - main
rd at 383475 - GROVIERN HAERDIN 4248 -
LEERBEEK 4548 - cross roads 512553 - ZELLIK
5559 - excl Gds Armd Div STROMBEEK BEVER
6262 - VILVORDE 6863 - wood 757674.

R O U T E S.

1. CLUB ROUTE -

DOUAI 5907 - ORCHIES 8117 - TOURNAI rd junc
951321 - LEUZE 0830 - ATH 2033 - ENGHEN
3839 - HAL 5343 - BRUSSELS.

2. HEART ROUTE

LENS 5215 - CARVIN 6020 - SECLIN 6627 -
VENDEVILLE 7029 - cross-rds 765334 - BALSIEUX
8332 - cross-rds 920319 - cross-rds 919327 -
rd junc 929328 - RIZENCOURT 9535 - RENAIX
0846 - cross-rds 199518 - NINOVE 3855 - cross-
rds 472545 - ASSCHE 5162 - rd junc 491675 -
MERCHTEM 5368 - rd junc 594667 - ANTWERP.

3. DIAMOND ROUTE

AIX-NOULETTE cross-rds 435149 - cross-rds
444170 - cross-rds 484180 - rd junc 487176 -
cross-rds 508212 - cross-rds 525211 - cross-
rds 567219 - cross-rds 599253 - rd junc 637265
- cross-rds 651286 - rd junc 657283 - cross-
rds 673305 - cross-rds 686308 - cross-rds
689326 - rd junc 718324 - cross-rds 750355 -
rd junc 745357 - rd junc 742365 - rd junc
786379 - rd junc 805395 - rd junc 821387 -
cross-rds 896410 - rd junc 978505 - rd junc
087583 - rd junc 100570 - NEDERZWAIL 1561 -
HILLEGEM 2762 - ERPE 3566 - ALOST 4066.

Appendix "D" to
30 Corps Operation
Instruction No. 21
of 2 Sep 44

PLACE	MAP REFERENCE	CODENAME
ALOST	4066	PATAGONIA
AMOUGIES	0146	NEW JERSEY
ANSEGHEN	0056	CAPETOWN
ANSENOEUL	0244	LOS ANGELES
ANTOING	9827	VANCOUVER
ANTWERP	7097	OHIO
ASSCHE	5162	UGANDA
ATH	2033	DURBAN
AUDENARDE	0957	ALBERTA
AUDENAEKEN	5048	WASHINGTON
AVELGHEM	9750	KENYA
BAISIEUX	8332	NEWFOUNDLAND
BANGNIES	0326	VERMONT
BASCOLES	1022	PRETORIA
BARRY	0328	NOVA SCOTIA
BASSILLY	3137	FREETOWN
BEELERS	0033	HALIFAX
BELLEGHEN	8651	BOLIVIA
BELOEL	1624	PERIM
BIEVENE	3242	MELBOURNE
BLANDAIN	8634	WINDHOEK
BLEHARIES	9321	ADEN
BONS DES LESSMES	2840	QUEBEC
BORGT-LOMBEEK	4655	MANHATTEN
BOOM	6482	PALMBEACH
BRAINE L'ALLEUD	6237	UTAH
BRAINE LE CHATEAU	5537	AMAZON
BRAINE LE COMTE	4529	TEXAS
BRUSSELS	6255	LAGOS
BUGGENHOUT	5274	ADELAIDE
CALLENELLE	0122	GRANADA
CAMPERHOUT	7665	VICTORIA
CAPELLE AU BOIS	6373	CHICAGO
CELLES	9843	RENO
CHERENS	8033	CAYENNE
CHIEVRES	2238	MADRID
CLIPET	9739	ALGECIRAS
CONDE SUR L'ESCAUT	0613	LISBON
CONFICH	7087	SCUTARI
CONTENBURG	7559	OPORTO
CORDES	0340	CEUTA
COURTRAI	8557	BARCELONA
CRUYSHAUTEN	0464	VIGO
CYSOING	8028	BILBAO

PLACE	MAP REFERENCE	CODENAME
DERGNEAU	0643	RUWENZORI
DEYNZE	0573	ZANZIBAR
DIEGHEIN	6860	DALLAS
DILBECK	5555	COLOMBIA
DUFFEL	7482	SASKATCHEWAN
DOTTIGNIES	8745	NAIVASHA
DOUAI	6907	PEMBA
ELLEZEILLES	1445	RIO
EOUAME	1158	MEXICO
ESPIERRES	9044	NAIROBI
ESPLECHIN	8628	TAMPICO
EVERBECQ	2347	PERU
FRASNES LES BUISSENAI	0937	GEORGIA
FLOBECQ	1845	MARYLAND
GAMMERAGES	3446	CONSTANZA
GAUQUIER	1342	SPARTA
MAURAIN RAMECROIX	0030	TOLEDO
GHEIN	1981	SARAGOSSA
GHISLENGHEIN	2735	SALONICA
GRAMMONT	2848	ARIZONA
GRANDGLISE	1319	DELPHI
GREMBERGEN	4579	VIRGINIA
HACQUEGNIES	0736	VENICE
HAL	5343	VARNA
HALLUIN	7552	PALERMO
HAELTERT	3862	COLOMBADO
HAMME	4853	RANDAZZO
HAUT LITRE	5733	LEXHORN
HAUTOIS	4130	OKLAHOMA
HESSTERT	9451	SYRACUSE
HEFFEN	6777	BUCHAREST
HELCHIN	9346	MOGADOR
HERSEAUX	8245	TUNIS
HERCHIES	2521	ARGENTINE
HERGNIES	0116	CATANIA
HEURNE	1161	ATHENS
HERFELINGHEN	4345	SOFLA
HOBOKEN	6391	ALABAMA
HOEYLAERT	7046	TRAPANI
HOUREBEKE STE CORNELLE	1455	BRAZIL
HOUTAING	1334	CORUNNA
KERKHOVE	0152	SANTANDER

PLACE	MAP REFERENCE	CODENAME
LAETHEN STE MAIRIE	1662	MILAN
LEBEKE	4772	FEZ
LEEUW ST PIERRE	5448	BIZERTA
LEERDEEK	4548	PARA
LENS	2824	BURGOS
LENMCK ST QUENTIN	4751	MARAKESH
LES DEUX ACREN	2643	ROME
LESQUM	7331	FLORENCE
LESSINES	2441	RABAT
LEUZE	0830	SOUSSE
LIEFFERINE	4050	TURIN
LIERRE	7886	ORAN
LILLE	7037	AGADIR
LIGNE	1532	NEVADA
LINKEBEEK	6047	MEDENIN
LOMBEEK STE CATHERINE	4859	HAMMA
LOUVAIN	8657	CHILE
LUHAMAIDE	1640	PADUA
M.ERCKEERKHEM	1254	RAVENNA
MAFFLE	2231	INNSBRUCK
MAINVULT	1635	RIMINT
MARCHIENNES	8310	STOCKHOLM
MARQUAIN	8732	HARDANGER
MAULDE	9420	VIENNA
MECHLIN	7174	RIGA
MEERBEKE	4053	SALVADOR
MENIN	7554	CORTINA
MERCHTEN	5468	COPENHAGEN
MESPELAERE	4272	TRONDJEM
MONS EN PEVELE	7119	SIENA
MONT ST AUBERT	9337	PISA
MOORSEL	4467	TROMSO
MORTSEL	7190	REVAL
MOUCHIN	8522	OSLO
MOUCOURT	9737	KITZBUHEL
NEDERDRAKEL	2052	SPEZIA
NINOVE	3855	BRINDISI
NOMAIN	8220	ANCONA
NUKERKE	0852	HAMMERFEST
OGY	2043	FIUME
OLHGINES	2639	BERNE
OOMBERGEN	2662	DOTZEN
OORDEGEN	3068	SALERNO
OPHASSELT	2953	GENOA
OPWYCK	5169	NAPLES
ORCHIES	8118	MONASTIR
OTTERGEM	3566	BART
OVERYSSEHE	7446	ZURICH
PARICKE	2250	MOSTAR
PECQ	8940	STAMBUL
PEPINGHEN	4746	BELGRADE
PERIUVLEZ	0620	RAGUSA
PETIT ENGHEN	4138	TIRNOVO
PONT A M.ROQ	7223	SPLIT
PUEBS	5881	FLORES

PLACE	MAP REFERENCE	CODENAME
QUAREMONT	0350	NISH
QUARTES	0136	SIBENIK
QUATREVENTS	1548	PIROT
RACHES	7312	VENEZUELA
RAUMEGIES	8918	PASADENA
REBAIX	2030	FLORIDA
REBECQ-ROGNON	4535	QUEENSLAND
RENAIX	0847	BOSTON
ROOBORST	1959	WISCONSIN
ROUBOLX	7042	AUSTRALIA
ROULERS	7671	BERMUDA
RUMES	8626	TASMANIA
RUPELMONDE	5986	MASSACHUSETTES
SAINTES	4739	MONTREAL
SANTBERGEN	3451	CUBA
SCHELBENINDEKE	2267	TRINIDAD
SECLIN	6727	MISSOURI
SIRAULT	2019	CORDOVA
SOIGMES	4026	ONTARIO
SOTTEGEN	2459	GULANA
ST AMAND		
TAINTIGNIES	8926	HEGARA
TAMISE	5386	CUZCO
TEMPLEUYE	8536	MISTRA
TERMONDE	4576	CALIFORNIA
TERVIEREN	7252	MISSISSIPI
THIEULAIN	0832	ZERHATT
THOLLENEEK	3744	VERACRUZ
THORICOURT	3230	PATRAS
THUNAIDE	0924	HAITI
TOURCOING	7746	ELEUSIS
TOURNAI	9332	KLONDYKE
TOURNEPPE	5742	BUDA
TUBIZE	5038	SANTIAGO
TUYTENBERG	4754	PERTH

PLACE	M/P REFERENCE	CODENAME
VILVORDE	6763	PEST
VIANE	3145	ALASKA
VIEUX CONDE	0414	DAWSON
VILVORDE	6763	PEST
WAELEHEM	7079	PARMA
WAFRECHEM	9762	PRAG
WARCOING	9042	DAVOS
WATERLOO	6340	WELLINGTON
WEMMEL	5862	LISSA
WETTEREN	7074	BERGEN
WILLEBROECK	6378	SALZBURG
WOLVERTHEM	5966	ELSINORE
WOUBRECHTEGEN	3159	MALMO
ZELICK	5559	KLOSTERS

TOP SECRET

Subject : CODENAMES FOR OPERATION "SABOT"

Main HQ 30 Corps

239/G

3 Sep 44.

Distribution as for 30 Corps Operation
Instruction No. 21.

1. Herewith copies of DECODE to Appendix "D" to 30 Corps
Operation Instruction No.21 dated 2 Sep.
2. Amend Appendix "D" as follows -
 - (a) ADD At head of Sheet 1 "ENCODE".
 - (b) SHEET 4 After "ST ALAND" ADD under map reference
"9514" and under Codename "VERONA".

H. Chaplain
Brigadier,
General Staff.

DECODE

CODENAME	MAP REFERENCE	PLACE
ADELAIDE	5274	BUGGENHOUT
ADEN	9321	BIEHARIEN
AGADIR	7037	LILLE
ALGECIRAS	9739	CLIFET
ALBERTA	0957	AUDENARDE
ALADAMA	6391	HOBOKEN
ALASKA	3145	VLANE
AMAZON	5557	BRIANE LE CHATEAU
ANCONA	8220	NORMAIN
ARIZONA	2048	GRAMMONT
ARGENTINA	2521	HERCHIES
ATHENS	1151	HEURIE
AUSTRALIA	7842	ROUBOIX
BARCELONA	8557	COURTRAI
BARI	3566	OTTERGEM
BERNE	2539	OLINGINES
BELGRADE	4746	PEPINCHEM
BERGEN	7074	WETTEREN
BERAUDA	7671	ROULERS
BILBAS	8028	CYSOING
BILZERTA	5448	LIEUX ST PIERRE
BOLIVIA	8651	BELLEGEW
BOSTON	0847	RENAIX
BOTZEN	2662	OLBERGEN
BRINDISI	3855	NINOVE
BRAZIL	1455	HOUREMEKE STE CORNELIE
BUCHAREST	6777	HEFFEN
BURGOS	2824	LENS
BUDA	5742	TOURNEPPE
CAYENNE	8033	CHERENS
CAPE TOWN	0056	ANSEHEN
CALIFORNIA	4576	TERNIONDE
CATANIA	0116	HERGNIES
CEUTA	0340	CORDES
CHICAGO	6373	CAPELLE AU BOIS
CHILE	8657	LOUVAIN
CORTINA	7554	MENNE
COPENHAGEN	5468	MERCHTEN
COLOMBIA	5555	DILLEK
CONSTANZA	3446	GAMMERAGES
COLORADO	3862	HAELERT
CORUNNA	1334	HOUTAING
CORDOVA	2019	SIRAUT
CUBA	3451	SAINTBERGEN
CUZCO	5306	TAMISE
DALLAS	5860	DIEGHEM
DAWSON	0414	VIEUX CONDE
DAVOS	9042	WARCOING
DELHI	1312	GRANDLISE
DURBAN	2033	ATH
ELSINORE	5966	WOLVERTHEM
ELEUSIS	7746	TOURCOING

CODENAME	MAP REFERENCE	PLACE
FEZ	4772	LEBBEKE
FIUME	2043	OSY
FLORENCE	7331	LESQUM
FLORES	5881	PUEBS
FLORIDA	2030	REBATX
FREETOWN	3137	BASSILLY
GEORGIA	0937	FRAMES LES BUISSENAI
GENOA	0953	OPHASSELT
GRANADA	0122	CAIENELLE
GUINA	2459	SOTTEGEN
HARDANGES	8732	MARQUAIN
HAMA	4859	LOMBECK STE CATHERINE
HAMMERFEST	0852	NUKERKE
HALIFAX	0033	HEELERS
HATTI	0724	THUNAIDE
HEGARA	8926	TAINTIGNIES
INNSBRUCK	2231	MAFFLE
KENYA	9750	AVELCHEM
KITZBUHEL	9737	MOUCOURT
KONDYKE	9332	TOURNAI
KLOSTERS	5559	ZELICK
LAGOS	6255	BRUSSELS
LECHORN	5733	HAUT LITRE
LISSA	5862	WEMMEL
LISDON	0613	CONDE SUR L'ESCAUT
LOS ANGELES	0244	ANSENOUL
MADRID	2238	CHIEVRES
MANHATTEN	4655	BORGT-LOMBEEK
MALMO	3159	WOUBRECHTEGEN
MARYLAND	1845	FLOBECQ
MASSACHUSETTES	5986	RUFELMONDE
MURAKESH	4751	LEWCK ST QUENTIN
MELBOURNE	3242	BIEBENE
MEDENIN	6047	LINKENEK
MEXICO	1158	BOUARE
MILAN	1662	LAETHEN STE MAIRIE
MISSOURI	5727	SECLIN
MISTRA	8536	TEGHEUYE
MISSISSIPPI	7252	TERVUEREN
MONTREAL	4739	SAINTES
MONASTIR	8118	ORCHIES
MOSTAR	2250	PATICKE
MOCADOR	9346	HELCHIN
NAIROBI	9044	ESPIERRES
NAIVASHA	8745	DOTTIGNES
NAPLES	5169	OPWYCK
NEWFOUNDLAND	8332	BAISIEUX
NEW JERSEY	0146	AMOUGIES
NAVADA	1532	LIGNE
NISH	0550	QUAREMONT
NOVA SCOTIA	0328	BARRY

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OHIO	7097	AMTWERP
OPORTO	7559	CONTENBOURG
OKLOHOMA	4130	HOUTBOIS
ONTARIO	4026	SOIGNES
ORAN	7886	LIERRE
OSLO	8522	MOUCHIN
PADUA	1640	LUHAMAIDE
PARA	4548	LEERBEEK
PARMA	7079	WAELEKEM
PATAGONIA	4066	ALOST
PALM BEACH	6482	BOOM
PALERMO	7552	HALLUIN
PATRAS	3230	THORICOURT
PASADENA	8918	ROUMEGIES
PEUMBA	6907	DOUAI
PERU	2347	EVERBECQ
PERIM	1624	BELOEIL
PEST	6763	VILVORDE
PERTH	4754	TUYTENBERG
PIROT	1548	QUATREVENTS
PISA	9337	MONT ST AUBERT
PRAG	9762	WAFRECHEM
PRETORIA	1022	BASECLES
QUEENSLAND	4535	REBECQ-ROGNON
QUEBEC	2840	BONS DES LESSIES
RABAT	2441	LESSINES
RANDAZZO	4853	HAME
RAGUSA	0620	PERIUVLEZ
RAVENNA	1254	MAERCKEKEKHEM
REVAL	7190	MORTSEL
RENO	9843	CELLS
RIGA	7174	MECHLIN
RIMINI	1635	MAINVAULT
RIO	1445	ELLEZELLES
ROME	2643	LES DEUX ACREN
RUWENZORI	0643	DERGUEAU
SALZBURG	6378	WILLEBROECK
SANTIAGO	5038	TUBIZE
SALVADOR	4053	MEERBEEK
SALERNO	3063	OORDEGEN
SASKATCHEWAN	7482	DUFFEL
SARAGOSSA	1981	CHENT
SALONICA	2735	GHISLENGHIEN
SANTANDER	0152	KEIKHOVE
SCUTARI	7087	CONFICH
SIBENIK	0136	QUARTES
SIENA	7119	MONS EN PEVELE
SOFIA	4345	HERFELINGHEM
SOUSE	0830	LEUZE
SPARTA	1342	GAUQUIER
SPEZIA	2052	NEDERBRACEL
SPLIT	7223	POINT A MARCQ

CODE NAME	MAP REFERENCE	PLACE
STAMBUL	894.0	FEQQ
STOCKHOLM	8310	MARCHIENNES
SYRACUSE	94.51	HEESTERT
TAMPICO	8628	ESPLECHIN
TASMANIA	8626	RULES
TEXAS	4.529	BRAINE LE COMTE
TIRNOVO	4.138	PETIT ENCHIEU
TOLEDO	0030	GAURAIN RAMBROIX
TRAPANI	704.6	HOEYLAERT
TRINIDAD	2267	SCHELLEWINDEKE
TROMSO	44.67	MOORSEL
TRONDJEM	4.272	MESPELAERE
TURIN	4.050	LIEFFERINE
TUNIS	824.5	HERSEAUX
UGANDA	5162	ASSCHE
UTAH	6237	BRAINE L'ALLEUD
VANCOUVER	9827	ANFOING
VATNA	534.3	HAL
VANCE	0736	HACQUEBEGNIES
VENEZUELA	1312	RACHES
VERONA	9514	ST AMAND
VERACRUZ	374.4	THOLLENECK
VERMONT	0326	BANGNIES
VICTORIA	7665	CAMERHOUT
VIGO	04.64	CRUYSCHAUTEN
VIRGINIA	4.579	GRENBERGEN
VIENNA	94.20	MAULDE
WASHINGTON	504.8	AUDENACKEN
WINDHOEK	8634	BLANDAIN
WISCONSIN	1959	ROOBORST
WELLINGTON	634.0	WATERLOO
ZERHATT	0832	THIEULAIN
ZANZIBAR	0573	DEYONZE
ZURICH	744.6	OVERYSCHHE

30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.22.OPERATION "METEOR"INFORMATION

1. This instruction deals with certain operations on 6 Sep which are being carried out as a preliminary to operation "COMET". Details of operation "COMET" are being or have been communicated verbally to those concerned - written confirmatory orders will be issued 6 Sep 44.

INTENTION

2. 30 Corps will secure crossing over ALBERT Canal 6 Sep 44 as a Start Line for operation "COMET".

METHOD

3. Tasks 50 (N) Div

- (a) Continue with flank protection of 30 Corps as at present up to first light 6 Sep 44.
- (b) At first light 6 Sep, 151 Bde (incl one arm'd regt 8 Arm'd Bde) will be moved by CLUB route to BRUSSELS. On arrival of 151 Bde under command, 50 (N) Div will take over responsibility for protection of BRUSSELS area from Guards Arm'd Div. The Belgian Bn will pass to command 151 Bde Gp at this time.

At 0600 hrs 7 Sep 44, 151 Bde will come temporarily under direct operational command Second Army.

- (c) 231 Bde on arrival in area ANTWERP (see para 4 (c) below) reverts to command 50 (N) Div.

At 0600 hrs 7 Sep 44, 231 Bde will pass temporarily to operational command 12 Corps.

- (d) 50 (N) Div, less 151 and 231 Bde Gps will eventually be concentrated in area ALOST and be relieved of responsibility for protection of left flank of 30 Corps. This will take place in three stages as follows -
- (i) 50 (N) Div responsible w o f 0600 hrs 6 Sep for left flank of 30 Corps from incl TOURNAI - ALOST - TERMONDE. Subsequently, when 231 Bde reverts to command this responsibility will be extended to include ANTWERP.
- (ii) At a time to be notified (dependant on progress of 12 Corps) westernmost limit of 50 (N) Div responsibility becomes ALOST. This time will be notified from this HQ.
- / (iii) ...

- (iii) Concentration of 50 (N) Div (initially less 151 and 231 Bde Gps) with under command 8 Arm'd Bde will concentrate in area ALOST preparatory to following up the advance of 11 Arm'd Div in a left flank protection role EAST of ANTWERP.

4. Tasks Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div

- (a) On 6 Sep 44 Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div will secure bridgeheads over ALBERT Canal within their bdys preparatory for operation "COMET".
- (b) Recede thence Northward but NOT beyond line EINDHOVEN - TILBURG - BREDA.
- (c) Guards Arm'd Div will move 231 Bde at first light 6 Sep to area ANTWERP where it will relieve 11 Arm'd Div of responsibility for protection and at the same time revert to command 50 (N) Div.

5. Boundaries

- (a) Corps right bdy (with XIX US Corps)

As at present to HAL thence all excl 30 Corps WAVRE - HASSELT - SITTARD.

- (b) Bdy between Guard Arm'd Div (right) and 11 Arm'd Div (left)

All incl Guards Arm'd Div main rd MECHELIN - GHEEL - EINDHOVEN.

6. Attached at Appendix "E" is a new list of place codenames which will be taken into use w e f 060600B.

All previous lists will then be cancelled except that formations may continue to use the list issued as Appendix "D" to 30 Corps Operation Instruction No. 21 for places WEST of line of rd BRUSSELS - ANTWERP.

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PLACE CODE NAMES

Place	Map Reference	Codename
AALST	4314	HARRIS
ACHEL	4297	RUM
ACHT	4023	SKYE
ACHTERDROCK	7516	LEWIS
ACHTMAAL	8122	FIFE
AERSCHOT	9669	EGG
ALPHEN	0625	NEVIS
ANTWERP	6795	WIGHT
ARENDONK	1506	WAKE
BAARLE NASSAU	0519	COLL
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DORTELDONK	7327	SUPERIOR
DOORT MEERBECK	7869	TASMANIA
DORDEL	4803	CORFU
DRASSCHAEL	7474	MULL
BRECHT	8410	MICHIGAN
BREDA	9557	CEYLON
BREST	2226	RHODES
BLADEL	2511	MAY
CALMPHOUT	7315	HURON
STERLE	0797	BERMUDA
CAPPELLEN	6906	PANTELLARIA
CHAAH	0127	BASS
COTRYCK DUTZEL	9463	ERIE
CONTICH	7037	ORIGNEYS
DASSEMS	9920	TRINIDAD
DESSCHEL	1797	CAPRI
DIESSEN	2224	LOMOND
DIEST	7269	LEVEN
DORST	0137	CONSTANCE
DUFFEL	7383	SHETLANDS
DUTZEL	3010	BRIONI
EINDHOVEN	4218	KATRINE
ELTEN	8535	GARDA
ESSCHEN	7325	JERSEY
EXEL	3586	TODIGO

Place	Map Reference	Code name
GEHEEL	0888	NESSL
GILZE	0631	COMO
GINDEKEN	9535	GUERNSEY
GOIRLE	1528	JAMAICA
HALSTEREN	5931	SWILLY
HAPERT	2711	LADOGA
HECHTEL	3404	ALDERNEY
HELCHTEREN	3575	HELENA
HERENT	8561	STRAUGHFORD
HERENTHOUT	9286	CHAD
HERENTHALS	9292	SARK
HERSSELT	0076	STEWART
HILBAREMBEK	1929	FOYLE
HOOGERHEIDE	6319	VICTORIA
HOOGSTRAETEN	9315	NEWFOUNDLAND
HOOGE-MIERDE	1813	ANDAMAN
HOOGELOON	2815	WINDERMERE
HUGBERGEN	6620	CANARY
HULSDONK	7230	BUTTERMERE
HULTEN	0833	SOLOMON
KEERBERGEN	0272	ULLSWATER
KERKHOVEN	2788	BASSETT
KONIGSHOUCHT	8282	ELBA
KRABBENDIJCE	4822	PITCAIRN
LAGEMIERDE	2015	DERWENT
LICHTAERT	0396	EARN
LIERRE	7886	CORSICA
LILLO	5906	ANGLESEY
LILLE	9798	RYDAL
LOMAEL	3095	HELIGOLAND
LOUVAIN	8658	SARDINIA
LUYKSGESTEL	3201	SOCOTRA
MARIA-TER-HEIDE	7608	THIRLMERE
MECHLIN	7275	ICELAND
MEER	9220	PATMOS
MEERTHOUT	1485	HAVES
MELDERT	1870	SNOWDON
MERXEM	7099	MILO
MERXPLAS	0011	ETIVE
MESSELBRESK	1470	GREENLAND
MOERGESTEL	2430	MORAR
MOLL	1791	EVEREST
NAASTERBERT	3326	PAROES
NEERPELT	3895	SAMOS
OIRSCHOT	3225	MORDANT
OOLEN	9986	MONT BLANC
OOSTMALLE	9105	CHILTERN
OSSIENDRECHT	6316	MALTA
PETIT-PROGEL	4088	JUNOS
POPEL	1320	SHIEL
POSTEL	2303	COTSWOLD
POLDERBOACH	8796	GOZO
PUTTE	8277	JURA

Place	Map Reference	Codename
RANST	7093	LONG
REUSEL	2110	CAMPSES
RETHY	1599	CYPRUS
RIJSBERGEN	0920	MADEIRA
RIJEN	0536	FYNE
ROOSENDAAL	7331	PINCON
RUEPHEN	7931	CRETE
SCHIJF	7926	LUNDY
SHILDE	8090	PERIM
ST WILLEBRORD	8233	TARBERI
TESSENDERLOO	1577	OCHTILS
THILDONCK	8365	CAIRNGORMS
TILBURG	1633	CYRA
TESTELT	0572	BAHREIN
TURNHOUT	0506	AVE
VALKERSWAARD	4200	PYRENEES
VELDHOVEN	3714	ATLAS
VESSEM	3016	APPENINES
VIERSEL	8503	ARRARAT
WESTERLOO	0380	SINAI
WESTELDER	2419	ETNA
WIELDE	0916	VESUVIUS
WESTMALLE	0605	MOURNE
WESEMAEL	9165	NILGIRI
WEMELDINGE	4231	KENYA
WECHTERDZANDE	9400	ANDES
WILMARSDONCK	6604	ROCKIES
WINTELRE	3318	PENNINES
WOENSRECHT	6120	GRAMPLANS
WOUW	6730	OLIVES
WUETWEZEL	8115	HARTZ
WYNGHEM	7697	DARTMOOR
YERSEKE	4527	ERRIGAL
ZEVEDONCK	0604	SCAMPELL
ZEGGE	7634	VOSGES
ZOERSEL	8901	MATTERHORN
ZURDERT	8625	TABLE

30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.23OPERATION "COMET"INFORMATION1. Enemy

As in latest Intelligence Summaries.

2. Topographical

As issued separately.

3. Own Troops(a) XIX US Corps

Is advancing on the right of 30 Corps.
Details of intentions follow as soon as known.

(b) 12 Corps

12 Corps is moving forward on the left of 30 Corps and latest reports showed leading tps in GHENT. 12 Corps and Second Army are relieving 30 Corps of responsibility for the protection of ANTWERP and BRUSSELS areas w.e.f. 0600 hrs 7 Sep. To facilitate this, certain 50 Div tps (as detailed in 30 Corps Operation Instruction No.22) are passing temporarily to command of 12 Corps and Second Army.

(c) Beyond the line BRUSSELS - ANTWERP Second Army will be operating on a one Corps front with 30 Corps leading.

(d) Airborne Forces

An airborne operation is being carried out on the front of 30 Corps, with the object of seizing intact bridges over rivers MAAS, WAAL and NEDERRHINE.

This operation is being carried out 1 Airborne Corps (1 (Br) Airborne Div and 1 Polish Para Bde).

Dropping zones are at GRAVE 6353, NEERBOSCH 6761, NIJMEGEN 7263 and ARNHEM 7576.

H hour for this drop is expected to be night 7/8 Sep.

3. cont'd. (d)

1 Airborne Div will come under command
30 Corps as soon as junction with 30 Corps
has been effected.

Full details of plan and instructions
as to action of 30 Corps with regard to air-
borne troops will be issued as soon as available
as Appendix "A" to this order.

INTENTION

4. 30 Corps will advance to and secure a bridgehead over
the RHINE in the area WEST of incl NIJMEGEN and dominate the
area to the NORTH.

METHOD

5. Grouping

Additional troops under command and in support of formations
are as follows -

(a) Guards Armd Div

(i) Under command

Royal Netherlands Bde Gp
84 Med Regt RA
419 HAA Bty RA
11 Fd Coy RE
50% Bridge Column

(ii) In support and under command for movement

30 Corps Tps RE less two Fd Coys
plus one Fd Coy 7 Army Tps RE
23 Mech Sqd Sec RE
HQ 128 Bridge Coy RASC
Airfield Recce party 12 AGRE

(b) 11 Armd Div

(i) Under command

86 Fd Regt RA
64 Med Regt RA
50% Bridge Column

(ii) In support

7 Army Tps RE less one Fd Coy
Airfield Recce party 12 AGRE

(c) 50 (N) Div

- (i) 231 Bde Gp and 151 Bde Gp pass temporarily
from command.

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(c) cont'd

(ii) Under command

8 Armd Bde
147 Fd Regt RA
7 Med Regt RA
75 A Tk Regt RA

(d) When 1 Airborne Div Land, one Bty 84 Med Regt and 419 HAA Bty will be in direct support.

(e) The following additional troops are -

(i) Under command 30 Corps

100 AA Bde.

(ii) In support 30 Corps

12 AGIE

6. 30 Corps will advance with Guards Armd Div right, 11 Armd Div left. 50 (N) Div will move forward by bounds on 11 Armd Div route.

7. Boundaries

(a) Between Guards Armd Div and 11 Armd Div

All incl Guards Armd Div -

Main rd MECHLIN - GHEEL 0889 -
ARENDONK 1606 - EINDHOVEN 4318 -
ST. ODENRODE 4332 - NIJMEGEN -
ARNHEM - APELDOORN 7903.

(b) Between 30 Corps (Guards Armd Div) and XIX US Corps

All incl XIX US Corps -

WAVRE 7941 - HASSELT 3263 -
SITTARD 5868 - LEVERKUSEN 4870.

8. Axes of Advance

Main axes of advance are as follows -

(a) Guards Armd Div - CLUB

BRUSSELS - LOUVAIN - GHEEL -
ARENDONK - EINDHOVEN - ST. ODENRODE -
NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM - APELDOORN.

(b) 11 Armd Div - DIAMOND

ANTWERP thence by best available route within their boundary to
TILBURG 1632 - HERTOGENBOSCH 3246 -
ZALTBOMMEL 2961 - TIEL 4268 - RENKUM
5876 - EDE 5886.

/Guards Armd Div.....

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Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div are initially responsible for the marking of these routes. Signs will subsequently be thickened under arrangements AFM 30 Corps.

NOTE: In certain circumstances it may be necessary to switch 11 Arm'd Div on to Guards Arm'd Div axis in the MAAS - RHINE area.

9. Tasks Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div.

Tasks Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div will be carried out in two phases as follows -

(a) PHASE I

Divisions will advance as quickly as possible within their boundaries on 7 Sep initially to capture the general line

EINDHOVEN - TILBURG - BREDA

No advance beyond this line without orders from this HQ. The object of this restriction is in order not to frighten the enemy into blowing bridges over MAAS, WAAL and NEDERHINE prematurely.

(b) PHASE II

Divisions will continue the advance within their boundaries as follows -

- (i) Guards Arm'd Div passing through Airborne Troops at GRAVE, NEERBOSCH, NIJMEGEN and ARNHEM with tasks, first of making secure crossing over river WAAL in area NIJMEGEN and secondly, of dominating area incl ZUTPHEN 9595 - excl APELDOORN - incl HOENDERLOO 7394 - excl RENKUM.

- (ii) 11 Arm'd Div with tasks, first of securing crossings over R. MAAS, WAAL and NEDERHINE and secondly of dominating area incl RENKUM - incl OTTERLOO 6692 - incl DARNEVELD 5396 - incl ELST 4878.

The time at which this advance is ordered will depend on the timing of the airborne operation and will be notified by issue from this HQ of codeword 'ROCKET' followed by time.

10. Tasks 50 (N) Div.

50 (N) Div will advance by bounds on 11 Arm'd Div route and will be responsible for left flank protection of 30 Corps behind fighting troops of 11 Arm'd Div as may be directed from time to time.

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11. Airfields

- (a) 12 AGRE is in support of 30 Corps for recon and construction of airfields in the Corps area. Recon parties are attached to each Guards Arm and 11 Arm Divs.
- (b) Every effort will be made by formations within whose boundaries they lie to capture intact the following airfields -
- (i) EINDHOVEN 4317
 - (ii) GILZE RIJEN 0535
 - (iii) VOLKEL 5541
 - (iv) ARNHEM 7578
- (c) Information as to condition of captured airfields and as to areas suitable for construction of LGs will be forwarded to this HQ by fastest possible means and formations will take steps to secure this information as quickly as possible.

12. AA and RA

Separate instructions follow as Appendix "C" to this order as soon as possible.

ADM

13. Necessary adm instructions will be issued separately.

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14. (a) Main HQ 30 Corps will move on CLUB route immediately in rear of HQ Guards Arm Div.
- (b) HQ Guards Arm Div will move on CLUB route.
HQ 11 Arm Div will move on DIAMOND route.
HQ 50 (H) Div will move on DIAMOND route.

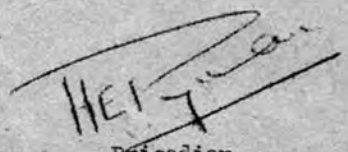
15. Allotment of Tentacles

As at present.

16. Place Codenames

Attached at Appendix "B" is a list of place codenames for use on this operation. These are supplementary to the list issued with 30 Corps Operation Instruction No. 22. A complete decode for both these lists is also attached.

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ENCODE

Place	Map Reference	Codename
AAIST	0957	GHURKA
ATTERDEN	8138	ARGUS
AMERONGEN	4480	SIKH
AMERSFOORT	3897	MALAYA
ANDELST	6269	HERO
APPEL	5000	BENOWN
ARNHEM	7678	BAHAM
ASPERDEN	8845	GLORIOUS
BARNEVELD	5495	VALIANT
BEERS	6849	NUBLAN
BENNEKOM	5879	ILLUSTRIOUS
BERGHEM	5054	SWAZI
BLAUWENHOEK	7035	REVENGE
BOEKEL	5836	ROYAL SOVEREIGN
BOXMEET	7640	LEANDER
BOXTEL	5335	MATABELE
CLEVE	8955	LADYBIRD
CULEMBORG	2775	TERROR
DENNENBURG	5458	AJAX
DISTELBERG	2643	INDOMITABLE
DONGEN	0740	JAVELIN
DREILBERGEN	3286	APHIS
EDE	5986	JARVIS
EETHEN	1452	RAMILLIES
ELST	7071	ANSON
ELTEN	9165	EREBUS
EMMERICH	9760	HOOD
ENSLJK	2768	CICADA
ERICHEM	3669	RODNEY
GELDERSCH-VEENENOAL	5184	QUEEN ELIZABETH
GELLIKUM	2267	BELLEROPHON
GEMERT	5830	IRON DUKE
GEMONDE	3238	EAGLE
GENNEP	7846	REPULSE
GOCH	9143	TEMPERAIRE
GORINCHEM	0963	IMPLACABLE
GRAFWEGEN	7652	CRICKET
GROESBEEK	7554	JUNO
HAARTEN	2462	ROBERTS
HAGESTEIN	2079	JANUS
HANDEL	6033	BEAGLE
HAPS	7045	KANDAHAR
HATERT	6758	FURIOUS
HEDEL	2953	RESOLUTION
HEEREWANDEN	4259	ROYAL OAK
HEESCH	4851	HERMES
HEESEIND	3851	ARK ROYAL
HEESWIJK	4342	CALEDON
HEIKANT	5726	CALYPSO
HELMOND	5523	CARADOS
HEULEN	7053	CERES
HEUSDEN	2052	DANAE
HOEK	5968	AURORA
HOLEVOET	4689	PENELOPE
HORSSEN	5364	NIZAM
HOUTEN	1384	NESTOR

Place	Map Reference	Codename
JANNENDORP	4796	PUNJABI
KAATSHEUVAL	1444	PHOEBE
KESSEL	8546	JACKAL
KESTEREN	5175	ASHANTI
KOMMERDIJK	7764	ECHO
KRANENBURG	8456	DIDO
LEERAM-KLEMOOSTERWIJK	1869	KELLY
LEXMOND	1477	ECLIPSE
LEUWEN	5068	BEDOUIN
LIESHOUT	5127	DIANA
LITHOIJAN	4557	DIOMEDE
MAARSBERGEN	4087	MAORI
MAURIK	4077	ELECTRA
MEHR	8458	LAFOREY
MIDDELBURGT	5182	DELIGHT
MILLINGEN	8464	TARTAR
MOLENSTRAT	2738	DAINTY
MOLENHEIDE	6545	ARETHUSA
MOULUNTEREN	5693	LIGHTNING
MULLEN	7837	SOMALI
NEDERASSELT	6355	GALATEA
NEERANDEL	1557	ACHATES
NIJMEGEN	7162	WARSPITE
NISTELRODE	4947	ACASTA
OEFFELT	7647	LOYAL
OIJEN	4661	DESPATCH
OISTERWIJK	2534	AFRIDI
OLLAND	3834	ORION
OOSTERHOUT	0243	SHARK
OOSTERHOUT	6866	LOOKOUT
OOSTERBEEK	6978	MOHAWK
OSS	4754	ACHILLES
OTTERLOO	6691	ANTELOPE
OUD-REEMIST	6884	SNAPPER
OVERLOON	7631	SALMON
RAAMSDONKVEER	0348	NARWHAL
RENKUM	6477	NEPTUNE
REEK	5852	SPEARFISH
RHENEN	5175	PORPOISE
RIPS	6829	SCARAB
SCHAARSBERGEN	7283	VINDICTIVE
SCHUNDEL	4138	DEFENDER
SON	4425	DECOY
ST. OEDENRODE	4231	GNAT
S. HERTOGENBOSCH	3246	DUNCAN
ST. ANTONIS	7138	MANTIS
TIEL	4268	KEITH
UDEN	5442	FAULKNER
UDENHOUT	2038	ARROW
VEGHTEL	4837	AMAZON
VELD-DREIL	3255	GRAMPUS
VIERBANNEN	0453	BEATTY
VILJEN	2747	YORK
VLEUT	3828	DRAGON
VUGHT	3243	JELICOE

ENCODE

Place	Map Reference	Codename
WAALWIJK	1547	EXETER
WADEHOIJEN	3867	VICTORIOUS
WAGENINGEN	5877	EFTINGHAM
WERKHOVER	2984	SHROPSHIRE
WESTERVOORT	7876	PARTHIAN
WEURD	6864	FROBISHER
WIJCHEN	6558	KENT
WIJKBELJ-DUURSTED	3578	CARDIFF
WOUDEBERG	4189	OBERON
WREESWIJK	1882	HAWKINS
ZALTBOMMEL	2960	GLOUCESTER
ZAND	7671	ODIN
ZEIST	2890	HERWICK
ZEELAND	5807	NORFOLK
ZEVENAAR	8571	CORNWALL
ZETTEN	6172	CUMBERLAND
ZOEIHOED	3375	FOXHOUND

DECODE

Codename	Map Reference	Place
ACASTA	4947	NISTELRODE
ACHATES	1557	NEERANDEL
ACHILLES	0754	OSS
AFRIDI	2534	OISTERWISK
AJAX	5458	DENNENBURG
ALDERNEY	3484	HECHTEL
AMAZON	4837	VEGHEL
ANDAMAN	1813	HOOGE-MIERDE
ANDES	9400	WECHELDERZANDE
ANGLESEY	5906	LILLO
ANTELOPE	6691	OTTERLOO
ANSON	7071	ELST
APHIS	3286	DREBERGEN
APENNINES	3016	VESSEM
ARGUS	8138	AFERDEN
ARETHUSA	6545	MOLENHEIDE
ARK ROYAL	3851	HEESEIND
ARROW	2038	UDENHOUT
ARRARAT	8583	VIERSEL
ASHANTI	5173	KESTEREN
ATLAS	3714	VELDEHOVEN
AURORA	5968	HOEK
AWE	0506	TURNHOUT
BAHREIN	4572	TESTELT
BAIKAL	6127	BERGEN OP ZOOM
BARHAM	7678	ARNHEM
BASS	0127	CHAAW
BASSETT	2788	KERKHOVEN
BEATTY	0453	VIERBANNEN
BEDUOIN	5068	LEUWEN
BERWICK	2890	ZIEST
BENAUDA	0797	CASTERLE
BENBECULA	2783	BOURG LEOPOLD
BEAGLE	6033	HANDEL
BELLEROPHON	2267	GELLIKUM
BRIONI	3010	DUIZEL
BUTTERMERE	7230	HULSDONK
CAIRNGORMS	8365	THILDONCK
CANARY	6620	HUGBERGEN
CALEDON	4342	HEESWIJK
CALYPSO	5726	HEIKANT
CARADOS	5523	HELMOND
CARDIFF	3578	WIJCKBIJ-DUURSTEDE
CARTER	8464	MILLINGEN
CAPRI	1797	DESSCHEL
CAMPSIES	2110	REUSEL
CERES	7053	HEIJEN
CEYLON	9537	BREDA
CHAD	9286	HERENTHOUT
CHILTERN	9105	OOSTMALLE
CICADA	2768	ENSPIJK
COMO	0631	GILZE
CORFU	4803	BORKEL
CORNWALL	8571	ZEMENAR
CORRIE	2189	BAELEN
CORSICA	7886	LIERRE
CONSTANCE	0137	DORST
COTSWOLD	2303	POSTEL
CRETE	7931	REUPHIN
CRICKET	7652	GRAFWEGEN
CUMBERLAND	6172	ZETTEN
CYPRUS	1599	LETHY
CYRA	1633	TILBURG

Co name	Map Ref	Place
DAINTY	2738	MOLENSTRAAT
DANAE	2052	HEUSDEN
DARTMOOR	7697	WYNEGHEM
DECOY	4425	SON
DEFENDER	4138	SCHUNDEL
DELIGHT	5182	MIDDELBURGT
DERVENT	2015	IAGEMTERDE
DESPATCH	4661	OLJEN
DIANA	5127	LIESHOUT
DIDO	8456	KRANENBURG
DIOMEDE	4557	LITHOLJAN
DRAGON	3828	VLEUT
DUNCAN	3246	S HERTOGENBOSCH
EAGLE	3238	GEMONDE
EARN	0396	LICHTAERT
ECHO	7764	KOMMERDIJK
ECLIPSE	1477	LECOMDE
EFFINGHAM	5877	WAGENINGEN
EGG	9669	AERSCHOT
ELBA	8282	KONIGSHOUGHT
ELECTRA	4077	MAURIK
EREBUS	9165	ELTEN
ERRIGAL	4527	YERSEKE
ERIE	9463	CORTRYCK DUTZEL
ETNA	0011	MERXPLAS
ETNA	2419	WISTELBEER
EVEREST	1791	MOLL
EXETER	1547	WAALWIJK
GALATEA	6355	NEDERASSELT
GARDA	8535	ELTEN
GHURKA	0957	AAIST
GLORIOUS	8845	ASPERDEN
GLOUCESTER	2960	ZALDOMMEL
GNAT	4231	ST OEDENRODE
GOZO	8796	PULDERBOACH
GRAMPANS	6120	WOENSDRECHT
GRAMPUS	3255	VELD-DEEIL
GREENLAND	1470	MESSELBRESK
GULFSEY	9535	GINNEKEN
HARRIS	4314	AAIST
HARTZ	8115	WUETWEZEL
HAWES	1485	MEERHOUT
HAWKINS	1882	WREESWIJK
HELENA	3575	HELCHTEREN
HELGOLAND	3095	LOMMEL
HERMES	4351	HEESCH
HERO	6269	ANDELST
HOOD	9760	EMMERICH
HURON	7315	CALMPHOUT
HONOLULU	9474	BEGGYNENDYCK
FARCES	3326	NAASTURBERT
FALKNER	5442	UDEN
FIFE	8122	ACHTMAAL
FOXHOUND	3375	ZOEIMOND
FOYLE	1929	HILBARENBEKE
FROBISHER	6864	WEURD
FURIOUS	6758	HATERT
FYNE	0536	RIJEN
ICELAND	7275	MECHLIN
IRELAND	3505	BERGEYK
IRON DUKE	5030	GEMERT
ILLUSTRIOUS	5872	BENNEKOM
IMPLACABLE	0263	GORTINCHAM
INDOMITABLE	2643	DISTELBERG

Codename	Map Referenc	Place
JACKAL	8546	KESSEL
JAMAICA	1528	GOIRLE
JANUS	2079	HAGESTEIN
JARVIS	5986	EDE
JAVELIN	0740	DONGEN
JELICOE	3243	VUGHT
JERSEY	7325	ESSCHEN
JUMNOS	4088	PETIT-BROGEL
JUNO	7554	GROESBEEK
JURA	8277	PUTTE
KANDAHAR	7045	HAPS
KANINE	4218	EINDHOVEN
KETH	4268	TEL
KELLY	1869	LEERAM-KLEMOOSTRWIJK
KENT	6358	WIJCHEN
KENYA	4231	WELDELINGE
LADOGA	2711	HAPERT
LAFOREY	8458	MEHR
LADYBIRD	8955	CLEVE
LEANDER	7640	BOXLEET
LEWIS	7516	ACHTERBROCK
LEVEN	7269	DIEST
LIGHTNING	5693	MOULUNTEREN
LOMOND	2224	DIESSEN
LONG	7893	RANST
LOOKOUT	6866	OOSTERHOUT
LOYAL	7647	OEFFELF
LUNDY	7926	SCHIJF
MADAGASCAR	2475	BERRINGEN
MADEIRA	8928	RIJSEBERGEN
MALTA	6316	OSSENDRECHT
MAN	8578	BEERSEL
MALAYA	3897	AMERSFOORT
MANTIS	7138	ST. ANTONIS
MATTERHORN	3901	ZOERSEL
MATABELE	3335	BOXTEL
MAY	2511	BLADEL
MAORI	4087	MAARSEBERGEN
MICHIGAN	8410	BRECHT
MILLO	7099	MERGEM
MOHAWK	6978	OOSTERBEEK
MONT BLANC	9986	OOLEM
MORAR	2430	MOERGESTEL
MORDANT	3225	OLRSCHOT
MUCK	6211	BERENDRECHT
MULL	7474	BRASSCHAEL
MOURNE	8605	WEST MALLO
NARWHAL	0548	RAAMSDONKVEER
NEPTUNE	6477	RENKUM
NESTOR	1384	HOUTEN
NESSL	0888	GEHEEL
NEWFOUNDLAND	9215	HOOGSTRAETEM
NEVIS	0625	ALPHEN
NILGIRI	9165	WESEMAEL
NIZAM	5364	HORSEN
NORFOLK	5807	ZEELAND
NUBIAN	6849	BEERS

Code name	Map Reference	Place
OBERON	4189	WOUDENBERG
OCILLES	1577	TESSENDERLOO
ODIN	7671	ZAND
OLIVES	6730	WOUW
ORKNEYS	7067	CONTICH
ORION	3834	OLLAND
PANTELLARIA	6906	CAFFELLEN
PARTHIAN	7876	WESTERVOORT
PATMOS	9220	MEER
PENELOPE	4689	HOLEVOET
PERIN	8098	SCHILDE
PENNINES	3318	WINEELRE
PHOEBE	1444	KAATSHEUVAL
PINCOON	7331	ROOSENDAL
PITCAIRN	4822	KRABBEENDIJKE
PORPOISE	5175	RHENEN
PUNJABI	4796	JANHOEDORP
PYGMEES	4208	VALKERSWAARD
QUEEN ELIZABETH	5184	GELDERECH- VEENENOAL
RAILLIES	1452	EETHEN
REPULSE	7846	GENIEP
RESOLUTION	2953	HIEDEL
RENOWN	5000	APPEL
REVENGE	7035	BLAUWEINHEK
ROBERTS	2462	HAARTEN
RHODES	2226	BREST
RODNEY	3669	ERICHEM
ROCKIES	6684	WILMARSDONEK
ROYAL OAK	4259	HEEREWARDEN
ROYAL SOVEREIGN	5836	BOEKEL
RUM	4297	ACHEL
RYDAL	9798	LILLE
SAILION	7631	OVERLOON
SAMOS	3895	NEERPELT
SARK	9292	HERENTHALS
SARDINIA	8658	LOUVAIN
SCARAB	6829	RIPS
SHETLAND	7383	DUFFLE
SHARK	0243	OOSTERHOUT
SHIEL	1320	POPPEZ
SHROPSHIRE	2984	WERKHOUER
SIKH	4480	AMERONCEM
SINAI	0380	WESTERLOO
SKY	4023	ACHT
SNAPPER	6884	OUD-REEMIST
SNOWDON	1870	MEIDERT
SOCOTRA	3201	LUKSGESTEL
SOLOMON	0833	HULTEN
SOMALI	7837	MULLEM
SPEARFISH	5852	REEK
STEWART	0076	HERSSELT
STRAUGFORD	8561	HEKENT
SUPERIOR	7327	BORTELDOEK
SWAZI	5054	BERGHEM
SWILLY	5931	HALSTEREN

CODENAME	MAP REFERENCE	CODENAME
TABLE	8625	ZURDERT
TARBERI	8233	ST WILLEBRORD
TASMANIA	7869	BOORT MEERBECK
TEMERAIRE	9143	GOCH
TERROR	2775	CULEMBORG
THIRLMERE	7608	MARIA-TER-HEIDE
TOBIGO	3586	EXEL
TRINIDAD	9928	DASSEMIS
ULLSWATER	8272	KEERBERGEN
VALIANT	5495	BERNEVELD
VESUVIUS	0916	WEELDE
VICTORIA	6319	HOOGHEHEIDE
VICTORIOUS	3867	WADEHOLJEN
VINDICTIVE	7283	SCHAARSBERGEN
VOSGES	7634	ZEGGE
WAKE	1506	ARENDONCK
WARSPITE	7162	NIJMEGEN
WHITE	6795	ANTWERP
WINDERMERE	2815	HOCCELCON
YORK	2747	VLIJMEN

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All Addressees 30 Corps Operation Instruction No. 23

Reference 30 Corps Operation Instruction No. 23.

1. Attached are Appendices 'A' & 'C' to this Instruction.
2. Further information is now available as to the intentions of XIX US Corps -

XIX US Corps is advancing on the right of 30 Corps with 113 Cav leading, followed by 2 US Arm'd Div and then by 30 and 79 Inf Divs.

By this evening Cavalry Group had reached JODOIGNE 9840 and leading armour of 2 US Arm'd Div had reached area NIVELLES 5828.

b. Hyslop, Balpin
26/6/44
Brigadier,
General Staff.

1. Attached for Guards Armd Div, 11 Armd Div, CSO (pass to DA & QMG) and CCRA (pass to CE) is a copy of HQ Airborne Troops Operation Instruction No. 1.

2. Airborne Troops taking part in Operation

Airborne Corps HQ
1 Airborne Div
52 (L) Div. (Airportable)
1 Polish Para Bde
2 Airlanding LAA Bty
878 Airborne Aviation Engineer Bn (US Army)
AFDAG

3. The intention of Airborne Corps is to seize and hold the bridges -

- (a) Over the MAAS at GRAVE.
- (b) Over the WAAL at NIJMEGEN.
- (c) Over the NEDEWINE at ARNHEM.

4. Command

On landing Airborne Corps comes under command 30 Corps. After the ARNHEM bridgehead has been secured 52 (L) Div comes under command 30 Corps while remainder Airborne Corps passes to command Second Army.

5. Plan

- (a) 080430B.

Three coup-de-main parties, each consisting of six Horsa gliders (one Coy) of Airlanding Bde, crashland in immediate vicinity of and capture bridges at GRAVE, NIJMEGEN, ARNHEM.

- (b) 080800B - 080930B (First lift)

- (i) 1 Para Bde land in area NORTH of ARNHEM, and take over responsibility for ARNHEM bridge from coup-de-main party.
- (ii) 4 Para Bde land in area NW of GRAVE and take over responsibility for the bridge there from coup-de-main party.
- (iii) 1 Airlanding Bde land in area SE of NIJMEGEN, seize NIJMEGEN and secure in order of priority -

Road bridge
Pontoon bridge
Railway bridge

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(c) 081745B to 081900B (Second Lift)

- (i) Polish Para Bde drop in vicinity of GRAVE and will relieve 4 Para Bde there. 4 Para Bde will then concentrate in area 6860.

- (ii) Essential parts HQ Airborne Corps.

(d) Either evening 8 Sep or morning 9 Sep

Remainder of 1 Airborne Div - portions at each L Z.

(e) During 9 Sep

878 Airborne Aviation Engineer Bn
AFDAG

(f) Beginning 10 Sep and lasting to 12 Sep

52 (L) Div (by glider - on LG to be selected and prepared)

6. Seaborne tail 1 Airborne Div, 1 Polish Para Bde and Airborne Corps arrive 30 Corps area 8 Sep and will be moved forward under orders Rear HQ 30 Corps.

Seaborne tail 52 (L) Div arrives 30 Corps area 10 Sep.

7. RA

(a) FD Arty

(i) First Lift.

1 and 3 Btys of Lt Regt RA with one Bty in support each 1 Airlanding Bde and 4 Para Bde arrives.

(ii) Second Lift

2 Bty Lt Regt RA arrives gun area for Lt Regt 7259.

(b) A Tk.

(i) First Lift

1 A Tk Bty.

(ii) Second Lift

2 A Tk Bty.

8. Recognition

All troops of 30 Corps who might come into contact with Airborne Forces will be made aware of following recognition arrangements -

(a) Personnel

Airborne Troops including Glider Pilots will wear normal airborne troops clothing according to their nationality.

US Airborne Troops will wear US steel helmets.

British and Polish Airborne Troops will initially wear British airborne type steel helmets, but may subsequently wear maroon and grey berets respectively.

British troops landed by transport aircraft will wear normal British Army type steel helmets, or khaki berets.

Friendly Belgian or French civilians enrolled for labour through the Belgian Mission attached to HQ British Airborne Corps, will wear BLUE and WHITE armbands as worn by British despatch riders.

(b) Ground to Air

Yellow smoke or flares will be used.

It should be noted by airforces that until contact is made between ground forces the only vehicles landed by air will, with the exception of a few light tractors, 15-cwt trucks, and Bren gun carriers, be motor cycles, jeeps and trailers. Jeeps and 15-cwt trucks will be marked by the standard five-pointed star. Captured enemy and requisitioned civil vehicles may however also be used by the Airborne Troops. These vehicles will be marked by celanese triangles or fluorescent panels on the surface so as to be clearly visible from the air.

(c) Ground to Ground

British and Polish troops - yellow celanese triangles.

American troops - fluorescent panels.

(d) Passwords

As follows -

	<u>Challenge</u>	<u>Reply</u>
H hour till 2359 hrs D day	"RED"	"BERET"
2359 hrs D day till 2359 hrs D + 1	"UNCLE"	"SAM"
2359 hrs D + 1 to 2359 hrs D + 2	"CARRIER"	"PIGEON"
2359 hrs D + 2 to 2359 hrs D + 3	"AIR"	"BORNE"
2359 hrs D + 3 to 2359 hrs D + 4	"ROBERT"	"BURNS"
2359 hrs D + 4 to 2359 hrs D + 5	"TROOP"	"CARRIER"

9. Intercomm

- (a) HQ Airborne Corps will land by glider in the second lift near KNAPHEIDE 7575 moving thence to area MISSIEHUIS ST ANNA 7060.

HQ 1 Airborne Div lands by glider with first lift at KNAPHEIDE 7575 and moves thence to EAST of bridge over MAAS WAAL on axis GRAVE - NIJMEGEN.

- (b) On landing 1 Airborne Div will have wireless links with 30 Corps, Second Army and to Guards Arm'd Div.

When Airborne Corps arrives it will have communications to 1 Airborne Div, 1 Polish Para Bde, 30 Corps, Second Army - direct communications from 1 Airborne Div to 30 Corps and Second Army will cease.

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Appendix "C" to
30 Corps Operation
Instruction No.23
of 6 Sep 44

AA and RA

1. From 080001B till first light 8 Sep and thereafter during hours of daylight until further orders, there will be NO AA fire whatsoever NORTH of line GHENT - ANTWERP - DUSSELDORF.
2. The following areas will be LAZ by night from 072100B (with exception of period 08001B to first light 8 Sep and thereafter as may be notified - it is possible that supply dropping for airborne forces may take place at night) -

ZALTBOMMEL
NIJMEGEN
ARNHEM
GRAVE

The extent of LAZ is a radius of 7 miles from these places and up to a height of 16,000 feet.

3. 11 Armd Div will be responsible for AA defence of ZALTBOMMEL and Gds Armd Div for AA defence of GRAVE, NIJMEGEN and ARNHEM. This responsibility will be taken over as soon as possible by 100 AA Bde.
4. Units carrying out AA defence on MAAS and WAAL will site guns in such a way as to be able to engage and destroy enemy surface craft which may be operating on these rivers. It is anticipated that river gun-boats and possibly destroyers may take offensive action against our tps while crossing.

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AMENDMENT No. 1
to
30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 23

Amendments to 30 Corps Operation Instruction No. 23 will be made as follows -

Para 6 - DELETE and SUBSTITUTE -

"30 Corps will advance Guards Armd Div right, 50 (N) Div left. 11 Armd Div will move forward behind Guards Armd Div or 50 (N) Div as may be decided at the time."

Para 7(a) - DELETE and SUBSTITUTE -

"Between Guards Armd Div and 50 (N) Div

Incl 50 (N) Div main rd MECHELIN - GHEEL
0889 - thence all incl Guards Armd Div
ARENDONK 1606 - EINDHOVEN 4318 - ST ODERODE
4332 - NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM - APELDOORN."

Para 8 - DELETE and SUBSTITUTE -

"Main Axes of Formations are as follows

(a) Guards Armd Div - CLUB

BRUSSELS - LOUVAIN - DIEST 1169
- BEERINGEN 2475 - HELCHTEREN
3575 - EINDHOVEN - ST ODERODE -
NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM - APELDOORN.

(b) 50 (N) Div - DIAMOND

MECHELIN - GHEEL 0889 - TURNHOUT
0506 - TILBURG 1632 - HERTOGENBOSCH
3246 - ZALTDONK 2961 - TIEL 4268 -
RENKUM 5876 - EDE 5886.

Guards Armd Div and 50 (N) Div are initially responsible for the appropriate signing of these routes."

Para 9 -

For "11 Armd Div" read "50 (N) Div" throughout.

Para 10 - DELETE and SUBSTITUTE -

"Tasks 11 Armd Div

11 Armd Div will be prepared to advance behind either Guards Armd Div or 50 (N) Div according to the tactical situation. The more Easterly route at present seems the more likely."

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Brigadier,
General Staff.

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AMENDMENT No.2
to
30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.23

The following amendment will be made to Appendix "A" to 30 Corps Operation Instruction No.23.

Para 9 - Delete sub para "(a)" and substitute -

" HQ Airborne Corps lands by glider near
KNAPHEIDE 7452 and moves to HATERT 6858.

HQ 1 Airborne Div lands by glider with
first lift at KNAPHEIDE and moves thence to
MISSEHUIS ST ANNA 7060".

L. S. [Signature]
Brigadier,
General Staff.

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30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 24Operation "GARDEN"INFORMATION1. General

The object of Second Army (with Airborne Forces under command) is to position itself astride rivers MAAS, WAAL and NEDERRIJN in the general area GRAVE 6253 - NIJMEGEN 7062 - ARNHEM and to dominate the country to the NORTH as far as the ZUYDER ZEE, thereby cutting off communications between GERMANY and the LOW COUNTRIES.

The codename for operations of ground troops is "GARDEN".

The codename for operations of airborne troops is "MARKET".

2. Enemy

- (a) The total German force, including both remnants of formations now quitting FRANCE and FLANDERS and reinforcements coming from GERMANY and satellites, is quite inadequate to offer prolonged resistance along any line.
- (b) On the Corps front, however, the enemy is capable of reinforcing considerably the troops now in contact.

These reinforcements should consist of -

- (i) The equivalent of one division of infantry minus heavy equipment, being battle groups formed from 15 Army escaping via FLUSHING.
- (ii) Large numbers of heavy AA guns (with crews ill-trained in anti-tank defence) from HOLLAND and the RUHR.

It is estimated that enough is available for every major nodal and water crossing to be allotted a troop of six 88 mm.

- (c) Armoured reserves of more than squadron size are most unlikely to appear on the Corps front.

/3. Time.....

3. Time

ZONE 'A' time comes into force 0300 hours 17 Sep 44. All times in this Instruction are ZONE 'A' unless otherwise stated. (1200 hours GMT = 1300 A hours = 1400 E hours).

4. Own Troops

(a) XIX US Corps

XIX US Corps is continuing with present operations directed on COLOGNE via AIX-LA-CHAPELLE.

(b) 8 Corps

- (i) 8 Corps with 3 Dr Division under command is now moving up on the right of 30 Corps.

- (ii) At 1200 E hours 16 Sep, 11 Armd Division (less 15/19 H) and Inns of Court pass to command 8 Corps. From this time boundary between 8 Corps and 30 Corps will be as follows -

All incl 8 Corps - rd and rly crossing 367837 - thence line of rly to rd and rly crossing 420011 - rd junc 432029 - cross-rds 480080 - cross-rds 499117 - rd junc 524183 - rd junc 517261.

NB. 30 Corps to have running rights over rd LEENDE 4808 - cross-rds 499117.

- (iii) 8 Corps tasks are -

To protect the right flank and rear of 30 Corps. When 30 Corps advances, progressively to relieve 30 Corps of responsibility for right flank protection. This is being accomplished first by capturing WEERT 5897 and SOERENDONK 4902 and subsequently extending as far NORTH as HELMOND 5522.

(c) 12 Corps

- (i) 12 Corps consisting of 7 Armd Div, 4 Armd Bde, 15 (S) Div, 53 (W) Div is continuing to operate on the left flank of 30 Corps.

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(c)

- (ii) The boundary between 30 Corps and 12 Corps is as follows - (subject to agreement with 12 Corps and confirmation by HQ Second Army) -

All incl 12 Corps - cross-rds 094727
- rd junc 112795 - MEERHOUT 1484 -
MOLL 1790 - WESTERHOVEN 3706 -
MEERVELDHoven 3815 - rd junc 409229
- OLLAND 3834 - NISTELRODE 5047.

- (iii) The tasks of 12 Corps are -

Progressively to relieve 30 Corps of responsibility for left flank protection by capturing initially RETHY 1599, ARENDONCK 1505 and TURNHOUT 0606. Subsequently 12 Corps is to advance to R. MAAS and possibly beyond.

(d) Airborne Troops

- (i) 1 Br Airborne Division (with Polish Para Bde) and 82 US Airborne Division are operating under British Airborne Corps. Their tasks are respectively -

To capture intact bridges over NEDERRIJN and dominate the surrounding country.

To capture intact the bridges over R. MAAS and R. WAAL in areas GRAVE and NIJMEGEN and to dominate the intervening country.

- (ii) 101 US Airborne Division is being dropped under arrangements of British Airborne Corps in the area from excl GRAVE to incl EINDHOVEN in accordance with requirements of 30 Corps. The task of 101 US Airborne Division, which comes under command 30 Corps on landing, is to facilitate the advance of 30 Corps as far as R. MAAS.
- (iii) Details of plan for airborne troops is at Appendix 'D' (to follow as soon as possible).

INTENTION

5. 30 Corps will advance when ordered at maximum speed and secure the area incl NUNSPEET 6621 to excl ARNHEM.

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6. Grouping

Additional troops under command of formations are as follows -

(a) Guards Arm'd Division

(i) Under command

84 Med Regt RA
198/73 A Tk Bty RA
Det 4 Svy Regt RA
11 Fd Coy RE
Part 128 Bridge Coy
Recco Parties 16 Airfield Constr Gp
Recco Parties 5357 Airfield Constr Wing

(ii) Under command for movement

Elt's 100 AA Bde (A/MTD role on
R. WAAL)
Recco Party 100 AA Bde.

(b) 43 Division

(i) Under command

8 Arm'd Bde less one Arm'd Regt
147 Fd Regt RA (less one Bty)
One Pl 210 Fd Coy RE
64 Med Regt RA
419/52 Hy Bty RA
Bty 4 Svy Regt RA

(ii) Under command for movement

HQ 128 Bridge Coy & part Br Coln
30 Corps Tps RE (less 11 Fd Coy RE &
one Pl 210 Fd Coy RE)
7 Army Tps RE
23 Mech Sqd Pl
Elt's 16 Airfield Constr Gp
Elt's 5357 Airfield Constr Wing

(c) 50 (N) Div

Under command

86 Fd Regt RA (less two btys)
7 Med Regt RA
Bty 4 Svy Regt RA

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(d) 101 US Airborne Division

- (i) 15/19 H, with under command one Sqn Royals and one Bty 86 Fd Regt RA, come under command 506 RCT on arrival in EINDHOVEN area.
- (ii) One Arm'd Regt 8 Arm'd Bde, with under command one Sqn Royals and one Bty 147 Fd Regt RA, come under command 501 RCT on arrival in WEGHEL area.

Det 27 LAA Regt is under command of this Regt for movement.

(e) 82 US Airborne Division

Staffs Yoo, with under command one Sqn Royals and one Bty 86 Fd Regt RA, in support of 82 US Airborne Division on arrival in area GRAVE.

Det 27 LAA Regt is under command Staffs Yoo for movement.

7. Order of March

30 Corps is advancing with one division up in the following general order -

Guards Arm'd Division
43 Inf Division
50 (N) Division

Detailed Order of March together with a forecast of timings for advance are being issued separately.

8. Axis of Advance

30 Corps will advance on one Main Axis and, for a part of the way, on a Subsidiary Axis which will however only be used by fighting troops -

(a) Main Axis - DIAMOND.

HECHTEL 3483 - bridge 3596 - EINDHOVEN
4218 - rd junc 421196 - ST OEDENRODE
4232 - cross-rds 580510 - rd junc 613520
- GRAVE 6153 - NIJMEGEN 7062 - cross-rds
718692 - ARNHEM 7477 - TERLET 7686 -
- APELDOORN 7803 - EPE 8018 - NUNSPEET
6621.

(b) Subsidiary Axis - HEIJT. (to be used by fighting troops only)

Main Axis to bridge 3596 - VALKENSWAARD
4108 - LEEENDE 4808 - GELDROF 4816 - NUNEN
4822 - bridge 5427 - GEMERT 5730 - VOLKEL
5640 - cross-rds 640457 - rd junc 617485 -
rd junc 613520 - thence along Main Axis.

/These routes.....

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These routes will be marked under arrangements to be made by APM 30 Corps.

If for any reason any portion of DIAMOND is temporarily unusable it may be necessary to switch traffic on to HEART route. Equally HEART route may prove to be unusable in which case all traffic will have to move on DIAMOND.

9. Movement and Traffic Control

30 Corps will be advancing on one main axis; the subsidiary axis will NOT avoid bottle-necks and thus does NOT give a complete second route. This means that a column of approximately 18,000 vehicles or more must pass certain bottle-necks.

It must be impressed on all ranks that the success of this operation depends largely on speed of advance; this can only be achieved by efficient movement control organisation and strict adherence to rules of traffic discipline. All ranks MUST co-operate intelligently.

Detailed instructions with regard to movement control and movements organisation will be issued separately.

10. Tasks of Formations

(a) Guards Arm'd Division.

Guards Arm'd Division will advance at 'Z' hour at maximum speed to area ARNHEM and by-passing APELDOORN will dominate the area from incl NUNSPEET to excl APELDOORN.

Should bridges at GRAVE, NIJMEGEN or ARNHEM have been destroyed, Guards Arm'd Division will fan out to the flanks on the SOUTH bank of the river and, in conjunction with Airborne Troops in the area take all appropriate action to facilitate the task of 43 Division to carry out bridging operations. This will include securing the flanks of the proposed bridge site and, if possible, the securing of a small bridgehead.

(b) 15/19 H Group

15/19 H Group will advance to area EINDHOVEN and there come under operational command of 506 RCT with a view to helping to keep clear 30 Corps main axis of advance in the EINDHOVEN area.

(c) Regt'l Group 8 Arm'd Bde

Regt'l Group 8 Arm'd Bde will advance to area WHEGEL and there come under operational command 501 RCT with a view to helping to keep clear 30 Corps main axis of advance in the WHEGEL area.

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(d) Staffs Yeo Group

Staffs Yeo Group will -

- (i) Advance to area GRAVE and there be in support of troops of 82 US Airborne Division with a view to assisting that division to keep clear 30 Corps main axis of advance in the GRAVE area.
- (ii) Be prepared to take part in major river crossing operation under command 43 Division.

(e) 43 Division

43 Division will -

- (i) Advance, when ordered, at maximum speed and secure area from incl. APELDOORN due SOUTH along high ground to a point of junction with 1 Br Airborne Division in the area NORTH of ARNHEM.
- (ii) Send dets to secure crossings over R. IJssel at DEVENTER 9107 and ZUTPHEN 9494.
- (iii) Should bridges over either R's MAAS, WAAL or NEDERRIJN have been destroyed, be prepared to carry out an assault crossing and bridging operation.

(f) 50 (N) Division

50 (N) Division will -

- (i) Send detachment to secure a crossing over R. IJssel at DOESBURG 9081.
- (ii) Advance when ordered and secure high ground to the NORTH of ARNHEM, relieving 43 Division of part of their responsibility and keeping contact with Northern troops of 1 Br Airborne Division.
- (iii) Be at all times available as a Corps Reserve.

(g) 101 US Airborne Division

Details of missions which have been assigned to 101 US Airborne Division on landing are given at Appendix 'D'.

/11. Timings.....

11. Timings

- (a) 'D' day is the day on which operations 'MARKET' and 'GARDEN' begin.
- (b) 'H' hour is the time at which troops taking part in operation 'MARKET' first drop.

'H' hour has been fixed provisionally for 1300 A hours 17 Sep. This will be confirmed.

Postponements will be for periods of 24 hours.

- (c) 'Z' hour is the time at which leading troops taking part in operation 'GARDEN' will advance. 'Z' hour is likely to be the same as 'H' hour and will in any case not be earlier. The exact time of 'Z' hour will be notified later.
- (d) In the movement instruction all estimated times for serials to pass SP will be in terms of 'Z' plus so many hours.

12. Air Support

(a) Close Support

While the normal machinery for close support will be available to formations, it is likely that the primary task of 83 Group RAF will be the support of the Airborne Force.

(b) Bomblines

Pre-arranged bomblines covering the DZs of Airborne Troops will be notified as soon as possible.

At all times the bomblines will however be subject to change in the usual manner as a result of the notification of positions of forward troops by tentacles.

(c) Allotment of Tentacles

Subject to confirmation, the following allotment will be completed before 'D' day :-

HQ 30 Corps	- 1
Guards Arm'd Division	- 2
43 Division	- 2
50 (N) Division	- 1

One contact car will be allotted to Guards Arm'd Division.

A Forward Control Post will be attached to HQ 30 Corps and will monitor all ASSU nets including the tentacles with the Airborne Forces, so that if calls for support by the Airborne Corps endanger own troops a veto can immediately be imposed.

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(d) Ground to Air Recognition

Operation 'MARKET' will create a ground situation which will call for the maximum employment of all aids to recognition.

- (i) Corise fluorescent panels will be used wherever available during periods of rapid advance. Their use may be suspended at the discretion of Commanders but only if the tactical situation demands suspension.
- (ii) Yellow smoke generators will be carried so as to be immediately available.
- (iii) Full use will be made of MANN DEACON lamps as indicated in 273/G of 14 Sep 44.

13. AA.

- (a) AA defence of bridges at DEERINGEN is being provided from Second Army resources w.e.f. 1200 hours 16 Sep.
- (b) 100 AA Bde (with under operational control 27 LAA Regt less one troop) will provide AA defence as follows -

(i) Bridges over ESCAUT Canal 3596.

LAA defence with radar already established will be continued.

(ii) Bridges at DREUGHEL 4426 and VEGHEL 4837.

LAA defence will be provided as soon as possible. Dets 27 LAA Regt for this purpose are moving under command of Regt of 8 Armd Bde.

(iii) Bridges at GRAVE and NIJMEGEN

HAA and LAA defence with radar and S/Ls will be provided by last light 'D' plus 1.

Det 27 LAA Regt for GRAVE is moving under command Staffs Yoo.

Det 100 AA Bde for Anti MTB (or other river craft) is being moved forward under command Guards Armd Division for NIJMEGEN. This will be got into action at the earliest moment.

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(b)

(iv) Bridge at ARNHEM

IAA defence with radar will be provided by last light 'D' plus 2.

AA defence at ARNHEM during night 'D' plus 1/'D' plus 2 will be provided by Guards Arm'd Division.

(c) Restrictions on AA Fire.

(i) Beginning on 'D' Day and continuing until further orders there will be a HOLDFIRE on all AA fire during daylight.

(ii) Subject to sub-para (i) the restrictions on AA fire now in force will continue.

14. RE.

(a) Airfields

The airfields at VOLKEL 5640 and EINDHOVEN 4218 are urgently required by RAF and should if possible be captured and secured. Early reports are required on their condition.

(b) Bridging

(i) Sufficient bridging eqpt is being brought up to provide crossings over the canals up to incl R. MAAS initially and to provide ferries for the R's. WAAL and NEDERRIJN.

(ii) Eqpt for bridging over R. WAAL and NEDERRIJN will be made available by refilling bridging columns.

(iii) CE 30 Corps will control all bridging operations and for this purpose all or part of 43 and 50 (N) Divisions' RE may be placed under command CE 30 Corps.

(iv) The following scale of bridging will be provided should existing bridges have been destroyed.-

R. MAAS - Three Close Support Rafts
Three Class 40 Bailey Rafts
One Class 9 FBE
One Class 40 Bailey Pontoon Bridge
One Class 40 Bailey Bridge on
Barges (at first single track
and later double track)

/MAAS - WAAL Canal....

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(b)

(iv)

MAAS - WAAL canal - Three Close Support Rafts
One Class 9 FHE Bridge
Two Class 40 Bailey Pontoon Rafts?
One Class 40 Bailey Pontoon Bridge later.

R. WAAL - Seven Close Support Rafts
Nine Class 40 Bailey Pontoon Rafts
One Class 40 Bailey Pontoon Bridge
One Class 40 Bailey Bridge on Barges
(at first single and later double track)

R. NEDERRIJN - As for R. WAAL

Crossing places for DUKWS and DDS will be constructed early on all obstacles.

ADM

15. Necessary adm instructions will be issued separately.

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16. Location of HQs

(a) GOC's 30 Corps ~~Recco~~ moves immediately in rear of HQ Guards Arm'd Division.

(b) Main HQ 30 Corps moves immediately behind Staffs Yeo Group as far as GRAVE and thereafter in rear of Guards Arm'd Division.

17. Place Codenames

Attached at Appendix "A" is a list of place codenames for use in Operation 'GARDEN'. These place codenames come into force 1200 A hours 'D' Day at which time all previous place codenames are cancelled.

A supplementary list of place codenames will be issued for distribution not below Bde HQ, to be taken into use if the list at Appendix "A" becomes compromised. This supplementary list will be taken into use and the present list cancelled on receipt of codeword "BRAKESPEARE".....A hours.

18. Communications with Airborne Troops.

- (a) Details of communications with Airborne Troops are being issued by CSO 30 Corps.
- (b) At present, while Airborne Corps is in UK there are two duplicate nets in use viz, 30 Corps - Second Army - Airborne Corps.
- (c) When Airborne Corps HQ lands there will be two nets -
 - (i) 30 Corps - 101 US Airborne Division - Airborne Corps - Second Army.
 - (ii) 30 Corps - Airborne Corps - Second Army.
- (d) 101 US Airborne Division is providing a set to work from HQ 30 Corps on the Div Guard wave of each airborne division in turn.

19. Liaison.

- (a) 101 US Airborne Division is providing five contact sets to work between elts 101 US Airborne Division and forward troops Guards Arm'd Division.
- (b) Guards Arm'd Division will find following LOs -
 - (i) LO with W/T set to HQ 101 US Airborne Division as early as possible on landing. This LO will remain with 101 US Airborne Division at least until relieved by LO from HQ 30 Corps.
 - (ii) Thereafter, as soon as their zone is entered, LO with W/T set to 82 US Airborne Division and 1 Br Airborne Division. This LO to remain with the divisions concerned during the passage of Guards Arm'd Division through their zone of action.
- (c) 43 Division and 50 (N) Division will each send LO with W/T set to remain with Airborne Division concerned during the time their division is in that zone of action.
- (d) HQ 30 Corps will send LO with W/T set at the earliest moment to HQ 101 US Airborne Division and to HQ British Airborne Corps. These LOs will remain with formations concerned until recalled.
- (e) 15/19 H will send LO with W/T set as early as possible to 506 RCT.

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(f) Regt 8 Armd Bde will send LO with W/T set as early as possible to 501 RCT.

(g) Staffs Yeo will send LO with W/T set as early as possible to HQ 82 US Airborne Division.

20. ACKNOWLEDGE.

H.E. 1400
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General Staff.

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101 US Airborne Div	10	
8 Armd Bde	11 - 12	(please pass 1 copy personally to OC Regt selected for task at WECHEN)
Staffs Yeo	13	(AQM Rear 30 Corps please pass personally to OC Staffs Yeo on arrival in area)
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PLACE CODE NAMES

<u>ENCODE</u>		
Place	Map Reference	Codename
AALST	E 4313	PUCK
ACHEL	K 4297	TITANIA
AMERSFOORT	E 3997	OLIVIA
APELDORP	Z 7803	PISTOL
ARNHEM	E 7577	MALVOLIO
ASTEN	E 6113	MACBETH
BARNEVELD	E 5395	CALIBAN
BECK	E 5427	PROSPERO
BENNEKOM	E 5880	FAUST
BEST	E 3726	DUNCAN
BLIJSTEREN	Z 5509	GOING
BLADEL	E 2410	PORTIA
BOKTEL	E 3902	HAMLET
BOOMER	E 7640	MACDUFF
BOXTEL	E 3235	DESDEMONA
DUDEL	K 4999	OTHELLO
CLEVE	E 9055	IAGO
DEURNE	E 6420	CORDELLA
DEVENTER	Z 9207	GONERIL
DIEREN	E 3885	LEAR
DOESBURG	E 9081	OPHELIA
EDE	E 5885	JULIA
EBBEEK	E 8591	MIRANDA
EBSEL	E 3109	ANTONIO
EINDHOVEN	E 4317	BRUTUS
ELST	E 7070	TIMON
ELTEN	E 9165	PERICLES
ELSPEET	Z 6712	DOTCOM
EMERICH	E 9760	POLONIUS
EPE	Z 8110	ROMEO
GELDROP	E 4816	JULIET
GEMERT	E 5730	CAPULET
GENNEP	E 7746	MONTAGUE
GOISSEL	Z 9501	MERCUTIO
GRAVE	E 6253	TYBALT
HAMONT	K 4797	HORATIO
HARDERWIJK	Z 5618	LAERTES
HATTEM	Z 3632	ROSENCRANTZ
HEESCH	E 4851	GUILDENSTERN
HEIDE	Z 8422	BLANCA
HEEZE	E 4911	REGAN
HEIJEN	E 7843	OSWALD
HEUMEN	E 7153	BARBUC
HELMOND	E 5522	PORTINBRAS
HOENDERLOO	E 7293	STWARD
HOEK	E 5967	MALCOLM
KOOTWIJK	Z 6500	GREGORY
KRANENDIJK	E 8156	ABRAHAM
LEENDE	E 4800	EMILIA
LISCHUT	E 5126	HECATE
LILLE ST HUBERT	K 4294	OWEN
LOENEN	E 8292	MALTHASAR
LUYKSGESTEL	E 3101	RODERIGO

ENCODE

Place	Map Referenced	Codename
MAARHEEZE	E 5103	GRATIANO
MILL	E 6445	VOLUMNIA
MILLINGEN	E 8364	PYRAMUS
NEERDCSCH	E 6760	ARIEL
NEDERWEERT	E 6190	ROSALIND
NIEUW-MILLIGEN	Z 6504	VIOLA
NIJMEGEN	E 7162	DEICH
NIJKERK	Z 4605	YORICK
NIJBOREK	Z 8612	SHYLOCK
NUNSPET	Z 6722	BASSANIO
CEFFEL	E 7545	BOLINGBROKE
CIRSCHOT	E 3125	PERCY
OCSTENDORP	Z 7120	HOTSPUR
OTTERLOO	E 6591	LUCRECE
OD-REEST	E 6005	TITUS
RAVENSTEIN	E 5657	ANDRONICUS
RHEDEN	E 8300	TROILUS
RHENEN	E 5175	CRESSIDA
RIPS	E 6630	CLEOPATRA
SALMORTH	E 9261	LEPIDUS
SCHERPENZEEL	E 4509	FORD
SOMEREN (ZOMEREN)	E 5911	TRINCULO
SON (ZON)	E 4425	EVANS
SPAKENBURG	Z 3908	PAGE
ST CEDENRDE	E 4232	CODWED
STROE	Z 6000	GLOUCESTER
ST ANTHONIS	E 7138	RICHARD
TWELOC	Z 0006	BURGUNDY
UDEN	E 5342	TUDOR
VALKENSWAARD	E 4108	GLENDOWER
VASSEN	Z 7911	TARQUIN
VEGHEL	E 4837	WOLSEY
VEENENDAL	E 5083	CATHARINE
VEN	E 8348	ANN
VELDHOFEN	E 3714	BLISSOM
VIERHOUTEN	Z 7016	SNOUT
VOORTHUIZEN	Z 5401	CHARLES
WAGENINGEN	E 5776	LENOASTER
WEERT	K 5897	CANYMEDE
WELSUM	Z 8916	SEBASTIAN
WESTERVOORT	E 7075	MARGARET
WESTERHOVEN	E 3706	GAUNT
WEZEP	Z 8230	SOMERSET
WIJHE	Z 9123	THOMAS
WITLAGE	Z 9001	ANJOU
WOESTEHOEVE	E 7091	JOHN
ZEVENAAR	E 8671	CYMBELENE
ZOMEREN (SOMEREN)	E 5911	TRINCULO
ZON (SON)	E 4425	EVANS
ZUTPHEN	E 9495	LUCIUS
ZWOLLE	Z 8836	OCTAVIUS

/RIVERS AND CANALS.....

ENCODE

RIVERS AND CANALS

(In geographical order from SOUTH to NORTH)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Codename</u>
MEUSE - ESCAUT CANAL	CORICLANUS
HELMOND - EINDHOVEN CANAL	CASSIUS
WILHELMINA CANAL	PLANTAGENET
AFWATERINGS)	
ZUIDWILLEMS) CANAL	ODERON
BOIS-LE-LUC)	
R. MEUSE)	
MAAS)	DONALDRAIN
MAAS - VALLE CANAL	EDGAR
R. WAAL	HENRY
R. NEDERRIJN	THISDE
R. IJSSEL	SAMSON
APPELDOORNSE CANAL	BARDOLF

PLACE CODENAMES

DECODE

Codename	Map Reference	Place
ABRAHAM	E 8156	KRANENBURG
ANDRONICUS	E 5657	RAVENSTEIN
ANJOU	Z 9001	WITJAGEN
ANN	E 8343	VEN
ANTONIO	E 3109	BEERSEL
ARIEL	E 6760	NEERDOSCH
BALTHASAR	E 8292	LOITEN
DANQUO	E 7153	HEUMEN
DANDOLF		APPELDOORN SCH CANAL
DASSANIO	Z 6722	NUNSPEET
DELCH	E 7162	NIJMEGEN
DIANCA	Z 8422	HEERDE
DLOSSOM	E 3714	VELDHOVEN
DOTTOM	Z 6712	ELSPEET
DOLINGBROKE	E 7545	OEFFEL
ERUTUS	E 4317	EINDHOVEN
DURGUNDY	Z 8806	TIELLOO
OSALIBAN	E 5395	DARNEVELD
CAPULET	E 5730	GEMERT
CASSIUS		HELMOND - EINDHOVEN CANAL
CATHERINE	E 5033	VEENENDAL
CHARLES	Z 5401	VOORTHUIZEN
CLEOPATRA	E 5630	RIPS
COLWEB	E 4232	ST GEDEENRODE
CORDELIA	E 6420	DEURNE
CORICLINUS		MEUSE - ESCAUT CANAL
CRESSIDA	E 5175	RHENEN
CYDELENE	E 0671	ZEVENAAR
DESDEMONA	E 3235	DOXTEL
DONALDIN		R MEUSE } HAAS }
DUNCAN	E 3726	HEST
EDGAR		HAAS - VAAL CANAL
EMILIA	E 4808	LEENDE
EVANS	E 4425	SOM (ZON)
FALSTAFF	E 5830	DENNEKOM
FORD	E 4589	SCHERPENZEEL
FORTHIERAS	E 5522	HELMOND
GANYMEDE	K 5897	WEERT
GAUNT	E 3706	WESTERHOVEN
GLENDOWER	E 4108	VALKENSWAARD
GLOUCESTER	Z 6000	STROE
GOLFO	Z 5509	NIJSTEREN
GONERIL	Z 9207	DEVENTER
GRATIANO	E 5105	MAANHEEZE
GREGORY	Z 6500	KOOTWIJK
GULDENSTEIN	Z 4351	HEESCH
HAMLET	E 3902	DORKEL
HECATE	E 5126	LIESHOUT
HENRY		R VAAL
HORATIO	Z 4797	HAMONT
HOTSPUR	Z 7128	COSTENDORP
IAGO	E 9055	CLEVE
JOHN	E 7891	WOESTENOEVE
JULIA	E 5835	EDD
JULIET	E 4316	GELDROP

Codename	Map Reference	Place
LAERTES	Z 5618	HARDERWIJK
LANCASTER	E 5776	WAGENINGEN
LEAR	E 8885	DIJEN
LEPIDUS	E 9261	SALMORTH
LUCIUS	E 9495	ZUTPHEN
LUCRECE	E 6591	OTTERLOO
MACBETH	E 6113	ASTEN
MACDUFF	E 7540	BOXMEER
MALCOLM	E 5967	HOEK
MALVOLIO	E 7577	ARNHEM
MARGARET	E 7875	WESTERVOORT
MERCUTIO	Z 9501	GORSSEL
MIRANDA	E 8591	DERBEEK
MONTAGUE	E 7746	GENNEP
OBERON		AFWATERINGS) ZUIDWILLEMS) CANAL BOIS-LE-DUC)
OCTAVIUS	Z 8836	ZWOLLE
OLIVIA	E 3997	NIJMEER
OPHELIA	E 9081	DOESBURG
OTHELLO	K 4999	DUDEL
OSWALD	E 7843	HEIJEN
OWEN	K 4294	LILLE ST HUBERT
PAGE	Z 3908	SPAKENBURG
PERCY	E 3125	OIRSCHOT
PERICLES	E 9165	ELTEN
PISTOL	Z 7803	APELDOORN
PLANTAGENET		WILHELMINA CANAL
POLONIUS	E 9760	EMMERICH
PORTIA	E 2410	BLADEL
PROSPERO	E 5427	BECK
PUCK	E 4313	AALST
PYRAMUS	E 8364	MILLINGEN
REGAN	E 4911	HEEZE
RICHARD	E 7138	ST ANTHONIS
RODERIGO	E 3101	LUYKSGESTEL
ROMEO	Z 8118	EEB
ROSALIND	E 6100	NEDERWEERT
ROSENCRANTZ	Z 8632	HATTEN
SAMSON		R IJSSSEL
SEBASTIAN	Z 8916	WELSUM
SHYLOCK	Z 8612	NIJDKROEK
SIVARD	E 7293	HOENDERLOO
SINOUT	Z 7016	VERHOUTEN
SOMERSET	Z 8230	WEZEP
TARQUIN	Z 7911	VASEN
THISBE		R NEDERRIJN
THOMAS	Z 9123	WIJHE
TILAN	E 7070	ELST
TITANIA	K 4297	ACHEL
TITUS	E 6885	oud-KEEMST
TRINCULO	E 5911	SOMEREN (ZOMEREN)
TUDOR	E 5342	UDEN
TYBALT	E 6253	GRAVE
TROILUS	E 8580	REIDEN
VIOLA	Z 6504	NIEUW-MILLIGEN
VOLUMNIA	E 6445	MILL
WOLSEY	E 4837	VEGHEL
WORICK	Z 4605	NIJKEK

TOP SECRET

Main HQ 30 Corps

239/G

15 Sep 44

All Addressees 30 Corps Operation Instruction No 24.

Reference 30 Corps Operation Instruction No 24.

1. Attached is Appendix "B" to this Instruction.
2. Copy of Airborne Corps Plan is attached for each of the following -

Gds Arm'd Div
43 Inf Div
50 (N) Div
DA & QIG

3. ACKNOWLEDGE.

6 Sept 44
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Appendix 'B' to 30 Corps
Operation Instruction
No. 24 of 15 Sep 44.

OPERATION 'MARKET'

1. British Airborne Corps is under command Second British Army. It is commanded by Lieut-General F.A.M. BROWNING. It consists of 1 British Airborne Division and 82 US Airborne Division.
2. 101 US Airborne Division is being dropped under arrangements Br Airborne Corps, but on landing comes under command 30 British Corps.
3. Missions assigned to the Airborne Divs are in general terms as follows -
 - (a) 1 Br Airborne Div
 to land and capture the bridges over NEDERRIJN at ARNHEM with sufficient bridgeheads to facilitate the passage of 30 Corps.
 - (b) 82 US Airborne Div
 to seize and hold the bridges over R MAAS at GRAVE and over R WAAL at NIJMEGEN so as to facilitate the passage of 30 Corps. The capture and retention of the high ground between NIJMEGEN and GROESBEEK 7554 is considered imperative for the accomplishment of this task.
 - (c) 101 US Airborne Div
 to seize canal and stream crossings in area EINDHOVEN, ZON and WEHIEL in order to facilitate the advance of 30 Corps to R. MAAS.
4. A heavy air support effort is being carried out by 8 USAAF in support of this operation directed chiefly against FLAK in DZ areas.
5. Details of plan and composition of 1 Br Airborne Div are as follows -
 - (a) Commander - Major General URQUHART
 - (b) Order of Battle -
 - 1 Para Bde
 - 4 Para Bde
 - 1 Airlanding Bde
 - 1 Polish Para Bde.
 - (c) DZ's and LZ's are in areas 6283, 6479, 6581.
 - (d) Objectives of Bdes are as follows -
 - (i) 1 Para Bde - Astride NEDERRIJN from 7276 to 7576.
 - (ii) 4 Para Bde - North of 1 Para Bde in North outskirts of ARNHEM.
 - (iii) 1 Airlanding Bde - West of 1 and 4 Para Bdes astride NEDERRIJN as far West as 69 Easting Grid.

5.(d) cont'd

- (iv) 1 Polish Para Bde - lands subsequently and is directed to area from incl WESTERWOORT 7875 to East bndy of 1 Para Bde.
- (e) Div HQ lands with 1 Airlanding Bde and will probably be established in area 7378.

6. Details of plan and composition of 82 US Airborne Div are as follows -

- (a) Commander - Major General GAVINS
- (b) Order of Battle - 504 Para Inf Regt
505 Para Inf Regt
508 Para Inf Regt
352 Glider Inf Regt.
- (c) DZ's and LZ's are in areas 6554, 7552, 7656. - 7752.
- (d) Objectives of RCT's are as follows -
 - (i) 504 Para Inf Regt - area incl GRAVE - excl MOOK 7252 - excl NIJMEGEN.
 - (ii) 505 Para Inf Regt - Area MOOK 7252 - GROESBEEK 7554.
 - (iii) 508 Para Inf Regt & 352 Glider Inf Regt - Area incl NIJMEGEN to incl KRANENBURG 8056.
- (e) HQ 82 US Airborne Div (Codename CHAMPION) will probably be established in area GROESBEEK.

7. Details of plan and composition of 101 US Airborne Div are as follows -

- (a) Commander - Major General MAXWELL D. TAYLOR
- (b) Order of Battle

	<u>Commander</u>	<u>Codename</u>
HQ 101 US Airborne Div	As above	KANGAROO
501 Para Inf Regt	Col JOHNSON	KLONDYKE
502 Para Inf Regt	Col MICHAELIS	KICKOFF
506 Para Inf Regt	Col SINK	KIDNAP

- (c) DZ's and LZ's are in areas 4435, 4128, 4227. .
- (d) Objectives of RCT's are as follows -
 - (i) 501 RCT drop in area 4435 and are to seize bridges at WEGHEL.
 - (ii) ⁵⁰⁶502 RCT are to drop in area 4128 and are to capture initially bridge over canal at ZON 4426 and then capture EINDHOVEN. It is unlikely that EINDHOVEN can be captured before H plus 5 hours.
 - (iii) ⁵⁰²506 RCT are to land in area 4227 and take over from 502 RCT in area ZON and send dets to ST OEDENRODE. ⁵⁰⁶

- (e) HQ 101 US Airborne Div will probably be established initially in area 4427 moving subsequently to 4521.

NOTE - Codenames of US formations correspond to British Unit Vehicle Numbers and are for use on signboards etc. They are NOT for use on wireless links.

8. HQ Br Airborne Corps lands with first Glider lift in area 82 US Airborne Div and will be established initially in area 7454. It will move later to area East of MAAS/WAAL bridges on main axis GRAVE - NIJMEGEN.

9. Recognition and Passwords

All addressees will ensure that their troops likely to come in contact with Airborne Troops are aware of positions where they are likely to encounter them - US or British will be specified.

They will also ensure that they know the following points with regard to recognition signals, dress and passwords -

(a) Recognition Signals

Yellow (Orange) smoke will be used to indicate positions of own troops to friendly aircraft. Yellow colanese triangles and flags will be used for ground to ground recognition. If available cerise fluorescent panels will be used to distinguish vehicles to the air.

(b) Dress

US Airborne Troops may be wearing a new type of dark green uniform with a small American flag on the right sleeve.

Br Airborne Troops will be wearing their standard airborne uniform.

(c) Passwords

	<u>Challenge</u>	<u>Reply</u>
H hour till 2359 hrs D Day	RED	BERET
2359 hrs D Day till 2359 hrs D plus 1	UNCLE	SAM
2359 hrs D plus 1 till 2359 hrs D plus 2	CARRIER	PIGEON
2359 hrs D plus 2 till 2359 hrs D plus 3	AIR	BORNE
2359 hrs D plus 3 till 2359 hrs D plus 4	ROBERT	BURNS
2359 hrs D plus 4 till 2359 hrs D plus 5	TROOP	CARRIER

10. Timings

- (a) H hour is the time at which the first parachutists (less Pathfinders) are dropped. This will probably be 171400A hours.
- (b) This timing is subject to confirmation. Postponements will each be for a period of exact 24 hours or multiple thereof.
- (c) Approximate timings for dropping in each Div area are as follows -

H minus 30 minutes	-	Pathfinders
H to H plus $1\frac{1}{4}$	-	First lift (parachutists)
later D Day	-	First Glider lift

There will be no drop during the night D/D plus 1.

The next lift will be early on D plus 1 and will include both gliders and parachutists and also possibly supply dropping.

11. Copies of Airborne Corps plan are attached for -

- Gds Arm Div
- 43 Inf Div
- 50 (N) Div
- DA & QMG

30 CORPS MOVEMENT INSTRUCTION for Operation "GARDEN"

1. General

This instruction is to be read in conjunction with 30 Corps Operation Instruction No 24.

2. Axes of Advance

30 Corps is advancing on one Main Axis as laid down in 30 Corps Operation Instruction No 24 para 8.

The subsidiary will assist the advance tactically and may provide a most important alternative route should the main axis or any part of it prove unusable. It will NOT however materially increase the overall speed of movement.

At Appendix "A" is a topographical appreciation of the axes of advance.

At Appendix "B" is a table showing distances between main towns on axes of advance.

3. Order of March and Timings

At Appendix "C" is a table showing grouping of formations and units for movement.

This table is arranged in the anticipated order of march, but it must be appreciated that this will vary in accordance with the tactical situation. It is hoped to issue a firmer order of march on the evening of 'D' Day.

Guards Arm'd Div will however advance at 'Z' hour.

4. SP and Dispersal Points

SP for all serials (less those already NORTH of it) is the South end of the bridge 3596.

Dispersal point is the Northern outskirts of ARNHEM.

5. Rate of Movement

(a) The rate of movement depends clearly on the tactical situation. It is however hoped to move at approx 35 v.t.m. and 10 m.i.h.

(b) It is estimated that for tactical reasons the flow past SP on 'D' Day is unlikely to exceed 3 hours.

Thereafter it is hoped that a 13 hour flow daily (viz. from 0600A hours to 1900A hours) will pass SP.

5. cont'd

- (c) There will be NO movement on the main axis during the hours of darkness. The only exceptions to this rule will be -

- (i) Tactical necessity.
- (ii) When a Group Commander is satisfied that his group can complete its move without disrupting traffic arrangements within two hours of last light.

Groups leaguering for the night will probably have to do so on the main road owing to the nature of the ground, though it may be possible for them to pull off into fields adjacent in some places. If units have the road for leaguering they will have a rep on the road to indicate the point at which the tail of the column was when it started to leave the road. Following serials will NOT pass this point except under provisions of (i) and (ii) above. *leave leave*

In any case it is essential that all serials start to move again punctually at 0600 hrs. If this is NOT done the order of march will be disarranged and chaos is likely to ensue.

6. Lights

No lights will be allowed on the main axis by night.

No open fires will be lit by night on the main axis or in its immediate vicinity.

7. Rearward Traffic

Rearward traffic on the main axis of advance will be kept to the barest minimum for at least the first 48 hours. This includes local and interunit maintenance traffic.

8. Provost

APM 30 Corps will co-ordinate policing of the main axis.

One sec 43 Div Pro and two secs 50 Div Pro are placed under command APM 30 Corps.

In principle each formation will police its own move, Div CMP working under general direction of TCP controlling the sector of the road concerned. (This does NOT apply to Guards Arm'd Div who will be entirely responsible for policing their own movement).

9. Traffic and Movement Control Organisation

- (a) At Appendix "D" is a description of 30 Corps Traffic and Movement Control organisation for operation "GARDEN".

9. cont'd

- (b) All Groups given in Appendix "C" will forward to this HQ by not later than 2000 hrs 16 Sep details of sub-allotment of serial numbers and, if possible, an anticipated order of march.

(This does NOT apply to Guards Arm'd Div (except for Adm Group). Gds Arm'd Div will however keep Traffic Office 30 Corps fully informed of the progress of their move. This is essential so that subsequent groups can be got onto the roads).

- (c) Each Group will maintain LO at Traffic Office 30 Corps. LO will report 24 hours before the day on which the group is expected to move (see Appendix "C").

- (d) TCP at SP has authority to pass through onto the route groups of NOT more than 10 vehicles as and when opportunity offers.

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General Staff

Distribution -

Guards Arm'd Div	(2)	CCRA	(2)
11 Arm'd Div	(1)	CE	(6)
43 Inf Div	(2)	CSO	(1)
50 (N) Div	(2)	Phantom	(1)
8 Arm'd Bde	(2)	DA/QMG	(1)
		Traffic Office	(15)
15/19 H	(1)	DA & QMG	(1)
8 Corps	(1)	AQMG	(4)
12 Corps	(1)	DDST	(1)
Tac Second Army	(1)	DDMS	(1)
Main Second Army	(2)	DDOS	(2)
ADC	(1)	DDME	(1)
DGS	(1)	APM	(1)
G(SD)	(1)	SCAO	(1)
GSI	(1)	War Diary	(2)
G(Air)	(1)	Files	(2)
G(L)	(1)	Spares	(10)

TOPOGRAPHICAL APPRECIATION OF THE AXIS OF ADVANCE

1. WESTERN AXIS

(a) ESCAUT CANAL - EINDHOVEN

First class road 25 - 30 ft wide with a tarmacadam surface and ample grass verges in most places. Parts of the road, however, are embanked and flanked by ditches. Deployment is considered difficult except in sandy woodland areas immediately on either side of the road between VALKENSWAARD and EINDHOVEN. This stretch is also suitable for the dispersal of vehicles.

(b) EINDHOVEN

Except for the main North - South road, the streets are to be avoided as they are tortuous and narrow.

(c) EINDHOVEN - GRAVE

First class road, width 20 - 30 ft. Deployment possible along most of its length except between ZON 4426 and ST OEDENRODE 4232 where the surrounding country is peaty, and in the neighbourhood of GRAVE where the wood is embanked with ditches on either side.

The bridges over the WILHELMINA and ZUID WILLEMS VAART canals are both believed to be class 40 but can only take single line traffic.

The loop at ST OEDENRODE can be by-passed by a new road (not shown on the 1:100,000 maps) from 424317 to the X-rds at 427322.

(d) GRAVE to NIJMEGEN

First class road with concrete surface, 20 - 30 ft wide. Also two cycle tracks 5 ft wide, flanked by broad grass verges.

From GRAVE to 6459 the road crosses the MEUSE valley polders intersected by hedges, trees and ditches at almost the same level as the adjoining land except for a stretch on an embankment half-a-mile each side from the MEUSE bridges. From 6459 the road follows the railway through country dotted with clumps of trees or bushes and villas. Almost the whole of the road is dominated by the high ground SOUTH and EAST of NIJMEGEN. Between GRAVE and NIJMEGEN there are firm dry soils except for two belts of wet clay, one for two miles NORTH of GRAVE and the other a mile long at 652600.

(e) NIJMEGEN to ARNHEM

The old road via ELST 7070 varies from 20 ft to 40 ft in width. The surface is concrete for most of the way, through parts are of rolled clinker.

The road crosses the WAAL river by a new bridge 716631 to LENT 7'64, and the open cultivated plain to the lower RHINE through flat open fields lined with ditches and small scattered orchards near the villages. Firm dry, sandy soil. Trees along the roadside and the orchards afford the only cover as far as ELST, whilst deployment is limited to several secondary roads.

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At 715737 a new road leads to ARNHEM via a new bridge over the lower RHINE at 748767. The road is believed to be still under construction but should be capable of taking tracked vehicles.

2. EASTERN AXIS

(a) VALKENSWAARD - LEEENDE 4807 - GELDROP 4816

First class road, but deployment very difficult, except for a short stretch between LEEENDE and HEEZE 4911, owing to peaty nature of ground. Limited deployment just West of road HEEZE to GELDROP.

(b) GELDROP to HELMOND 5522

First class road with Class 40 bridge over the BINDHOEVN Canal. Deployment poor as far as MIERLOO 5218, but fair from there to HELMOND.

(c) HELMOND - BAKEL 6124 - GEMERT 5780 - VOLKEL 5640
- MILL 6445 - ESCHEREN 6151.

Secondary road, in several places fit only for single lane traffic. Surface generally good and suitable for heavy loads, except for a stretch midway between VOLKEL and MILL where the subsoil is peat.

One Class 40 and two Class 24 bridges over the ZUID WILLIAMS VAART at HELMOND.

Deployment possible along most of the road, though there are bad stretches West of the road at 6026, on either side of the road between VOLKEL and MILL, and for a couple of miles NW of MILL.

1. Main Route - CLUB

SP.....Bridge 555961

<u>From</u>	<u>To</u>	<u>Stage(Miles)</u>	<u>Total(Miles)</u> <u>from SP</u>
SP	EINDHOVEN	14 $\frac{1}{2}$	14 $\frac{1}{2}$
EINDHOVEN	ST ODENRODE	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	25
ST ODENRODE	UDEN	11	36
UDEN	GRAVE	11	47
GRAVE	NIJMEGEN Bridge	10	57
NIJMEGEN Bridge	ARNHEM	12 $\frac{1}{2}$	69 $\frac{1}{2}$
ARNHEM	APELDOORN	17 $\frac{1}{2}$	87
APELDOORN	EPE	10 $\frac{1}{2}$	107

2. Side Routes from above

a) HEART

SP.....As for CLUB

SP	VALKENSWAARD	9	9
VALKENSWAARD	LEENDE	4 $\frac{1}{2}$	13 $\frac{1}{2}$
LEENDE	GELDROP	6	19 $\frac{1}{2}$
GELDROP	NUNEN	5	24 $\frac{1}{2}$
NUNEN	GELBERT	9	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
GELBERT	VOLKEL	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	41
VOLKEL	MILL	7	48
MILL	GRAVE	6	54

b) APELDOORN DEVENTER 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ 97 $\frac{1}{2}$

c) APELDOORN ZUTPHEN 13 100

d) ARNHEM ZUTPHEN 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ 88

1. The following order of march has been settled provisionally. Timings for passing SP are purely provisional and depend entirely on the tactical situation. It will however serve as a guide. It must be emphasised that this order of march may be varied at any time and that dates of departure after D Day may vary up to as much as 24 hours.

Formation or Unit responsible for Group	Additional Tps under command or under command for movement	Serial Numbers	Destination	Approx No of Vehs	Approx TTP at 35 vtm & 10 mih	Probable day of start	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(h)
Guards Arm'd Div	HCR 84 Med Regt 198/73 A Tk Bty 11 Fd Coy RE Dr Coln Det 4 Svy Regt A/LTB Gp	A.1 - A.199	ARNHEM and NORTH thereof (A/LTB Gp drop off at NIJMEGEN	3550	11 hrs	D Day (possibly coln complete past SP 1300 hrs D plus 1)	
HQ 30 Corps	TCP's	D.200 - D.219	various	60	10 mins	D plus 1	
15/19 H	Dty 86 Fd Regt Sqn Royals	C.220 - C.229	EINDHOVEN	300	50 mins	D plus 1	
?? Arm'd Regt	?? SP Dty Sqn Royals Det 27 LAA Regt	D.230 - D.239	WEGHEL	350	1 hour	D plus 1	
Arm'd Regt 3 Arm'd Bde	Bty 147 Fd Regt Sqn Royals Det 27 LAA Regt	E.240 - E.249	GRAVE	375	1½ hours	D plus 1	
AA Gp	-	G.260 - G.269	NIJMEGEN	255	45 mins	D plus 1	
Seaborne Tail 'A'	-	H.270 - H.299	ARNHEM	517	1½ hours	D plus 1	
43 Div	8 Arm'd Bde less one Arm'd Regt 147 Fd Regt less one Dty R.Netherlands Bde 64 Med Regt 419/52 Fd Bty Bty 4 Svy Regt	K.301 - K.499	ARNHEM and NORTH thereof	3400	11 hours	D plus 2	

Formation or Unit responsible for Group	Additional Tps under command or under command for movement	Serial Numbers	Destination.	Approx No. of Vehs	Approx TEP at 35 vtn and 10 mih	Probable day of start	Remarks
(a)	(b)	(c)	(d)	(e)	(f)	(g)	(g)
61 Recce Regt	Bn Gp 50 (N) Div	L.500 -	ARNHEM	433	1 1/4 hrs	D plus 2	
AA Gp	-	M.501 - M.509	ARNHEM	145	30 mins	D plus 2	
3 CCS Gp	-	J.300	ARNHEM and North thereof	70	15 mins	D plus 2	
10 CCS Gp	-	N.510	ARNHEM and North thereof	70	15 mins	D plus 2	
Seaborne Tail 'B'	-	O.511 - O.529	ARNHEM	195	45 mins	D plus 3	
50 (N) Div	7 Mod Regt 86 Fd Regt less two Btys	P.530 - P.699	ARNHEM and North thereof	3320	10 hours	D plus 3	
Rear HQ 30 Corps	Air Tps HQ Recce & Adv Pty 162 FMC	Q.700 - Q.719	ARNHEM and North thereof	350	1 hour	D plus 3	
Seaborne Tail 'C'	-	S.800 - S.829	ARNHEM	202	45 mins	D plus 3	
US Airborne Tail	-	U.1000 - U.1099	Various	1000	3 hrs	D plus 4	
162 FMC	-	T.830 - T.849	?	250	45 mins	D plus 4	
Gds Armd Div Adm Gp	-	A.850 - A.899	?	515	1 1/2 hrs	D plus 4	
43 Div Adm Gp	-	K.900 - K.949	?	950	3 hrs	D plus 4	
50 (N) Div Adm Gp	One Bty 73 A Tk Regt	P.950 - P.999	?	325	1 hr	D plus 4	
Misc Units	73 A Tk Regt 100 AA Bde	V.1100 - V.1199	?	300	1 hr	D plus 4	

2. The following items will be phased in according to the progress of the operation and the tactical situation.

Formation	Additional Tps under command	Serial Numbers	Estimated Number of Vehs	TFP at 35 vtn & 10 mih	Remarks
Main HQ 30 Corps	Dot AOP Sqn 73 A Tk Regt less three Btys HQ 4 Svy Regt	F.250 - F.259	370	1 1/4 hrs	
CIE	Corps Tps RE less one Fd Coy 10 AGRE 7 Army Tps RE 16 Air Constr Gp 5357 Air Constr Wing RAF 1 Cdn AGRE 15 GHQ Tps RE 6 Army Tps RE 50 Mech Eqpt Pl 24 L of C Tpt Coln Bridging Train	R.720 - R.799 W.1200 - W.1399	2360	8 hrs	CIE will please arrange in suitable gps and allot serial nos. Traffic Office 30 Corps will be informed of all details as soon as possible.

TRAFFIC and MOVEMENT CONTROL ORGANISATION

ORGANISATION OF MOVEMENT

1. Control of movement will be exercised through 30 Corps Traffic Office. This Office will be established initially at Main HQ 30 Corps, passing to Rear 30 Corps when Main 30 Corps moves forward.

When Rear 30 Corps moves forward Traffic Office will remain at 30 Corps Adm Post until ordered forward.

2. The organisation within HQ 30 Corps for calling forward of movement groups is as follows -

- (a) G(SD) Branch will control priorities for movement on the Main Axis and will give necessary instructions to the Traffic Office.
- (b) Traffic Office will issue necessary movement orders and make all necessary arrangements for the implementation of the move.

ORGANISATION OF TRAFFIC CONTROL

3. Traffic Control will be exercised through regulating HQ's and TCP's.
4. Regulating HQ's will each be in charge of a certain sector of the Main Axis and will control certain TCP's.

The location of these is as follows -

- (a) Regulating HQ No.1 - Bridge over MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal.

TCP's - A. MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal bridge.
B. VALKENSWAARD.
C. EINDHOVEN.

- (b) Regulating HQ No.2 - WEGHEL.

TCP's - D. ST ODENRODE
E. WEGHEL.
F. rd junc ESCHAREN

- (c) Regulating HQ No.3 - ARNHEM

TCP's - G. NIJMEGEN.
H. ARNHEM.

TCP COMTS

5. See diagram attached.
6. No.2 Regulating HQ at WEGHEL will act as control station for all Regulating HQs and will be in communication with Main and Rear Corps.
7. Line communication will be laid to Traffic Office Rear 30 Corps from No.1 Regulating HQ at ESCAUT Bridge through HECHTEL cross rds.
8. Code signs, frequencies, etc, will be issued by CSO 30 Corps.

COMPOSITION OF REGULATING HQ AND Tcps

9. (a) Regulating HQ - Personnel One senior officer.
One NCO.
Three wireless operators.
- Equipment One wireless vehicle.
Jeep or car.
- (b) Tcps - Personnel One officer.
One senior NCO
Three wireless operators.
Two regimental DRs.
Half Sec Pro.
Cook.
Rec personnel
- Equipment One wireless vehicle, with two banks of
blys, charging set.
Four galls clear petrol.
One 15-cwt domestic vehicle.
One Rec vehicle.
Pro motor cycles.
Cooking facilities.

POSITIONING AND MOVEMENT OF Tcps AND REGULATING HQs

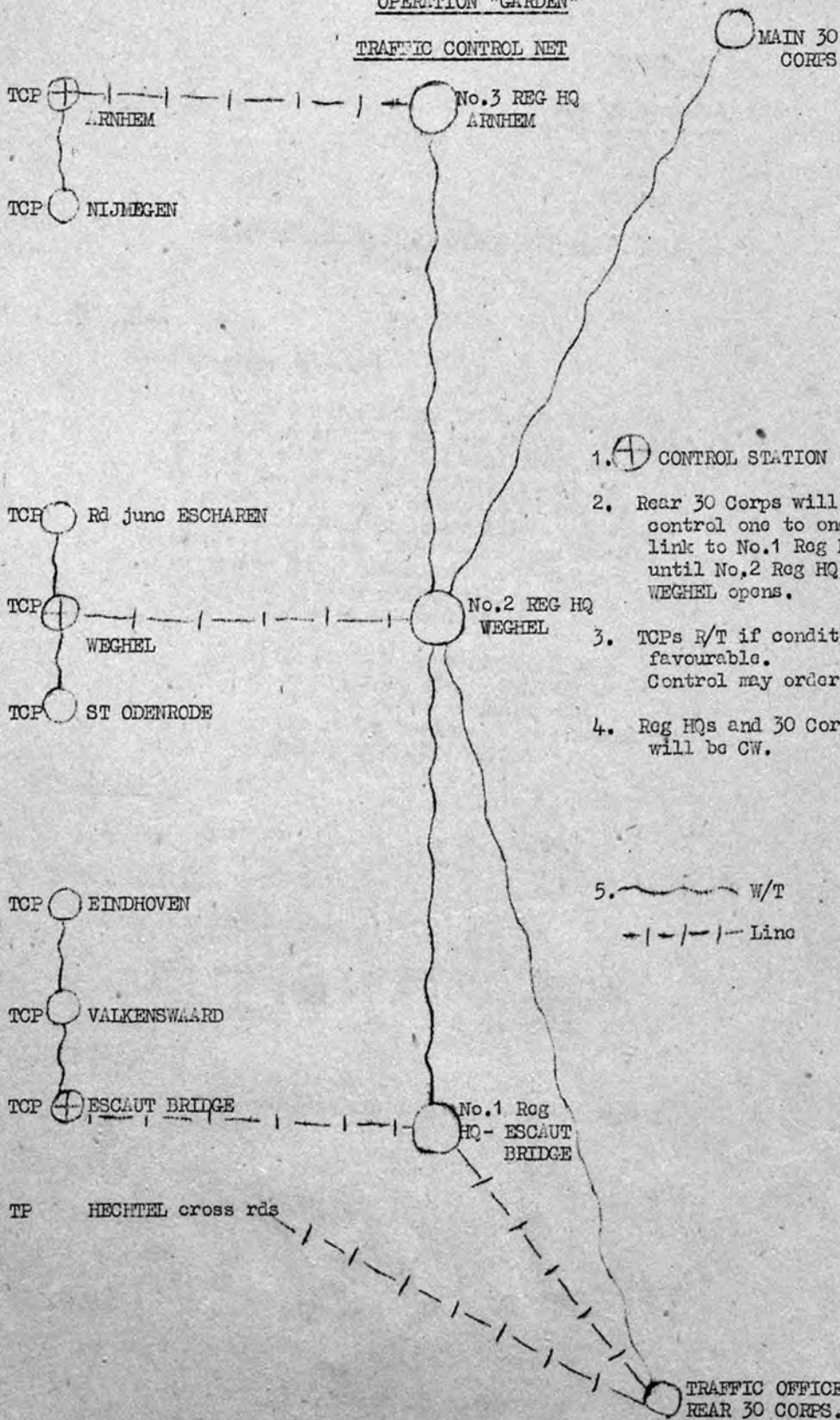
1. Tcps and Regulating HQs will move into position as ordered by HQ 30 Corps. Those forward of Corps SP will move behind Guards Armd Div and will drop off on arrival at their respective destinations.

CODENAMES

11. Each TCP will be known by the codename 'TARE' followed by place codename of the town in which it is located.

OPERATION "GARDEN"

TRAFFIC CONTROL NET



Main HQ 30 Corps

239/G

16 Sep 44

AMENDMENTS TO 30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION
No. 24.

1. Para 4(b)

Amend boundary to read -

"All incl 8 Corps LUMMEN 2168 - GENEBOCH 2471
 - cross-rds 283716 - rd junc 347729 - rd junc
 351752 - rd junc 353757 - excl BOSCH HEIDE
 3878 - thence all incl 8 Corps rd and rly
 crossing 3683 - line of rly to rd and rly
 crossing 420011 - rd junc 432029 - cross-rds
 480080 - cross-rds 499117 - rd junc 524187 -
 rd junc 517261 - thence all incl 30 Corps
 rd to BEEK 5427 to GEMERT 5730 to VOLKEL
 5640 to MILL 6444 to GRAVE 6253.

NB: 30 Corps to have running rights
 on rd LEENDE 4707 - GELDROF 4816.
 30 Corps to have running rights
 for return traffic on rd HELOCHTEREN
 3575 - GENEBOCH 2471."

2. Para 4(o)(i)

After "4 Armd Bde" insert "less one regt".

3. Para 4(o)(iii)

Amend boundary to read -

"All incl 12 Corps SICHEM 0770 - cross-rds
 0172 - church at SCHOOT 115777 - MEERHOUT
 1484 - MOLL 1790 - incl 30 Corps POSTEL 2201."

4. Para 6(b)

After "8 Armd Bde less one armd regt" insert "Royal
 Netherlands Bde".

5. Para 6(o)

Amend first line to read -

"86 Fd Regt less one Bty".

6. Para 6(o)

Add at end -

"195/73 and 196/73 A Tk Bty RA".

7. Para 6(d)(ii)

Delete and substitute -

"44 RTR with under command one Sqn Royals and one Bty 4 RHA come under command 501 RCT on arrival in WEGHEEL area.

Det 27 LAA Regt is under command 44 RTR for movement."

8. Para 6(e)

Delete and substitute -

" 82 US Airborne Div

SRY with under command one Sqn Royals and one Bty 147 Fd Regt RA in support of 82 US Airborne Div on arrival area GRAVE.

Det 27 LAA Regt under command SRY for movement."

9. Para 10(c)

Delete "Regt Group 8 Armd Bde" and substitute "44 RTR Group".

10. Para 10(d)

Delete "Staffs Yeo Group" and substitute "SRY Group".

11. Para 13(b)(ii)

Last line for "Regt of 8 Armd Bde" read "44 RTR".

12. Para 13(b)(iii)

Line six - For "Staffs Yeo" read "SRY".

13. Para 16(b)

Delete sub-para and substitute -

"Main Hq 30 Corps will be phased in to the order of march according to the progress of the operation and the tactical situation."

14. Para 19(f)

For "Regt of 8 Armd Bde" substitute "44 RTR".

15. Para 19(g)

For "Staffs Yeo" substitute "SRY".

16. Appendix "B" - para 7(d)(ii) - For "502 RCT" read "506 RCT".
para 7(d)(iii) - Line one - For "506 RCT" read "502 RCT".
Line two - For "502 RCT" read "506 RCT".
para 10(a) - last line - For "171400A hrs" read "171300A hrs".

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23 Sep 44

30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No. 25

(To be read in conjunction with 30 Corps Operation Instruction No. 24)

INFORMATIONOwn Troops

1. 8 and 12 Corps are continuing with present tasks.

2. British Airborne Corps

British Airborne Corps with under command R. Netherlands Bde, SRY Group less one Sqn, 52 Recce Group (wef 0900 hrs 24 Sep) is -

- (a) Continuing to hold present positions with 1 Br Airborne Div, 82 and 101 US Airborne Divs and R. Netherlands Bde.
- (b) Relieving 69 Bde Group by 1400 hrs 24 Sep of responsibility for close protection NIJMEGEN bridges and also taking over responsibility for bridgehead from FORT 7264 - GROOT WIEL 6965.
- (c) Assuming responsibility for protection landing ground sites in area WEST of GRAVE.
- (d) Assuming responsibility for the following recce tasks -
 - (i) WEST flank from excl R. WAAL as far SOUTH as Canal VEGHEL - HERTOGENBOSCH (HCR may also be operating in this area while 32 Guards Bde is SOUTH of GRAVE).
 - (ii) EAST flank from R. WAAL SOUTH to 40 Northing Grid.

INTENTION

3. 30 Corps, in conjunction with British Airborne Corps, will continue with operation 'GARDEN'.

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4. Tasks 43 Div

43 Div will -

- (a) Secure the right flank of 30 Corps from incl ELST (after capture) to incl SOUTH bank NEDERRIJN at the point where bridgehead is being established.
- (b) Ensure that Polish troops now in area SOUTH of NEDERRIJN pass over to join 1 Br Airborne Div during night 23/24 Sep.
- (c) Pass two ~~Br~~ ^{Corps} over NEDERRIJN night 23/24 Sep to link up with WEST flank of 1 Br Airborne Div.
- (d) When 129 Bde is released from present task by action of Guards Arm'd Div (see para 5(a) below), be prepared to pass this Bde over NEDERRIJN with the object of widening bridgehead.
- (e) Carry out reconnaissance WEST between WAAL and NEDERRIJN as far as 50 Easting Grid.

*Corps. (see 0/29
of 232242 Am
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5. Tasks Guards Arm'd Div

69 Inf Bde Group comes under command Guards Arm'd Div at 1400 hrs 24 Sep (after relief from present tasks by 82 US Div).

Guards Arm'd Div -

- (a) Protect the right flank of 30 Corps from incl BEMMEL 7367 (which will be captured) to excl ELST.
- (b) Clear and keep clear the main road NIJMEGEN - ELST.
- (c) Retain one armoured regimental group in reserve NORTH of R. WAAL.
- (d) Continue to operate with present force in area excl VEGHEL to excl GRAVE to secure 30 Corps L of C.

6. Tasks 69 Inf Bde Group

69 Inf Bde Group will -

- (a) Continue with present recon task WEST between M.S. and WAAL until 1200 hrs 24 Sep.

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- (b) Continue with remaining present tasks until relieved by 82 US Div (by 1400 hrs 24 Sep).
- (c) Come under command Guards Armd Div at 1400 hrs 24 Sep.

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30 CORPS OPERATION INSTRUCTION No.26
-----INFORMATION

1. (a) 1 Airborne Div bridgehead over NEDERHUIJN is no longer tenable owing to casualties and shortage of supplies.

Necessary reinforcements and supply can only be provided on a limited scale by night with assault boats, etc - each effort will amount to a major operation since the enemy dominate the narrow crossing place from the high ground NE and NW.

- (b) The area in which 1 Airborne Div have their present bridgehead is NOT suitable for development as a Corps bridgehead owing to difficulties of expansion and the impossibility of building and maintaining a bridge in this area.

- (c) It has therefore been decided to evacuate 1 Airborne Div from the bridgehead night 25/26 Sep.

2. British Airborne Corps are at present responsible for the close defence of NIJMEGEN bridgehead, for operations between WAAL and MAAS and for close protection of GRAVE bridgehead.
3. 8 Corps are directed on CUYT 7149, 12 Corps are directed on SCHUNDEL 4136.

INTENTION

4. 30 Corps will arrange evacuation of 1 Airborne Div night 25/26 Sep and will continue present operations.

METHOD

5. Operations will be carried out in three phases -
- A. Evacuation and reception of 1 Airborne Div.
 - B. Temporary re-adjustment.
 - C. Preparation for future operations.

EVACUATION AND RECEPTION 1 AIRBORNE DIV

6. (a) 43 Div will carry out the evacuation of 1 Airborne Div incl deception plan and backward lift of personnel to the SOUTH bank of NIJMEGEN road bridge.
- (b) All elts 43 Div on NORTH bank of NEDERRIJN will also be withdrawn and rejoin the main body of the division.
- (c) CCRA will co-ordinate fire plan to cover withdrawal; for this purpose all 25 pr ammunition less 50 r.p.g. may be used.
- (d) All dets of Poles NORTH of NIJMEGEN will be withdrawn under orders 43 Div. 43 Div will arrange with 1 Airborne Corps direct into what area Poles should be concentrated.
7. DA & QMG 30 Corps, in conjunction with Br Airborne Corps will arrange reception 1 Airborne Div in NIJMEGEN area.

TEMPORARY RE-ADJUSTMENT

8. Tasks Guards Arm'd Div

- (a) Proceed with capture of DEMMEL.
- (b) Continue to hold secure EAST flank of 30 Corps from R WAAL to excl ELST.
- (c) continue to operate with 32 Gds Bde SOUTH of GRAVE to keep the Corps axis clear. This will include positioning one regtl group in area 5851.
- (d) Continue with present reconnaissance tasks SE, SOUTH and SW of GRAVE, SOUTH of R MAAS.

NOTE - This task is being taken over by Br Airborne Corps at a time to be notified later,

9. Tasks 43 Div

- (a) Proceed with capture of ELST.
- (b) Hold secure the EAST flank of the Corps from incl ELST to incl SOUTH bank NEDERRIJN.
- (c) Protect the WEST flank of 30 Corps between R WAAL and NEDERRIJN, reconnoitering as far WEST as 50 Easting Grid.
- (d) Hold one Bde Group (incl one arm'd regt) centrally placed in reserve.

PREPARATION FOR FUTURE OPERATIONS

10. Guards Armd Div will continue to operate in NE direction with a view to pushing the enemy out of range of NIJMEGEN bridge and with a view to further operations NE of NIJMEGEN.
11. 43 Div will proceed with reconnaissance and planning for a possible river crossing operation between RENKUM 6276 and WAGENINGEN 5776.
12. Boundary between Guards Armd Div and 43 Div
Incl Guards Armd Div LENT 7164 - REET 6968 excl Guards Armd Div ELST 7074 - ELDEN 7375.
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TIME	TO/FROM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1220	Divs, 8 Armd Bde, Tac & Main Army	We are now moving to area between GISORS and BERNOUVILLE 6194.	
1240	11 Armd Div	23 H at 755100. 2 FF Yeo at 7014. 4/7 DG report LA LANDELLE clear.	
1300	GOC Recce	My loon 609945	
1320	G2(L)	New loon 605913 - we are ready for you.	Passed to recce.
1330	HCR	Enemy still hold CHAUMONT EN VEXIN 7590.	
1430	BGS - GOC Recce 11 Armd Div	Tail of 8 Armd Bde extends from other side of GISORS back to about 5801. Comd 8 Armd Bde to be told to tuck in his tail clear of the roads. The armour of 8 Armd Bde to continue the adv until it is caught up by the armour of Gds Armd Div which is now moving up HEART route passing Corps HQ and the tail of 8 Armd Bde which are stationery along the rd. The adv will then be taken up by Gds Armd Div and 8 Armd Bde will curl up and come into pos.	Comd 8 Armd Bde told to curl up his tail. Confirmed with 11 Armd Div that orders to 8 Armd Bde will be issued by them.
1440	Gds Armd	We are now out in your old loon and 1 CG have started to move but are held up by traffic of Corps HQ.	
1510	Gds Armd	Friends on right being in possession of CLUB we intend to push on along HEART directed on BEAUVAIS. Is this OK?	Replied "yes" - push on as fast as possible along HEART.
2 Army		12 and 30 Corps will be responsible for Airfd recce within Corps bdy. Recce parties 16 Airfd Constr Gp and 5357 coming under comd 30 Corps forthwith. Recce party 13 Airfd Constr Gp under comd 12 Corps forthwith. Principal tasks. - 30 Corps recce of airfids areas BEAUVAIS M9108 and ALLIENS M1058 - 12 Corps recce of airfids areas POIX 8648 and DROMBOS 7833. Secondary tasks - recce any other existing or rehabilitated airfids and suitable ALG sites. 12 AGRE will nominate one airfd constr gp to be placed in sp 30 Corps forthwith notifying nomination direct to CE 30 Corps emergency. Gp nominated will be moved fwd under 30 Corps arrangements earliest possible.	Copy sent to CE who was asked to take necessary action.

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TIME	TO/FROM	SUBJECT	ACTION
0330	11 Armd Div	Sitrep at 312359D. After an all night adv AMIENS was entered by 3 R Tks at 0615 hrs this morning where they found the enemy there completely bewildered and disorganized. Resistance developed along the rly line but was soon overcome and by 0900 hrs the br across the SOMME at 017581 was captured intact and the br at 072609 was later cleared also. During the afternoon brhead across the R SOMME was enlarged and fwd tps are now est on a line 115650 155640 with 15/19 H covering flank NORTH of the river. 151 Bde came under comd and arrived in the Div area this evening. Inns of Court patrolled area POIXSOMME brs NW of AMIENS and NORTH of AMIENS itself. Last light loons. Div HQ 108598, 29 Armd Bde HQ 124628, 3 R Tks 132613, 2 FF Yeo 125647, 8 RD 119643. 159 Inf Bde HQ 106579, 4 KSII 117587, 3 Hon 105589, 1 Hereford 112606. 151 Inf Bde HQ 071585, 8 DLI 063569, 6 DLI 107580. Enemy. 800 plus captured up to 1600 hrs incl Col Gen EBERHART GOC Seventh Army and successor to Gen HAUSSEER+ and two senior commanders. One Tiger destroyed together with many other AFVs.	
0535	11 Armd Div	Report quiet night.	
1545	Gds Armd Div	NTR	
0555	50 Div	NTR	
0605	BGS	Gave form.	
0700	8 Armd Bde	Comd 8 Armd Bde would like all available infn from recon by 11 Armd Div to be passed to him, particularly as regards left flank.	
0705	11 Armd	Brs over SOMME held at 109581 - CL 70. 072609 - CL 40.	
0730	Army	Loons. Tac Army R 548881, 8 Corps Main NORGNY M5405.	
0725	Army	Tac HQ 21 Army Gp crosses SEINE am 1 Sep to be given absolute priority over VERNON br.	
0740	Gds Armd Div	Sitrep at 2359 hrs. Gds Armd Div continued adv and 5 Gds Armd Bde est a brhead over R SOMME and cut rd AMIENS - ALBERT with 1 Mot Gren Gds and 2 Armd Gren Gds Gp area LA HOUSSEY 2365, 1 Armd Coldm Gds area 2260, 2 Armd IG area 2259, 5 Coldm Gds area BOINNOY 2461. No opposition was encountered on adv to R SOMME and opposition on brs was light but incl 88mm A Tk gun in one case but was speedily over comd. Brs over R SOMME at 2158 CL 5, 2558 CL 30, 3258 CL 40 reported intact and also br 255611 CL 40 reported intact. Loons. Div HQ 276510, 5 Gds Armd Bde 230590, 32 Gds Bde 056248. Future intentions continue adv at first light to seize high ground HAUTE AVESNES 3704.	
0805	11 Armd	29 Armd Bde adv and head has cleared RAINEVILLE 1466.	
0805	Gds Armd	5 Gds Armd Bde not moving yet, 32 Gds Bde halted on rd. Head at 2547.	

FILE	TO/FROM	SUBJECT	ACTION
0045	2 Army	News as at 0800 hrs. Third US Army. VIII Corps. Progress continued to be slow against very strong enemy resistance at BREST one island off ST MALO still holding out. XII Corps. Adv elts reported T9598 and Y5057. XX Corps. Mopping up in REIMS which is still held by enemy. 4 Cav are reported 0 4029 - 3227 - 1624. Otherwise NTR. First US Army. VII Corps. 3 Armd Div on high ground NORTH of R AISNE are N 80 and N 90. 1 Div reached S 7593. V Corps. Adv elts have reached S 5300. 4 Div S 3975. XIX Corps. OGD 2 Armd Div reached N 0295 and M 9305. 79 Div have recoce at R 9284 and RCT at 0682 and 7875. First Cdn Army. 2 Cdn Corps. 4 Cdn Armd Bde reached 3621 - 3421 - 3420. 10 Cdn Inf Bde 3417. 3 Cdn Inf Div. 8 Cdn Bde in area 2816. 9 Cdn Bde at 2223 report ROUEN clear of enemy. 7 Cdn Bde are DOOS 2608. 2 Cdn Div. 5 Cdn Bde are TOURVILLE 2002 are taking over ROUEN. Polish Armd Div crossing SEINE at 1899 and will then pass through 4 Cdn Armd Div to NE. 1 Br Corps. 154 Bde of 51 (H) Div are crossing SEINE area DUCLAIR 0420. Patrols from 49 Div have crossed SEINE at QUILLEDOEUF R 72.	
0845	Gds Armd	2 HCR started on time - very slight opposition which they brushed aside. Report one A Tk gun and some inf in ALBERT. At 0810 hrs SOUTH of town was clear and they were passing beyond. 2 WG Recce moved on time and at 0815 had cleared the main rd running NW from ALBERT making good progress. 5 Gds Armd Bde Bp started 0840-hrs.	
0840	8 Armd Bde	Leading elts of SRY at 0158.	
0915	Gds Armd	Bridges - CL 5 at 2158. CL 30 at 2558. CL 40 at 3258 and 255611.	
0930	2 HCR	Two half tracks at 415702 captured by 2 HCR at 0820 hrs. At 0830 hrs fwd tps 2 WG at 3067 where whole coy of enemy surrendered. 2 WG pushing on via 2968.	
0940	11 Armd	Leading elts AUTHIE 2581.	
0945	8 Armd	Leading elts 7000 yds short of FLESELLES 0770.	
0955	Gds Armd	Leading elts 2000 yds short of HEDUTERNE 3582.	
1015	8 Armd	Held up by A Tk gun 0968.	
1020	Inns of Court	Own tks on line 2805 - 2091. Air report <u>no</u> large movement in or out of ARRAS 0955 hrs.	
1025	11 Armd Div	151 Bde report footbridge at 9964 blown. Main br NOT blown but NOT yet secure. Fwd tps over river area AUTHIE 2581. Suspected V2 site at 210715.	

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1040	11 Armd Div	5 Flying bomb sites 0883.	
1040	8 Armd Ddc	Held up by 2 SP guns on rly 0769. Inf in sp are engaging enemy tpt withdrawing WEST from sq 0870.	
1045	Gds Armd	2 Recce WG report line moving NW from DUCQUOY 4183. Main body about 3 miles SOUTH of this line.	
1056	Gds Armd	5 Gds Armd Ddc reported line running NW from ALBERT 3568.	
1100	11 Armd	Have captured Radar station at 131614. Suspected V.2 site is a V.1.	
1100	Gds Armd	2 HCR have two sqns in ALBERT but there is a good deal of resistance. 5 Gds Armd Ddc have been asked to help.	
1100	Gds, 11 Armd Divs, 8 A Ddc & 50 Div	Gave info re XIX US Corps and 12 Corps.	
1105	XIX US Corps (Phantom)	0400 hrs: OCA 2740 to 2838 CCB 1428 315 Regt 0300 314 Regt 0598 315 Regt 0797 120 Regt 1487 and 1289. 117 Regt 0808 and 0690. 79 Div to lead today.	
1110	11 Armd	HQ halted 2000 yds SOUTH of PUCHEVILLERS 1975. rd AMIENS - DOULLENS clear to about grid Northing 77.	
1115	Gds Armd	Number of stragglers from 10 SS Div in DUCQUOY 4183.	

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1125	RA	Civilians reports 20 tks moving NORTH at 2055.	Told Gds Armd
1135	Phantom	7 Armd Div news 0705 hrs. 44 R Tks reached 935580. Greys at 7747.	Passed all stations
1140	Gds Armd Div	32 Gds Ddc passing through VILLERS BRETONNEUX 2554.	
1150	8 Armd Ddc	Enemy opposition in 0870 pushed aside. We are carrying on.	
1200	50 Div	Flying bomb site at 000594. Amn dump at 0259. Dr at 0262 blown but further br mined only - not blown.	
1155	50 Div	Being engaged by enemy patrols at VAUX-EN-AMIENS 0665. Rly br at 9964 mined and road br there blown but passable to inf. Some opposition on far bank.	
1205	Inns of Court	Patrol at 3076. Much enemy tpt being shot up.	
1210	Gds Armd	2 HCR having tough battle in ALBERT and BAPAUME. Strong pockets of enemy resistance there and they are all SS tps.	
1230	11 Armd	Tail will not be clear of AMIENS till 1500 hrs. Is this OK?	Informed OK.
1235	Ltr	ASSU with 29 Armd Ddc reports very little activity on rds NW, NORTH and NE from ARRAS.	
1235	2 HCR	Patrols on line NW and SE through ARRAS but not in town.	

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1420	8 Armd Bde	Will be at LAVICOGNE 1275 in five minutes.	
1435	Recco	Gds Armd Div is having good deal of trouble with ALBERT. Corps Comd has told them to picket town in WEST with one Mot Gren Gds. He wants 50 Div told to send one Bn gp to clear it up. Bn should send LO to 1 Gren Gds to get news and approach ALBERT from SOUTH. Give Gds Armd Div earliest ETA and designation of Bn.	50 Div told
1440	Gds Armd	General Von GROLMAN commanding all units supposed to guard SOMME captured by 5 Gds Armd Bde. He is on his way back to Corps.	Told to send to us in new loon.
1450	8 Armd Bde	Hope shortly to be through DOULLENS on way to AVESNES-LE-COMTE 2999. Have no report on DOULLENS.	
1500	8 Armd Bde	Held up by A tk gun 1484. Will let you know when moving again.	
1510	Gds Armd	HQ on move just past 300660.	
1515	11 Armd	HQ on move 2000 yds short of AVESNES-LE-COMTE-2999. Ldg tps all across main rd NW from ARRAS and moving on to objective.	
1530	8 Armd Bde	Now passing through BRAUVAL 1381. Ldg cts just astride DOULLENS.	
1540	8 Armd Bde	Loon 146042. Cannot confirm anything about RUBEMPRE 1771. Other places OK	
1600	P 19 Corps	At 1130 hrs OCB 293307 and 300418. Air strip 925800.	
1600	P 12 Corps	12 Corps plan. 7 Armd Div seize crossings over R SOMME. Part 7 Armd Div to seize ABBEVILLE from NE, or SE if brhead NOT est. 53 Div task protect left flank from R SOMME to HORNAY 8255. 12 Corps HQ at 481981.	
1550	Gds Armd	5 Gds Armd Bde are on objective. Sqn 2 Armd Gren Gds in ALBERT. Coy 1 Mot Gren Gds by rly br SW of ALBERT. Regt 5 Gds Armd Bde in ARRAS and report that civilians say enemy retreating towards DOULAI & LILLE.	
1555	8 Armd Bde	Confirm urgently none of our tps SW of DOULLENS.	Told them that 12 Corps may be there

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1605	11 Armd Div	Civilians state no flying bomb sites EAST of line DOULLENS - ST POL, but large number in area ST POL - CONCHY 0604.	
1605	G (Air)	Rd ARRAS - ST POL. NMS. Rd ARRAS - H 2525. Some mov. Rd H 2525 - H 1612. Conc enemy tks. Many ambulances moving NE. Very hy flak ST POL.	
1615	50 Div	Tentacle unable to locate Corps HQ. Is he still wanted ?	Told to send to our new loon.
1610	50 Div	7 GH are going to ALBERT but will not be there for at least three hours.	
1630	Tac Army and Main	Sitn given.	
1700	11 Armd	29 Armd Bde have reached objective and are reorganising.	
1710	50 Div	7 GH now on way to ALBERT .	
1735	11 Armd	Inns of Court patrols at HOUDAIN 3118. PERNES 2222 and ST POL 1611.	
1726	11 Armd	HQ at 345080.	
1740	11 Armd	Part of 15/19 on outskirts of ST POL - not yet in.	
1745	Tac and Main Army	Gave form.	
1755	Gds Armd	Fwd tps being increasingly attacked by own Spitfires NORTH of ARRAS.	G(Air) told

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1815	Army	News of 12 Corps at 1530 hrs. Patrols at 0473 and 8569. Main bodies meeting resistance at 8876, 8378, 8573.	
1820	Trns of Court	Patrols at 5115, 4020, 3117, 2222, 1611.	
1835	8 Armd Bde	Fighting going on in DOULIENS which is fairly strongly held with number of A Tk guns and MGs. On left now entering FIENVILLERS 0683.	
2000	Tac and Main Army	Gave news re patrols.	
1945	43 Div	Now est 502595	
2000	-	43 Div less certain adm units passes to comd 8 Corps 021200B	
2130	Gds Armd	2 Armd IG are in DOUAL. 2 HCR in LIENS. HQ at 464023. Can maps be sent up as soon as possible.	
2200	Loons	Gds Armd 464023 11 Armd 345090 50 (N) Div 049463 8 Armd Bde 199954	
2230	Phantom	XIX US Corps. At 1600 hrs CCA of 2 Armd Div by-passing RAPAUME to EAST. At 1615 hrs 30 Div task force reached ROYE 4334.	
2215	Phantom	7 Armd Div Sitrep as at 1715 hrs. Br at 0760 ready at 1800 hrs. 4 Armd Bde to attack followed by 131 Bde obj 0278 - 0379. 22 Armd Bde cross tomorrow and prepare to pass through 4 Armd Bde. Two tps of tks and one coy inf are across at 881757 directed on ABBEVILLE.	

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2230	8 Armd Bde	DOULLENS clear 2000 hrs. BOUQUEMAISON 1592 clear 2030 hrs. POMMERA 2288 clear.	
2240	2 Army	Main HQ 2 Army moves to area GRANVILLERS 8335 030600.	
2245	8 Armd Bde	4/7 DG 1794, Sqn 4/7 DG and coy 12 KRRC 1593, 13/18 H 1996, Notts Yeo 2295, 12 KRRC and two sqns Notts Yeo DOULLENS.	
2245	Gds Armd	FFI report pocket of 200 Germans with two btys 88mm area SAILLY 3381. Would it be possible for 50 Div to deal with them?	G.1 spoke/LO 50 Div and told to investigate but not to prejudice of other tasks.
2250	2 Army	Sitrep at 1500 hrs. Royals over SOMME 0761. 4 Armd Bde crossing river 9468. Greys already over. 8 H 8771. At 1540 hrs head 71 Bde ABANCOURT 7038. 1 RB VING'T ABBEVILLE. Cdn Army captured DIEPPE 1240 hrs. 4 Cdn Armd Bde fighting at ATRAINE 8567 at 1300 hrs. 3 Cdn Div area NEUFCHATEL 4645. 49 Recce Regt 6 miles EAST of LE HAVRE at 1300 hrs meeting no resistance.	
2310	7 Armd Div (Phantom)	??? (words missing) 44 R Tks moving to conc area 0378 followed by 131 Bde less one bn with under comd 8 H, 5 R Tks and 3 PMA. Estimated 131 Bde will be clear of R SOMME by 0400 hrs. Div is directed on ST POL. ROYALS cover front.	
2315	11 Armd Div	Div HQ 345080, 29 Armd Bde 3213, 23 H 3610, 3 R Tks 3514, 2 TF Yeo 3613, 8 RB 354099, 15/19 H 283991, 159 Inf Bde 3204, 3 Mon 343060, 4 KSLI 317034, 1 Hereford 343060 Inns of Court 3408.	

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TIME	TO/FROM	SUBJECT	ACTION
2325	8 Corps	2 US Armd Div in area 4060	
2335	XIX Corps (Phantom)	1945 hrs. 2 OOB reported enemy resistance PERONNE 5557.	
2350	Phantom	22 Armd Ddc cross R.SOMME first light tomorrow. 71 Ddc (lorry-borne) come u/c. Dr at 992648 will be open at 2300 hrs.	
2340	All Divs & 8 A B	Form given.	
2345	Gds Armd	5 Gds Armd Ddc all on objective. 32 Gds Ddc on SOUTH side of ARRAS. 2 Armd I G in DOUAI.	
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0015	8 Armd Ddc	4/7 DG report destroying large number of enemy personnel and vehs following areas - CANAPLES 0576 - TERNEUIL 0380 - FIENVILLERS 0683 - MONTELET 0779. At last-named place 100 PW taken. Resistance appears considerably more organised than of late, with supporting fire. Owing to failing light and necessity to push on, large numbers of Germans willing to surrender have had to be left behind. Area cannot be considered cleared. RD AMIENS - DOULLENS - BOUQUEMAISON 1593 cleared. RD AMIENS - FIESSSELLES 0870 - MACOURS 0973 should not be considered cleared. DOULLENS now clear and held by us. Villages and area round IVERGHY 1995 appears to be completely clear.	
0045	8 Armd Ddc	Asked for loan 50 Div and time they would move.	Checked with 50 Div and told 8 Armd they would move in morning
0050	Gds Armd Ddc	They urgently require copies of two map sheets for today's ops (2 Sep), as their objective is on these and they have not arrived.	Spoke G3 and sent MOST IMMEDIATE signal to Army suggesting they should be flown up at first light.

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0130	CA	Following info given by Mayor ARRAS - (i) Maquis attacked 200 to 300 Germans entering FLOUVAIN 5700, but were outnumbered and withdrew. Germans thought to be going to stay some time in village and Maquis fear reprisals. (ii) 70 Germans armed with MGs in BOIS ANZIN, within 4 kilometres of ARRAS.	
0140	12 Corps	Sitrep at 011200L. Royals on line of SOMME 0559 - 9567. 4 Arm'd Bde up to line of R SOMME area 8874. 131 Inf Bde just SOUTH of HORNVOY 8154. 53 (W) Div. 71 Inf Bde now moving to area 8060 - 8865. 15 (S) Div, NTR. Dr at 072609 fit for anything, br 051610 (?) demolished, work progressing on hrs at PICQUIGNY 9964. Locn 7 Arm'd Div 855452 now moving again.	
0140	43 Div,	Sitrep at 012200B. No change except that 43 Div now 505795. 214 Bde HQ 469817. All tps of 43 Div are now NE of R SEINE except for the following 3 Fd Regts RA - one A Tk Bty 110 LAA Regt less two SP Tps ADM area.	
0100	Army	Asked for location this HQ.	Given
0230	-	LO arrived from Army Comd.	Tac Army informed.
0245	11 Arm'd	Sitrep 012200B. Adv NORTH from area 5 miles NORTH of AMIENS continued at 0630 this morning on three routes. Little opposition encountered except for isolated pockets and retreating cols of horsedrawn tpt and arty on rd DOULIENS - ARRAS. By 1600 hrs 23 H reached their final objective for the day. By 1800 hrs 29 Arm'd Bde was conc in area around x-rds 377442, with 159 Bde conc in rear and 15/19 H in the role of flank protection area LIENCOURT. Patrols reached outskirts of DOULIENS and ST POL. Inns of Court patrols reached 3921 3119 1712 1917 and 2222. Enemy. 500 plus PW taken during day incl chief of staff SOMME AA Comd with his staff. Many abandoned guns found. One unfinished flying bomb site discovered. Last light locns. Div HQ 345080. 29 Arm'd Bde HQ 3242. 23 H 3610. 3 R Tks 3814. 2 FF Yeo 3613. 8 RD 354099. 159 Bde HQ 3204. 3 Mon 343060. 4KSLI 317039. 1 Hereford 325060. 15/19 H 283991. Inns of Court 3408.	
0255	Army	Maps required available at forward map dump and should be drawn there.	Informed Gds Arm'd Div who will fetch.
0255	12 Corps	FFI report 200 Germans area 7111 and woods area 7006. Also 500 Germans in ST GERMER 6810.	43 Div told.
0315	Army (LO)	No tps to go beyond line DOUAI - CARVIN without permission of this HQ.	Gds and 11 Arm'd Divs told.

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0345	Gds Armd Div	Sitrep as at 012359 hrs. Gds Armd Div continued to advance and captured ARRAS and DOUAI. Resistance slight only organised resistance being at ALBERT which was masked during adv by sub unit of 5 Gds Armd Bde who have since been relieved by 50 Div. Considerable amount of withdrawing enemy tpt was over-run and destroyed during adv. 2 HCR patrolled to line 3710 - 4315 - LENS 5115 - 5810. Posn of tps 2 Armd IG with one ocy 1 Mot Gren Gds DOUAI, 5 Gds Armd Bde on obj NORTH of ARRAS, 32 Gds Bde Southern outskirts of ARRAS. All hrs in ARRAS intact. Gen VIERNON Comd of 55 Army HQ Staff and Col BAYER Comd 20 AA Bde were captured with between 2500 and 3000 PW. Enemy continues surrender. Idents of adm units show that base areas have been over-run. Resistance at ALBERT was from 21 SS PGR who according to PW reports have not had time to re-group according to plan and had no tks. Unconfirmed reports show we have passed 6 FD sites and two large magazines.	
0350	Gds Armd Div	In view of restriction of fwd movement, do they still need to be tied up as before?	DGS told them that they may alter plans to suit adm needs,
0410	12 Corps	Sitrep as at 312400B. Adv little held up by demolitions, mines or organised enemy but progress delayed by slowness over R SEINE hrs. 15 Div. Remain holding brhead clearing forests of DICQUEVILLE 3501 and area HORTJOIE 2992. 53 Div. Conc in following areas. 71 Bde 5711 - 5814. 160 Bde 5515 - 5323. 158 Bde 5510 - 5310. One bde gp moving 1 Sep to area exel AIRAINES 8567 - CAMPS L'AMIENOIS 8658 - 7657.	
0555	Gds Armd Div	NTR	
0600	Rear Corps	Agm situation quite satisfactory. Brig AQ wants Air OP to bring him up to main.	Sent message that weather at present unsuitable & will try later.
0615	50 Div	7 GH have sent patrols into ALBERT which is reported clear. They have small party just East of town. One enemy tk KO. 231 Bde on way to relieve Gds Armd Div.	
0630	8 Armd Bde	NTR	
0645	43 Div	NTR	
0715	11 Armd	NTR during night. Everything going according to plan this morning.	
0720	50 Div	Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 1 Sep. Loons. Main HQ 049463, 69 Bde HQ 224523, 5 E Yorks 307539, 6 GH 212542, 7 GH on move, 151 Bde HQ 069568 6 DLI 106575, 8 DLI 063569, 9 DLI 068593, 231 Bde 157635, 2 Devon on move, 1 Hamps 155620, 1 Dorset 157612, 61 Recce 036565. 7 GH moving to assist Gren Gds Mot Bn in ALBERT area. 2 Devon movg up to relieve Gds Armd Div in area ARRAS. Gds Armd Div reached line of 11 Grid by last light. Many PQ taken. Loading tps NW and WEST of ARRAS. First Cdn Army captured DIEPPE. US Army captured VERDUN & est three brheads across R MEUSE.	

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0735	G(Air)	Landing strip HQ XIX US Corps now open S/925800.	CSO told.
0830	2 Army	2 US Armd Div reported approaching CAMRAI last light yesterday.	
0900	*P* XIX US Corps	From G.3. XIX Corps at 0730 hrs. At 0600 hrs fwd elts OCA of 2 Armd Div at 7407 and 7005 with recco at 8005.	Told DGS. Checked with Gds Armd Div who confirmed.
0910	Tao Army	Sent signal to C of S asking whether he realises that XIX US Corps are cutting across our front, and gaining control of our axes and appear to be directed on TOURNAI.	
0930	11 Armd Div	Comd wishes to meet their Comd and Staff Offr at br 672057 at 1315 hrs. Comd Gds Armd Div will also be there.	
0930	50 Div	HQ now just approaching AMIENS. 151 Bde is going on very well.	
0935	11 Armd	Leading tps have now reached LENS.	
0940	50 Div	There is still a little mopping up being done in ALBERT.	
0950	Army	Asked whether we can be relieved of responsibility for hrs over R SOMME incl AMIENS as soon as possible.	
0900	50 Div	Operations for 2 Sep. 231 Bde will complete take-over at ARRAS. 151 Bde Gp less one bn will move DOULLENS area via DIAMOND route cross R SOMME by br at AMIENS at 0700 hrs. Tail to be clear by 0930 hrs. One bn responsible for protection AMIENS. Bde will est rd blocks in area PLESSIS NAQRS SANDAT to cover West flank until 12 Corps come up. 61 Recce Regt operate on West flank with HQ est MONDICOURT 2488 move R SOMME by 0730 hrs using br AILLY (0.3262). 69 Bde NO move until further orders. Main Div HQ Gp moves to area PAS 2586 starting pt ST SAUFLIEU 0546 route HEART starting time 0900 hrs. Rear Div Gp move area MARIEUX 2280 start pt ST SAUFLIEU route HEART. Start time directly follows Main Div Gp.	

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1010	2 Army	The answer to our question re hrs over R SOMME is contained in message T.82 of 020815D - personal to Corps Comd. The problem of XIX US Corps and TOUTINAI has been referred to C-in-C.	
1015	2 Army	A Belgian contingent strength one bn gp will be placed u/comm 30 Corps for entry into Belgium. It will move up to ARRAS to-night and CC will report to Corps HQ. Please let it enter as early as possible.	
1140	Inns of Court	Dr at 558221 blown - gap 70 ft. Dr at 578189 OK. Not more than 10 tons. 30 ft span. Fr hold br at 509256. Dr at 562192 OK. Patrols at LOOS 4918 - some fighting in form. Dr 578188 reported blown. Dr 395272 covered by enemy A Tk guns.	
1150	HCR	Dr at 577188 NOT mined - Class 9.	
1230	HCR	Intercept report OIGNIES 6318 clear.	
1245	LO from 12 Corps	CL 40 br PICQUIGNY 9964 completed 2300 hrs last night. Temporary scissors br 802757 is to be replaced. Royals at 0673 - 0473 were advancing at first light. Greys 2 sqns at 9074 - 9174. 11 H across rd at 8378. 7 Armd Div. 131 Bde incl 8 H conc area between above hrs North of river. 22 Armd Bde loss 44 R Tks conc 0371. 4 Armd Bde with 44 R Tks 0381, CLY mopping up AIRAINES 0457. 12 Corps Main HQ moves today to 5890. 7 Armd Div are to adv to area ST POL 1611 - PREVENT 1200 - AUXI-LE-CHATEAU 3896. 2 Can Div in DIEPPE. 3 Can Div LE TREPORT. 4 Can Armd Div conc 8059	

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1300	8 Corps	Main HQ 8 Corps opens MORGLY 5405 1130 hrs 2 Sep.	
1305	2 HCR	Drs 655138, 694102, 6315 clear.	
1310	Irms of Court	Dr 582163 blown. Rd EAST from LENS OK. (no distance given). Patrol 630114. DOUAI clear. Two Armd cars 4521, two armd cars 4519 at 1130 hrs.	✓
1330	83 Gp	HQ 83 Gp opens 030001 hrs HANENTISSART H 7338.	
1335	Tac Army	Army Comd leaving by car for this HQ from WAILLY 9845 at 1220 hrs. Pilot bringing aeroplane on in advance and to wait.	ADC informed and pilot seen. Recce told that Corps Comd should return to HQ.
1315	12 Corps LO	12 Corps want to use rd from rd junc 148873 NORTH towards ST POL for adv of 7 Armd Div.	50 Div agreed & LO told they may use it.
1320	50 Div	FFI report 200 enemy area 5800 - 6000 with some hy weapons. Are they to take any action?	Told yes.
1325	8 Armd Bde	Civilian reports of ten flying bomb sites.	
1400	Tac & Main Army	Told this HQ not moving today.	
1415	Tac Army	12 Corps news. Dr at 8875 is not capable of taking traffic. May be repairable. Before collapse 4 Tps of Greys, 2 Tps 11 H and one coy 2 KRRC had crossed. Dr at PICQUIGNY 9965 expected to be OL 40 at 012300. By 020400 44 R Tks and 131 Bde less one bn had crossed over br 0760. 44 R Tks area 0467. 131 Bde less one bn area 0268. Remaining two armd regts 4 Armd Bde expected to be across by first light. Next to cross 22 Armd Bde. Then 71 Bde. Objective for 7 Armd Div and 71 Bde ST POL 1641, HESDIN 9612, AUXI 9695.	
1445	2 Army	Belgian contingent bn gp strength under comd 30 Corps forthwith. Moving ARRAS this evening, Comd reporting here earliest.	BGS informed.

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- 1440 Gds Armd 2 HOR report 3000 litres benzol at 5909
and 16,000 litres benzol at 6214. Please Q told
send expert to examine.
- 1445 Gds Armd Airfield in area 6204 in perfect condition
for fighter aircraft. Report comes from G(Air) told
RA OP
- 1500 50 Div Told to mop up pockets of enemy at GOUY
3495 and 299899.
- 1530 11 Armd Div CANAL between TOURNAI and VALENCIENNES
brs mined and prepared for demolition.
Civs report uncompleted FB site PHAHEPIN.
29 Armd Bde 600201 3 RTR 570151 2 FF
620189 8 RB 512212. 159 Inf Bde between
MILK (4512 - 4021) and STOUT (La BASSEE -
LENS) to SW of the town through which SEOUT
runs. 15/19 H is covering to NW, W and SW.
Civilians report a few Boche in LILLE which
appears to be collecting point for stragglers
thence taken to GERMANY via SEOLIN. HQ 11 Armd
Div 523182.
- 1555 50 Div 69 Bde 224539. 5 EX 307589. 6 GH 272547. 7 GH
ALBERT. 151 Bde 157528. 6 DLI rejoining 151 Bde.
8 DLI 149887 9 DLI 146807 231 Bde 458988
2 Devons 457996 1 Hants 473932 1 Dorsets
445989

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1605	CE	FFI report 50 enemy at 4784 and 150 at 4582. Are unable to deal with them.	
1615	Gds Armd Div	Completely concentrated in area as ordered.	
1618	Gds Armd Div	We are at 655055.	
1630	50 Div	Unit reports column of tanks approaching ARRAS from NW, head 2 miles away. Are they enemy or ours.	Told probably ours.
1655	8 Armd Bde	May they go over to 50 Div net.	Told yes.
1600	Inns of Court	Brs 5623 blown. Br 566248 strongly held by enemy.	✓
1715	Inns of Court	Br 578189 is intact, but is wooden and only up to 6 tons. Will need 30 ft Bailey span. Br 561192 intact and OK.	✓
1811		Br 620181 has now been taken over by armour.	
1725	50 Div	Sitrep 1430 hrs. Main HQ 50 Div 242862. Rear HQ 50 Div MARIEUX area 2280. 2 Cheshire 259360, 61 Recce Regt 237883. 69 Bde moving to area 4098 - 4398 - 4395 - 4093 - 3795. 151 Bde DOULLENS area, 8 DLI 149887, 9 DLI 146897. 231 Bde ARRAS area, 2 Devons 457996, 1 Hamps 473952, 1 Dorset 445989.	

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1745	Inns of Court	Br at 578189 is now CL 9 but by 1800 hrs it should be CL 40.	GE informed
1745	50 Div	Reported 150 enemy with A Tk guns contained by FTI area 2813 and trying to strike out to SOUTH. Can we do anything about this.	Told No - they are outside our bdy.
1815	To Tac Army	Phantom reports that XIX US Corps fwd tps have reached area TOURNAI - ORCHIES. This will seriously hinder our operations and also they will be in the bombing area.	
1835	Phantom	From G.3 XIX US Corps. At 1330 hrs rear OCA area 9121 - 9221. 30 Div took over area THUN 8590. All units moving as fast as possible.	
1845	LO XIX US Corps	Confirmed leading tps XIX US Corps are in TOURNAI. Instructions to concentrate whole Corps there.	
1848	LO XIX US Corps	2 OCA at 1300 hrs were at 8619. Recce at 9121 and 9222. 79 Div at 1400 hrs - 314 RCT 6078, 313 RCT 6474, 30 Div TRH 8592. XIX US Corps HQ now at 432621 moving tomorrow to area 9022.	
1930	Gds Armd 50 Div	231 Bde under comd Gds Armd Div 2000 hrs.	
2100	Tac Army (LO)	12 Corps situation 1700 hrs. 22 Armd Bde on line of rd ST POL - HESDIN. 131 Inf Bde about 1000 yds behind. It is possible that 7 Armd Div may reach MERVILLE tonight instead of tomorrow.	

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2105	Tac Army LO	8 Corps Main HQ NORGHY 5404.	
2110	Second Army	Till further orders op moves of 30 Corps have complete priority over move fwd of seabornp vchs of airborne force used in op LINNET	Originally rec'd 1630 hrs and Rear HQ told.
2140	7 Armd Div (Phantom)	22 Armd Bde ordered to seize crossing over canals at 331374, 319350, 340349, 346338, 322348.	
2145	11 Armd Div	HQ wood 5318.	
2205	Rear 30 Corps HQ	Rear HQ 30 Corps at 060492.	
2207	2 Army	LINNET cancelled.	
2210	LO XIX US Corps	Situation cleared up. Confirmation follows.	
2212 (4)	To 11 Armd Div, Gds Armd, 50 Div & 8 Armd.	OP LINNET cancelled. SABOT starts at first light.	
2215	XIX US Corps	OP located at N 4362, SUZANNE.	
2225	50 Div	Since LINNET is cancelled you will attach one Armd Regt to the Bde which is moving up from ARRAS to DOUAI to assist in the protection of that place.	
2320	Gds Armd Div	Told by phone LINNET cancelled. SABOT commences first light 3 Sep.	
2355	Phantom	From XIX US Corps. At 1940 hrs leading tps 113 Cavalry 8811. 79 Div area DENAN, last info CCA at 8820 at 1300 hrs. XIX US Corps HQ 438822 at 0800 hrs 3 Sep.	

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0130	50 Div	Rear HQ 50 Div at MARIEUX 2280.	
0355	XIX US Corps	US forces NOT now handing over TOURNAI. Recce elements withdrew area. Present locns as at 2000 hrs reported by LO. Recce patrols 2 Armd Div 9221, CCA 8017, OCB 8410. 79 Div, 113 Regt 8810. Recce elts V US Corps reported in VALENCIENNES. Nothing known hrs in TOURNAI. Many scattered Germans in area.	
0636	11 Armd	Several reports from WFI last night of enemy coming down from BETHUNE and from BASSEE. One unit to the North reported saw mortaring and patrol activity during night. Not thought amounts to very much but indicates someone on our front.	
0710	50 Div	Will we please have an offr at X rds BAUMETZ les LOGES to tell leading vchs 151 Bde when we are clear. 151 Bde will be halted there until we report our tail clear.	
0740	Gds Armd	2 HCR on start line on both centre lines.	
0748	Gds Armd	Loading tps one mile beyond SL. 2 HCR on line AUCHY-CAPELLE 7622 - PONT A MARCQ 7223.	
0803	Tac	LO says 6 enemy tks moving East from 5712. LO from 5 Gds Armd Bde	Gds Armd Div told.
0820	Tac	Locn 504012.	
0825	Gds Armd	2 HCR on right report BELGIAN frontier.	

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0830	Gds Armd	2 WF report BELGIAN frontier in sight.	
0840	11 Armd Div	On left 29 Armd Bde dealing with opposition in SECHLIN where there are reported to be 4 x 88 mm. Inns of Court also hold up for same reason and waiting for it to be overcome. On right leading tps 29 Armd Bde have crossed rd LILLE - PONT A MARCO. Inns of Court 2000 yds beyond rd.	
0855	50 Div	231 Bde will be moving out of ARRAS about 100 hrs and may clash with Corps HQ. Can we double bank to avoid this.	Told to keep to EAST of HEART route through ARRAS.
0900	Gds Armd	2 HCR report frontier on left.	
0900	11 Armd	Sitrep 022359D. the adv continued today on three routes from area AUBIGNY 3207 to area LENS 5115. No opposition encountered. Last light locns as follows. 11 Armd Div HQ 523182 15/19 H 408143 Inns of Court Regt 523184. 29 Armd Bde HQ 575202 23 H 600201 3 R Tks 572115 2 FF Yeo 620180 8 RD 512212. 159 Inf Bde HQ 455107 3 Mon 4508 4 KSLI 4808 1 Hereford 4509. Otherwise NTR.	
0900	50 Div	Sitrep at 022359. Locns. Main HQ 50 Div 243862. HQ 69 Bde 425991. 5 EX 401973. 6 CH 594983. 7 CH 426940. HQ 151 Bde 156857. 6 DLI 133869. 8 DLI 149887. 8 Armd Bde now under comd loan 199954. 231 Bde and 90 Fd Regt (SF) RA passed to comd Gds Armd Div.	
0920	Gds Armd	Airfield DECHY 7205 appears OK at first sight.	
0925	Gds Armd	On right 2 HCR reached R ESCAUT.	
0950	Gds Armd	2 HCR have crossed R ESCAUT. Drs on both axes intact.	Army told.
1015	Phantom	G(Ops) 19 Corps. OCA on objective but to remain EAST of rd ORCHIES - TOURNAI. OCB moves to wood 8412. 30 Div two ROTs in TOURNAI last light but ordered to come out of town to SOUTH	
1135	12 Corps	Sitrep 022400B. 7 Armd Div HQ now at 154932. 22 Armd Bde on line of rd ST POL - EXCL HESDIN 2512 - 131 Bde on gen line 1299 - FREUNT 1200 - 9506. 53 Div. Tac HQ 082792. 158 Bde area 9878. 160 Bde now moved to FREUNT 1200. 4 Armd Bde CLY adv to high ground 8379 meeting some opposition. Now in area 903796. HQ 12 Corps Main 860580.	
1150	Gds Armd	Fwd tps 2 HCR have reached line of rly through ATH 2035.	

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1155	SC 231 Ddc	Gds Armd have supplied to Belg Ddc (NB. NOT En as indicated by Army) 6000 galls POL also 2 days sups. Can these be replaced. Str of Belgians - 2500 men, 450 vehs.	Passed to Rear Corps
1155	Gds Armd	PW captured S of ORCHIES yesterday by US forces reports that 9 SS Pz Div was due to meet them at that place tomorrow Monday.	
1145	Gds Armd	Situation - on left 5 Gds Ddc on Belgian frontier - on right 32 Gds Ddc on line LEVZE-RENAIX.	
1150	50 Div	Have 151 Ddc or bridging coln priority on rds?	Replied br coln to follow behind 151 Ddc
1210	11 Armd Div	Posn in SECLIN - we hold NORTH half and enemy hold SOUTH half of town. Enemy being cleared and resistance is decreasing but is not yet small enough to by pass. On right 29 Armd Ddc has fwd elts in TOURNAI but is not going on till more progress is made on left. Inns of Court have patrol in TOURNAI. On right they are exploiting NE of TOURNAI but have no report of progress made yet.	
1225	50 Div	Sitrep as 022359 hrs. A. Locns. Main HQ 50 Div 243862. HQ 69 Ddc 425991 - 5 EY 401973 - 6 GH 394983 - 7 GH 426940. HQ 151 Ddc 156857, 6 DLI 133869, 8 DLI 149887. 8 Armd Ddc now u/c Corps 199954. 231 Ddc and 90 Pz Regt (SP) passed to comd Gds Armd Div.	
1230	50 Div	61 Recce report 600 enemy at 5424.	
1245	Gds Armd Ddc	On right LEUZE is almost clear. 32 Gds Ddc are movg on leaving one sub-unit to clear up mess. On Left 2 HCR are at LESSINES and report brs OK and in our hands. 5-Gds Ddc are 3 miles beyond TOURNAI.	
1255	50 Div	Dr at 559211 blown. 61 Recce are temporarily held up and are trying to find a way out of it.	
1300	Gds Armd	Fwd tps reached HAL 5443 - br intact.	
1315	Recce	Comd appreciates there are still a number of enemy in LILLE and ROUBAIX. He wants you to instruct 50 Div to screen exits to S and SE. We are now at 953327 - how are you getting on?	
1320	50 Div	Told to comply with above and treat as priority task.	
1450	11 Armd	Have just taken 22 PW at side of CL.	
1451	50 Div	FFI report enemy in large numbers at 3927, 3222 and 3218. Would like to know what action you propose taking.	
1452	Gds Armd	Situation in TOURNAI is not entirely satisfactory because there is much too much traffic and brs receiving hy punishment.	

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1453	Recco	Do not intend to return to Corps HQ unless it is EAST of TOURNAI. Suggest you try and get on to CLUD route.	Told impossible at present - will try and get on to CLUD route.
1454	11 Armd Div	6th left ldg tps of 29 Armd Bde have reached BELGIAN frontier - on right they are 3000 yds NE of TOURNAI. Patrols I of C have reached RENAIX 046.	
1455	11 Armd	Numerous enemy pockets and there has been fighting near Div HQ in area PONTAMARQ 7223 where 22 PW have just been taken. SECLIN is virtually clear. We are moving on now and have crossed rly running SE from LILLE.	
1510	Recco	50 Div not to go EAST of 90 Grid until SUNRAY gives instructions. Task - destruction of enemy SOUTH and EAST from ROUBAIX and LILLE and prevent interference with our tail. 11 Armd Div has left chaps looking SOUTH along rd from these places. 50 Div to relieve these earliest using HEART on tail of 11 Armd Div if DIAMOND is holding them up. 11 Armd Div not likely to go fwd of ALOST today.	
1515	Recco	SUNRAY says you are to keep moving until you are EAST of TOURNAI. Suggest suitable area is approx where we are now.	
1530	50 Div	151 Bde now passing through ARRAS. 3 Armd Bde moving to form screen SOUTH and SE of LILLE and ROUBAIX.	
1531	11 Armd Div	On right 29 Armd Bde half way between TOURNAI and RENAIX. On left on R L'ESCAUT.	
1555	50 Div	61 Recco fwd tps 6520 and reports 20 enemy and 2 pieces of arty at HOULPLAIN 6520.	
1600	11 Armd Div	Our cmd has instructed 29 Armd Bde to get to ALOST which they expect to do this evening. He would like decision as to whether he goes on from there left to him.	Referred him to GOC recco.
1620	11 Armd Div	29 Armd Bde reports PONY on left. Inns of Court on left in AUDENATDE and on right are 4 miles EAST of RENAIX	
1630	Gds Armd Div	On left 2 HCR on line of rly BRUSSELS - GHENT. One sqn 5 Gds Armd Bde also on same line. On right HCR and 2 WG Recco on line at ENCHEN.	
1700	Gds Armd Div	32 Gds Bde is being repeatedly bombed by our own aircraft. Our (30 Corps) SUNRAY wishes it to be put strongly to people concerned. We would rather not have them there at all. They must pay attention to identifications.	G(Air) & Army told.
1755	11 Armd Div	29 Armd Bde has reached NINOVE 3055.	
1805	50 Div	Enemy 6529 withdrawing NE with a number of tks. We are dealing with them.	
1815	50 Div	3 Armd Bde 6935 - 7035.	

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1045	Gds Armd	HCR still held up by stiff resistance on left. 8 gds Bde moving up and having battle WEST of HAL.	
1915	50 Div	8 Armd Bde. 4/7 DG fwd tps are now in centre of LILLE. Met no opp, so far. Civilians think enemy gone and also report fortifications 6236 ENGLIS	
	11 Armd	Fwd tps on line running NW and SW from NINOVE.	
2130	Gds Armd	One subunit 2 Recce WG and one subunit Armd IG(?) crossed br into BRUSSELS at 2010 hrs. On the left fwd tps closing up and now just short of MECHELIN.	
2330	Phantom	XIX US Corps reorganising area TOURNAI with Cav elts NORTH of town. No operations till petrol and arty arrive.	
2340	11 Armd	Fwd tps on right just NORTH of ASSCHE 5102 - on left just SOUTH of ALOST 4066 and all harbouring in these areas. Patrol Inns of Court reached 1000 yds NORTH of WOLVERTHEM 5966 where a few enemy were dispersed.	
2345	50 Div	HQ 50 Div 612251 8 Armd Bde HQ 630245 - 151 Bde HQ 532203 6 DLI 567205 8 DLI 532216 61 Recce 635266 - 630266 with fwd chaps 830302.	
2355	7 Armd Div LO	ST POL held strongly by enemy. Drs over LA BASSEE canal blown. Div moving on axis AUDIGNY 5307 - HERSIN 3918 - LA BASSEE - LILLE - GHENT. 22 Armd Bde adv on two axes. 131 Bde clearing ST POL with 1/7 Queens. & 8 H. Remainder moving to BETHUNE - one bn to remain in BETHUNE. 1 Cdn Army news. Polish Armd Div so far unable to cross R SOMME at ABBEVILLE. Armd Bde in area 7280 - 7477. Inf Bde directed on HANGY 9351. 4 Cdn Armd Div in area 8374 - 8672 - 8369 - 8171. 3 Cdn Div in area ST VALERY SUR SOMME - excl ABBEVILLE - LE TREPONT 4562. Task to cross R SOMME and adv on axes MONTREUIL - SAMER - BOULOGNE - CALAIS - DUNKIRK. 2 Cdn Div at DIEPPE.	
0030	50 Div	Essential you get tps into TOURNAI earliest. If possible by first light.	
0130	XIX Corps	Corps will adv EAST within allotted bays on NOUVILLE SOUTH of BRUSSELS. Adv will NOT take effect for 48 hrs for maintenance reasons. GOC XIX Corps most concerned about British cols movg up TOURNAI - ST AMAND rd causing much delay to US maintenance traffic. Request cols routed within 30 Corps bdy also request 30 Corps relieve US tps at present protecting TOURNAI.	
0230	12 Corps	Last light posns - 7 Armd Div gen area MEURCHIN 5621 - LOOS 4918 - 4625 MOTTINGARIE 4419. 53 Div ST POL 1611	

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0235	12 Corps	Main HQ now in area 9058.	
0235	19 Corps	We are now at 900210 nr HOWARDRIES.	
0240	Gds Armd	Posn in BRUSSELS at 2200 hrs. All rd exits blocked. 5 Gds Dde Gp and 32 Gds Rde Gp in centre of town. No enemy opposition as yet. HQ Gds Armd Div 545479 HQ 5 Gds Armd Dde still movg. HQ 32 Gds Armd 637532.	
0500	2 Army	News as at 0300 hrs. 3rd US Army. 3 Corps and 12 Corps no news received. XX Corps has captured SEDAN 09027. 1st US Army. VII Corps have captured HIRSON 0.5755. V Corps. 5 Armd Div have captured COMPIEGNE N.0343 and have crossed the R. AISNE NW of SOISSONS S.0096. XIX Corps. 2 Armd Div on line 6274 - 5030. 30 Div have crossed SOMME and are in area PERONNE, 0460. 1st Cdn Army. 4 Cdn Armd Div crossing SOMME area LONG 6776. Polish Armd Div are 6 miles SW of ARREVILLE. 3 Cdn Div area LE TREPONT 4481 - EU 4879 and have crossed R DIESSE. 2 Cdn Div captured DIEPPE at 1200 hrs yesterday. 49 Div recce are approx 3 miles EAST of LE HAVRE. 51 Div crossing SEINE area DUCLAIR M.0421.	
0530	Rear Corps	Rear Corps HQ area SECLIN 6727	

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0630	To GAD	Ref o/700 of 052140B. Understand 32 Gds Armd Div in PARC ROYAL - must be clear by 1000 hrs.	
0640	To GAD	Your use of rd ORCHIES - STAMAND - TOURNAI seriously inconveniencing 19 Corps. This MUST stop at once and main rd only be used. Pro action required of you to ensure.	
0650	50 Div	Comd to Comd. Success of today's operations depends largely on speed with which you carry out tasks allotted to you for today.	
0710	50 Div	Bn for TOURNAI is on way. But do not know if it has arrived. Other units were to move up at first light.	Told 50 to let us know answer soonest
0750	Gds Armd Div	Did not receive warning order that Corps HQ was moving to PARC ROYAL BRUSSELS this morning.	Warned them to be clear of PARC ROYAL by 1000 hrs.
0805	11 Armd Div	We are unable protect KINKHOUE 0152, AUDENARDE 0957 x rds 253627 as our nearest troops already 24 miles beyond the area.	
0845	50 Div	At 0545 hrs 7 GH reported to be well past LENS. At 0752 hrs 69 Bdd in LENS.	
0910	19 US Corps	1/2 Armd Div. Elts OCA 206175. Elts CCB 040100. 2/30 Inf Div entered TOURNAI 9332 from the SOUTH at 022000 hrs. 2 Regts on obj at end/period. Fwd elts 79 Div reported at DENNIN 0102. Elts 15 OCA area LASCARFE river at 105107.	
0905	Army	Tac HQ 2 Army closes present loon 020930B Sep. Reopens 907447 at 021400B. LS 905445.	
0910	11 A Div	29 A Bde elts at 6069 and 6373. SOUTH and SE exits from ALOST and TERMONDE looked after by one bn 159 Bde.	
0915	11 Armd	Want Tac/R of brs in ANTWERP area.	Told G(Air) who is arranging.
0925	Inns of Court	Patrols 4786 5560. Drs blown 5567. 5566. Enemy inf at 3074.	✓
0935	50 Div	Div Comd urgently wishes to know if he can move 69 Bde less one Bn to ALOST by HEART route as far as possible.	Ask 11 Armd Div who agree. 50 Div inf-ormed.
0955	Gds Armd Div	32 Gds Bde are being made responsible for rd to E and SE of BRUSSELS. 1 Gr Gds in posn in area N BRUSSELS (PARC ROYAL). 1 Coldn Gds Gp responsible for rd to W of town but are not yet conc owing to civilian traffic and population themselves.	

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..... some centres of resistance in town. Mostly one or two blocks of buildings. Being dealt with by 32 Gds Bde who are now clearing anti-tank guns and inf reported about two miles on rd to LOUVAIN 3675.

1000	Gds A Div	Loon HQ 543479.
1035	"	Corps Comd and Div Comd have agreed about clearing of PARC ROYAL for Corps HQ.
1050		Entered BRUSSELS. Army given form.
1110	11 Armd	TERMONDE 4576 clear of enemy.
1115	50 Div	Enemy in main rd below LA BASSEE and LILLE and are being dealt with by 151 +Bde. 69 Bde are going well as ordered. We are moving to area 712071 at 1300 hrs.
1105	11 Armd	3 R Tks has crossed river at DOOM 6402 by right hand br. Main br seems to be prepared for demolition and there are enemy at it. Being dealt with and all steps being taken to secure it intact. 23 H has crossed river at VILVORD 6763 and has NTR. Brs 6766, 6570, 6372 blown.
1225	Gds Armd	Told to give Belgians priority on OLUB route.
1230	Recco	Loon 515623.
1235	50 Div	HQ moving to 8632.
1240	50 Div	151 Bde 532200 6 DLI 357205 8 DLI with 8 Armd Bde 9 DLI 683290. 10 with us should return at once. He is going to 12 Corps and we will replace.

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1240	BGS	HQ Gds Armd Div 543479.	
1200	Rear 30 Corps	Routes not signed between SUPERCHARGE and SABOT. Who is to do this.	Told Rear Corps to do
1300	11 Armd Div	<p><u>Situation</u> - On left 3 R Tks are in SOUTHERN outskirts of ANTWERP.</p> <p>On right 23 H are going North through MECHELIN 7174.</p> <p>159 Bde less 1 Hereford in area WOLVERTHEM 5966 and will follow up right route.</p> <p>1 Hereford in area ALOST 4066, where they are bringing in a number of PW. 15/19 H have one sub-unit SE of TERMONDE 4576 but has 1 TR</p> <p>Inns of Court has had one patrol at bridge 692763 which is held by enemy with SA and 20mm and also mined. One sqn in area on WEST flank.</p> <p>Civilians report no enemy between ALOST and GHENT.</p> <p>Div HQ moving up behind 159 Bde.</p>	
1300	Inns of Court	Entering ANTWERP.	
1330	Tac Army	Landing strip 576505 (very bad - recce now in progress).	
1340	11 Armd	<p>Bridge 692763 now in our hands. Enemy have thrown guns into river and surrendered. 23 H now 2000 yds NORTH of MECHELIN. Patrols of Inns of Court who want to AUDENARDE+ report they hold bridge and very few enemy in town.</p> <p>On SOUTH outskirts of ANTWERP, 3 R Tks report a few mins and some SA fire, but do not think forts held.</p>	

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1430	Gds Armd	2 Recce WG patrolling NORTH to contact 11 Armd Div in MECHLIN. 2 HCR patrolling route HAL - ATH in order to keep it clear on either side. 2 Armd Gren Gds Gp has been directed to LOUVAIN - no infm of progress. 1 Armd Coldm Gds Gp responsible for Western approaches. 32 Gds Bde Gp blocking SOUTH and SE approaches. Both these Gps in position.	
1440	50 Div	EGS asked for locns and situation of 8 Armd Bde and particularly position in TOURNAI. Div to establish HQ on high ground EAST of TOURNAI as soon as possible for reasons of comm.	
1520	2 Army	Tac HQ opens 417920 at 041400B. Airstrip at 413915.	
1530	50 Div	59 Bde have est one Bn in TOUNRAI. Remainder of Bns movg fwd and have reached ANSERCEUL 0244. 8 Armd Bde left hand unit 2 miles beyond TOUNRAI. RH unit has reached 7931 going well. HQ est EAST of TOURNAI. 151 Bde have been in contact with the enemy who have withdrawn across the canal.	
1600	Gds Armd	Locn 625548.	
1610	11 Armd	Corps Comd promised Comd that he could have an extra Inf Bde if required for ANTWERP. Civilians report 5,000 - 10,000 enemy in town. While this is considered an exaggeration would like Bde to be at short notice to move if required.	Gds Armd told to put 231 Bde at short notice.

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1610	G(Air)	Landing Strip now moved to Airport 6758. No servicing till tpt arrives. ETA 1700 hrs. CE sending rep to examine suitability for Dakotas. Army to be told results.	Tac Army informed
1610	Army	Essential secure airfields near BRUSSELS as quickly as possible. Following located to NE - EVERE 6659 MELSBROEK 7062 GRIMBERGHEN 6364 PEUTHY 6949	Army infmd all tactically secure and may be reced.
1620	Tac Army	Loen given in response to another enquiry.	
1635	11 Armd	On left 3 RTR have penetrated through ANTWERP and have reached the river. Resistance is slight and disorganised. The harbour install- ations appear at first sight to be intact. They are getting hold of the Harbourmaster. On right 23 H are still hold up on line of the canal at the entrance to ANTWERP.	
1740	G(Air)	Fighter cover for BRUSSELS was arranged as requested by contact car which spoke to an airborne mission and arranged standing patrols.	
1800	Brig 5 Gds Armd	Fwd tps now 3 miles from LOUVAIN on Southerly route.	
1800	11 Armd	Situation in ANTWERP now such that the assistance your Sunray promised is NOT now required. HQ loen 626780 and movg again in one hour.	
1805	50 Div	Civilian report SS in BRUX 3223. FFY require help urgently.	

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1800	Tac Army	Army Comd NOT coming here today.	Corps Comd told
1805	Gds Armd	Gds Armd Div to establish local mobile guard on BRUSSELS airfield and maintain till further notice.	
1815	50 Div	HQ now at 858318. 69 Bde are in ALOST. 151 Bde reports enemy gun posns at 626297 - 610295 - 610235 - 651230 - 602291. 151 Bde reports centre of enemy resistance 582269 and in woods nearby. Also at br 647283. Shell Drake 151 Bde KO'd 4 A Tk guns in 6532. 8 Armd Bde reports SRY say that all friends in posn. Enemy withdrawing to GHENT. One sub unit SRY not quite in ALOST.	
1820	From G.1	Fwd elts Armd Bde now in outskirts of LOUVAIN. HCR report brs intact.	
1821	Rear Corps	Rear Corps HQ now open at 653250.	
1822	12 Corps	7 Armd Div. 22 Armd Bde less regt 4720 - 4918. Other regt on both sides of br 4628. 131 Bde moving up from ST POL area to BETHUNE area. 53 Div NTR. Intention - 1) Inf cross WEST of BASSEE and adv on axis ARMENTIERS 5743 - MENIN 7554 - COURTRAI 8557 - DYZENOE 047? 2) Armd Gp take BASSEE and ECLAIRE BETHUNE and MOUBLE if possible, in any case protect eastern exits from them. 3) Armd Gp follow up 131 Bde and if necessary pass through them. 4) 53 Div secure left flank. Be ready to move to LILLE today. 4 Armd Bde to side step NE as flank protection	

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1840	Tac Army	Form given	
1815	11 Armd Div	<p>Situation ANTWERP. Patrols 3 R Tks NORTH of harbour report no further demolitions likely to take place but still small parties of enemy holding out. 23 H KO'd 2 x 88 mm and is not yet in town.</p> <p>4 KSLI is dealing with several hundred enemy inf in park 6792.</p> <p>Enemy not offensive and damage do docks slight.</p> <p>Majority 3 R Tks and 8 RB now in town.</p>	
1830	Gds Armd	<p>Situation KOUVAIN.</p> <p>2 HCR on bridges.</p> <p>Fwd tps 2 Armd Gren Gds in town and report certain number of 4 Tk guns but not very strongly held.</p> <p>KO'd 6 x 88 mm arca 6956. They then came by SOUTH route</p>	
1900	50 Div	<p>Locns - 8 Armd Bde</p> <p>4/7 DG</p> <p>12 KRC</p> <p>8 DLI</p> <p>Notts Yeo</p> <p>5 E Yorks</p> <p>6 GH</p>	<p>813308</p> <p>803312</p> <p>884366</p> <p>795317</p> <p>0846 with fwd elts 0957 and 0152.</p> <p>403687</p> <p>395658</p>

Civilian report 4000 enemy movg ESE from LILLE - nothing seen yet.

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1920	50 Div	SRV are in area RENAIX which is reported clear of enemy	
1945	50 Div	Gave form re 12 Corps.	
2005	To Gds Arm'd	Airfield in area 6858 is difficult to use owing to shelling by 88 mm from area village 7252 and rd EAST. Most important LG be secured and that a/c be able to land unimpeded. Gds Arm'd Div will A. Provide a guard about one coy immediately. B. Clear adjacent area of hostile tps.	
2020	Main Army	Force R now est in BRUSSELS and ready commence operations. Unfortunately a Col MONTAGUE of whom no previous notification has also arrived in BRUSSELS with identical tasks. Dual control quite impossible. Please clarify at once. Have meanwhile instructed STRANGWAYS to carry on.	
2025	RE	There is another airfield which the RAF are particularly anxious to get in good condition, viz - REDACTED 9347. DEAUVELHIN	
2020	GOC 50 Div	69 Bde. ALOST with det at TERMONDE, 7 GH at TOURNAI. SRV with coy 12 KRRC at RENAIX. 8 Arm'd Bde. less SRV and 13/18 H, plus 8 DLI from canal 9036 to rly 7331. FFI report ROUBAIX is in their hands. Bde HQ 8130. 151 Bde less 8 DLI, plus 13/18 H area rly 7331 to cross -rds about HULLUCH 5721 - nothing EAST of 56 Northing. Bde HQ GONDECOURT 6326. There are a number of pockets of enemy in this area between DIAMOND route and BASSEE. Canal giving a certain amount of trouble. Div HQ 858318.	
2225	50 Div	SITREP at 1800 hrs. Main HQ 50 (N) Div moved to 858318 1600 hrs. 69 Bde. Leading elts reached ALOST. Bde HQ 407654. 151 Bde. HQ 6 DLI 606256 with coys 610250, 639244, 622278, HQ 9 DLI 686299 with coys at 686302, 673305, 671279, 662301. 8 DLI under comd 8 Arm'd Bde. 151 Bde have been mopping up within rear bdys NTR at yet. 8 Arm'd Bde ordered to investigate civilian report of 4000 enemy driving ESE from LILLE. Nothing seen yet. HQ 61 Recce 637267.	

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2330	Gds Armd Div	HCR attacked LOUVAIN at 1600 hrs in face of some opposition but found bridges intact. 2 Mot Gren Gds and Armd Gren Gds arrived about 1800 hrs. 32 Gds Bde sent patrol to area MEOHLIN and met little opposition. 32 Gds Bde are in position covering Eastern approaches to BRUSSELS and apart from slight trouble beyond LGs NTR. Plan is now being made to deal with enemy near LGs. Remainder 5 Gds Armd Bde in vicinity CHATEAU ROYALE. 231 Bde in town with one bn guarding bridges two bns looking after SOUTH and SW approaches.	
0010	Army	Ref using Force R - MONTAGUE's Task primarily administrative. Understand he has worked with you before. If his functions overlap with Force R instruct him to liaise with STRANGE AY's. Molar will clarify situation when he visits later in week. Force R should continue as directed.	5 Sep 44.
0055	11 Armd	Sitrep 042300B. Fwd tp as follows - 23 H 6987. 3 RFR 6797 with sub-unit 6488. FFY 6486. 8 RB less three sub-units 6686. 3 Mon 6693 with one sub-unit over blue. 4 KSLI with one sub-unit FFY 6895 and one coy astride br 7096.	(NOT Adjust) cancel
0308	50 Div	Sitrep as at 1800 hrs. 4 Sep. Main HQ 50 Div moved to 858318 1600 hrs. 6° Bde. Leading cpts reached ALOST. Bde HQ 407654. 151 Bde. HQ 6 DLI 606256 with coys 610250 - 639244 - 622278. HQ 9 DLI 688299 with coys 686302 - 673305 - 671279 - 662301. 8 DLI under comd 8 Armd Bde. 151 Bde have been mopping up within rear bdays NTR as yet. 8 Armd Bde ordered to investigate civilian report of 4000 enemy driving EAST-SOUTH-EAST from LILLE. Nothing seen yet. HQ 61 Recco 637267.	
0308	11 Armd Div	No relief yet arrived in AUDENARDE (042020B). Will SRY (?) arrive tonight? We still have some Inns of Courtthere. Clearance of ANTWERP slower than expected. One unit from 151 Bde or equivalent would accelerate the job tomorrow. Periods for maintenance requested.	Gds Armd Div told to warn 231 Bde to have a unit ready which will start at first light. 11 Armd told.
0410	2 Army	Ensure general area LOMBEK STE MARIE 4453 reserved for Main HQ 2 Army with effect 5 Sep. (O Recco party will contact you giving precise area.	
0220	50 Div	5 EY at TERMONDE 4576 which is clear. SRY are at RENAIX 0847. One sub-unit A sqn at AUDEMARDE 0957. 6 GH ALOST 4066. 7 GH TOURNAI 9332. 8340 clear of enemy. 6 DLI 9025. 9 DLI 6829. One sub-unit A Sqn SRY 6527.	
0530	11 Armd Div	Unit 231 Bde will be under 159 Bde. Please get unit to send rep fwd to 159 at 657892 earliest 5 Sep.	Gds Armd Div told.

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0530	11 Armd Div	Loon 660878	
0640	11 Armd Div	No competent opinion available to estimate damage to installations at ANTWERP. Amateur estimate damage slight and installations usable within short period. This confirmed by hearsay evidence from Harbourmaster. RE recce taking place in morning when further details will be given.	
0658	Gds Armd Div	Concentrating in clearing airfield 6758. Main HQ 626654, HCR 545483, 5 Bde 624600 1 Grens and 2 Grens in LOUVAIN. 1 Coldm and 5 Coldm holding X-rds 595605 - 603610 - 617620. 32 Bde 671531. 2 Irish and 3 Irish 669515, 1 Welch and 2 Welch 712570. Nothing more known about situation in LOUVAIN.	
0742	50 Div	6 DLI report enemy still in posn along river 5229 and 5726. In contact on left with 7 Armd Div.	
0815	50 Div	50 Div reports hy fighting in following areas 6833, 6832, 6831, 6532 enemy strength estimated at 1000 to 2000 SS and few tks. Enemy supplies coming from 6643 and 6440. LILLE, TOURCOING and ROUBAIX clear of enemy but enemy still to NORTH, NE and WEST. Br at 738414 blown and both bns round ROUBAIX either blown or damaged.	

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To 11 Armd Div To help future operations you should if possible seize and hold brs LIERRE, 7696 8393, 8390. Also send Armd Cars to brs HERENTHALS 9791.

1015 XIX US Corps Col G.3 Intentions.
113 Car Gp move 0600 hrs 5 Sep followed by -
Plan 1 - right 79 Div, Centre 2 Armd Div
left 30 Div, or,
Plan 2 - Right 2 Armd Div, left 30 Div.
79 Div remain in Army
area TOURNAI.

1020 XIX US Corps 113 Car Gp moved 0700 hrs. No movement of other tps meanwhile.

1035 Army Following inter Army Gp Bndy effective forthwith. As before ENGHIEU thence to all incl 12 Army Gp WAVRE J74 - FIRLEBONT K 05 - HASSELT A 36 - SITTARD K66 - GAIKWEILER F 1375 - LEVERKUSER F 47 thence all incl 21 Army Gp OPLADEN K 5275 - WARBURG B 92 - BRUNSWICK.

1040 11 Armd Sitrop 042359B. Adv continued this morning from WOLVERTHEM 5967 on two routes with ANTWERP as final objective. On the right 23 H crossed the ANTWERP - BRUSSELS canal at VILVOORDE 6763 occupied MALINES 7174 and by 1400 hrs reached the outskirts of ANTWERP where they were held up by 88mm fire. On the left 3 R Tks found a crossing over the R RIJPE at BOOM 6481 where the approaches to the main rd br were blown passed right through ANTWERP against considerable opposition and by 1400 hrs one sqn were in control of the ANTWERP dock area which was reported as usable with few demolitions. During the afternoon 159 Inf Bde cleared up opposition in ANTWERP where the FFI reported up to 5000 enemy. By last light 4 KSLI hold br 706961 and successfully held it against enemy trying to break out to EAST. 1 Hereford clearing up central part where 700 enemy were holding out. 3 Mon on the Southern outskirts of the town. Still considerable pockets of enemy opposition on all sides of the town. Main tunnel under the R SCHELDE reported held by Belgian resistance movement. 15/19 H had strong holding force in ALOST and a sqn area br 700500. Inns of Court patrolled to CHIEN and TERMONDE and EAST to area 7394 - 7292 and 7304 - 7394. Last light locns. Div HQ 660878, 29 Armd Bde 630883, 23 H 6987, 3 R Tks 6797, one sqn area 6488, 2 FF Yeo, 6486 8 H less three coys 6686. 159 Inf Bde HQ 6689 3 Mon 6693 one coy across river 4 KSLI and one sqn 2 FF Yeo 6895 and one coy astride br 7096 1 Hereford 6692

1045 11 Armd Brs held by Div. 3 R Tks crossed originally at 670935. 4 KSLI captured crossing 707962 last night. Crossing at 684933 cleared up by 23 L. Tunnels. Main veh tunnel 666973 reported held by Belgian Resistance Movement. Small tunnel 665963 blown.

1120 50 Div 9 DLI report 2 x 105mm guns, 6 x 150mm, 1 x 20mm and several mortars captured 658342. Enemy area 7652 and underground tunnels believed to have been ROMMETS HQ. 6 DLI across river in several places and pushing fwd to main rd with armour. 9 DLI advancing 6431, 6430. HAUBOUDIN 6839 occupied by 200 enemy and one gun. 61 Recce sending tps there from EAST. Br destroyed at 6229.

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1230	50 Div	Sqn 61 Recce Regt moving through WATTIGNIES 6731. HAUBOURDIN 6433 now clear. 9 DLI report following clear 6431, 6532, 6430. 34 PW taken in this area.	
1245	Gds Armd	2 Armd Gren Gds 854546. Strong pts est brs 847585 and 852575. Enemy EAST of river and some sniping and A Tk guns 7159. Ref query about A Tk guns at 7356. 3 were destroyed there this morning by 32 Gds Bde. Div HQ 626547.	
1310	11 Armd	Say unable to take on evacuation of 1000 PW now at LESSINES.	
1315	7 Armd (10)	Advancing on axis COURTRAI - GHENT. 11 H have reached ST ELOI 9665. 22 Armd Bde are just short of AUDENARDE and at BEVEREN 9162. Very little opposition met. Div HQ moving to area 10 miles NORTH of LILLE.	
1330	XIX US Corps LO	XIX Corps is advancing to R MEUSE 113. Car Gp should reach BRUSSELS - GEMELOUX tonight and rd NORTH and SOUTH through ST TROND tomorrow (6 Sep). 2 Armd Div will adv tomorrow (6 Sep) from TOURNAI area. 30 and 79 Divs will adv on 7 Sep.	
1340	Phantom	XIX Corps news. Belgian source reports column of enemy motorized tps strength approx 1000 men moving from OEUDEGHEN 1638 to FLOBECQ 1745 at 1015 hrs.	

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1415	Gds Armd	EVERE airfield - runways and approaches clear of enemy but heavily mined and booby trapped	G(Air) told
1420	50 Div	6 G Howards contacted enemy 3074 who are withdrawing EAST. Patrols 5 E Yorks also contacted enemy 4000 yds further EAST. 5 E Yorks have taken 70 PW and more coming in. Div Comd wants to know whether he can have sqn of 11 Armd Div to assist, or also move sqn Notts Yeo from RENAIX.	Told 11 Armd May not be used. They may have Notts Yeo provided RENAIX is not left unprotected.
1445	50 Div	Nowreport enemy in last message have surrendered.	
1505	Gds Armd	Ref entry of 1310 hrs - told to take PW themselves to BRUSSELS.	
1510	Gds Armd	Told to have 231 Bde ready to take over ANTWERP over tomorrow.	
1515	50 Div	Told Corps Commander unable to see them and their Div Comd to come to Corps HQ 1000 hrs tomorrow. Also told to send LO with W/T set to rear of 12 Corps HQ - village 3613 - to keep in touch with them.	
1535	50 Div	Told to prepare to move 151 Bde 0700 hrs tomorrow to relieve Gds Armd Div in BRUSSELS.	
1530	GCG	Netherlands Ln under command forthwith. Ordered to concentrate area just SW of BRUSSELS.	
1700	Main Army	Spoke to G(Ops) and asked for Capt HAMMAN and 8 Dutch LOs to be sent up here as soon as possible. Army think they are already on way, but will confirm.	
1720	Army	Tac Army HQ N 417920.	

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1700	LO from 12 Corps	Time in 2145 hrs Enemy hold line of canal from AIRE 2440 to LA BASSEE 5226. 7 Arm'd Div having failed to rush this line on which all brs were blown, Corps Comd decided to use 53 Div to clear up area LA BASSEE - BETHUNE - LILLERS - MERVILLE and to continue adv on axis ARMENTIERES 5745 - MENIN 7554, at the same time protecting Corps left flank. 53 Div rate of progress being governed by - (a) progress of Cdns (b) possibility of area ST OMER - CASSEL - FORET DE RIEPPE being fairly thickly held. A battle gp has been formed under comd Comd 22 Arm'd Bde consisting of two arm'd regts, one inf bn, one motor coy, two regts arty and sp arms. This gp began to move at 1500 hrs and at 1830 hrs were reported SW of ROUBAIX going well, having passed through LILLE without opposition and being directed on GHENT along left bank of R ESCAULT. This gp intended to continue movg by night. It was preceded by 11 H patrols who were reported through LILLE, ROUBAIX and TOURCOING. 7 Arm'd Div have been instructed to leave S of BETHUNE the equivalent in petrol consumption of an Arm'd Bde so that 4 Arm'd Bde may be moved up in sp of the battle gp. 4 Arm'd Bde come under comd 7 Arm'd Div at 050200 hrs and move fwd at first light. Tp carrying tpt of 53 Div has now gone back to bring up 15(S) Div who will now be in area ST POL - DOULLENS tomorrow night. 15(S) Div will then move to area THIELT - COURTRAI - ROULLENS unless area LILLE - TOURCOING - ROUBAIX should prove to be strongly held. It is anticipated they will be in former area by mid-day 6 Sep. 53 Div Recce Regt patrols on river HESDIN - ST POL reported brs blown but Polish armour crossing by ford at 0215, and fanning out on NORTH bank. Therefore decided that it is unnecessary to hold FREMENT and AUXI area any longer. 160 Bde hold ST POL tonight are being relieved by 2 A & SH at first light. ST POL will be held until Cdns reach BERGUENNEUSE 1223. 158 Bde have bns at LILLERS, FERRAY and SHACHIN. 71 Bde are now taking over area BETHUNE - LA BASSEE from 7 Arm'd Div. Royals are in Corps res. 7 Arm'd Div Hq area SECLIN 6727. Enemy appeared to be withdrawing.NV.	

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1800	50 Div	151 Bde report that FFI say that 2 x 105 mm guns and 200 enemy at 602347 at 1715 hrs. Information passed to 12 Corps.	
1805	7 Armd (Phantom)	Leading olts 1561 - 135698 with people in flank at W 9763 and H 8860.	
1910	XIX US Corps	1400 hrs. 113 Cav Gp at J 6228, 6232. Have captured airfd J 2828.	
1820	Gds Armd	Given form and intentions of XIX US Corps (see entries 1330 and 1810 hrs).	
1830	Tac Army	12 Corps news 1200 hrs 5 DG J 1573 (?) 5 R Tks J1167 11 H patrol J 084697 53 Recce Regt now occupying LILLE SS tps still holding out at ENGLOS H6236	Passed to 50 Div
1930	50 Div	Now considered task here completed. Therefore propose to put my division area ALOST and BRUSSELS If you agree will need HEART from 0700 hrs to 2000 hrs and CLUB from 1100 hrs to 1815 hrs	Told to retain hold on JOURNAL otherwise plan accepted.
2130	7 Armd (P)	7 Armd Div in CHEMT.	
2145	7 Armd	Recce at 355708, 350827 and 4382.	
2145	Tac Army	Army Comd has strong reason to believe that Huns are escaping over the water to FLUSHING. Get a cork in at D 5624 if you can.	
2150	Main Army	Main HQ Second Army opens LOMBEEK ST MARIE 4453 0600 hrs 7 Sep.	
2100	11 Armd	Result of RE recce of docks. Harbour installations all in good order and NOT prepared for demolition. Unconfirmed report of ship in harbour with cargo of petrol and of land tanks containing patrol. Some fighting in town.	11 Armd LO told recce to be made for ship and tks and report made. Army told (0/585)
2300	11 Armd	0/586 to 11 Armd Div telling them to leave Comd or G 1 at present loan till arrival Comd 231 Bde am 6 Sep.	
0145	Army	C of S will hold a conference 1430 hrs at HQ 30 Corps to be attended by G and Q reps, from the 30 Corps and Airborne Corps and advisers from Army HQ.	6 Sep
0200	Army	Request you instruct Army LO to meet C of S at airstrip with a jeep at 061000 hrs. Report immediately loan of strip.	

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0310	50 Div	Sitrep to 2359 hrs 5 Sep. Loons unchanged. 61 Reece patrols to areas 105655 - 960460 - 044645 - 892605 - 240718 - 171754 - 02564 - 195702 - (248670 - or - 248679) * 4 Tk guns located areas 097703 - 11669 - 127698. 2 guns and 20 enemy suspected at 203759. 151 Bde completed clearing of area taking many PWs, guns and eqpt.	
0655	Army	Royal Netherlands Bde comprising one bn gp only, placed under comd forthwith. Bde being moved to area HALS C in C wishes bde to enter HOLLAND as early as situation permits. LO from Bde reported here 0230 hrs.	
0725	12 Corps	Which bde comes under comd at 060600B?	Told 231 Bde at 0700 hrs
0730	50 Div	NTR during night, but out of touch with 69 Bde	
0740	Gds Armd	Told to have two tps of Belgian Armd Car Sqn sent here by 1200 hrs today for escort duties.	
0750	50 Div	61 Reece Regt has been attacked area AUDEWARDE. 3 enemy tks KO'd.	
0755	11 Armd	Sitrep 052330B. The clearing of ANTWERP continued today. Approx 3000 PW have been taken during the last 36 hrs. The old city itself is clear. The docks are in good condition no demolitions. 3 Mon have taken intact the sluice gates at 627028. Enemy inf and guns are subjecting the city to slight shell- ing and MG fire on the WEST bank of the R L'ESCAUT. The foot tunnel at 6698 has been blown. The veh tunnel at 6697 is intact but held by the enemy at the Western end. Enemy resistance continues along the NORTH bank of the ALBERT canal and in the Northern suburbs. 4 KSLI are to secure a brhd over the canal. All brs over the ALBERT canal EAST of the docks are blown. Inns of Court Regt patrolled the line of the ALBERT canal as far as HERENTHALS 9709 and found all brs. blown. Contact was made with enemy inf and guns in area between HERENTHALS and HERENTHOUT 9106. 15/19 H with one sqn hold a crossing over LA PETITE NETHE at LIERGE 7086.	
1000	Gds Armd 11 Armd	To report by 1530 hrs state of brs over ALBERT canal.	
1005	Tac Army	New loon landing strip 0433	

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1045	11 Armd Div	4 KSLI have crossed river and are 4000 yds on far side - there is no br. RE have started other four brs - one is OK but being shelled and mortared. 4 KSLI encountering four or five M4 IV. Enemy still in power house, 706985.	400. No.
1050	50 Div	Ref entry of 0750 hrs. 61 Recce Regt were attacked at 1060. Area now clear and all quiet.	
1115	11 Armd	Corps Comd going to see Div Comd about 1600 hrs.	
1120	Phantom	KIX Corps. 2 US Armd Div will adv to line GEMBOUX - BRUSSELS today. Corps HQ moves 0900 hrs. Final objective area K.5245 - 4533 - 2438 - 3560 - 4956.	
1125	Army	Report centre for Main HQ Second Army X-rds 435544.	
1135	11 Armd	Corps Comd now going straight to 11 Armd Div ETA 1230 hrs.	
1225	12 Corps	Asked to say by 1400 hrs what steps being taken to deal with enemy left in area LILLE - LOMME - ARMENTIERES.	
1230	Gds Armd	Leading tps on right and left report all brs over ALBERT canal blown and held by enemy but investigating contradictory report.	130
1230	11 Armd	Corps Comd now arrived.	
1255	Gds Armd	Br 245714 intact and 2 WC crossing. Leading tps 5 Gds Armd Bde and 32 Gds Bde report FROBISHER. Reports about other brs being investigated.	Army informed and checked that recce received.

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1345	Gds Armd Div	Following brs blown and held - 175805 102829 136818 204785 108828 107828. There are two brs at 180810 - one large and one small. Large one is intact but held by 400 inf and A tk guns. Small one is blown. Br at 159811 is reported blown - unconfirmed. RE report canal 200 ft wide.	
1350	Phantom XIX Corps	Cav elts reached J9850 at 1130 hrs. No contact with enemy.	Gds Armd 11 Armd told
1420	Gds Armd Div	Ref previous message (see log 1255 hrs). 2 WG has NOT crossed river - ALL brs are blown.	
1430	50 Div	61 Recce report patrols 123669 and 115670 - 1363 now clear.	
1440	50 Div	151 Bde 538549 - 9 DLI 555555.	
1442	50 Div	Have just passed RENAIK.	
1510	Gds Armd Div	2 Recce WG having battle with SS tps area 420696	
1530	50 Div	At 1060 there are 200 enemy and 2 guns. 61 Recce have inflicted by casualties. Our home is now at 395572.	
1545	50 Div	Rear 50 Div 3655.	
1600	LO XII Corps	4 Armd Ddc GHENT, area EAST cleared by 7 Armd Div. Blocked rds leading EAST. Still some enemy at WETTEREN 2974. No bridging problems. 15(S)Div reported MENIN clear 1100 hrs. 53 Div holding MERVILLE 4039 and ESTRAIRES 4639. Cdns outskirts of BOULOGNE - est 3/5000 Boche.	

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1615	CE	DIEST - SHAPPEL aerodrome (on Gds main axis) required as soon as possible. Report if clear of enemy and, if so, please ensure it is kept clear.	Gds Armd Div told
1618	11 Armd	Bridge 691992 intact. Intention to complete br 695981 by first light tomorrow.	ADC infmd for Army Comd to report to Army
1645	Main Army	Civilian reports 6000 Germans have moved from GHEINT to LOKEREN 3785.	11 Armd, Gds Armd informed
1700	XIX US Corps	1200 hrs. 113 Cav Gp under arty fire J.9840. CCA 3935 CCB 5514 OOR 5828	Told to Gds Armd LO.
1715	11 Armd Div	Situation on canal. 4 KSLI has three coys across but no bridging has begun. There are six Mk IVs on far side holding things up. Hope to enlarge bridgehead during night and pass whole of 159 Bde across.	Corps Comd received this with recce.
1720	CSO	Wireless set to Airborne Tps HQ England and to 21 Army Gp now working.	
1730	12 Corps	Ref entry 1225 - 12 Corps Comd says no need to worry about enemy in LILLE - ARMENTIERES area.	
1735	Gds Armd Div	Loon HQ 135739.	
1740	50 Div	Loons - 151 Bde 677549 231 Bde 678741 8 Armd Bde 347564	
1745	11 Armd Div	Three or four sluices require minor repairs.	
1815	12 Corps	Sitrep. 4 Armd Bde - task for 6 Sep - To clear GHEINT and the areas to the SOUTH and SE. The area EAST of GHEINT has already been cleared by 7 Armd Div and the rds leading EAST have been blocked. There is still opposition in WETTEREN 2974. 7 Armd Div estimate that there will be no bridging problem in GHEINT. They already have a class 60 br on the EAST side. 15 (S) Div. Task 6 Sep to clear area round MENIN and COURTRAI. The Royals at 1100 hrs reported that MENIN was clear and that the mopping up of COURTRAI is proceeding. 53 Div Task for 6 Sep to hold MERVILLE 4039 and ESTRAIRES 4659 and send one Bn to the Forest at NIEPPE 3040 to work round to BAILLEUX and ARMENTIERES 5743. Eventually 53 Div will take up posns as follows: 71 Bde ARMENTIERES 160 Bde BAILLEUX 158 Bde South of L'AVENTIE 4937 But this deployment will depend on the advances made by the Canadians. Gds have reached outskirts of BOULOGNE with recce NE of the town. Estimated 3-5,000 enemy in BOULOGNE. 12 Corps Tac HQ PECQ 8942. Main HQ will move on the 7 Sep to PECQ or OUDENARDE.	712

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1830	RA	27 LAA report unknown number of enemy tks at LOUVENJOU 9155	
1900	11 Armd	4 KSLI area 6993, where IE are at work. 4 KSLI being helped by one armd regt. They have been attacked by tks and inf all day. Considerable number of enemy on far bank. In the centre of ANTWERP 231 Bde is taking over from 1 Hereford.	9
1905	Gds Armd	Div Comd considers it is essential that coy (?) of DUCKS are under comd the div for COMET	Told by LO that we are doing our best to provide
1915	Tac Army	LO to be ready to go to Gds Armd on Corps Comd's return. Corps Comd just left.	Arranged
1925	Gds Armd	<u>Situation -</u> Now br at 234751 ready 2300 hrs. Locn 5 Gds Bde 1277 to 1579. 32 Gds Bde 2074 to 1571. Two sub-units 1 WG are across. Enemy defending br retired on their arrival without fighting	
2110	LO HQ Airtps	Gen BROWNING will land BRUSSELS 0930 tomorrow and wants tpt	
2210	Gds Armd	Br completed 2400 hrs. 32 Gds Bde crossing tonight. Two coys across with NO opposition	32
2235	Tac Army	Told that this HQ will be on move before time C-in-C intends to arrive.	

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2240	11 Armd (LO)	29 Armd Bde HQ 631882 - remainder no change. 159 Bde HQ 6895. <u>4 KSLI</u> . 3 Coys across river 692983 and being heavily attacked by inf, tks and mortar. Situation eased by our shelling but still difficult. Br still under construction. <u>3 Mon</u> . One pl and one carrier sec holding sluices 627029. Remainder just crossed rly br 690992 on relief by Devons (231 Bde). Enemy attack reported on sluice gates. <u>1 Hereford</u> . Preparing to cross river and join 4 KSLI but held up W of br 690987. Enemy tks reported W of br area 7967. Inns of Court patrols going out to investigate but they believe brs are impassable. Enemy reported trying to cross river between 605865 - 615900.	
2355	Gds Armd	Anticipated br will be complete 2400hrs. 32 Bde crossing tonight. Two coys already across - no opposition.	
2359	50 Div	Div HQ 395572. 69 Bde units no change. 151 Bde 677549. 9 DLI 555555. 231 Bde ANTWERP. 8 Armd Bde 345769. 4/7 DG same area as 8 Armd Bde. Notts Yeo RENAIX . 61 Recce Regt - no change. Inflicted considerable casualties on enemy area EYNE 1060. 466 PW taken. SECRET	
0125	50 Div	Rear HQ 50 Div 386505.	
0445	LO	Gds Armd Div estimate that br at 2475 would be ready at 0300 hrs and that their tail would be clear of br by 1600 hrs today.	
0510	Army	As from 0600 hrs 7 Sep 12 Corps will assume responsibility for ALOST and ANTWERP, one bde 50 Div coming under op comd 12 Corps for that purpose. From same time Army HQ will assume responsibility for BRUSSELS, one bde 50 Div coming under op comd Army HQ for that purpose.	
0515	11 Armd Div	The brs are still under shell fire. Parties of 3 Mon who returned an hour ago say situation will improve shortly.	

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0725	11 Armd	Br 690938 has been captured by 3 Mon and is OK for all types of vehs.	11 30/11
0730	11 Armd	Told that Corps Comd will arrive 0815 hrs.	
0900	50 Div	11 Armd Div progress slow. While retaining one unit in ALOST you will be required to move remainder of your command to area MECHLIN and possibly 10 miles further EAST today. This will be with a view to you crossing the ALBERT canal EAST of 11 Armd Div or following behind Gds Armd Div to take over 11 Armd Div Northern thrust.	
0940	Recco	ETA 1015 hrs.	
0950	Gds Armd	It is most important that you protect your right flank against a possible threat from SE. "I" sources estimate that there may be up to 200 tks in LIEGE area which could be used. BRUSSELS will be carefully protected by an A Tk screen put out by Corps between LOUVAIN and HASSELT. Beyond that Gds Armd must be responsible.	
1010	11 Armd	Message from Corps Comd to BGS. Ref the conversation re possible move of 50 Div - this should be put into effect and the Div established in area WESTERLOO 0380 - HERSSELT 0076 - AERSCHOT 9669 and to NW and SE and to cut in onto canal to NE of WESTERLOO.	

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1035	Phantom	XIX US Corps position 0600 hrs. 2 Armd Div CCA J.4330. CCB 7938. 113 Cav K.0331 and J.9437. 125 Cav at K.0556 and J. 9840.	
1045	11 Armd Div	Comd has been visiting 29 Armd Bde and is of opinion that even full scale party is unlikely to achieve much success and that enemy area NORTH of ANTWERP considerably reinforced. Would therefore like permission ^{not} to go ahead with this plan but to try and find crossing over canal to EAST.	Replied OK but ground at ANTWERP must not be given up until relieve by 231 Bde.
1050	To 11 Armd Div	Send 15 Dr Pl of 50 Div and two other sets Bailey immediately to MECHLIN 718749 for collection by 50 Div.	
1052	11 Armd Div	ACP ground 652888.	
1055	50 Div	Sitrep at 062359. Loons. Main Div HQ 395572. 69 Bde loons unchanged. 151 Bde HQ 677544. 6 DLI 632499 8 DLI 672521 9 DLI 555555. 231 Bde now in the area of ANTWERP. 8 Armd Bde 347564. 13/18 H 349531 SRY area Tournai 4/7 DG 341566 12 KIRC 384566 61 Recce 402491. 151 Bde moved fwd and took over the area of BRUSSELS. 231 Bde Cp u/c from Gds Armd Div. 61 Recce and elts of SRY engaged enemy in the area of EYNE 1060 through- out the day. Hy enemy cas inflicted. One Mk IV tk one 75 mm SP gun one Half track and one Lorry KO'd by 61 Recce. Total PW taken during the day on Div front 466. 4 KSLI have three coys across the river at 693983 who have been attacked by tks and inf all day. Considerable numbers of enemy on NORTH bank of river at 5986. Progress today a little slower.	
1055	Bds Armd Div	Have taken up necessary dispositions. Can you confirm news that we have from 2 HCR LC with Americans that they are advancing due NORTH from area 2050 at 0900 hrs.	
1100	11 Armd Div	Sitrep 062359. At first light 4 KSLI attacked an est a small brhd across ALBERT canal in the face of fierce enemy oppos- ition in area MERKEM 6998. Enemy counter attacked with three coys and five tks at 1100 hrs. Enemy arty build up continued during the day and ANTWERP was shelled spasmodically. By last 4 KSLI was still in posns gained and being reinforced by two coys 3 Mons crossing the br at 690985 with two tps 23 H hold up at the mined rd block on the approach to the br. Pl 3 Mons and one carrier sec held the sluice gates at 628028 against an enemy counter attack which came in at 1800 hrs. 231 Bde now well est in ANTWERP area. By first light it is hoped to have the bridges across the canal for 29 Armd Bde to pass through. 159 Inf Bde will remain to clear on the MERKEM area. PW identified as 9 Coy 743 GR taken in MERKEM area states his regt was moved from HOLLAND yesterday with orders to return to GERMANY but that these orders were later countermanded and the enemy now appears to be holding all the blown crossings on the ALBERT canal. Enemy appears to be trying to cross R. SCHELDE in area RUPELMONDE 5986 in some strength. Loons. 29 Armd Bde no change. 159 Inf Bde HQ 683955. 3 Mons 6898. 4 KSLI 6998. 1 Hereford 6097.	

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1100	11 Armd	They should to do another crossing of ALBERT CANAL EAST of ANTWERP and WEST of HERENTHALS.	
1115	11 Armd	Their comd does not think the above op can take place today as 4 KSLI and 3 Mon are not being withdrawn till 2300 hrs. This rather effects their action	
1120	11 Armd	11 Armd should carry out this crossing as soon as possible and on the max scale - using not less than 15/19H plus 8 RB today to try and get something as indicated by Corps Comd.	
1215	GOC	Tac Army moves 8 Sep to area HUMELGHEM. 7360.	
1200	Gds Armd	Gave posns XIX Corps. Responsibility for right flank protection will naturally decrease as they adv. Details can only be tied up by direct contact with Americans. This must be your responsibility. Meanwhile task given by Corps Comd to your G2 remains unchanged.	
1130	11 Armd	Comd considers that to ensure the security of ANTWERP and dock area another inf bde in addition to 231 Bde is needed if he is to continue with Plan 2. Does not consider he should move anything out until this is done.	
1205	50 Div	All btys 73 A Tk Regt u/c 30 Corps forthwith.	
1230	11 Armd	Ref last transmission - difficulty is appreciated. Responsibility for def of ANTWERP is now with 12 Corps through 231 Bde. If the latter feel that they need assistance they should approach 12 Corps. Meanwhile continue with preparations for Plan 2. Have not been able to speak with Comd but will do so as soon as possible.	
1230	Gds Armd	Fwd tps 1-1 miles beyond ALBERT canal. 32 Gds Bde still going across.	
1240	Gds Armd	Airstrip at 730705.	
1245	LO XIX US Corps	Most Northerly unit of 32 Recce unit passed 215638 going EAST no contact. One unit held up 065479. Taking many PW.	
1315	Gds Armd	Following airfds marked on captured German map. K3855, K3467 - K2883 - E3821 - E0534 - K1271 - T7430 - D6419 - D7109 - D7509 - D7193.	
1315	12 Corps	Two pls Br material in process of moving. Have passed on orders but cannot give ETA.	
1320	Gds Armd	At 9350 civilians report approx 20 enemy AFVs and 100 inf. Patrol of 2 HCR has gone to investigate.	
1340	To Army	231 Bde have no comms with or instrs from 12 Corps. They say that they are not happy there unless they have other chaps with them in ANTWERP, this is interfering with our plans for 11 Armd Div. As you know 12 Corps are now responsible for ANTWERP - can they please be urged to take them on properly.	

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1335	12 Corps	Now moving to J.1447.	Passed to 50 Div
1445	Gds Armd	2 WG having small battle with some enemy and a few A tk guns at X-rds 3483. They expect to deal with this fairly easily. 3 IG and 1 WG are both across canal and mopping up NORTH and SOUTH of village where there are some mortars and MGs. Two subunits 5 Armd Bde trying to contact friends on right - one has already done so. They are protecting right flank main rd. 2 HCR are further SOUTH trying to contact enemy if any there.	
1505	11 Armd	No change in NORTH. To EAST stray patrols have been sent out by Inns of Court sp by 15/19 H. Opposition in NORTH seems to be stiffening and is estimated at a Bde plus probably being reinforced by enemy escaping from WEST. Look gates at 7679 and 8393 held by enemy inf. Enemy inf with arty at 7994 and 8492. All brs between ANTWERP and 9791 blown.	
1520	2 HCR LO	2 Panthers on rd 1953 - 2049. One panther at 2155. Unconfirmed report of 60 tks seen yesterday WEST of ST TROND movg EAST. Americans tried to adv but found opposition on line 4970 - 4556. Rd blocks with inf and A Tk guns.	

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- 1600 Gds Armd Two Sgns 2 Recce WG and two coys 1 WG in area 3000 yds SOUTH of HECHTEL 3484. Two Sgns 2 Armd IG and all 3 IG in area BEERINGEN over canal. They are busy mopping up three enemy tks SOUTH of BEVERLOO 2379. Some shelling and mortaring. One sgn 2 Recce WG and one coy 1 WG area 3274. X-rds HECHTEL 3483 very strongly held by inf and a tk guns and beyond the powers of 2 Recce WG and 1 WG.
- 1600 Main 30 Corps established 132716. Landing ground same locn.
- 1630 11 Armd All brs between ANTWERP and excl HERENTHALS held by enemy inf and a tk guns with a few SPs as mob res. Have not reached HERENTHALS. Enemy inf with bazookas and MGs being engaged wooded area 8193. Area NORTH of ANTWERP seems to have been slightly reinforced, particularly with mortars. On left situation unchanged.
- 1650 Gds Armd 2 HCR report 50 enemy tks area WILDEREN 1750 BT TROND 2049. Comd considers it essential to have this confirmed by Tac/R immediately.
- 1710 I 3 of Court 2 A Tk guns and a large number enemy inf on NORTH and SOUTH banks of br 905920. Enemy inf at br 848927, also large number enemy inf in village EAST and SOUTH of this br. Enemy using boats to cross canal - all mov is to NORTH of canal. Enemy firmly dug in SOUTH corner of wooded area 7994. Patrols 752924, 7994.

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1710	11 Armd	Agreed that you should move nothing out of ANTWERP at present and should confine your activities to patrolling up to line of canal. Certain readjustments have been made in the lay out and 4 KSLI are now much happier. By this evening 231 Bde will be mainly in the area to NORTH of ANTWERP with 159 Bde to EAST, SE and SW.	See 1100-1230
1730	Army	Presume we are keeping airborne forces in UK informed of situation of fwd tps and enemy.	Airborne forces LO told to keep them informed.
1825	Rear Corps	Following bridging secs routed to arrive area HAL. 43 Div Br Sec ETA 071800 hrs. 3 Div Br Sec ETA 081800 both secs now on the way. No move EAST of HAL until ordered by CE 30 Corps. LO on way to HQ 30 Corps BRUSSELS - will be routed on by Rear Corps.	
1835	50 Div	IO coming to see you soon with very important information from local sources. 8 Armd Bde and 69 Bde both going well now and nearly at their destinations.	
1840	11 Armd	Your Plan Two is off. You will stay in ANTWERP area with all except 29 Armd Bde. You will concentrate 29 Armd Bde NORTH of MECHELIN this evening with a view to its starting to move to us first light tomorrow. Detailed orders follow.	
1855	CCRA	Belgian Armd Car Sqn has been withdrawn to go under 2 HCR LO comd 12 Corps, leaving 73 A Tk Regt screen without any recc. Orders s 1 by Sqn Comd to have come from highest source.	to be sent to contact 73 A Tk Regt.

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1930	50 Div	69 Bde HQ 022820 - Div HQ 863780.	
1950	Army	151 Bde returns to your Comd forthwith and can be moved forthwith. Full message follows.	
2030	Gds Armd.LO	with HCR reports ST TROND quite strongly held by enemy.	
2015	To Army	RE recon reports DIEST airfield unsuitable for RAF	
2205	50 Div	Locations 69 Bde 022820. 5 EY and 6 GH on move. 8 Armd Bde 969688 12 KRRC 966693 4/7 DG 969719 13/18 H 938668.	
2250	50 Div	SKY on move and cannot give location but same area as 8 Armd Bde.	
2330	12 Corps	Sitrep at 062400. 15 (S) Div. Bn 44 Bde in area 7955 with another moving up to HALLUIN 7552. Bn 46 Bde in COUNTER.I with a second along rd to SE to junc pt with 4 Armd Bde area 9252. Div HQ 896450. Lys force dissolved wef 061900. 4 Armd Bde reached gen line 0664-0363-0258-9754. Reports of enemy in some str in area AVELGEM 9750 not yet confirmed.	
2335	11 Armd	29 Armd Bde conc area 6586 3 Mon 6898 4 KSLI 6895 1 Hereford 6594 15/19 H 7489 Inns of Court from HERENTHALS to ANTWERP.	

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Army

15 Recce Regt will sit on the R LYS in front of 4 Arm'd Bde today from COURTRAY to the NE. 46 Bde who will be under comd 7 Arm'd Div are being put in on their right, will hold the line from GHENT to the SW. Some enemy are reported to be holding out in the power house at GHENT. Polish Arm'd Div are reported in CASSEL 13058 with the recce regt fwd at 3650. 4 Cdn Arm'd Div in the area of ST OMER.

Source GSO 2 (Ops) 15 Div 2245 hrs. Intentions for 7 Sep 46 Bde move to sp 4 Arm'd Bde at 0800 hrs. 44 Bde to extend present posn in circle COURTRAI 8556 thence line of canal to incl br 9253 15 (S) Recce Regt to capture and hold all crossings over river and the low ground between DEYNZE 0473 area excl COURTRAI.

XIX US Corps HQ moving to J746397 at 0845 hrs. 53 Div. 71 Bde just short of WERVICQ H6952. 160 Bde are in BELLEUL 04749 and have been in contact with the Poles who are in YPRES. 15(S) Div. 46 Bde are moving towards GHENT and the remainder of the div are on the line of the canal east of COURTRAI 1115 hrs.

0020 Gds Armd Sitrep at 2000hrs. Enemy forces opposing the br head were considerably increased during the night consistent though light shelling throughout the day Hamps moved over the br and through BEERINGEN. Sp guns area SLAGHELEPS 2427 gave trouble before being finally knocked out. Strong resistance met area HECHTEL approx. 500 germans killed this area during the day. 2 HCR patrol reported approx 50 tks in woods area ST TROND 2049 since believed confirmed by leading elements of 1X US corps. 32 Gds Bde. WG gp HQ and one bty (SP) 153 Pz Regt HECHTEREN 3576 with advanced elements in contact with enemy HECHTEL 3484. IG Gp expanding br head around BEERINGEN patrolling eastwards over railway and north up the rd to DEVERLOO. One coy of Royal Netherlands Bde Disposed for close protection of the br site remainder Royal Netherlands Bde narrowed the rd area PAEL. 5 Gds Armd Bde. 5 Gds Armd Bde Gp now relieved of their responsibility protection LOUVAIN-DIEST-HASSELT rd. 5 Coldm Gds debussing suitable area between PAEL and the br crossing on foot and est themselves within the br head north of BEERINGEN. 1 Armd Coldm Gds remaining in suitable pk area west of the br preparatory to crossing at first light. Remainder R. in action west of the canal. 2 HCR. One sqn remains with WG gp one patrol remains in contact enemy tks ST TROND. Remainder concentrated west of the canal. Div HQ remains present locn 135739. Future intentions. WG gp will clear area cross-rds HECHTEL preparatory to further adv on mainaxis. IG gp will expand the br head to the east and south east clearing the rd and area towards HECHTEREN. 5 Gds Armd Bde. Coldm gp will expand the br head to the NORTH and clear up area BOURG-LEOPOLD. Royal Netherlands Bde gp will take over the immediate perimeter of the br head.

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0021	Main Army	Tac Army closes present loon 061000B reopens at 061400B. Landing strip 033308.	0499321
0022	Main Army	Cositrep period 051200B to 060001B. 30 Corps reorganizing in preparation for further adv. 12 Corps. 7 Armd Div. Battle gp continued adv on GHENT during afternoon. By last light leading tps were reported just SOUTH of the town with one armd regt area 2978. Unconfirmed report that one armd Regt entered GHENT at 1930 hrs. 131 Bde was relieved by 53 Div in area between LA BASSEE 5026 - BETHUNE 3826 and began to move to GHENT. Remainder of 7 Armd Div conc in area SOUTH of HERSIN. 3718. 4 Armd Bde began to move to area GHENT and by 2000 hrs had reached 1148. 53 Div. Div recce have moved into LILLE which is clear of enemy. 71 Bde area ESTAIRES 4539. 160 Bde area 4337 - 3737 - HINGES 3830. 158 Bde bns at 3943 LILLES 2731 1822 15(S) Div. 46 Bde area AUBIGNY 3307. 44 Bde area 0912. 227 Bde movg to area SLEES 0905. 8 Corps NTR. 83 Gp RAF. Ops were restricted to recce and front line patrols. Little movt was seen during day.	
0150	Airborne Tps	Weather requires postponement COMET 24 hrs. All timings 45 mins later. Weather good 9 m and COMET will go.	BGS, Gds Armd, RA, Phantom, 11 Armd Div, 50 Div told.
0200	12 Corps	Main 12 Corps moves 071000 hrs to HOISSETTE J1446.	
0400	Rear 50 Div	Loon 386505.	
0505	To C of 2 Army	Vital we have complete use wireless G 17 immediately	
0505	XIX US Corps	Sitrep. As of 071830B. 2 US Armd Div - No reports of progress period. CP 2 US Armd Div - J801448 CCA - J8-3467 CCB - J872307, 2 113 Cav Gp - CP K100480 Cav met considerable resistance on right flank, reported stronger than on left flank. CP HQs XIX US Corps - 5746400 30 Inf Div - CP 695860	
0610	50 Div	6 GH have two sub-units active at 045856. There was some opposition initially but it has since died down.	BGS
0700	Gds Armd Div	Enemy still on slag heap 2477 and we have no-one beyond it. 3 IG have patrol to 242740 which was reported clear at 0630 hrs. Another patrol to 260760 cross-rds has not yet reported.	50 Div told & asked they have any message for Comd 8 Armd Bde

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0755	11 Armd Div	No enemy action reported during night. Re-organisation completed successfully.	
0750	50 Div	8 Armd Bde will not cross for two hours.	
0752	2 Army	Can Army Comd meet Corps Comd at landing strip 132716 at 1130 hrs or alternatively meet Corps Comd at BRUSSELS airfield same time.	
0800	50 Div	No br at crossing place. No instructions for Comd 8 Armd Bde at present.	
0840	50 Div	6 GH and two coys 7 GH across canal area 0486. Bridging will start shortly. Enemy interference limited to mortaring and MG fire.	
0845	LO XIX US Corps	Americans halted 7 Sep NIVELLES area owing to petrol shortage. Hope to move today - Car patrolling to R MEUSE - no opposition reported.	+ Car
0900	11 Armd Div	Do not wish to send 64 Med Regt as they can reach further to places where they are needed. Can we send Fd Regt instead.	Spoke CCR4. Replied to 11 Armd you can keep 4.5 bty 64 Med only. Assume you are sending none of Fd Regt with them. In any case you must send this.
0902	50 Div	Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 7 Sep. Main Div HQ 865780 69 Bde HQ 022820, 6 GH 053816, 7 GH movg to 045835, 5 E Yorks movg to HERSELT 0076. 6 GH patrols S of banks of ALBERT canal this evening report enemy at 0485. Enemy at 075844. IMG and 20mm at 117825. General impression enemy hold sites blown brs with MGs and patrols in between. 151 Bde revert comd 50 Div locns no change. 8 Armd Bde HQ 969688, 12 KRRC 966693, 4/7 DG 969718, 13/18 H 938668, SRY still on move up to join rest of bde.	
0905	11 Armd Div	Sitrep as at 072359B. Br at 690992 was captured intact by 3 Mon early this morning but it was not found possible to pass through 29 Armd Bde owing to strong opposition from A tk guns to the East of the dock area. Construction of br at 692982 not possible owing to hy shell fire. Ops during the day confined to active patrolling by Inns of Court sp by tks of 2 FF Yco and 15/19 H along the south bank of the ALBERT canal from ANTWERP to HERENTHAIS 9790. All veh crossings found to be blown as previously reported with the enemy holding the North bank of the canal in str with a tk guns, MGs and occasional SP guns. A few enemy posns South of the Canal located especially in area 8492 and 9090. Enemy str does not appear great but posns are well dug in and appear adequately organised. Last light locns. 29 Armd Bde conc area 6586 159 Inf Bde, 3 Mon 6898, 4 KSLI 6895, 1 Her 6594. 15/19 H conc in area 7489. Sqn Inns of Court patrolling ALBERT Canal from ANTWERP to HERENTHAIS. Remainder unchanged.	

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0910	Army	<p>Third US Army news 071200B. Little news received and no change to report. First US Army news at 071200B. V US Corps. 5 Armd Div just EAST of SEDAN with 28 US Div some 6 miles to WEST. 4 US Div GEDINNE P 05. VII US Corps. 9 US Div EAST of R MEUSE between NAMUR and DINANT 0 98 and between DINANT and GIVET 0 99. 3 US Armd Div ANDENNE K 11. 1 US Div CHAPLEROI J 61. First Cdn Army news 071200. 2 Cdn Corps. Polish Armd Div captured YPRES. 3 Cdn Div SOUTH of CALAIS which is held by enemy. Garrison of BOULOGNE being contained while 2 Cdn Div pass through 3 Cdn Div directed on OSTEND and coast to EAST. 4 Cdn Armd Div held up at ST OMER. 1 Brit Corps. 51 (H) Div conc NE of LE HAVRE and 49 Div conc EAST of LE HAVRE. Town was bombed by Bomber Command yesterday and this treatment will continue if Garrison continue to resist.</p>	
0935	Tac Army	<p>Army Comd will meet Corps Comd BRUSSELS airport 1200 hrs.</p>	<p>Recco Infm.</p>
0940	XIX US Corps	<p>Conc areas night 7 - 8 Sep. CGA J8046, CGB 8730, CCR 7938. 2 Armd Div recco to approx line easting grid K 20. 125 Car Sqn K 35. 113 Car Sqn K 24 and K 23. Some resistance on right sector of Corps front.</p>	

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0950	11 Armd Div	Propose to move 29 Armd Bde Gp to DIEST area using rds via LOUVAIN and via AERSCHOT. Is this OK?	Replied LOUVAIN is OK. Re AERSCHOT check with Gds Armd.
09550	Recco	Comd is leaving Gds Armd now - it seems there is no reason why 8 Armd Bde should not be starting very soon. They are in close contact with Gds Armd. Comd is going down to br and will then come back just before taking off for Army - probably about 1030 hrs.	
1000	Rear Corps	Dutch Comd says he will hold following brs - CULEMDORG 2776 VREESWIJK 1881 VIANEN 1879. Password between Resistance Gps and Allies TELEPHONE.	Divs and Airborne Tps informed.
1040	Phantom	XIX Corps 0845 hrs. 15 enemy tks at HASSELT last night. 125 Cav Sqn at K 3953 and 4553 at 0600 hrs. Corps objective line of R MEUSE. 30 Div between 5537 and 5654 ; 2 Armd Div 5654 - 6273. Not likely to reach this line today. 30 Div now on foot and enemy resistance stronger.	
1050	Gds Armd	Situation. WG Gp now area HECHTEL. This will soon be cleared up and they will then adv towards ESCAUT canal. IG Gp now established area X-rds 269726. Coldm Gds Gp advancing towards BOURG-LEOPOLD and have reached 2378. 8 Armd Bde has just started to cross. Dutch Gp will shortly cross for close protection of bridgehead.	

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1100	50 Div	No move news just now. 6 GH on the left are having rather more trouble than 7 GH on the right. Plan being prepared to deal with this. Br not actually started yet.	
1120	To Army	Passed situation	
1130	KIX US Corps (Phantom)	1000 hrs. 2 Armd Div today will reach EASTING grid 20 from ST TROND to NORTH and further to EAST if pet allows. Pet situation still difficult. Recce expected to reach R. MEUSE. 30 Div will not go beyond line K1532 - 0348.	
1200	50 Div	Have not received O/613 (giving tasks) which was sent by SDR last light.	Signals checking up.
1210	Inns of Court	Patrol reports cross-rds 908902 held by enemy. Patrol approached br 849928 and could see enemy hull down to NORTH but was not fired on. Patrol approached br 765920 without being fired on.	
1235	Gds Armd. Div	HECHTEL and FEER 4004 still strongly held. WG Gp area SOUTH and SE of HECHTEL are unable to make progress at present. Coldm Gds Gp have reached area 3000 yds NORTH of BEERINGEN, and report situation sticky. IG Gp area 2873. 8 Armd Bde about to cross canal.	
1240	Tac/R.	At 0800 hrs brs 0793 and 3596 were intact.	
1245	KIX US Corps	Airstrip at J 759387 now open. 2 US Armd Div CP J746397.	

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1250	50 Div (Comd)	6 and 7 GH now across, and the former having difficulty in expanding the brhead. Br 160 ft span CL 40 has not yet been started and will then take 12 hrs to complete. Plans being made to build a CL 9 br which should take 4 - 6 hrs. Div HQ moves area INSELT 1400 hrs. 151 Bde now concentrating in that area. Task of 61 Recce Regt to clear area WEST of brhead and make enemy think that other brheads are to be attempted. Similar task being undertaken EAST by 151 Bde.	
1300	11 Armd	G.1 coming to see us by air 1600 hrs.	RA warned re landing ground
1315	RA	Conc of vchs in field next to Corps HQ is HAA regt of 100 AA Bde. Two btys are about to leave and orders have been sent for remainder to disperse as much as possible.	
1330	Gds Armd	Told to give time over their br at 1900 hrs for one regt 29 Armd Bde who will take over responsibility for brhead.	
1350	Phantom	12 Corps sitrap at 1100 hrs. 7 Armd Div general area GHEINT - LOUCHRISTY 2784 - WETTEREN 2974. 15 Div moving to hold line GHEINT - COURTRAI. 53 Div area COURTRAI - PASSCHENDAELE 6865 - COMINES 6651. 4 Armd Bde area AUDENARDE - AUELCHTEM 9750.	
1400	50 Div	HQ movg to arba 074726 at 1445 hrs.	
1402	Airborne Tps	Will send codeword GONE immediately first gliders take off.	

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1400	To Army	In spite of your C of S orders issued last night by signal we still cannot get onto air on our link to Air Tps owing to high priority traffic from you and Army Jp. We have now got vital message to pass. Can you do something about it and get orders obeyed.	
1405	To 11 Armd Div	You should continue your recon EAST along canal to establish and maintain contact with 50 (N) Div. Also most important you retain your hold on area NORTH of ANTWERP.	
1415	Gds Armd Div	29 Armd Bde will send LO to you to fix details of moves of Armd Regt going across to take over responsibility for protection of brhd on far side. Unless this Regt crosses about 1900 hrs it will not be across in time to take over responsibility. In this case it should cross some time during the night and will take over at first light.	
1430	50 Div	8 Armd Bde moving now as things looking much healthier. 6 GH at 046840. 7 GH at 055844. Enemy posn two pl strength on WEST side.	
1435	XIX US CorpsLO	Recon patrol reported to have reached ALBERT Canal 0400 hrs. 2 Armd Div CCA area 8653 } both advancing CCB area 0643 } 30 Div dismounted on line 77 Easting. Resistance Corps front disorganised. Identification 347 Div.	
1440	XIX US Corps (Phantom)	1050 hrs - CCB K2753. 1200 hrs - 119 RCT J9230 117 RCT J8735 120 RCT J8042	

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1515	29 Armd Bde	Leading armd regt now through DIEST	
1525	7 Armd Div	Civilians report village 4296 held by 200 enemy inf and 7 A Tk guns. Enemy ferrying across river D6001 and 5905. LOKEREN 3785 clear of enemy and all bridges OK. Civilians report road LOKEREN - GHENT clear of enemy. Patrols J 4887, 4488, 4494, 3889, 3590, 2990 nowhere in contact with enemy.	
1530	21 Army Gp LO	Tac HQ 21 Army Gp 775580	
1540	50 Div	8 Armd Bde reports leading elts 4/7 DG reached 230777. It is now thought they are through worst of enemy defences and may well move faster.	
1615	Guards Armd Div	HECHTEL still not properly mopped up owing insufficient tps as WG have to keep chaps at HELCHTEREN where enemy keep filtering back - cross-rds now under MG and mortar fire. Irish Gds Gp now being relieved by Dutch Bde in brhd and will then go to HELCHTEREN, relieve WG Gp and sort the place out. WG Gp complete then available for HECHTEL. 5 CG reached rly at 2582, quite a lot of enemy about, also 3 Panthers. 4 SP guns KO. A number of PW taken.	
1620	50 Div	Div HQ now 062746.	
1625	29 Armd Bde	Bde HQ 172712.	
1630	G(Air)	Tac/R reports 080910 hrs bridge at K1294 destroyed.	
1640	2 HCR	HASSELT and BILSEN reported clear.	

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1710	Army	Form given	
1715	29 Arm'd Bde	Told to make recon of br site 2471 to see whether suitable for a main axis of advance.	
1716	Phantom	Message from 2 Army to XIX US Corps. There is no sign of enemy in coastal belt boating and to SOUTH. They are all movg NE to ferries between GHENT and FLUSHING (?)	
1715	To Tac Army	11 Arm'd Div report enemy crossing R. SCHELDT in barges and small boats in considerable numbers NORTH of ANTWERP. We have been engaging as far as possible with our arty and as a result they now go further NORTH out of reach. Earnestly request RAF engage.	
1730	50 Div	Loading elts 4/7 DG passed through 2280 and report it clear. Now movg rapidly fwd to 2081. Civilians report 300 enemy left 30 mins ago in NE direction. - no tks. Locns - Div HQ 062746, 151 Bde 010762 - 69 Bde 023802, 5 EY 029844, 6 GH 046640, 7 GH 050863, 61 Recon 930776. Cancel all previous locns given for Div HQ.	
1730	Phantom	Enemy reported at 1530 hrs at ST TROND K2837, HASSELT now withdrawing on three routes.	
1735	LO from 30 US Div	Situation at 1400 hrs. 117 RCT, 931364 - 119 RCT 959318, 120 RCT 923420. Cav along line of ALBERT canal.	
1755	IO	12 Corps form. 12 Corps HQ 140475. Enemy - Yesterday enemy opposition on 12 Corps front consisted of a determined thrust Southwards in area AVELGHEM - this was on 15 (S) Div front, but by the evening this had petered out and on the whole Corps front only rearguards with a few 88 mm guns and blown bridges was all the resistance offered. 53 Div. 081200 hrs. HQ 663590. 160 Bde 6 RWF area ZORNEVEKI 6663, 4 W area MOORESLADE 7165, 2 Mons move up S of CACHTEM 8168 and will attempt to cross river. 71 Bde. 4 RWF in COUTRAI. 6 RSF area WEZEGHEN 8055. 1 HLI were movg 081000 hrs to cross river at TSEGHEN. 53 Div Recon lined up on WEST side of canal checking conditions of brs. 158 Bde. In res area COMMUNE 6751 and WEREVECO 6952 and movg up to relieve 231 Bde. HQ 53 Div now movg to ANTWERP area with one arm'd crgt of 7 Arm'd Div. 7 Arm'd Div area GHENT and soon expect the Gdns to take over from them in this area. 11 H NORTH of LOKEBEN area DECKHAM. 1 HTR are resting somewhere well back. 4 Arm'd Bde. Under comd 7 Arm'd Div also 46 Bde of 15(S) Div. 4 Arm'd Bde movg from AUDENARDE area to ST NICHOLAS and LOKEREN 3704. Intentions 7 Arm'd Div will liquidate enemy in area NORTH of inter-army bdy, EAST and S rivers SCHELDT and ESCHUT incl ANTWERP, WEST excl rd WETTEREN 2975 to CAIKEN 3277 to OOSTGHEM 2386 to ELTVELDE 2194. One Bde Gp 53 Div have moved to area ANTWERP and one arm'd regt in sp; other Bde Gp will move as soon as TCVs become available from 15(S) Div. On left Polos are in area ROULER movg to THEILT. Tomorrow 12 Corps HQ hope to move to area MECHLIN, WILLIBROECK, THESELT 6375.	

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1815	Tac 2 Army	New locn J7364.	
1845	50 Div	61 Recce reports br in 9987 appears to be intact. They are investigating more closely.	
1850	Phantom XIX US Corps	All canal bns blown by enemy from K5437 - K5056.	
1900	Gds Armd Div	5 Goldm Gds just short of BOURG LEOPOLD. Welsh Gds near HECHTEL are being counter-attacked.	
1905	50 Div	4/7 DG still area 2031 where there are quite a lot of enemy. Two anti-tk guns KO'd. 15/18 H now complete across canal.	
1910	29 Armd Bdo	Br 2471 is blown, approaches are however good. Gap is 75 yd-bridging there begins tonight covered by 29 Armd Bdo.	
1915	G(Air)	BLUE, GREEN and VIOLET flares will be used to mark DZs for operation "COMET".	Divs told
1930	G(Air)	Bns K.0793, 0695, E.1708, K.5087, K.3596 all intact this morning. At 1520 hrs all main bns were intact between J.6797 - K.5778, J.6797 - E.0607 - K.6881, E.0040 - E.5426. Br at E.5426 out.	
1945	29 Armd Bdo	29 Armd Bdo less one Regtl Gp will start move across br at BEERLINGEN at 0700 hrs 9 Sep; and take over area cross rds 3575 and rd junc 2672. Remaining regtl gp will be passed over in the course of the day.	
2000	LO XIX US Corps	Intention XIX Corps. Advance and capture COLOGNE. Bdays and overlay being forwarded via Rear Corps. On line ALBERT canal 109 Cav are holding posn between 5256 and 5250. All bns are blown.	

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2035	Phantom	XIX Corps. 113 Cav at 523498 report enemy tks dug in, AA gun and A Tk guns covering canal.	
2040	50 Div	Ref entry 1845 hrs, br 9987 is NOT intact.	
2100	Gds Armd Div	HECHTEL is still no-man's-land with W.G. just short of it. Some of tail still running back to HELCHTEREN. Situation here still unhealthy. IG Gp remaining HELCHTEREN area. Dutch Bde now hold brhead and are quite happy. Gren Gds Gp cross tonight to area 2772. Motor Bn will mop up area NORTH from here tomorrow. 5 CG and 1 CG in area 2482 report BOURG ST LEOPOLD strongly held.	
2135	50 Div	8 Armd Bde HQ 234795.	
2200	50 Div	Three coys 8 DLI across canal 0604 and work has started on class 9 br which should be ready 0300 hrs. Remainder 69 Bde sending strong patrols towards GHEEL with orders to stay there if they can. Work on class 40 br will start at midnight.	
2205	CE	Additional br to be built area 2775. This cancels entry of 1910 hrs.	
2225	To RA	Anti-tk screen WEST of DIEST may now be withdrawn and concentrated area DIEST. Rd to be clear by 1000 hrs.	
2230	50 Div	ACP reports all brs on canal blown SOUTH of 188857. 4/7 DG halfway through OOSTHAM where resistance is increasing. 75% 8 DLI across canal at 0784, class 9 br now under construction there.	
2305	50 Div	Sitrep from 8 Armd Bde. Staffening resistance in OOSTHAM 2181. 2 SP guns KO'd and a number of inf killed. Enemy being reinforced from EAST. Operation of clearing village 207841 (?) terminated at dusk, intention to hold centre of village tonight and continue original intention at first light. Locns - HQ 8 Armd Bde 232792. 4/7 DG and 12 KRRC 231801, 13/18 H 231 793.	
2310	50 Div	Small counter attack developed on right of 8 DLI in area 075849. It is completely under control.	
2315	G(Air)	All bridges appear intact J 8793 to J 9790 to J 7788 to J 5778.	
2350	29 Armd Bde	Asked whether his third regt would be moved up to or near to the river when the other regts move across.	Referred to G1. (i) Told OK if agreed by Gds Armd Div for rd movt. (ii) Told Gds Armd Div.

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2351	2 Army	Ref GO 20 of 072250B 4 For "COURT ST ETIENNE J7364" read "PEROK J 731640".	
2351	HQ Airborne	DERGANG reports 080900 hrs allies at Tps SPRMONTK 5. DRUTUS reports 081030 hrs indications enemy may retreat night 8/9 Sep. Some HQ moved back night 7/8.	

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0012	RE	FBE bridge by 50 Div 85% complete.	
0040	XIX US Corps	Sitrep as at 001200B. 2 Armd Div (DC 13?) assembling at K.2653, no information on Div(residue?) and CCA. 30 Inf Div 120 Inf at J 880422. 117 Inf J870348. 119 Inf J920300. 113 Cav Gp along K37 Easting grid line in South half Corps - at ALBERT Canal via MASTRICHT. Bridges over canal blown.	
0105	50 Div	Can we contact 11 Armd Div to know whether 231 Bde can travel by route ANTWERP - LIEGE - rd junc 8779 on return to command, or what other route would be better.	Sent message to 11 Armd Div as R/T not available.
0200	29 Armd Bde	Tk state - 23 H E27-5-1 F9-2-0 J2-2-0. 3 R Tks 25-0-0, 8-1-1, 5-0-0. FFY 27-2-1, 9-1-0, 7-0-0. Fwd Del Sqn E0-0-0, F5-0-0, J2-0-0	
0230	RE	FBE bridge completed 0225 hrs.	

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0235	2 Army	BELGIAN Arm'd Cor sqn will move rejoin 1 Belgium Gp earliest.	
0230	HQ Airtps	CALIDAN report 081230 hrs. Enemy preparing defence of cross-rds ER SEUREME K 344937 with few tks and artillery entrenched. Arty entrenched behind canal of DREE K58 which is held by 8000 (?2000) inf digging trenches along rd EAST of DREE. Above figures only an estimate and always tendency to exaggerate.	
0250	2 Army	Sitrep No 113 period 080001D to 081200D. Brhd gained yesterday at DEERINGEN has been further enlarged while a second brhd over ALBERT Canal has been made SE of GHEEL. In area GHENT enemy are gradually being cleared. 12 Corps. 7 Arm'd Div with u/c 4 Arm'd Bde 231 Bde of 50 Div and 46 Bde of 15 (S) Div area GHENT and SE of town where clearing up of enemy pockets continues. 4 Arm'd Bde and 46 Bde area AVELCHEM H.9650. 15 (S) Div less one Bde are COURTRAI H.8656 and to SE of town. 53 (W) Div. 71 Bde just WEST of COURTRAI. 150 Bde area MENNIN H.7554 moving today to area ANTWERP. 160 Bde movg to ANTWERP this evening from area MOORSLEDE H7165. 8 Corps - no change.	
0250	2 Army	231 Bde reverts command 30 Corps 090600hrs and may have moved from ANTWERP wof that time.	
0250	2 Army	Cancel G081 of 021730D. Army rear bdy effective 051200 as follows. All excl Second Army line of R. SEINE between Army boundaries. L of C responsible pro duties hrs over R. SEINE wof 061202D.	
0315	50 Div	Class 9 br ay 073893 completed 0220 hrs.	
0320	11 Arm'd Div	1. Movg 0900 hrs via NECHLIN and LOUVAIN. tail clear 1800 hrs suggest moves 091900 hrs. 2. Confirmation of timings and routes for tomorrow, definite answer required.	50 Div infmd
	Gds Arm'd Div	CORSET clear of enemy.	
0415	50 Div	Sitrep as at 082359 hrs. Main HQ 50 Div moved to 062746 1445 hrs. 8 Arm'd Bde Go with 4/7 DG 13/18 H and 12 KRC started to cross ALBERT Canal at 235760 at approx 1400 hrs and turned NW and reached COSTHAM 0081 where confused fighting took place resulting in 2 enemy SP guns KO and enemy inf killed. Enemy resistance and by last light COSTHAM cleared. HQ loons - 8 Arm'd Bde 232792 4/7 DG and 12 KRC 231804 13/18 H 231793. SKY no change. HQ 69 Bde 023820. 5 EY area 0284 preparatory to crossing ALBERT Canal area 0485. 6 GH and 7 GH complete across canal. Loon HQ 6 GH 046040 with coy at 052861 052857 051059 055052. HQ 7 GH 055044 coys at 052857 055860 046058 063850. HQ 151 Bde 053792 8 DLI crossed ALBERT Canal area 083043 and repulsed small counter attack from EAST at 2330 hrs.	

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0415	50 Div	RE. Class 9 br in course of construction 083043	
cont'd	cont'd	estimate completed 090130 hrs. Class 40 br to be constructed at 045855 when 5 EY brhd est.	
		12 Corps. 12 Corps HQ 140475. 53 Div. 081200	
		hrs - HQ 663590, 160 Bde - 6 RWT area ZEMMEVEKE	
		6663, 4 N area MOORSLADE 7165, 2 Mens movg up	
		SOUTH of CACHTEEM 8160. 71 Bde, 4 RWT in COURTRAI.	
		6 RWT area WEZEGHEN 8055. 1 HLT were movg 081000	
		hrs to cross river at ISEGHEN. 53 Recce lined up	
		on WEST side of canal checking.	
		Conditions of bridges. 130 Bde - in res area	
		COMME 6751 and WEREVECO 6952 and moving up to	
		relieve 231 Bde. HQ 53 Div now movg to ANTWERP	
		area with one armed regt of 7 Arm'd Div. 7 Arm'd	
		Div area GHENT. 11 H NORTH of LOKEREN area	
		DECKHAM. 1 RTR are resting somewhere well back.	
		4 Arm'd Bde under command 7 Arm'd Div also 46 Bde	
		of 15 (S) Div. 4 Arm'd Bde moving from AUDENARD	
		area to ST NICHOLLS and LOKEREN 3784.	
		Stop press. Two Coys 5 E Yorks across canal area	
		0405 apparently no opposition,	
0415	HQ Airtps	Op COMET. Important following 75 mm 75 mm arm is delivered	
		delivered over our maint area soonest after	
		forces join. 5100 rds HE 650 650 rds APC 650 rds APC	
		650 rds SMOK.	

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0555 2 Army	Ref our GO 38 of 081810B. After GO 6 of 071130B insert GO 30 of 080940B.	
0555 Air Tps	090040. 0/831. Ref your 0/624 of 081140B. No SAS dropped in connection COMET but few SAS previously dropped area now held by Gds Armd Div.	
0625 50 Div	5 E Yorks made a bridgehead at 046856 over the canal where the rd crosses the canal. This bridgehead now 900 yds deep. There was some fighting specially in the area rd junc just above canal. 26 PW taken and 6 of the GH captured during the afternoon were retaken. 4 wounded. 3 Armd Bde no change. HQ at 232792.	
0640 Cipher	HQ Air Tps have queried our 0/613 - Tasks for 8 Sep. Most of the first part is corrupt. As no other addressee have queried this it is now so old need cipher spend the time on it in view of pressure of work.	Told Cipher NO.
0650 Gds Armd Div	Asked form. Gave form re 8 Armd Bde. State bridge now clear and ready for 29 Armd Bde Gp to pass over at 0700 hrs following passed across during the night - 32 Bde HQ Gp 84 Med Regt 55 Med Regt 613 Pk Sqn 5 Gds Armd Bde HQ 3 Gren Gd Gp 128 Pk Amb	
0701 2 Army	Owing routing of telephone lines through civil exchanges essential strict security.	
0705 HQ Air-borne Tps	BRUTUS reports 081400 hrs. SS unit from LIEGE occupied rly sta JEMELLE (H or K 2376?). Otherwise main movement NE by route BARVADE X-rds P428998 to village P 466900 by minor rds to 541000 (540000?) thence due EAST. Resistance report bridges on R SEMOY P 13 blown. Strong points at bridges. Some tks in NEUF CHATEAU. Mass of enemy withdrawing 7 Sep via VIRMION P41 and ARLUN P52.	
0725 69 Bde	5 E Yorks have reached area 045869 (their obj). They have ferried across some MT, all their carriers and A Tk guns. Not in contact now. Patrolling to NORTH and NW. Last night enemy were holding them up at 045859. PW says there were 40. Of these 26 PW and 10 killed. Dr - preparatory work on OL 40 proceeding now. Est that work on br proper will start at 0830 hrs.	
0730 29 Armd Bde	2 FF Yco started over canal at 0700 hrs.	
0740 Gds Armd	Spoke ref possibility of getting third armd regt of 29 Armd Bde over immediately after the other two. Gds order of march is as follows - Two Armd Regtl Gps 29 Armd Bde, Gds Armd Div HQ, HQ and two sqns 2 HCR, 148 Pk Pk Sqn & br coln, 11 Pk Coy RE, Bde A Ech - brigaded, HQ and one tp 94 Lt AA Regt. Gds not anxious let other (third) Regtl gp over until they have see how their own stuff gets on. Told them would ring back.	

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0755	50 Div	Told them OK for 231 Bde to travel by route ANTWERP - LIERRE - rd junc 8771.	
0801	Gds Armd Div	Ref log 0740 hrs. Third armd not 29 Armd Bde to follow later in order of march - to be decided later in day in light of events during morning.	
0835	50 Div	8 Armd Bde say there are many enemy in OOSTHAM woods. It is NOT possible to adv till this has been cleared up as there is also a bty of 88 mm. One bn of 231 Bde is required to join 8 Armd Bde and timing over G.A.D. br of 45 minutes is needed as early as possible after 1400 hrs.	Spoke Gds AD who will ring back and let us know.
0840	Gds Armd Div	Tac Div HQ in area 304746.	
0855	29 Armd Bde	HASSELT and DILSEN reported clear. At latter we have contacted US forces.	
0900	29 Armd Bde	Loen Tac HQ 29 Armd Bde 264731.	
0905	29 Armd Bde	Loading unit is just behind people they are going to and their comds have met. Reported no enemy area 3575 (HELCHTEREN)	
0925	Gds Armd Div	Tac HQ is going to join 32 Gds Bde HQ at 304746.	
0926	29 Armd Bde	HQ loen 171712.	
0925	11 Armd Bde	Told that due to delay in estimated completion of their br they will have to concentrate astride Route X this side of ALBERT CANAL.	
0927	50 Div	Will it be convenient for Comd to come here at 1230 hrs to see Corps Comd.	
0930	29 Armd Bde	3945 clear	

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0940	G1 Gds Armd	Told to put someone on to SLAGHEAP so that enemy cannot possibly get back on to it.	
0940	DGS - G1 50 Div	After crossing ALBERT CANAL 50 Div will NOT now be directed on TURNHOUT but will be directed on RETHY 1599 via crossing at 1294, 1795, 2296.	
0950	50 Div	Comd 50 Div will be here to see Corps Comd 1230 hrs.	
0955	Gds Armd	May armd regt of 29 Armd Bde cross now to go to area of SLAGHEAP to help Gds ?	See below
1000	Rocco /	Corps Comd says there are some enemy filtering in from NORTH on both sides of canal. He would like 29 Armd Bde's third regt to contact the Dutch and help them, with some of regt each side of canal.	Gds Armd Div and 29 Armd Bde informed.
1025	Phantom Gds Armd	Enemy reported at following places - BOURG LEOPOLD, woods 3102, X-rds 342034, area 3676. Snipers H.3575. IG Gp expect to capture H.3575 soon. WG Gp X-rds 342034 and in wood one mile WEST of H.3483.	
1030	2 Army	R Force passes from comd 30 Corps to comd 12 Corps for ANTWERP w.e.f. 8 Sep.	
1030	LO XIX Corps	Posns 2230 hrs. 2 OGB at 2653, GSA 2564. 30 Div 120 Regt 0540. 117 Regt 0430. 119 Regt 0232.	
1040	G(Air)	appears Brs. K.1294/ demolished. K.1880 demolished.	

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1050 Gds Armd

At HECHTEL WG share village with enemy. Woods to WEST are clear and attack which has gone in from this direction should clear situation. We have blocked road from BOURG LEOPOLD and group there think they can cope with the enemy. 2 IG will not be complete until 1100 hrs, and will then join WG Gp. 1 CG Gp have been ordered to send strong ^{br}battl^{er} to area 2678 and will probably be directed NE later on. 1 CG have met strong opposition just WEST of BOURG LEOPOLD and have liaised with 8 Armd Bde and made plan for coping with enemy. Situation in triangle rly and canal crossing 1800, rd junc 2581, DEERINGEN 2475 is not clear but opinion is that enemy here are those pinched out by 8 Armd Bde and are not very organised but are trying to get out.

1100 Recce

Corps Comd has told Armd Regt of 29 Armd with Dutch to clear EAST side of canal NORTH from DEERINGEN to stream running just SOUTH of DEVERLOO.

50 Div informed and let 8 Armd Bde know.

1115 50 Div

61 Recce Regt met opposition 072057 but has cleared it up. CL 9 br was hit by a shell this morning but is now OK and 6 DLI are crossing. Bn of 231 Bde leaves ANTWERP for 8 Armd Bde 1100 hrs, should reach DEERINGEN 1400 hrs.

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1140	2 Army	News at 1600 hrs. Third US Army. No news received except unconfirmed report that tps are crossing R.MOSELLE between METZ and NANCY. First US Army. V Corps. RIGHT 5 Armd Div and LEFT 4 Div on general line of VIRTON P.4110 - ST HUBERT 3262. VII Corps. 3 Armd Div in area ST HADELIN K.5724 and DONCELLES 4523 it is NOT known whether LIEGE has been captured. 9 Div gen line ROCHEFORT P.2077 - HAVELANGE K.2302. 1 Div movg to NAMUR. XIX Corps. 125 Cav reached K.4553. RIGHT 30 Div and LEFT 2 Armd Div on gen line VILLERS LE BOUILLET K.2523 - HASSELT 3263. First Cdn Army. 1 Corps. LE HAVRE being bombed by Bomber Comd today otherwise NTR. 2 Cdn Corps. Polish Armd Div reached RUYSELEDE H.9680 with RIGHT 9 Polish Inf Bde and LEFT 2 Polish Armd Bde. 4 Cdn Armd Div gen line H.5370 - 4980 with recoe at NIEUPORT 5193 which is reported clear and 3 miles SW of BRUGES. 2 Cdn Div. 5 Cdn Bde leading tps reached BOURBOURG 1075. 3 Cdn Div no change.	
1145	29 Armd Bde	Dr 4559 blown. Enemy SP gun moved NNE from HASSELT to far side of canal 45 mins ago. Enemy inf reported area rly junc 3164 in area where 3 RTR is operating. 70 enemy inf in TERNANT reported to have moved NW at 1000 hrs. 600 inf reported to be in woods to WEST of SLAGHEAP, but this is not thought correct. Own tanks have reached line level with SLAGHEAP and can see nothing. There are large numbers of own people in this area and some confusion is arising from this area should shortly be reported clear.	
1150	Phantom	PW taken by 32 Cds Bde reports that Luftwaffe troops, strength 1500, are approaching HEBCHTEL and 500 have already arrived.	
1200	29 Armd Bde Tac	Shelling reported DIEPENBEEK 3759 from area 4465. Mortaring and shelling areas 353626 and 372623. Enemy movt area 362627. Bridge 4559 being shelled. Two of three spans OK but third has 20 ft gap. (reported 1200 hrs by Inns of Court).	
1200	29 Armd Bde Tac	Brs 223767 and 203785 blown.	
1220	Phantom XIX US Corps	No recoe across canal. No brs found intact so far.	
1225	CE	50 Div say they have found a barge for their br. With luck br should be ready tomorrow morning.	

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1225	G(Air)	Tac/R summary. All brs J/7498 to KO191 destroyed. Bridge KO893 destroyed. Bridge K1795 intact. Brs K2098 to D7603 intact. Br E2961 and E7163 and E6254 OK.	
1230	29 Armd	Relief of 2 Armd IG by 2 FF Yeo complete.	
1235	29 Armd Tac	Enemy inf 1500 in number reported engaging HECHTEL on EAST.	
1255	29 Armd Tac	Enemy inf posns 350773 and 363763 being engaged.	
1300	Gds Armd 50 Div	8 Armd Bde Gp less one armd regt coming under comd Gds Armd Div forthwith, to be retained on their left flank. Bn of 231 Bde not now required to join 8 Armd Bde.	
1200	To CE	11 Fd Coy reverts comd GHE Corps Tps. 30 Corps now responsible for maintenance of brs at DEERINGEN.	
1315	Army	Form given.	
320	Inns of Court	All brs EAST of 2475 are blown. Enemy inf, 88mm and mortars 4365 and holding canal. 4455 clear 4045 clear, 3580 clear.	
1325	29 Armd Tac	They are to get some people onto SLAGHEAP and remain there till relieved by 159 Bde, probably tomorrow. Later today they may get one bn 159 Bde to help in general task. They will probably be soon coming under their own div.	
1330	29 Armd Tac	2 FF Yeo reports enemy inf in wood NE and SOUTH of this posn. He is engaging continuously.	
1400	11 Armd G.2	HQ will be bst at 222697 very shortly.	

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1315	Inns of Court	Ref blown br at 245714. Gap is 400 ft. Patrol thinks the best site to span is at 246711 where the banks are concrete 4 ft high and approaches are better and would take double line traffic whereas existing br approaches would only take single line traffic. It is also flat at suggested loen and a sharp rise at old loen.	
1400	Comd 29 Armd Bde	Am not satisfied with the present arrangements whereby 73 A Tk Regt for right flank protection remains under my comd. Would very much prefer that they reverted to Corps as originally agreed with DGS yesterday. CCRA agrees and is coming back with details.	Told that 73 A Tk Regt will come w/comd 11 Armd this evening.
1420	50 Div	C Sqn 61 Recce Regt at 074868 with 6 DLI following up behind. Class 40 bridge going ahead. 69 Bde no change - active patrolling.	
1440	Gds Armd	Cave 50 Div form. Main HQ moving to join Tac approx 1600 hrs. They have asked for air attacks on BOURG LEOPOLD. WG report HECHTEL X-rds practically clear but a few enemy still remain in houses. IG Gp moving up to get astride rd between BOURG LEOPOLD and HECHTEL X-rds.	
1520	29 Armd	Position 2 FF Yeo. Enemy still in woods 3575. No question of giving ground and any movement is immediately fired on. Owing to nature of ground it is difficult to get rid of enemy. One A Tk gun 3676 and very lights seen that area.	
1525	Gds Armd Tac	Taking up positions as ordered by Corps Comd. Meanwhile do not want to use R/T. Situation HECHTEL unchanged.	

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1535	29 Armd Bde	Civ reports of enemy moving NORTH towards x-rds 3575 and also in HOUTHAELEN 3473.	
1630	29 Armd Bde	1500 enemy reported in woods 2966 - area now being shelled by us. Mopping up in area NW of 2366 progressed and we have 50 PW. Remainder of enemy have withdrawn. Civilians report 6 a/tk guns on rd GENCK 4265 - ASCH 4970. These civilians who came through enemy country wish to return. What action?	SF man being informed
1645	Phantom XIX US Corps	2 Armd Div has been ordered to adv to canal now. Small dismounted party to cross if possible.	
1650	Gds Armd	Asked if remainder 147 Fd Regt could join 8 Armd Bde who have only one bty with them.	50 Div told to send.
1655	XIX US Corps	Enemy digging in E bank of canal 557410 - 563435. C of S wants to know intentions of Inns of Court. Are they remaining in XIX Corps area.	
1700	Phantom	231 Bde conc area 9775 and 9674. 231 Bde HQ 974779.	
1705	CE	Second br DEERINGEN will not be completed before 2000 or 2100 hrs.	
1710	29 Armd Bde	X-rds 3575 clear, but rd covered by MGs area 3675. Patrols confirm there are about 600 enemy in wood 3066. Using our gunners but could do with more. Being arranged with Gds Armd Div.	
1715	XIX US Corps	Told that Inns of Court patrols will be remaining in XIX Corps area till we move further NORTH.	

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1720	Phanton	HQ XIX US Corps moving to 213515 at 0830 hrs tomorrow.	
1750	2 Army	Main HQ 21 Army Gp closes present loon and opens N.089569 at 091800B.	
1755	11 Armd	Is it alright for 29 Armd Bde to revert to them 1800 hrs.	Told Yes.
1815	Gds Armd and 11 Armd	Civilians report enemy area 328724. This reported several times and now confirmed again.	
1900	50 Div	Nothing to report from fwd tps. Opposition is still considerable. Anticipate Class 40 br may be complete by 2000 hrs if all goes perfectly.	
1940	11 Armd	Following task to be carried out tomorrow morning. Armd Cars to beat out area SOUTH of Canal bounded by br 0784 - rly br 1880 - TESSENDERLOO - VEERLE 0778 - ZAMMEL 0481. Then remain in observation on Canal line. Tonight Pl of inf to mount close guard on each of bridges and DEERINGEN against possible attempts at demolition.	
2000	Gds Armd	Hy attack being made on HECHTEL by Tigers and Inf. One Coy 1 WG overrun. Max arty fire being put down by us.	
2010	Gds Armd	In reply to their enquiry we will take over responsibility for TC over br at 0900 hrs tomorrow, 11 Armd Div will protect tonight.	

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2200	XIX Corps Phantom	At 1500 hrs - 117 Regt 3039 119 Regt 3135 120 Regt 2042	
2215	50 Div	Locations - 6 DLI 060854 - 080069 - 073069 - 075062 - 067862. 8 DLI 075044 - 079051 - 072055 - 071049 - 080857. 'C' Sqn 61 Recon Regt 0804. Tonight patrol 6 DLI will make for Southern outskirts of GHEEL. HQ 231 Dde 975780 2 Devon 974765 1 Hamps 960748 1 Dorset 962947	
2220	Gds Armd Div	No further news of situation about counter attack at HECHELT but everything is well in hand and there is no cause for worry.	
2230	Gds Armd Div	2 PW taken by civilians belonging to SS Para Bn and interrogated by us reveal that they were with Bn at wood 3743 and had been ordered to cut road at LILLO 3274 tonight.	29 Armd Bde told.

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0015	Air Tps	Gen BROWNING arriving BRUSSELS airport 0900 hrs today and wishes to see Corps Commander. Gen BROWNING hopes visit Army Commander later.	DGS and G 2 (L) informed.
0030	Tac Army	Army Commander will probably meet Gen BROWNING this afternoon. Details and time later.	

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0045	Rear 30 Corps	Rear HQ 30 Corps now open at 135718	
0200	Rear 50 Div	Rear HQ 50 Div now open at DOISACHOT 9276	
0210	2 Army	12 Corps will be responsible for patrolling down to Rd HERENTHALS 9790 - LOUVAIN. 12 Corps to say when this can be done.	
0315	12 Corps	Sitrep at 082400B. Sidestopping of Div NE continues with numerous small parties of enemy in pocket being mopped up or taken prisoner. Enemy reported to be crossing R SCHELDE at D 6005 and D 6006. 7 Armd Div. 4 Armd Bde have (one?) Regt at each ANTWERP LOKEREN J 3284 and area J 4272. 22 Armd Bde have one regt in each J 3177 J 1575 and H 4117. 131 Inf Bde less 1/7 Queens GHENT with 1/7 Queens area 7366. 46 Inf Bde have one bn each J 2174 - J 1366? - J 0957.	1 R
0355	50 Div	Sitrep at 092359B. Leons. 69 Bde HQ 043841 5 E Yorks 043861 6 GH 056858 7 GH 055853. 151 Bde HQ 071825 6 DLI 05854. 8 DLI 075844. 9 DLI 087818. 61 Recce Regt 025819. C Sqn 61 Recce Regt 0884. 8 Armd Bde less one armd regt passed to comd Gds Armd Div at 1300 hrs. GHEEL brhead enlarged in face of strong opposition from mortars and SA fire and some shelling from area HERENTHALS 9790. By 1515 hrs a large number of enemy were reported withdrawing NE at 058865 followed by patrols of 69 Bde and hindered by units of 151 Bde. At 1932 hrs 61 Recce reported NIS at 166975 and 135794. 68 PW taken on div front.	1
0400	Gds Armd Div	32 Gds Bde Gp. WG gp have restored posn dominating but not holding the x-rds HECHTEL. IG gp in close contact with WG gp in woods 3282. 32 Gds Bde HQ 504745. 5 Gds Armd Bde. Gren gp have cleared area from HEUSDEN 2873 - STALL 2878 - LEUW MARAIS 2981 harbouring for the night 3081 with sp coy covering eastern exits from BOURG LEOPOLD. Coldn gp cleared BEVERLOO and reached HETELINIE 2431 after by fighting. Withdrawn tonight to area 2678 and 2477. 5 Gds Armd HQ 262784. 3 Armd Bde under comd Gds Armd Div in wide perimeter around BEVERLOO. Div HQ 263752. Future intentions. Gds Armd Div will attack at 1000 hrs 10 Sep IG gp Right Gren gp Left. SL main rd HECHTEL - rd and rly junc 310832. First objectives IG gp EXEL 3686 Gren gp VLASIER 3437. Full sp Div arty. If objectives reached with slight opposition one sqn HOR will be passed through each gp with objectives br 4294 and br 5596. 32 Gds Bde gp IG and WG will take Right CL to first objective. 5 Gds Armd Bde Gp Gren Gp and Coldn Gp will take Left hand route to objective. No adv from first objectives until ordered by this HQ. This does not apply to 2 HOR.	

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0410	11 Armd Div	Sitrep at 2359 hrs 9 Sep. Last light loons. Div HQ 224693. 29 Armd Bde HQ 264731. 23H 2672. 3 RTR and 8 RB 238752. 2 FF Yeo 3575. 159 Inf Bde HQ 213678. 3 Mons and 4 KSLI area 2266 1 Hereford 3575. 15/19 H 2270. Inns of Court 217678. Intention for tomorrow. 29 Armd Bde adv 0830 to FEER 4184. 159 Inf Bde with 3 RTR and 15/19H under comd responsible for area 220774 - 238782 - x-rds 269726 - 244715 - CANAL. Sqn Inns of Court will patrol from FEER as far as 50 Easting.	
0750	Tac Army	Corps Comd is not to go to meet Gen Browning and Gen Browning will probably not be coming here.	
0820	G(Air)	Tac/R reports all brs from K197890 to K184805 destroyed. Dr at K 117937 and K220962 destroyed.	
0840	Army	Main Army moves 11 Sep to general area NE of LOUVAIN.	
0845	Inns of Court	Posns of Patrols at 0815. Dr 074872, X-rds 121822 (fired on from other side of canal) and at 136818 and 175806 which have seen nothing. No sign of enemy SOUTH of canal.	
0850	11 Armd	15/19 H crossing canal now by Gds Armd br and KSLI crossing by our br and moving to 2672.	
0851	Gds Armd	Loon 5 Gds Armd Bde 263766.	
0900	Main Army	GO/61. Do you want Belgian Bde revert your command. If so when?	Replied by R/T "would like them much earliest possible provided they do as they are told & stay with us a reasonable length of time.
0900	XIX Corps	Posns 0600 hrs. 117 RCT 3442. 119 RCT 3437. 120 RCT 3444. 2 Armd Div CCA 2462. CCB 2757 - 2454. OOR 2158.	
0930	Gds Armd	Main HQ 263732. 5 Gds Armd Bde 263702. 32 Gds Bde movg.	
0930	11 Armd	Main HQ 224693. 29 Armd Bde Main 264731. 159 Bde HQ movg.	

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0945	11 Armd Div	HQ R Netherlands Dde 239765. 159 Bde HQ 266733.	Recce told R.N. Dde HQ.
0930	2 Army	Army Comd will not be visiting Corps Comd today. Gen Browning has gone to 21 Army Gp. Will inform you if he is coming to you later.	
1000	11 Armd Div	Tac 29 Armd Dde at 317735.	
1005	50 Div	Leading elts on outskirts of GHEEL. Some opposition - not hy but progress not too rapid.	
1030	11 Armd Div	Fwd elts 29 Armd Dde - 2 FF Yeo left at 3479, 23 H right at 3676.	
1035	11 Armd Div	Sqn of Inns of Court has covered area WEST of canal and reports no enemy seen - can this be brought in? Considerable opposition area KUNSEL 3676, fair amount of opposition from EAST, nothing from WEST. Enemy in woods at 351778 and 348795. Also some trouble in woods 3473 shooting ^{up} rd in LILLO area causing traffic confusion. Comd A Tk Gp has taken over brhead up to incl rd junc 270726.	Replied yes.
1130	50 Div	On 69 Dde front things are fairly quiet - far quieter than yesterday. 151 Dde fwd tps are 6 DLI on line 073877 - 080970 with a small gp of 61 Recce 090864. Enemy on this front from GHEEL to Canal at 0983 is exceedingly active. There is an SP gun at 0983 which hit the CL 9 bridge last night - br is now repaired.	
1255	Gds Armd	Fwd tps held up about 2000 yds NORTH of SL by very bad going. Now trying to find a way round.	

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1200	Gds Armd	IG Gp have advanced up road to 341850. Gren Gds gp have reached line of stream area 350860 but tks are held up by the going and one or two Panthers have been seen. VG Gp on X-rds HECHTEL, Coldm Gds Gp following Gren Gds about line of rd WEST from HECHTEL.	
1215	11 Armd Div	2 FF Yeo have reached area 350790 and have captured 120 PW there. 3 R Tks movg ENE from COURSEL 2776. Some of 8 RB dealing with enemy area 340740. Patrols of 15/19 H and Inns of Court to area 3 miles NORTH of HASSELT to deal with some enemy inf and A Tk guns.	
1230	8 Armd Bde	Fresh dispositions. 4/7 DG area 3182, 13/18 H area 2981 - 2880. One coy 12 KRRC area CORSEPEL 2579.	
1235	Netherlands Bde	Now under comd Corps A Tk Force - Fresh dispositions. One coy and tp 13/18 H BEVERLOO, one coy X-rds 238785. One coy centred on cross tracks 221781. Recce unit in Slag-heap 2477.	
1400	Inns of Court	Patrol 371679 estimates 500 enemy EAST of his posn. Own tks 347795 - 327668 - 329655. Four A Tk guns 343652. Enemy inf in strength 3264. 50 PW captured 3579. Patrol 347805. Patrol 360822 - enemy in wood 3581. 250 PW captured 3578 - 3579.	
1415	To Army	Gave form.	
1420	HQ Air Tps	Resistance state enemy hy arty area BOCHOLT 4988.	
1425	53 Div	53 Recce Regt expected area 7591 by 1300 hrs. Resistance report considerable reinforcements crossing from HOLLAND to hold ALBERT canal, also 88 mm guns.	

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1430	50 Div	151 Bde were to have attacked GHEEL 1400 hrs, but enemy counterattacked 1345 hrs with hy mortar and MG fire from area 073883 - 080883. Attack was dispersed and our own attack starting now.	1
1435	Gds Armd	Gren Gds Gp on fwd objective and some of HCR pushing on towards ESCAUT canal. IG Gp reached main rd but are having trouble with boggy ground. There is only one crossing for both gps to use.	1
1440	11 Armd	On left 2 FF Yeo are dealing with enemy inf area 3579. One sqn to EAST. On right Barracks have been cleared but at 3776 there are mines on the road and some enemy at 364,763 are holding up 23 H. 15/19 H sorting out situation 3265 where there are enemy inf and A tk guns. Total PW taken this morning at least 250.	
1500	12 Corps	Intentions 11 and 12 Sept. (a) <u>53 Div</u> Probably night 11/12 make assault crossing of canal with objectives area 7405. (b) <u>15 (S) Div</u> Deception attack on general area 8096 - HERENTHAL 9791. No timings or details fixed. 15 (S) Div moving up now to area MECHLIN and SW of it.	12
1515	11 Armd	11 Armd Div HQ 3077.	
1530	12 Corps LO	53 Div est firmly in ANTWERP. Strong opposition area 7001 but North bank of canal east from there is lightly held. 7 Armd Div clearing area towards sea today. <u>Bdys</u> Between 15 and 53 Divs. LIERRE - 7892 - 8096 - 7900. Between Second Army and First Cdn Army. 2377 - 2673 - 2874 - 2887 - 2288 - thence canal to sea. This bdy NOT yet firm. 160 Bde 7894 2 KRRC and 1/7 Queens ST NICOLAS 5092 71 Bde 7587 44 R Tks 6088 158 Bde 7098 Greys 4588	12

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1555	50 Div	6 GH 063848, 7 ^G H conc at 053865, 9 DLI 071840 and about to move over br. 6 DLI fwd tps 070877 - 082870 with one coy in GHEEL. 151 Bde taken 20 PW. KOD one Armd Car, one 88mm, two A Tk guns and one mortar.	
1600	50 Div	Sitrep 1200 hrs. 69 Bde, 6 GH conc area 063848 for counter attack role and also ready to take over from 8 DLI when required. A Coy 7 GH moved to 053865. 69 Bde are in contact with enemy on left flank who are NOT very active. An SP believed in the area 0187 is occasionally shelling area of the Class 9 br at 073842. 151 Bde. Fwd tps of 6 DLI 070877 to 082870 with Recce area 090864. 9 DLI conc area 071840. Patrol of 61 Recce from 079856 to 083872 drew fire from area 086870 and 090892. 20 mm gun firing from area 094845. Patrol of enemy tried to infiltrate round right flank of 6 DLI but failed. The enemy are situated in front of and on the flank of 151 Bde down to the canal and have been very active all the morning. Class 40 br 044857 has been operating since 0600 hrs.	
1602	RE	Class 9 Br in 50 Div sector damaged by shell fire.	
1605	Phantom	19 Corps situation at 1300 hrs. 119 RCT 5239. 120 RCT 4747. 117 RCT 3442, 2 Armd Div - no change.	
1605	SORE	SOUTH BEERINCEN br will be closed between 2100 and 2400 hrs tonight for conversion to class 40.	<i>Original</i>
1615	GSI 50 Div	One coy in GHEEL, another in outskirts, 50 PWs taken, 1 mortar, 1 x 88, 1 AMC and 2 anti-tk guns KO. At 1345 hrs 2 large explosions on bearing 40° from 049841, and estimated about 7 miles away. Possible br over MEUSE canal.	
1640	11 Armd	2 FF Yeo have reached 355831 and are adv up rly to EAST, meeting some opposition, SOUTH of main EAST - WEST rd. 23 H 1500 yds WEST of HELCHTEREN where resistance is stronger. They have two coys of paratps. In area towards HASSELT 15/19 H became rather involved and have inflicted by cas. One Coy 4 KSLI has gone to help them extricate themselves.	

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1650	Gds Armd Div	Gren Gp adv from 1st objective and now dealing with SP guns and Inf area 3487. 2 IG held up by boggy ground but are getting on better now. 8 Armd Bde attacking BOURG LEOPOLD from EAST to WEST and meeting stiff opposition but getting on all right.	
1730	Army	Gave form	
1735	12 Corps	Sitrep as at 092400B. 7 Armd Div. 11 H patrols at CALLOO 5900 at 6697 and BURGET 6394. St NICOLAS 4990 strongly held by 44 RTR 2 KRCO 1/7 Queens. Elts 44 RTR reached area 5988 at 091800B. Greys area 4488. 1 RB less two coys LOEBREN 3784 two coys TELMONDE 4575. 2 Bn 131 Inf Bde clearing GHENT NORTH of 82 Grid to river. Civilians report ferrying in progress 6001 5905 also 1000 inf and guns area 4501. 15 (S) Div. 46 Inf Bde under command 7 Armd Div - bns at 2074 1465 0957. 44 Inf Bde. On rd from 9867 - 8860. 227 Inf Bde bns at 1376 0970 0270. 53 (W) Div. 160 Inf Bde in area 7794 7894. 71 Inf Bde on move. HQ 53 Div 711912 HQ 158 Inf Bde 683944 HQ 160 Inf Bde 782928. HQ 12 Corps Main 605728. HQ 12 Corps Rear 581709. ALG 595835.	
1740	LO XIX US Corps	Locn HQ 7 US Corps 585260. Fwd recon elts 3 Armd Div LIMBOURG. XIX Corps meeting stiffer opposition but still adv slowly. No material change.	
1815	50 Div	9 DLI directed on 097879 and going along fairly well in spite of considerable opposition. Their left hand coy is 100 yds short of their objective LAAR 0987. 6 DLI have two coys in GHIEL, one coy is held up at 080874. Few tks of SRV have reached rly NORTH of village. Many Germans killed in this area.	
1830	Gds Armd Div	2 HOR report br 4294 blown, br 3596 alright strongly held.	11
1840	12 Corps	15 Div may now withdraw all tps at present WEST of DEYNSE 0473. DEYNSE will be held by 15 Div. HQ 15 Div will move with the second Bde Gp of the Div. Task in new area as follows. Take over and carry out all reconns and preparations for assault crossing within bdays given below and prepared to move up tps on afternoon D day which will NOT be before night 11/12 Sep. All these reconns and preparations to be for deception only but to be very thorough. Days. Between 15 Div and 30 Corps all incl 30 Corps rd HERENTHALS J9792. MASSELT K 0077 - AERSCHOT J9669 - LOUVAIN J8758. Between 15 Div and 53 Div all incl 15 Div GRAVENWEEZEL 7701 - SCHILDE 7997 - canal crossing 793953/- TK LIBERRE 7886. CRA and RA recon parties 15 Div will report to HQ 53 Div at earliest 10 Sep to recon rd thence deployment of areas in sp 53 Div. One Dn 46 Bde will remain under command 7 Armd Div until completion of take over GHENT by 2 Cdn Corps, 793804 -	12
1900	11 Armd Div	Div HQ 304744.	
2100	XIX US Corps	Airstrip at K229511 open.	
2100	Army	Main HQ Second Army closes present locn 1900 hrs 11 Sep re-opening camp NORTH of LOUVAIN area 8860.	
2120	DAQMG	Main HQ 8 Corps opens BRUSSELS earliest.	
2125	XIX Corps LO	Armour no change. 117 Regt 3441, 119 Regt 5439, 120 Regt 4646. Fwd tps VII Corps 7324, 6317, 6318, 6331, 6233.	

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2145	XIX US Corps	Airstrip at K229511.	
2150	2 Army	<p>News at 1000 hrs. Third US Army NTR. First US Army. V Corps. 5 Armd Div adv elts reached area P6505 and unconfirmed reports of a task force 4 miles due WEST of LUXEMBOURG. 28 Div gen line HATVILA NEUVE P5028 - NEUFCHATEAU 3540. 4 Div are WEST and SW of LAROCHE P4679. VII Corps. 3 Armd Div SW of VERVIERS K6823 with recon elts EAST of town. 1 Div and 9 Div no change. XIX Corps. 113 Cav reached ALBERT canal area K46 otherwise no change. First Cdn Army. 2 Cdn Corps. Polish Armd and 4 Cdn Armd Div NTR. 2 Cdn Div. 4 Cdn Bde area OSTEND. 6 Bde area NIEUPORT M5193. 5 Cdn Bde 3 miles SW of DUNKERQUE. 3 Cdn Div NTR. 1 Br Corps will probably attack LE HAVRE today.</p>	
2155	50 Div	<p>Locns. 6 DLI 080860 - 081885. 8 DLI 075350. 9 DLI fwd coys at 087869 - 083866. 5 E Yorks 046866. 6 GH 064850. 7 GH 058855. Sqn 61 Recon 018872. 9 DLI took 67 PW - probably more. At 2145 counter attack developed from 065374. It was getting too dark to send up tks so some of 69 Bde were sent to help. Infiltration by enemy inf and tks - one of which KOD by SRI. CL 9 br OK for inf only. 151 Bde HQ 073854.</p>	
2200	11 Armd	<p>25 H and 8 RB area 3877. 5 R Tks and 5 Mon on cross rds HELCHTEREN keeping watch to SE where there are enemy in woods. 2 FF Yeo and 1 Hereford sitting on main rd 3683. 159 Bde Gp extend SOUTH from HELCHTEREN cross rds. 15/19 H area 2978. Inns of Court watching EBERINGEN bridges. At last light 450 PW taken during day. 8 RB say they killed 200 enemy in HELCHTEREN area.</p>	
2205	XIX US Corps Phantom	<p>As VII US Corps have broken MEUSE line, it is considered here that whole line of defence of river may be compromised. 2 Armd Div report signs of enemy withdrawing on their front. 30 Inf Div continuing on foot to their objective. New plan tomorrow morning.</p>	

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2210	Gds Armd	One troop 2 Armd Gren Gds have got across br at 3596. 1 Mot Gren Gds are also up and have KO five 88mm, one SP and two tanks.	No
2230	12 Corps	Comd 15 Div would like to visit Comd 50 Div at letters HQ 1100 hrs tomorrow. Is this OK?	Informed 50 Div & told 12 Corps OK
2300	Gds Armd	Gren Gp became involved with enemy X-rds 3494. Meanwhile IG Gp finding their own br blown, turned left and managed to get two sqns tks and one coy inf across br 3596. Intention is for rest of IG Gp to cross to-night and Gren Gp to hold firm on this side. 2 HCR report br 4691 intact but held by 3 A Tk guns and 50 inf.	11 Armd Div told.

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0030 HQ Air Tps Resistance contacted British Armour at HELICOPTEREN K37.

0145 Gds Armd Initiating charge on br removed and br considered OL 40. Gren Gds Gp move up to cross now. Fighting has subsided and br is firmly held.

0300 Gds Armd Sitrep at 102359D. Enemy have resisted strongly in the HECHTEL and BOURG LEOPOLD areas. During today's attack enemy have produced 88mm and SP guns with a few tks at nodal pts. 32 Gds Bde Gp. WG Gp remain HECHTEL X-rds area and have gained contact with 11 Armd Div. Enemy still holds cross rds. IG Gp adv at 1000 hrs and had great difficulty in crossing stream area 3304. Enemy fire from main rd increased their difficulty. Eventually crossing main rd they proceeded by axis EXEL 3686 NEEPELT 3994. Two sqns 2 Armd IG and one coy 3 IG crossed br at 3596 at dusk. 5 Gds Armd Bde Gp. Gren Gp adv at 1000 hrs and after having battle at X-rds 3493 are proceeding to assist IG Gp at br. Five 88mm guns one SP gun and two tks KO'd. Coldn Gp area 3407. 2 HCR carried out recon ahead of adv and reported all hrs blown except 4691 and 3596. Br 4691 held by two A Tk guns and 50 inf. 8 Armd Bde attacked BOURG LEOPOLD from EAST and WEST three SP KO'd on WEST without loss. Have now with drawn SOUTH and EAST. Future intentions. Gds Armd Div will extend and make firm brhead at 3596. 8 Armd Bde with u/cond Belgian Bde will attack and capture BOURG LEOPOLD. HQ Gds Armd Div moved to area 3280 111000D.

0345 50 Div Sitrep 102359D. Posn Div HQ and 231 Bde unchanged. 69 Bde 6 CH IHQ 077045 coys at 076851 - 078847 - 072848. 7 CH coys now at 061852 and 050854. 151 Bde 047044. 6 DLI coys at 002882 and 000884. 8 DLI 065856 - 071867 - 077867. 9 DLI 079855 - 032865 - 008870 - 032858. 151 Bde with SRY+ less one sqn under comd att acks towards GHEEL. 0088 and est two coys on the Southern side of the village. 9 DLI on the right adv and reached WINKELON 007870. Fighting during the afternoon and evening whilst heavy large number of enemy casualties inflicted. About 2045 hrs enemy inf and tks counter attacked SE and S from 069878 and infiltrated to the area of 079855. This counter attack being stopped, one enemy tk being KO'd by SRY approx 110 PW taken on bde front. 69 Bde intermittent shelling of the bde area increased towards last light. A pl of E Coy's 5 E Yarks occupied an enemy posn at 035068 without opposition. 4 PW taken during the day. OL 9 br was hit by shell fire but is now open for foot traffic only.

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11	11 Armd Div	Sitrep 102230D. 29 Armd Dde Gp continued RIGHT flank protection of Gds Armd Div. 23 H and 8 RB cleared the area HELOCHTEREN 3575 and advanced to area 3776 where they were held up at last light by A tk guns. 2 FF Yoo and 1 Hereford reached area of 3683. 159 Inf Dde Gp cleared the wooded area ACHTER DEN KRAANBERG K3276. 15/19H on the Southern flank encountered enemy in area 3266 and destroyed two SP guns and one tk and three A tk guns. Approx 500 PW were taken and 300 enemy killed during the day. Inns of Court Regt are maintaining strong patrols during the night on both sides of the river at the DEERLINGEN bns 2264 2375. CROSS FORCE consisting of 100 Hy AA Dde, 86 (SP) FA Regt and 73 A Tk Regt with Dutch forces under command are protecting the Southern flank on line 314733 - 204715 - 269726 - Canal 245715. Last light locas - HQ 11 Armd Div 304744. HQ 29 Armd Dde 347758, 23 H 8 RB 3776. 2 FF Yoo and 1 Hereford 3683. HQ 159 Inf Dde 323738. 3 R Tks and 3 Mon 3575, 4 KSLI 3174. 15/19 H 290730. Intentions 11 Sep. 29 Armd Dde Gp will occupy PEER and adv to PETIT BROGEL 3008. 159 Inf Dde Gp will clear Lm 3274 and be prepared to take over rd junc 395780 from 23 H and 8 RD. Inns of Court Regt will patrol EAST from PEER, from rd junc 395780 and to SOUTH and SE. CROSSFORCE are requested to assume responsibility for RIGHT flank incl rd and rly junc 334749 as soon as 15/19 H and 4 KSLI move from present area. Opposition came from HUENER Para Regt in area HELOCHTEREN and from GRASSEHEIL Para Regt in area between HENCHTEREN and HECHTEL.	

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0715	50 Div	Small counter attack against 151 Bde repulsed during night. Remainder of Div front quiet.	
0731	HQ Air-Tps	Civilian report three hy btys between LOOZEN K.4891 and BRUE K.5284 protected by 20 mm and 30 mm AA.	
0735	Gds Armd	No change to report. Gren Gds Gp ordered to cross br but not yet certain how much is across. Still enemy at HECHTEL cross rss.	
0740	11 Armd	Patrols to LAAK 3574 report it clear. 25 H just started movg - report mines at 379771. PW Yeo have taken more PW.	
0915	Army	R Force ANTWERP - exact locn not known.	
0915	12 Corps	Sunray arrives by air 1230 hrs. Please make necessary arrangements to meet him at airfd. Confirm posn of airfd 1270.	ADC told.
1100	12 Corps	Take over by 15(S)Div from 50 Div will be complete by evening 12 Sep.	
1110	Phantom	XIX US Corps intentions today- (1) 113 Cav and one CT of 30 Div will cross R MEUSE at LIEGE and clear EAST bank of river in XIX Corps area. (2) 2 Armd Div will patrol actively and be prepared to thrust twards MAASTRICHT.	
1115	50 Div	Situation in GHEEL still pretty confused. About 4 or 5 enemy tks operating in area incl one or two dug in. SRY have lost 8 tks. At 0800 hrs approx 40 enemy attacked 9 DLI. 30 were killed - one PW.	

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1120	Inns of Court	Patrol at 408837 (PEER). Our tks entering town now where there are still enemy Inf. Patrol at 439798 has no contact with enemy.	
1120	Airborne Tps	Considered essential both CSO's meet before detailed orders issued, suggest here - do you agree ?	
1130	11 Armd Div	Fwd tps in PEER but still enemy inf there. Inns of Court on Southern edge and 23 H have swung round from EAST. FF Yeo with Herefords are trying to push NORTH but only route is main rd since bridges on the other route are too weak. Intention is for FF Yeo to take over PEER and for 23 H to go for PETIT BROGEL. LAAK is reported clear but enemy in woods to SOUTH - 159 Bde about to cope. 15/19 H and 4 KSLI to go EAST from HELCHTEREN to rd junc 395779. Inns of Court report villages at 0970 2074 1475 clear. One Sqn being left to watch HECHTEL cross-rds.	
1145	50 Div	Enemy are on cross-rds 072859, there are two damaged but active tks there and another milling around. 9 DLI tk hunting patrols saw a tk and 30 Inf going NE between 8 & 9 DLI and bagged 16 PW. SHY have lost a total of 11 tks today. 69 Bde 3 enemy tks and coy of inf moving towards 7 GH from 068898, 1 tk KO so far.	
1200	Tac & Main Army	Gave form.	

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1200	Gds Armd Div	Now at 327899. Most of the IG group are now across the canal and these are being reinforced by the Gren Gds Group. WG group still have trouble at HECHTEL which is by no means cleared up. 8 Armd Bde are dealing with BOURG LEOPOLD and hope it will be clear by this afternoon but have no further information at present.	
1215	Inns of Court	Enemy at 410843 409840 404840. Own patrols at 404841 and 461805. A tk gun in wood at 421835. Patrol at 454843.	
1225	50 Div	(a) 15 (S) Div start to relieve 50 (N) Div afternoon 12 Sep and continue through the night 12/13 Sep. Hope to complete morning 13 Sep. (b) The position in the bridgehead in very untidy - everything is alright but the enemy are putting in small counter-attacks from all directions and there are enemy positions still in the midst of our own.	
1235	50 Div	Attack by 3 tanks and coy inf against 7 GH in area 0689. One KO one damaged. Heavy casualties inflicted on inf. Another Panther at 059873. Cross rds at 072858 now fairly well cleared up. Another counter attack on 6 DLI from WEST now in progress.	
1305	Tac Army	Army Comd coming by air 1430 hrs or 1730 hrs whichever suits best; if both suit he would prefer 1430 hrs.	Reply 1430 hrs but earlier if possible as 12 Corps Comd is here and it would be convenient for all three to meet.
1325	12 Corps	Sitrep number 116 as at 102400B. Enemy still offering opposition on gen line FORT STE MARIE J 6400 - FORT VIERMBROEK D 5301 - FORT ST JEAN J 4399 and SOUTH of flooded area from all incl STEKENE J 4296 - MOERBEKE 3393. 7 Armd Div. Patrols from 11 H and ROYALS have made contact along the above line with most Northern penetration at D 535086. 131 Bde make slow progress in N GHEENT against enemy's MGs and mortars. Town now cleared up to 82 Northing. 4 Armd Bde Greys held up by floods and A tk guns covering all approaches to STE MARIE and CALLOC. 15 Div. 44 Bde and 46 Bde less one Bn now conc in areas J 7072 J 5564 respectively. Div Hq 610744. 53 Div. NTE.	12

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1330	Phantom	At 1000 hrs 113 Cav at 5536 and 5736 movg NORTH.	
1330	G1(L)	Belgians now commencing to cross br.	
1335	Tac Army	Army Comd will arrive soonest possible after 1400 hrs.	ADC warned.
1400	Main Army	CP First US Army Main closes 101000D opens 0.6397 same time.	
1405	Main Army	Det 112 Pnr Coy(smoke)reporting this HQ by 1700 hrs today.	
1407	50 Div	Small counter attacks coming in on 6 DLI area 0800 but they are quite happy about it. At 946895 are one A tk gun and 20 inf who have knocked out one vehicle of 61 Reccs. Enemy are to be stonked.	
1425	Gds Armd	Little change in brhd. Two sqns 2 IG, 3 coys 3 IG and two coys 1 Mot Gren across. At BOURG LEOPOLD 8 Armd Bde report the WEST and centre clear but not clear about EAST and NORTH. WG gradually clearing up HECHTEL. A Dutch policeman reports rd from N.3199 to N.3101 packed with tpt nose to tail incl 88 mms. This target has been accepted by the air and will be attacked.	
1425	50 Div	8 DLI knocked out one SP gun and crew of 8 at 073863. Rd from 075868 - cross rds 072857 reported clear.	
1425	Inns of Court	Patrol at 407835 reports rd junc at 407838 covered by 88 mm, inf and bazookas. Our tks have by-passed the rd junc from SW and are at 403883 and area 4293 where they contacted Panthers. Patrol at 465850 pushing NE to river br. Patrol at 392846. Patrol at 4088 states sqn of our tks and inf holding this village. Patrol at 493883 reports village of DOCHOLT clear. Patrol at 396876 - no contact with enemy. Patrol at 496889 viewed the river from the church tower and report it is blown also the foot br EAST of it. Enemy covering approaches down to br and are also dug in on the Northern bank, also an 88 mm covering rd NW from the br. Civilian report br at 467916 blown at 0230 hrs this morning - we are going fwd to confirm this. Patrol at 496814, no contact.	
1440	Gds Armd	Two sqns 2 Armd Gren Gds and one coy 1 Mot Gren are at LOMMEL 3095. 5 CG at 3593. 1 CG at 3694.	
1442	SORE	Second br at DEERINGEN is now Class 40.	

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1520	11 Armd Div	23 H in PETIT BROGEL prepared to go to 467917. PEER is now clear and FF Yeo are in it. 15/19 H and 4 KSLI in 3978 with one sqn going to BREE 5084. 3 RTR and 3 Mon in HELCHTEREN clearing area to SOUTH. Inns of Court patrols to CAULILLE 4490 report br in 4691 blown at 0230 hrs today. Br at 495888 blown and site covered by onemy on far bank incl one 88 mm dug in. Br at 497888 does not exist. Br 499886 is a foot br and blown. There appears to be a definite weakening in onemy resistance this side of MEUSE - ESCAUT canal.	
1530	2 HCR	Patrol reached VALKENSWAARD 4108. Appears that onemy are digging in between there and EINDHOVEN.	
1530	Inns of Court	Br is blown 544827; 496888; 467917 and 427948. Patrols at 538824; 464915 and 425945. Enemy inf in fair strength at 547830 - 5683.	
1600	11 Armd Div	15/19 H HQ 395779 with patrol to BREE. Inns of Court are patrolling the canal and all brs are blown. 23 H are sending a party to br at 467916 to find form there of enemy. 23 H at 4088. FF Yeo PEER 4084 which is clear now. 159 Bde are stepping up behind and in area 3575 at present.	
1605	Inns of Court	SG patrol in observation from church steeple 538819. 3 brs blown at 543826 - 554818 - 563809. Also one mile away on bearing 20° from steeple much enemy milling on foot, about track NE and SW of 537838. Also one large gun.	

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1615	50 Div	A few enemy are still trying to infiltrate in area of 6 DLI. Loons 231 Bde 2 Dev 218750. 1 Hamps 239767. 1 Dor 242752.	
1635	50 Div	Locations. 5 EY 0486. 6 GH 0784. 7 GH 0687. 6 DLI 0822. 9 DLI 0786. 9 DLI 0886.	
1637	Gds Armd	Location of HQ 327800 and not as in entry of 1200 hrs.	
1645	Army	Gave form.	
1715	Inns of Court	Br at 403592 blown. Enemy on N bank. Rly br at 397953 blown. Two tunnels at 390954 intact and patrols investigating.	
1800	XIX Corps	Posns at 1445 hrs. 113 Cav at 5837, 5835 and 5536. 125 Cav at 5934, 6132. Meeting mines, small arms and mortar fire.	
1800	Inns of Court	Patrols watching SOUTH bank of Canal westwards from BEERINGEN have been in contact with 151 Bde, otherwise NTR. At 433947 there is a tunnel under the canal which is 5 ft wide and is 12" deep in water - it is covered by MG fire. Another tunnel at 427948 no further details.	
1800	Inns of Court LO with XIX Corps	American armd cars patrolling tracks SE from ZONHOVEN to 3066. Enemy in woods from 3364-3867. Rd from ZONHOVEN to X rds 3575 is clear. Americans appreciate enemy is trying to hold N bank of canal.	
1810	11 Armd	23H and 8 RB at PETIT BROGEL 4088. Patrol sent to Br at 4691, was shot up when 1500 ^x away from it. FFY and HEREFORDS at PEER with tank patrol to 4584. 15/19H and 4 KSLI area rd juhc 3977. One Sqn was sent towards BREE 5084 but was held up by 88 mm and has been withdrawn. CROSS FORCE covering as far EAST as X rds 346729. HQ 159 Bde 348762 HQ 29 Bde 397865.	

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1900	Gds Armd	BOURG LEOPOLD is now held by the Belgian Bde but is not yet mopped up. PW are coming in though not yet in large numbers. Resistance at the end was feeble.	
1935	50 Div	At 1635 8 DLI and 9 DLI attacked by about 50 enemy at 079878. Took 7 PW and inflicted about 40 casualties. Held up 8 DLI's move to new posn which is however now going ahead. 61 Recce contacted 15(S) Recce in 9089. Recce has been through HERENTHOUT 9186.	
1940	11 Armd	23 H report that civilians say area br 4691 has six anti tk guns. Inns of Court patrol to br at 570800 and two just to South of it was held up by fire when approached from NW and from SW. GROSS FORCE taking over up to 378771.	
2000	Gds Armd	Are putting in an attack to finally clear up HECHTEL cross rds tomorrow morning and understand from 11 Armd that their people astride the rd to the EAST of this pt will not be there in the morning. As this is the one escape route it is considered vital that 11 Armd should keep someone astride this rd.	
2025	50 Div	61 Recce report that they are being attacked by 25 enemy at OOLEN 9886. 6 DLI while moving back to become a central mobile reserve were followed by 2 enemy tks and inf, which are going to be dealt with by the RA.	
2110	RA	A Tk Gp screen 246712 - 254716 - 269722 - 280714 - 284715 - 303719 - 300723 - 312723 - 310734 - line of rly 328724 - 334748 - 368760.	

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2140	50 Div	Given permission to close down set on command not for night.	
2150	8 Armd Bde	Our new friends the Belgians are now satisfactorily installed in BOURG LEOPOLD. It was occupied practically without opposition. They have with them one sub-unit of 4/7 DG. Enemy withdrew NW and was engaged by Sholdrake as he went. There are a few enemy in BOURG LEOPOLD who are giving themselves up. 13/18 H in posn in HEPPEM waiting relief by the Belgians. PW taken in BOURG LEOPOLD from 2 Para Regt, 6 Para Regt and 14 Coy 723 Regt. Situation elsewhere remains unchanged and everything is quiet. Belgians have pushed a small part of their mobile boys up the rd to the NW and have met a few hastily laid mines.	
2150	2 Army	Landing strip Main Army HQ 932643.	
2155	12 Corps	7 Armd Div. 11 H have patrols at J 496988 J 481997 J 463983. No enemy move seen. Royals patrols at J 4394 J 3991 J 3391 J 2990 J 2695. Polish Inf Bde hope to take over GHENT during afternoon 12 Sep. 15(S)Div. 227 Inf Bde move today to join rest of Div. 53(W)Div NTR. 12 Corps Main moves to J 931775 NOT before 121100.	
2200	XIX US Corps	82 Recce Bn crossed ALBERT CANAL at 310295 and propose to clear area between canal and R.MEUSE. 30 Div no change. 113 Cav crossed R.MEUSE at 475295 fwd cmts at 552361 - 573362 - 581347. Area heavily mined and booby-trapped. At 1645 hrs 119 RCT leading cmts crossing river at 555368. Elts 113 Cav at 5637.	
2210	Gds Armd	HECHTEL about three-quarters clear. Will be stonked and finally cleared up in the morning. Otherwise no change.	
2215	50 Div	Approx 50 enemy crossed canal at 0186 and were dealt with by 61 Recce. 6 DLI now in reserve with 8 DLI fwd.	

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2330 LO XIX Corps V US Corps reported crossed into GERMANY in strength 8 miles NORTH of TRIER L2129. Believed to be 5 Armd Div. Leon 2 Armd Div 230580.

2345 Capt Carr Had three vehicles brewed up area 121821 whilst 50 Div & Rear Corps informed
150 Inf Ord
Sub Pk on way taking stores to 50 Div.

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0140 11 Armd Div Sitrep 112200B (.) 29 Armd Bde Gp continued to give right flank protection to Gds Armd Div. 23 H and 8 RB adv from rd junc 395780 and entered PEER K4084 against considerable opposition which was cleared up by 1400 hrs. 2 FF Yeo and 1 Herefords approached town from West and completed occupation. 23 H adv to PETIT BROGEL 4088 which was occupied without opposition and concentrated there while 2 FF Yeo remained in PEER with strong patrols to EAST. 159 Inf Bde Gp. 15/19 H and 4 KSLI holding junc 395780. One sqn took offensive action in area BREE 5084 where the br at 519849 was blown up as they arrived. This Sqn now covering the BREE area in observation. 3 R Tks and 3 Mons area HELCHTEREN 3575 enemy cleared in area 3773. Inns of Court during the day patrolled all hrs on the MEUSE-ESCAUT canal between NEERPELT 3995 and BREE 519849 and found all blown and covered by enemy fire from North bank with the exception of 2 narrow water logged tunnels at 3994 and 433947. Contact made with 2 US Armd Div area 3566. Considerable numbers of enemy have withdrawn to BREE which appears strongly held. Last light loons. Div HQ 305747. 29 Armd Bde Gp HQ 397865 23 H and 8 RB 4088 2 FF Yeo and 1 Hereford 4084 one sqn 2 FF Yeo 3683. 159 Inf Bde Gp HQ 348762 3 R Tks and 3 Mons 3575 15/19 H and 4 KSLI 3978. Inns of Court 305747. Intentions for 12. As soon as HECHTEL X rds 3482 is clear 3 R Tks and 3 Mons will move to area. Inns of Court will patrol MEUSE-ESCAUT Canal NE E and SE of Present posns. 29 Armd Bde Gp remains in present posns with maximum maint being carried out

0140 50 Div Sitrep to 2359 hrs 11 Sep. Fwd line 040589 to 045888 to 060876 to 060877 to 075879 to 085078 to 092865 to 079840. 6 DLI gp located area 072858 for counter attack role. 61 Recce dealt with 50 enemy who attacked as on (loss one tp) in the area 989870. The enemy according to civilian reports crossed the canal in the area 00870. Contact with 15(S) Div made by 61 Recce area 9089. 2 large black explosions area 9690 at 1945 hrs. Total PW today 3 Offrs 189 ORs.

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0230	2 Army	12 Corps. 53 Div and 4 Armd Bde NTR. Royals and 11 H are clearing area bounded by J.6098 - D.5900 - J.4299 - 3095 - 2990. 7 Armd Div NTR. 15(S)Div. 44 Bde no change. 46 Bde est in area MALDEREN J.5574. 227 Bde movg to MECHLIN area. <u>8 Corps</u> NTR.	112
0230	2 Army	News as at 1000 hrs 11 Sep 44. Third US Army. No news received. First US Army. V Corps. 5 Armd Div captured LUXEMBOURG but sporadic fighting continues on Eastern outskirts. 28 Div reached area 3 miles NORTH and NE of WILTZ P.7054. 4 Div area MABOMPRE P.5668 - SAMREE 5081. VII Corps. 9 Div on gen line NE and SW just WEST of SPA 6713 with recoo elts to MALMEDY K.7904. 3 Armd Div have reached pt 4 miles EAST of VERVIERS 6823. 1 Div area incl and WEST of HERVE 6328. XIX Corps. 30 Div are on line of ALBERT CANAL from K.5440 - 4856. 2 Armd Div NO change. First Cdn Army. Polish Armd Div and 4 Cdn Armd engaged in crossing GHENT canal. 2 Cdn Div. 4 Cdn Bde has bn in ZEEBRUGHE C.8313 - BLANKENBERGHE 7911 and OSTEND. 5 and 6 Cdn Bdes no change. 1 Br Corps. LE HAVRE bombed by Bomber Command yesterday otherwise NTR.	
0555	Gds Armd	WG Cp putting in attack to clear HECHTEL X-rds area 0800 otherwise NTR.	
0615	50 Div	Quiet night - two lots of shelling of br at 0345 & 0530 with about 50 shells each time. - br still OK as far as known.	
0620	11 Armd	No change.	
0725	50 Div	Ref entry 0140 hrs. First map ref should read 040859. Tps were withdrawn from GHEEL on GOCs orders so that take over by 15 (S) Div should be easier and tidier.	
0735	12 Corps	HQ 12 Corps opens at 931775 at 121230B	
0900	50 Div	Have tried all night to repair CL 9 br but it is under hy fire and have not succeeded. Hope to rebuild at another site.	
0905	To 12 Corps	Will do all we can to repair CL 9 but conditions are very difficult and cannot guarantee success.	
0910	Gds Armd	HECHTEL X-rds situation now improving and enemy showing signs of withdrawing EAST.	11 Armd told.
0920	CE	50 Div CL 9 br should be complete in 30 mins time.	
0930	50 Div	CL 9 br is under fairly hy shell fire. 151 Bde report a counter attack forming up in area GHEEL, but RA are dealing with this. 40 enemy have infiltrated to rd junc 083872 between 8 and 9 DLI and are being dealt with.	
0935	Main Army	43 Recce Regt will move to area and come under comd 30 Corps earliest possible. Army giving instructions for move up.	

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0950	50 Div	CL 9 br now in working order.	
1010	XIX Corps	Leons at 0600 hrs. 119 RCT 5837 5636 and 5640. VISE captured. Adv elts of 120 RCT on WEST bank of river 5644. 117 RCT in res 4936. 113 Cav gp 6237 - 6134 - 5937.	
1020	Gds Armd	1 WG have reached rd immediately EAST of main X-rds at HECHTEL. Slow but steady progress. BOURG LEOPOLD firmly in our hands. Br 308978 blown.	
1105	50 Div	Civilian who has been in OOSTHAM this morning says there are still enemy there with some tpt.	
1055	50 Div	231 Bde report number of refugees from BOURG LEOPOLD Camp wandering about the country. What action is being taken.	Told CA who says they are already coping with them.
1145	12 Corps	Sitrep at 112400B. 7 Armd Div. 11 H patrols at 5297, 5495, 5597. Contact. Royals patrols in contact J4595 (?4396 or 4392) 3391, 4591. Relief of 131 Bde by Polish Inf Bde completed 2200 hrs. 131 Bde now conc SOUTH of GHENT with HQ 237746. (? 5 or 9) R Tks conc area J2973. 1 RB J4991. HQ 22 Armd Bde J369697. 4 Armd Bde. 44 R Tks (? ST NICHOLAS) 4891. 15 Div conc in area MECHLIN 7270. 53 Div NTR.	112
1205	11 Armd	HQ moves 1330 hrs to 386844. DREE is now reported clear of enemy. Some A Tk and SP guns NORTH of river at br site 4294.	
1230	RA	100 AA Bde report civilians say signal box 328723 is booby trapped. Rd in area 3372 is definitely mined.	
1310	Inns of Court	Patrols at 3995 being dive bombed by enemy. Patrol at 4294 report enemy on NORTH bank. Patrol at 4988 report enemy holding end of br with five a tk guns. Patrol at 469916 report 88mm gun NW of canal br and has seen about 50 enemy inf dug in. Patrol reports DREE clear. Patrol at BOCHOLT incl Belgian offr who reports there are 15 88mm guns in a tk role sited in semi circle one kilometre NORTH of br.	

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1320	Gds Armd	HECHTEL X-rds now almost completely cleared up. There are still a few enemy in NE outskirts and the main rd will have to be cleared with a bulldozer. Preliminary estimate is that about 400 enemy have been captured.	
1550	G(Air)	Tac/R reports TOA 1200. Bns intact from D9442 to E5526, E5246, E0750. Small br E2825 damaged. Bns intact at E5418 & 5622.	
1645	Army	Sitrep 2400 hrs 11 Sep. 12 Corps. 53 Div. No change in area ANTWERP. 15(S) Div now conc area MECHLIN 7275. 7 Armd Div. 11 H patrols in contact with enemy at J 5297, 5495, 5597 and Royals patrols in contact at J4594, 4392, 3991, 4590. 151 Bde relieved in GHEENT by 3 Pol Inf Bde by 2200 hrs and now conc SOUTH of town. 22 Armd Bde. 5 R Tks concing J2973, 1 RB J4991 with balance of Bde J5669 - 4 Armd Bde have 3/4 CLY ANTWERP, 44 R Tks HOBOKEN J6392, Greys ST NICHOLAS J4892 and 2 KRRC area 4084 - 4484. Main Army opened J3962 at 111900B	
1700	Army	LE HAVRE surrendered 1130 hrs to-day. Up to 0800 hrs 3,000 PW had been taken.	
1740	50 Div	Two tks and enemy inf are approaching 7 GH at 063800 - tks are now stationery and firing and our artillery are engaging them.	
1810	G(Air)	Air recce of bns today - BLOWN: E5326, E5426, D8609, D9907, K1992. <u>DAMAGED</u> : K2093. <u>INTACT</u> : E0407 to K2093. K1990 to K1883, E7263, E7163, D8500, D9203.	

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1050	111 Arm'd Div	Loon Div HQ 306842.	
1055	G(Air)	Arm'd recon and Tac/R of AALST E4314 saw no particular movt or activity. Country is very close. General Tac/R impression today - very little movt.	
1900	Gds Arm'd Div	Loon Div HQ 357901.	
1950	8 Corps	Adv HQ 8 Corps - NEDER OCHERZEEL J.780633.	
1950	11 Arm'd Div	Nothing new to report.	
1955	50 Div	Coy of 7 GH at 062077 and another coy at 050877 reported enemy inf and two tks in close contact at approx 050877 and one pl of latter coy cut off. Situation now in hand. One tk brewed up and other thought to be. Enemy inf driven into houses and two tps of SKY with 7 GH carriers driving them out now into the open. Posn of relief. 6 GH all excl one coy, carriers and anti-tk guns now relieved. 7 GH relief is ready to take over as soon as their posn has quietened down again. 5 EY one coy and carriers relieved so far.	
2055	Main Army	Main HQ 21 Army Gp opens RESIDENCE PALACE, BRUSSELS 141200B.	
2100	Main Army	News as at 0900 hrs. Third US Army. There are now two brhds over R. MOSELLE one between NANCY and PONT A. MOUSSON U7735 and one at U7748. First US Army. V Corps. Recon elts crossed German border area P9447. 5 Arm'd Div on general line P9016 - 8839. 20 Div area P0070. 4 Div area NORTH of HOUFFALIZE P6273. 3 Arm'd Div NORTH of EUPEN K7927. 1 Div NORTH of NERVE K6320. XIX Corps. 30 Div est brhd over R. MEUSE are NORTH of VISE K5640 otherwise no change. First Cdn Army. 2 Cdn Corps. Polish Arm'd Div. Polish Inf Bde have taken over GHENT from 7 Arm'd Div of Second Army. Polish Arm'd Bde conc area H9882. 4 Cdn Arm'd Bde have reinforced and enlarged brhd over GHENT canal 2 miles SOUTH of GHENT. 2 Cdn Div clearing channel coast from OSTEND to DUNKERQUE. 3 Cdn Div no change. 1 Brit Corps. Attack on LE HAVRE began at 111015 hrs and is proceeding satisfactorily..	

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2130	Gds Armd Div	Told that Corps Comd cannot now come in morning but will arrive 1400 hrs and leave 1700hrs.	
2135	53 Div	Sitrep 120001B. 160 Bde No change. 158 Bde line of ALBERT CANAL from 716984 to 700980 thence to rly at 690982 to 692992 to incl POIDER 690005 with two coys 4 Bde on look gates 627028. 71 Bde loss one bn and two coys. 1 E LAM R occupied POIDER 690005. BELGIAN WHITE ARMY assisting 53(7) div by guerilla tactics. 5/4 CLY now under comd 15 (S) div.	12
2200	Gds Armd Div	HECHTEL clear and in our hands. Approx 400 P. taken and 150 killed or wounded. Otherwise NTR.	
2225	11 Armd Div	Are 15/19 H needed to help Gds Armd tomorrow otherwise we will use them on patrols to EAST.	Told they must help Gds Armd
2310	XIX Corps	COA 3 Armd Div reached outskirts MACHEN at 1530 hrs.	
2318	50 Div	151 Bde relief complete. 231 Bde report that during air attack on MERINGEN hrs between 2045-2100 hrs 6 parachutes were dropped. Approx area 1876. Patrols to area has contacted 3 coys 8 Armd Bde who confirm 6 parachutes but no trace of any BOSCH. 69 Bde relief still in progress.	
2320	11 Armd Div	Propose send out coln of 151 Pz Regt two sqns 2 Pz and one coy 1 Herefords tomorrow morning to search up enemy to the EAST report EAST. Is this OK by us.	Told Yes
2325	11 Armd Div	15/19 H promised maintenance tomorrow. One sqn is at immediate notice and the rest not at present available before 1200 hrs. Is this OK.	Told arrange mutually with Gds Armd Div
2335	G (Air)	Dr D 4300 destroyed (1925 hrs 12 Sep)	
2345	11 Armd Div	Told 15/19 H come under comd Gds Armd Div at 130600 and if Gds Armd require them from that hr they must have full use of them. Told to arrange mutually if necessary by L O as RT appears dis.	
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0010	XIX Corps	2 Armd Div still in assembly area expect move out in morning. Have br in at 275675. Ren on WEST side of CANAL at 428658 and 495775 at 1600 hrs. 50 Div have 117 and 119 Inf across MEUSE RIVER. Line extends 570433 590433 625412. 120 Inf VIC St ELEN BEL. Two hrs in VIC VISE 560395. Moderate enemy resistance. 7 Corps line at 1200 hrs 720380 700365. Our CP still VIC ST TROND.	
0020	By Airborne tps	DGS, CE DDST DDOS DDME G (2) Ops arrive BRUSSELS Airport 15 Sep 1330 hrs. Request tpt	-may told. Will meet
0025	50 Div	Relief 69 Bde complete. Locns in conc area will be given in morning.	

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0200	G(Air)	Tue/K broadcast. TCA 1910. NMS rd E0506 - E4317 - E9506. BrsE1707 and E3015 intact. Brs intact E0551 to E3525. Br E3525 out then intact E D9541. 30 barges 0044. TCA 1920. Br D 5091 - br 0709 now looks passable. brs D92-7 and E1408 intact. Br E1408 damaged. Br intact E1640 and K2093. Br K1922 out. Br rd K1909 and rly br out. Brs K1801 both out. 5 barges D 9607. 9 barges E0297 and E1706. 10 barges K2098 also out. TRN fig NW K2193. TCA 1930. NMS rd E5202 - E1632 - E3109. 100 plus goods waggon E5522 and 75 plus E8909.	
0301	12 Corps	Par GSI. 3 deserters taken at 065877 from 2 Bn 723 GI	
-540	50 Div	Absolutely NTR.	
0553	Gds Armd	NTR.	
0550	11 Armd	NTR.	EGS told
0609	11 Armd	Sitrep 12220B. Protection to right flank of of 69 Armd Div was continued today. Inns of Court maintained patrols to the line of the canal from 4294 to 5778. DRE found to be occupied but North bank hold in str. In this area the enemy appears to have withdrawn his main body to the EAST bank and is holding the br sites with inf and A tk guns. 3 R Tks and 3 Mon move to area HECHTEL cross-rds 3483 at 1500 hrs after it had been cleared by Gds Armd Div. Woods to EAST of HECHTEL cleared. CROSSFORCE is protecting Southern flank from 3077 to 3473. At 1900 hrs 13 RHA and 151 R Regt reverted to comd GRI. 3 R Tks to comd 29 Armd Bde, 1 Hereford to comd 159 Inf Bde and 15/19 H to comd Div. Last light loans. Div HQ 306045. 29 Armd Bde HQ 390066, 23 H and 8 RE 4080. 3 R Tks 3483. 2 FF Yeo 4004. 159 Inf Bde HQ 373842. 3 Mon 341024. 4 KSLI 390770. 1 Hereford 412839. 15/19 H 3978. Inns of Court Regt 279734. CROSSFORCE 3677.	
0615	50 Div	Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 12 Sep. Relief of 69 and 151 Bdes by 15 Div completed by 2300 hrs without incident and whole of 69 and 151 Bdes now SOUTH of ALBERT canal. Loans 69 Bde. Bde HQ 0 8730. 5 EY 008742. 6 GR 002704. 7 GH 005750. 1630 hrs c/a by two tks and one coy inf developed area 062877 in front of 7 GH. One pl A Coy overrun and confused fighting area ROYEL 050877 and 062877. Enemy occupied bldgs at ROYEL but later ejected by two tps SRY and carrier pl 7 GH. Situation well under control before relief. Loans 151 Bde. Bde HQ 054792. 6 DLI 123791. 8 DLI 000707. 9 DLI still moving to area 0979. No further counter attacks on 151 Bde front after this morning's counter attack on 9 DLI. 231 Bde. Loans no change. Two air attacks on DESRIGNEN br at 2045 hrs and 2057 hrs by two and one F/Bs respectively. No damage. Spasmodic shelling throughout afternoon of area 210700 and by tp 105 mm guns. Patrols during afternoon contacted enemy post at 185000 and area 2000 and 2100.	

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0620	2 Army	<p>Corps rear bdys effective 130600B.</p> <p><u>12 Corps</u> - rly BRUGES - BRUSSELS between inter Cdn/Second Army bdy and inter 12-30 Corps bdy.</p> <p><u>30 Corps</u> - From inter Corps bdy at J3467 line of rly to rly junc 4559 to rly junc 5959 then 59 Easting to 590610 thence 61 Northing to 730610 thence all incl 30 Corps rd from STEEN OCKERZEEL 7361 to rd junc 7357 line of rd to inter army gp bdy at HOEYLAERT.</p> <p><u>Army rear bdy</u> effected at date to be notified earliest.</p> <p><u>FRANCO-BELGIAN</u> frontier within army bdys.</p> <p>Second Army to place under temporary comd HQ L of C 1 Coy CMP (TC) plus two secs CMP (TC) until reliefs can be provided by L of C.</p>	<p>Rear Corps told</p>

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0631	50 Div	69 Dde takes over responsibility for close protection DEERINGEN hrs today. 231 Dde will then conc area 199790 - 253790 - down power line to 225764 preparatory to clearing woods to NORTH. 151 Dde will conc in area NORTH of rd DIEST - DEERINGEN centred on RYSSSELS 190750. 8 Armd Dde & Belgians come under comd 50 Div 1000 hrs. SRY will rejoin Dde. Div HQ movg 0930 hrs to area GEENHOUT. 61 Recce will conc in area BLANKELA.	
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0740	11 Armd Div	Still NTR	
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0741	50 Div	Still NTR	
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0746	Gds Armd	Still NTR	
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0815	Army	12 Corps. 22 Armd Dde have been relieved by Polish Armd Dde. 1 R Tks 3467, 5 R Tks 2203, 5 DG 2971, 1 RD 4679, 11 H line of 90 Northing. Royals have patrols on general line 4594 - 2489. Cdn Army. 4 Cdn Armd Dde 9304 - 9796 with 10 Cdn Inf Dde just behind them. Pol Armd Dde ST NICHOLAS with loading elts at 5295. Pol Inf Dde NORTH of GHENT.	112
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0900	Main Army	Staffs Yoo comes under comd 30 Corps forthwith - estimated complete conc 16 Sep. CO states will require one weeks preparation after this. CO will report HQ 30 Corps earliest.	
0930	Main Army	DGS or G1 to attend conference with Airborne Tps at Main HQ Second Army at 1500 hrs today. To report to Ops Room.	DGS told and will attend.
0935	11 Armd	Reports during night of enemy at EXEL 3606. Sending small party of inf to deal with them approx from SE.	
1100	50 Div	Army are persistently asking for return of ASSU tentacle - what are they to do.	Told they are to keep until replacement arrives
1125	12 Corps	Sitrop at 122240B. 15 Div completed take over of GHEEL brhd at 122245B. 46 Ddc area 0487 - 0687 - 0586(?). 4 Ddc 0787 - 0887 - 0684. 22 Armd Ddc move to area EVENTHOUT 0881 13 Sep. 2 Gordons already in area 9906 protecting lock gates (at ?) N9988. HQ 15 Div 035791. 53 Div. 158 Ddc have taken over the ANTWERP dock area on NORTH side of river and are now in gen area 6600 - 6997 - 7197. Two coys 4 INF guarding lock gates area 6202. Contact made with 15 Div 9090. NO enemy seen. 7 Armd Div. relief of 4 Armd Ddc by Polish Armd Ddc completed 121730B. 7 Armd Div loss 11 H conc SOUTH of WETTERHIN J 2874 and TERMONDE J 4576 in preparation move EAST to new area between 53 Div and 15 Div on 13 Sep, patrols 11 H on gen line 98 Northing. Royals patrols on gen line 4594 - 3350 - 2400 (9?). HQ 12 Corps Main 931775.	112
1140	11 Armd	Told to send armd car patrol to look at HASSELT area and report to Corps HQ by 1500 hrs. This report to be send to Army Comd by LO.	
1200	11 Armd	Coy of 3 Mon with bty 151 Fd Regt sent to EXEL have so far seen no enemy. Patrols Inns of Court report much enemy activity at OFFITER 5482 and TONGERLOO 5503. Our arty is engaging. May 15/19 H remain under 11 Armd Div for all adm purposes ?	Agree. Gds Armd told.
1210	Gds Armd	32 Gds Ddc assumes responsibility area NORTH of MEUSE - ESCAUT canal 1200 hrs. Otherwise NTR.	
1215	50 Div	Relief of 1 Dorset by 5 E Yorks and of 2 Devon by 7 GH successfully completed. 5 E Yorks 242752 7 GH 218740 Div HQ 183740 151 Ddc move progressing well.	

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1240	11 Armd Div	Preliminary reports on HASSELT indicate that it is clear and held by the Americans. Rds HELCHTEREN - HASSELT and BEERINGEN - HASSELT are clear. Patrol is now going in to HASSELT to contact the Americans and get more detailed info. There appears to be a battle going on to the EAST of the town.	BGS told
1320	50 Div	Locns. 8 Armd Bde 262782, 151 Bde 195753, 6 GH 247738, 2 Devons 229774, 1 Hamps 227780, 1 Dorset 252794.	
1500	Recco to 50 Div	Comd 50 Div to come to see Corps Comd at 1800 hrs in new locn.	
1530	Gds Armd	Brs 271881 and 273902 both blown.	
1535	11 Armd LO	HASSELT and area SOUTH of canal for five miles to EAST clear and has been so for five days. 2 US Armd Div OCA in area 3 miles NE of HASSELT. Pockets of enemy at 3766 and GENCK 4265 and WINTERSLAG 4367.	LO sent to Army comd with this info.
1615	50 Div	Locns 6 DLI 182720, 8 DLI 216767, 9 DLI 195783.	
1645	Main Army	43 Div will observe wireless silence forthwith - to be broken at discretion of HQ 30 Corps.	
1725	50 Div	Sitrep at 131200B. 8 Armd Bde (with Belgian contingent) placed under comd at 131000 hrs. Locns. Main HQ 50 Div 183740, 69 Bde HQ 220750 5 E Yorks 242725, 6 GH 247738, 7 GH 218748. 151 Bde HQ 195753, 231 Bde 237766 bns movg to conc area. 8 Armd Bde HQ 262782. 69 Bde moved to relieve 231 Bde in the BEERINGEN bridgehead. Relief now complete. 151 Bde movg up to area centred on BRUSSELS 1875. 61 Recco Regt locn unchanged.	
1727	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep up to 121200B. 1 Pol Armd Div completed take over of GHENT 1880 from 7 Armd Div. 10 Pol Armd Bde movg EAST to LOCHEREN 3785 and ST NICOLAS 4891 loading tps reached 2383. 3 Pol Inf Bde now in GHENT with fwd tps line 149840 - 200866. 4 Cdn Armd Div. Extending broad SE of BRUGES 8500 have reached gen line STEENBRUGGE 8596 - SYSSSEL 9198. Remaining two regts 4 Cdn Armd Bde now crossing. 2 Cdn Div. 4 Cdn Bde, two coys RILI and R Regt C occupied BRUGES 8500 reported clear clear of enemy. Essex Scot captured enemy strong point 5196 taking approx 300 PW. 5 and 6 Cdn Bdes NTR. 3 Cdn Div NTR. 2 Cdn Armd Bde NTR. Main HQ 2 Cdn Corps now located at G925604.	
1740	Phantom	XIX US Corps news. Intentions for to-day. 30 Div continues adv NORTH to take MAASTRICHT. 2 Armd Div to clear route between canal and river to NORTH of MAASTRICHT and be prepared to cross at MAASTRICHT. Bn areas 117 RCT at 6145, 6043, 5844. 119 RCT 6548, 6344, 6748. 120 RCT 5249, 5348, 5444. OCA in area 3763 - 3760.	

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1750	LO 12 Corps	12 Corps 0900 hrs. One sqn 15(S) Rocce with one coy 6 RSF crossed the canal at 122822 - no opposition. By 1200 hrs the rocce were reported in MOLL 1690 and the inf coy at 1484 - no contact with enemy. 1100 hrs. Two coys of 44 Bde went into GHEEL 0888 and pushed patrols fwd. At 1200 hrs patrol reported br 075929 blown. Only six Germans were seen SOUTH of the Canal. Intentions for 13 Sep. - 227 Bde directed on MOLL - see above. Two bns and a sqn OLY will attempt to rush the br at 171950 and take it intact. 44 Bde will move into area GHEEL. 46 Bde will take LARUM which is fairly strongly held by enemy.	
1750	50 Div	Loens. HQ 231 Bde 237766, HQ 69 Bde 220750, 4/7 DG 2983. 13/18 H 2980, SRY movg.	
1755.	Gds Armd	NTR	
1745	11 Armd	NTR	
1800	2 Army	Gave form. Urgently require information re move 43 Div. Where are they harbouring tonight? When can we expect head of coln to arrive in our area? Adv parties to report here as early as possible.	
1820	LO Staffs Yeo	Loen Staffs Yeo J 713671.	
1825		Loen landing strip 293829.	
1830	50 Div	Loens. 13/18 H 247788. 4/7 DG 293806, 12 KRRC 263780. SRY on move.	
1920	2 Army	43 Div will observe wireless silence forthwith and will re-open at discretion 30 Corps.	
1925	50 Div	Patrols 231 Bde found OOSTHAM and woods to EAST and WEST apparently clear. Two bns now movg up to occupy. Civilians report Germans left 0400 hrs this morning.	
1955.	RA	Told to have two aircraft at BRUSSELS airport at 1100 hrs tomorrow to meet Gen TAYLOR and bring him to Corps HQ.	
2000	Phantom	Loen XIX US Corps at 1600 hrs. 117 RCT 6149 - 5947 - 6247. 119 RCT 6550 - 6549 - 6748. 125 Cav 7045 - 6846.	

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2000	Gds Arm'd Div	Locns. 5 Gds Bde HQ 352924, 1 GG and 2 GG 3491 with elts at 3493 and LOMMEL 3095. 1 GG 3593, 2 IG 3793, 2 WG 3794, 32 Gds Bde HQ 353942.	
2015	XIX US Corps LO	Further news XIX US Corps at 1730 hrs. 2 Arm'd Div CGA 395665 - 375645 meeting light resistance. 120 RCT 5448 movg to take MAASTRICHT. 3 Arm'd Div entered ROTGEN 9129 last night (not AACHEN as previously reported)	
2100	2 Army	Rep 43 Div with details of move has not yet arrived. Except for 130 Bde which is just WEST of BRUSSELS now the Div will not start movg until tomorrow. Rep from Div has full details. DAQMG(M) will ring with details as soon as possible.	Told DAQMG
2115	50 Div	Rd BEERLINGEN - BOURG LEOPOLD is clear for all types of traffic.	Told DAQMG & SORE
2120	SORE	Allocation of BOURG LEOPOLD between bridging train and FMC has been mutually settled.	
	Phantom	Elt A & SH (15 (S) Div) 1,000 yds SOUTH of br 171951, 10 HLI area MOLL.	
2130	G(Air)	After arrival of 8 Corps we are unlikely to get more than one tentacle per inf Div, two per Arm'd Div, one Contact car for Corps Recce. Tac/R has been abortive throughout day due to haze. Very limited armed recce has attacked barges. Night Fighters were briefed for protection of this area were probably trying to intercept raiders.	

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2150	11 Armd	XIX US Corps. Fwd tps line of rly 407630 - 400653 thence 40 grid line to 400624. Part of 2 US Armd Div CCA in woods area 3871. Part area NORTH of OPPGLAIEK 5076. CCA attacks first light EAST from OPPGLAIEK.	
2200	12 Corps	Sitrep at 131200B. 15 Div. GHEEL brhd extended without opposition. 15 Recce operating NE and NW of GHEEL 0888 and NORTH of MOLL 1690 towards junc canal, are NOT in contact with enemy, and MEERHOUT 1404 and ZITTART 1283 occupied by alts of 6 RSF 44 Inf Bde. GHEEL occupied by 8 RS 44. Inf Bde who have patrols up to the br 0792 which is blown. 53 Div. No change. 7 Armd Div. On move to area EAST of MECHLIN. HQ 7 Armd Div 240717. 4 Armd Bde reverted to comd 12 Corps 131200B and are on move to area WEST of DOISSCHOT 9276.	
2240	50 Div	2 Devons 193814. 1 Hamp 233800 1 Dorsets 210816 with coy on 83 Northing and patrols going to 84 Northing.	
2320	50 Div	5 E Yorks conc now 242752. Enemy air attack on BEERLINGEN brs 2050 hrs. Two bombs dropped. No damage.	
2340	Tac Army IO	Tac HQ Second Army moves 15 Sep to 145668.	
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0020	8 Corps	Gen THOMAS arriving this HQ between 1200 and 1500 hrs 14 Sep (by rd).	
0022	Main Army	Sitrep 150001B to 131200B. 12 Corps. 15 Div extended GHEEL brhead without opposition. 15 Recce patrolled N and NE and GHEEL and NORTH of MOLL 1690 without encountering enemy. Villages of MOLL 1690 MEERHOUT 1404 ODTTART 1283 clear of enemy and occupied by alts of 44 Bde. GHEEL occupied by 44 Bde and patrols found br 0792 blown. 53 Div extended posns in ANTWERP. 8 Corps no change.	
0025	Tac Army (IO)	US News 83 Div hold whole southern flank approx 270 miles. They have arranged surrender of about 19,000 tps from SOUTH of ORLEANS. These are marching NORTH in three cols to reach LOIRE 17 Sep. Surrendering tps not to be bombed. 4 Div leading bns 9584, 9582. 28 Div leading bns 9176, 9074, 9073. CCA 5 Armd Div with 112 Inf Regt of 28 Div under comd 0128 - 0323. 30 Div moving NORTH at 6748, 6548, 6146. 3 Armd Div alts 8735, 9131. 1 Div on high ground dominating AACHEN has delivered ultimatum to defenders.	

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0045	11 Armd	Sitrdp 132300B. 3 Mon cleared EXEL area K3686. Inns of Court supported by two tps FF Yco and two btys 151 Fd Regt patrolled vigorously EAST and SOUTH EAST of BREE and enemy were successfully shelled on EAST bank of MEUSE-ESCAUT canal in area TONGERLOO 5483 and LECHTEN 497890. Inns of Court supported by tks and inf shot up enemy in LILLE ST HUERT 4294. 15/19 H under command Gds Armd Div from 1200 hrs. Remainder of div NTR. Locns as before except Inns of Court now at 402815. Intentions for 14 Sep. Area EAST of BREE K 5004 to be aggressively patrolled and enemy targets engaged.	
0345	Main Army	Want to know urgently where certain adm units of US Airborne Div are to be concentrated in our area.	Consulted 'Q' and answered that they will be conc area LOUVAIN.
0550	Gds Armd	1 WG sent patrol to investigate air report of large number of enemy inf area 3897 - 3899. So far has not reported.	
0555	11 Armd	NTR	
0600	50 Div	Patrol reported they believed they heard sound of enemy tks area 1983, but not worrying. DEERLINGEN brs OK after last night's air attack.	

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0715	50 Div	13/18 H now with 231 Bde and one sqn 4/7 DG now with BELGIAN Gp revert to comd 8 Armd Bde forthwith for maint. 8 Armd Bde will arrange one sqn available for each 231 Bde and Belgian Gp at one hr's notice.	
0810	12 Corps	Sitrep at 132400B. 7 Armd Div now conc in area EAST of MECHLIN. HQ 22 Armd Bde 721757. HQ 131 Bde 787782. Royals conc in area EAST of DUFFEL 7482. 15 (S) Div. Fwd tps on line of ALBERT CANAL between Br 171950 which was found to be blown and br at 0491. 44 Bde 1090 - 076915 - GHEEL 0888. Bde HQ 057873. 46 Bde 0589 - x-rds 045861 - GERHAEGEN - 0288 - MEEREN 0187. 227 Inf Bde. 1794 - MOLL 1690 - MEERHOUT 1484. Bde HQ MEERHOUT 1484. 53 (W) Div. No change. 4 Armd Bde (less CLY) conc in area BOISSCHOT 9276.	12
0815	12 Corps	ROYALS will come under comd 30 Corps 150200B. Rep to report HQ 30 Corps 14 Sep. Move to be arranged between 30 Corps and 12 Corps traffic offices.	Traffic Office have copy of signal.
1105	50 Div	Brs 2788 and 2686 blown but passable for inf.	
1135	50 Div	Told they may pass 124 Fd Regt over br at 1630 hrs today.	
1140	11 Armd	Enemy has shown increasing tendency to send patrols across to this side of the ESCAUT canal. Patrols report some enemy this side at LILLE ST HUBERT and at 4095, and some were in BREE last night. Enemy shelling area NIEPERLE 3995.	
1145	XIX Corps Phantom	All 30 Div now EAST of R. MEUSE except one Bn 120 RCT at 5448. At 0700 hrs CCA 4362 - 4370. Bn areas 117 RCT 5752 - 6149 - 6253. 119 RCT 6551 - 6448 - 6849. 120 RCT 6646 - 6746.	
1200	11 Armd	Following from LO with XIX Corps. 2 Armd Div attack is going well. Tps have crossed BOSCH BEEK K57 heading for 5375. They have crossed rly at 4168 and 4370 and are at 4569 and in outskirts of GENCK. Tks movg SOUTH have reached 415665.	

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1230	Gds Armd Div	At 249957 there is a footbridge (not marked on map) which is blown but passable for inf.	
1240	50 Div	Div HQ movg area BOURG LEOPOLD this afternoon. Otherwise NTR.	
1250	GdsArmd	During morning counter attack was made on brhd by about 100 inf and 6 tks, down line of rd from NORTH, with some inf infiltrating from WEST. 4 of the 6 tks were knocked out and the gunners had a good shoot on the inf, the attack being successfully broken up. There has been some shelling of br at 3596 but our arty are engaging guns.	
1320	50 Div	231 Dds report area 1987 clear. 61 Recce report br 2970 demolished.	
1325	11 Armd	2 Armd Div crossed canal by br at 275664. Are building second br just NE of HAS ELT Fighting now in area 5476 against paratroops some of whom report that they were dropped yesterday. Fwd patrols have reached rd at 529751 and 550752. Gen line fwd tps runs from GENCK 4365 to ASCH 4969 both of which are clear. Still enemy in OPGHADHEEK 4974.	
1330	50 Div	Br in 2686 previously reported passable for inf is now reported not passable at all.	
1415	LC XIX US Corps	VII US Corps, 1600 hrs 13 Sep. 1 Div 7740 - 8039 - 8238 - 3337. 3 Armd Div 8736 - 9132 - 9230 - 9927.	
1430	Gds Armd 11 Armd	Undy for tactical purposes between Gds Armd Div and 11 Armd Div to be line of rly from 3787 NORTH to VALKENSWAARD incl to 11 Armd Div.	

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1440	Main Army	Sitrep 131200B to 140001B. 30 Corps. Gds Armd Div completed reorganising and bridgehead over ESCAUT canal now held by 32 Gds Inf Bde. 11 Armd Div and 50 (N) Div NTR. HQ 30 Corps K348798. 12 Corps. 7 Armd Div conc in area NE of MECHLIN. HQ 22 Armd Bde 721757 and HQ 131 Bde 787782. Royals conc in area EAST of DUFFEL 7482. 15 (S) Div. Fwd tps on line ESCAUT canal between Br at 171950 which is blown and 0941. 44 Bde area SOUTH of GHEEL 0888. 46 Bde area 0589 - GERHAEGEN 0288 - MEEREN 0187. 227 Bde 1794 - MOLL 1690 - MEERHOUT 1404. 53 Div NTR. 4 Armd Bde less 3/4 CLY conc area DOISSCHOT 9276. 8 Corps. NTR. 83 Bp RAF flew 218 sorties during day. Little movement was seen on rds or rlys but shipping was attacked. Claims are six MET destroyed and ten damaged. Nine barges destroyed and 16 damaged and one tug destroyed and 13 damaged.	
1530	Main Army	Form given.	
1615	50 (N) Div	Locns. Div HQ 276825. 61 Recce 358868. HQ Belgian Bde 271830.	
1620	Gds Armd Div	Gulvert under canal at 304955 has been booby trapped.	
1630	11 Armd Div	Corps Mobile Reserve Force consists of - one bn inf, two sqns tanks, one Bty Fd Arty - with call on any arty within range.	
1645	12 Corps LO	15 (S) Div HQ 1005, 44 Bde area 0888 - 0794 - 1091. 46 Bde area 0436 - 0189 - 0589. 227 Bde area 1434, CLY area 1078. 7 Armd Div area 7274 - 7581 - 7980. 4 Armd Bde area 9377. 53 Div HQ 711912, 160 Bde 744928, 158 Bde 668936, 71 Bde 732889. 10 Pol Armd Bde area 4981 and 3785. 3 Pol Inf Bde GHEINT.	
1820	Phantom	XIX US Corps 1630 hrs. 2 CCA 5659, recce 5766. 117 RCT 6253 - 6249 - 5843. 119 RCT 6049. 120 RCT 6746 - 6646.	
1825	Phantom	16 (S) Div 1440 hrs. 8 RS to try to build Bailey br area LOCKS 079928. 6 RSF to pass through and extend bridgehead EAST. 2 AASH will NOT now attempt crossing at 171951.	
	Second Army	3 US Army news at 1300 hrs. Little change on X11 and XX US Corps fronts. XV US Corps directed towards CHARNES - EPINAL. First US Army news as at 131000 hrs. XIX US Corps. 2 US Armd Div NO change. 30 US Div has two CGS over river MEUSE area ELSDEN 5844 - FLEMMEREN 6743. VII US Corps. 1 US Div area SIPPENAEKEN 7240 to SW of AACHEN with objective AACHEN. 9 US Div NO change. V US Corps. 4 US Div on 91 Easting grid from left bdy to 80 Northing grid. 28 US Div line of 91 Easting grid between 80 and 70 Northing grids. 5 US Armd Div MEJDERNACH 9135 - OLLINGEN 9721 with elts over river NORTH of VIANDEN 9049 and DIRCHWEILER 0932. Reports of reception of (9US tps) on GERMAN frontier vary between profuse friendliness incl gifts of money.	

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2015	15 (S) Div	SITREP as at 1200 hrs. 8 RS has est brihead over junction canal 074929 to 064929. Otherwise NO change. Flooding has extended in area 1193 and covers part of main rd. Considerable SA fire has been experienced in that area. Enemy counter-attacks forming up in area 085946 consisting of tks and inf but NOT considered serious. Loon 15 (S) Div HQ 103852. 44 Bde 058872. 46 Bde 043841. 227 Bde NO change.	
2100	RA	Results of c/a on Gds Armd Div this morning. 3 Mk IV tks KO. 1 Mk IV captured intact. 3 SPs KO. Opportunity targets were engaged incl tps debussing. Harassing fire will continue on a 24 hour programme on rds to NE of bridgehead.	
2140	43 Div	Loons. 130 Bde HQ 141745. 7 Hamps 153744. 4 Dorset 147755. 5 Dorset 136742. Tac HQ 43 Div 349780.	
2200	50 Div	Operations for 15 Sep. 231 Bde Gp will take over from Bde holding bridgehead over junction canal at earliest. Come under operational control Gds Armd Div on arrival. 69 Bde will remain responsible close protection DEERINGEN bridgehead EAST of canal using not less than one bn. Take over OOSTHAM area from 231 Bde and using not less than one bn cover the approaches from the NORTH between canal DEMBACHMENT and inter-Bde bdy. Move balance Bde Gp EAST of canal crossing br between 0900 and 1030 hrs. Bdy between 69 Bde and 1 Belgian Gp as in 50 Div message 39 of 132041 B. 151 Bde will cover DEERINGEN bridgehead from attack down line of canal from Northwest on WEST bank. Responsibility effective 150900 B. 8 Armd Bde maximum maint. Belgian Indep Bde. Continue patrolling NORTH of rd BOURG LEOPOLD - MOLL. Between canal VEVERLOO and canal DE HASSELT as far NORTH as junction canal. Cover present Bde front from attack from NORTH. 61 Recce Regt extend patrol line up to line Junction canal. Traffic control. 69 Bde will control own move. 231 Bde APM will police route from incl HEELEN to Bde dispersal point.	
2215	50 Div	NTR.	
2247	Gds Armd Div	NTR.	
2220	11 Armd Div	Inns of Court continued to patrol line of canal. Enemy tended to be more aggressive and sent patrols to near side of canal. We sent patrol of one coy inf and guns to DREE.	
2222	50 Div	SRV at 325837. 231 Bde have cleared area between canal and main rd BOURG LEOPOLD - BAELLEN 2089.	

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2300 Phantom Class 9 br to be built 193892, estimated completion 2300 hrs. At 1930 hrs NORTH column CCA at 6670. CCA meeting light opposition at 5557 and 5664. Heavy opposition at 5170. Br at MAASTRICHT will be ready 2400 hrs. 2 Armd Div probably start crossing first light tomorrow. Corps HQ moves to 451471 at 0700 hrs. 2 Armd Div at 560705 - 570645 with CCA at 530565. 30 Div area 615535 - 510660 - 690494 - 660400 - 615492. Eastern part of MAASTRICHT definitely ours. West side being cleared up today. Resistance moderate along whole front.

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0040 HQ Airborne Seaborne Tails 15 Sep 82 and 101 US Airborne Divs are sailing ex UK night D plus 1 ? ?

0125 8 Corps Main 8 Corps opens K 277755 at 151000D

0440 50 Div Rear 50 Div opens 284816 at 151700D

0440 Army Third US Army. No news received. First US Army. V Corps. 5 Armd Div have adv to area 6 miles WEST of TRIER L2028. 28 Div on gen line ESCHFELD P9069 - WINTERSPELT 9180. 4 Div adv some 4 miles into GERMANY and reached BRANDSCHEID P9882 - AUW 10391. VII Corps. 9 Div one area K8020 with recon elts at DULLANGE K9503. 3 Armd Div adv to ROTT K9333 - WALHAM 9035. 1 Div hold high ground WEST and SOUTH of AACHEN. XIX Corps. 30 Div are in area SE of MAASTRICHT K5653 and fwd elts have entered town from EAST. 2 Armd Div on general line DILSEN K4455 to ALBERT Canal at 4757 thence NW along canal. elts are NORTH of the canal in area K4065. First Cdn Army. 2 Cdn Corps. Polish Armd Div in area 4 Cdn Armd Div have est brhd over LEOPOLD canal area C9304. ST NICOLAS J4891 - DRUGES are adv NORTH to NEUZEN 2711. 2 Cdn Div have surrounded DUNKERQUE. 3 Cdn Div no change. 1 Br Corps NTR.

11. 0440 Army Sitrep No. 121 140001D to 141200D. 12 Corps. 15 (S) Div. During night elts of 8 RS of 44 Bde forced crossing of ESCAUT canal in area K0793. Enemy resisted strongly but by midday 8 RS were complete across the canal. br at 075927 is demolished. 227 Bde in area MOLL 1690. 46 Bde area WEST of CHEEL 0880. 7 Armd Div, 4 Armd Bde and 53 (W) Div NTR. 8 Corps NTR.

0440 12 Corps Sitrep No. 123 as at 142400D. 15 (S) Div. 6 KGSD (44 Bde) met considerable opposition W of JUNCTION CANAL in area 1193 and have now elements across canal. Counter attack by enemy inf and tks at 1430 hrs on area 0793 successfully dealt with by 8 RS (44 Bde) but a further attack on this area developed and the posn at present is confused. HQ 44 Inf Bde 058072 HQ 46 Inf Bde 043841. 53 (W) Div. 158 Inf Bde being relieved by 71 Inf Bde otherwise NTR. 7 Armd Div no change.

0440 15 (S) Div Sitrep as at 142400D. 8 RS counter-attacked by small no of tks and inf. 2 tks broke through left flank of 8 RS at approx 2300 hrs sith confused. Cl 9 br now erected at 194822 being held by one coy 10 HLI who have made contact with elts of 231 Bde. Rds DERENTHAIS 9790-rd June 988097 and HEKENTHAIS-br 980889 impassable. Br 981096 blown. Loen unc angled.

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0701	Main Army	Loen airstrip K 150655.	
0710	50 Div	NTR	
0716	Gds Armd Div	NTR	
0725	11 Armd Div	NTR	
0740	8 Corps	HQ 8 Corps closed old loen 0900 hrs 14 Sep and re-opened NOSSEGHEM J 788636 same time.	
0745	2 Army Main	Told form. 12 Corps news. Very small br-head at 1193 made by KOSB has been lost. Brhd at 0793 made by Royal Scots was counter-attacked heavily last night but posn is now OK and 6 RSE are going now to reinforce. 158 Bde having been relieved in ANTWERP by 71 Bde are now coming under comd 15 (S) Div. 12 Corps say that there are no enemy SOUTH of MEUSE ESCAUT canal WEST of canal running NORTH and SOUTH down 20 grid.	
0805	12 Corps	Told that our Corps Comd delighted if their Corps Comd would come to lunch. We will meet at 1230 hrs at BOURG LEOPOLD strip.	

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0945	53 Div	Sitrep No. 110 as at 142400D. 71 Dde. 4 RWF less two coys (LOCKFORCE) took over from 1/5 Weloh area 665013 685987 687994. 1 CX & Ducks near area 6897 7097 1 HLI 6800. 6899. 158 Dde in area vacated by 71 Dde prior to moving into new area at 0681 at 150800D. 81 Fd Regt 670000 83 Fd Regt 704963. HQ 71 Dde 673944. HQ 158 Dde 6989. Ferry at 599060 being used by enemy. One bty RA tried to engage. Result not known. Otherwise NTR.	
1100	LO XIX US Corps	<u>Locations</u> <u>28 Div</u> 109 RCT 8570-8771-8972. 110 RCT 9376-9373 <u>4 Div</u> 22 RCT 0083-0183 12 RCT 0386 8 RCT 9786 <u>9 Div</u> 60 RCT 9323 39 RCT 9426 47 RCT 9734 <u>3 Armd Div</u> 3 CCH 8943 - 8937 3 CCB 9136 - 9439 3 CCR 8836 <u>1 Div</u> 18 RCT 8041 26 RCT 8438 16 RCT 8739 <u>30 Div</u> 117 RCT MAASTRICHT - 6149 - 6253 119 RCT 6553-6449-6749 126 RCT 5550-6746 <u>125 Cav</u> 7047	
1120	50 Div	Corps Comd wants 151 Dde to be brought up tomorrow. Can they have timing across bridge? Moving to area 3090	Told can cross 1000 hrs and to arrange details with Traffic Office.
1140	Gds Armd 11 Armd	Asked to confirm that their patrols on ESCAUT Canal are keeping contact with each other.	Confirmed by 11 Armd that Inns of Court are in contact with 32 Gds Dde.
1240	50 Div	Cl 40 br completed by Belgians 220877.	
1300	XIX Corps Phantom	1200 hrs. 2 Armd Div less CCA area BILSEN 4354. CCA 5456, 5564, 6068. 30 Div reorganising EAST and SE of MAASTRICHT, WEST of Grid line 7. No hrs yet built for 2 Armd Div.	
1315	50 Div	Civilian report of 30 Parachutists on cycles at 2193.	12 Corps told.

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1415	50 Div	7 GH Area 205814. Otherwise NTR.	
1420	Gds Armd	Relief of 32 Gds Bde by 231 Bde now two thirds complete. 5 Coldm Gds will be relieved after dark.	
1425	11 Armd	NTR	
1450	Tac Army	Told that Comd Belgian Bde is on way to Tac Army HQ and is very anxious to see Army Comd.	
1455	Tac Army	Asked when Sqn 43 Recce Regt now protecting Tac Army HQ can be relieved.	Told ready now and will send rep to HQ 43 Div to arrange
1500	Phantom	15 Div 1300 hrs. 158 Bde now under comd 15 Div. 7 RWF 072842. 1 E Lancs 086821. 1/5 Welch 075872	
1530	50 Div	69 Bde HQ 231807.	
1600	XIX US Corps	Air strip located at 472468 now open.	
1700	Gds Armd	Small counter-attack this afternoon on brhd from straight down rd from NORTH by about 60 men. Attack was successfully dispersed. Gunners have had several targets and brewed up some SP guns and vohs area of wood 3399.	
1830	Gds Armd	Locns. 231 Bde HQ 336926. 32 Gds Bde 372903 1 Hamps 347965 3 I Gds 379925 1 Dorset 369953 1 W Gds 390911 After dark 2 Dorsets relieve 5 CG in area 359975, while 5 CG go to area 3790.	
1940	Gds Armd	They are worried about enemy infiltrating by night across canal into area NEERPELT - OVERPELT. They do not think 11 Armd are keeping patrols out at night on their front. Can this be arranged.	11 Armd Div told tp put out stand- ing patrols by night at LILLE ST HUBERT and near rly br 3994.

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1845	11 Armd Div	Told to continue offensive patrolling EAST tomorrow to draw enemy's attention.	
1850	50 Div	61 Recce in area 3197 - 3297 have been shelled by enemy gun on NORTH bank of canal. They have located gun but have no arty rep to deal with it. Can one be sent to them from Gds Armd.	RA told to arrange.
1855	Phantom	XIX US Corps 1715 hrs. 2 CCB started crossing river at K 5651 at 1620 hrs.	
1910	G(Air)	Tac/R Summary. Very little movt. Bridges:-	
		<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Intact</u>
		K 254948	J 970911
		K 021914	J 973908
		J 994908	J 977906
		J 982900	D 855058
		K 204988	D 916078
		E 054074	D 992071
		D 762025	E 043070
			E 058077
			E 088106
			E 139091
			E 165080
			E 168078
			E 198008.
1920	XIX Corps	2 Armd Div. CCA completed clearing area NORTH of ALBERT Canal and WEST of Canal. Elts at K 5767 4660 5456. Bridge being constructed over ALBERT canal at 545478. 30 Inf Div. 119 Inf Regt has one Bn in VALKENBURG 6553 and one Bn across stream occupying def posns between rd and rly at WIJRE 7029. 113 Car Gp patrolling right flank 30 Div and maintaining contact with VII Corps. Two brs complete across MEUSE at MAASTRICHT. CPS. XIX Corps 451471 2 Armd Div CCA 450631 CCB 399310 113 Car Gp 670435.	

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2010	G(Air)	Tac/R reports TOA 1530 hrs. All brs over canal E.0042 to E.5526 appear intact. Br E.1634.	
2110	G(Air)	Tac/R reports TOA 1700 hrs. Br D.8508 DOWN. Br D.8709 intact.	
2115	Gds Armd Div	Relief of Coldm Gds expected to be completed by midnight. Otherwise NTR.	
2120	50 Div	NTR	
2125	43 Div	Div HQ now at 250725. 214 Bde and Div HQ now in - further details will follow.	
2125	2 Army	11 Armd Div passes to comd 8 Corps wef 161200 hrs.	
2130	CE	List of ALGs. MOORDHUIZEN E.4261 - KESSEL E.3958. EINDHOVEN satellite E.3821. Main airfields at EINDHOVEN, VOLKEL, ARNHEM.	
2230	43 Div	Progress of concentration - 214 Bde and 130 Bde complete and everyone else except - 43 Recce Regt, A Tk Regt, 8 M 129 Bde Gp, and Div Adm Gp.	
2235	CSO	OC 43 Div Sigs is under impression he can open up wireless at 160200. Is this correct?	Told NO.
2245	12 Corps	46 Bde now in process of establishing complete Bde N of Canal in area 0792 and expect to complete it tonight. Otherwise only re-adjustments on Corps front.	
2250	Gds Armd Div	Locns as at 1800 hrs 15 Sep - HQ 32 Gds Bde 372903 - 1 NF 372904 - 3 IG 379925 - 1 WG 390911. HQ 69 Bde 232807. HQ 231 Bde 336926 - 1 Hamps 347965 - 1 Dorset 369953. 5 Coldm Gds will move at last light tonight to 3790. 2 Devons will move at last light to 359975.	

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2230 Main Army News at 1200 hrs. Third US Army. Elts of XV and XII Corps are reported EAST of NANCY which is held by enemy. First US Army. V Corps little change. VII Corps. 9 Div gen line HOFEN K9516 - KOZEN 9523 - ROTGEN 9229. 3 Armd Div reached 9832 - 9538 - 9238 - RILENDORF 8843. 1 Div WEST and SOUTH of AACHEN. XIX Corps. 30 Div captured MAASTRICHT 5653 and reached gen line K7545 - 6055. 2 Armd Div are on line of ALBERT Canal North of MAASTRICHT. First Cdn Army. Polish Armd Div and 4 Cdn Armd Bde clearing enemy in area between ANTWERP - GHEENT - BRUGES and the SCHELDT estuary Otherwise no change.

2245 50 Div Div Comd is worried about 12 Corps tps occupying LOMMEL area and leaving very little room for 50 Div. Can we do something about fixing a bndy? BGS spoke Div Comd & said we will find out 12 Corps Disposns and let him know by 0930 hours.

2315 8 Corps HQ opened area BEERLINGEN K 2375

2315 50 Div Infm. All ground SOUTH of line HOEVEN 3789 - WESEL 2491 cleared of enemy. Factory at GOMEL 2091 clear of enemy. Civilians report NORTH bank of canal 205960 - 248963 strongly held while SOUTH bank only lightly held with A Tk guns. Bridge infm. Bns 1991 - 220964 - 200928 - 204944 blown. Br 200928 only partly damaged and easy to repair also site suitable for construction new br. Locks 223964 intact and suitable for inf crossing.

2325 XIX US Corps 2 Armd Div has cleared town of MAASTRICHT. CCB 2 Armd Div now crossing br at 546478. Obj of div is SITTARD.

2350 43 Div Leons. 214 Bde, HQ 152693, 7 Som LI 170702, 1 Wore 214702, 5 DCLI 170703.

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0050 12 Corps Sitrep as at 151200B. Apart from strong enemy counter attacks on 15 (S) Div brhds over ESCAUT canal there was NO enemy activity in the Corps sector. 7 Armd Div. 8 H report enemy gen line (of NORTHERN ?) Canal J 9591 - 8892 but some outposts SOUTH of canal. 1 RB are at 953900 and 857891. Enemy inf in HERENTHOUT J 9186 now withdrawn. 15(S) Div. Counter attack against 8 RS wit brhd over ESCAUT Canal at K 0792 was held with some difficulty 8 RS having NO sp (arms?) NORTH of canal. Enemy mortar and SA fire on crossing destroyed several assault boats which have since been replaced. One sqn 3/4 CLY in hull down posns SOUTH of Canal are to sp crossing by 6 RSF area K 0792. 53 (W) Div. 158 Inf Bde Gp less fd regt movg to area TONGERLOO K 0282 coming comd 15 (S) Div on arrival.

0150 43 Div Sitrep at 152230B. Following have arrived in div conc area EAST of DIEST. HQ 43 Div Tac and Main K250725 Rear K251726. HQ 130 Bde K141744, 7 Hamps K149744, 4 Dorsets K147754, 5 Dorsets 122745 Bde gp is complete less 130 Pd Amb. HQ 214 Bde K192693, 7 Som LI K170702 1 Wore K214702, 5 DCLI K170703 bde gp complete less LAD. 504 Coy RASC, 505 Coy RASC area K1277. Gun gp complete area squares K1569, 1368, 1669 (loss 59 A Tk regt). RE gp complete area sqs 1572 1671. Not yet arrived but movg to following areas. 43 Recce Regt HQ 123709 and area sqs 1271, 1171. 8 Mx area wood sqs 1670. Adm area sq 1276 1376 1476 1277 1377 1477. 129 Bde gp area centred round GOEBLER 1868.

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0100	50 Div	Infra. Patrols of Belgian Dde give following infra. Br 2094 NOT repaired but minefields indicated by Allied signs set up by patrol 13 Sep. SOUTH bank of canal WEST of DE MAAT 2296 clear of enemy. No mines on road. Arm'd car OP at 220962 reports only enemy reaction to patrol was mortaring. Two enemy IMGs located EAST side of rd just NORTH of br. Enemy mortar OP 10 yds NORTH of br also suspected OP is wreckage of br. Civilians report at Western gates of lock 236963 gun possibly SP at bottom of bank alongside shed on piles. Between lock and bond at 227965 about 60 enemy with IMGs and quite small guns unquote dug in on bank. Enemy bty reported 200 yds SE of church at POSTEL 2201.	
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0230	11 Arm'd	Sitrep 152230B. Inns of Court Regt continued patrols along canal and reported small parties enemy in BREE K 5084 and BOCHOLT K4988 during the afternoon otherwise situation unchanged. Intermittent enemy shelling all day from EAST bank of canal directed on area from CAUVILLE 4490 - BREE. Coy 1 Hereford will again remain in BREE overnight with SP from 64 Mod Regt. NTR from BREE during night 14/15 Sep. 8 RB sending patrols to NEERFELT K3994 and LILLE ST HUBERT K4294 to remain overnight. 3 R Tks moved to area 369839 and 3 Mon to area sta K 370838. Locons otherwise unchanged.	
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0600	2 Army	Staffs Yeo will concentrate area BLEWYT 711673 coming under comd HQ 2 Army Tps on arrival.	
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0640	2 Army	Cancel previous bdys. Ddy between 8 and 30 Corps will be as follows - First bdy between 8 Corps and 30 Corps as follows wef 151200B all incl 8 Corps - rd LOUVAIN DIBST to rd junc 007655 - CAGGEVINNE ASSENT 0064 - rd and rly crossing 1565 - rly and stream crossing 1566 - line of rly to rd and rly crossing 1866 - LUMMEN 2158 - GENEDOSCH 2471 - x-rds 283716 - rd junc at 347729 - rd junc 351752 - rd junc 353757 - excl BOSCHHEIDE 3878 - thence all incl 8 Corps rd and rly crossing 3683 line of rly to road and rly crossing 420011 - rd junc 432029 - x-rds 480080 - x-rds 499117(?) - rd junc 524187 - rd junc 517261 thence all incl 30 Corps rd TOUREEK 5427 to GEMERT 5730 to VOLVEL 5640 - to MILL 6444 to GRAVE 6253. Second. ? running rights on rd LEINDE 4707 - GELDROF 4816. Three. 8 Corps have running rights for return traffic on rd HELCHEREN 3575 - GENEDOSCH. Fourth. 8 Corps rear bdy to be agreed with Corps by HQ Rear Army.	
0650	HQ Air Cps	Confirmed 878 US Aviation Engineer Bn completed on 4th lift.	Copy to Airborne LO
0655	Gds Armd	Relief of 5 CG completed and 231 Ddc now entirely responsible for brhead, otherwise NTR.	
0658	50Div	NTR.	
0700	43 Div	Nothing further to report.	
0710	11 Armd	Patrols to BREE - LILLE ST HULERT and NEERPELT. The second of these found 3 MGs this side of canal and had a scrap - results not yet available.	
1000	12 Corps	Arranged for local bdy between 50 Div and 53 Div as follows - All incl 53 Div rd from LOMMEL - br 3097 - thence rd to WESTERHOVEN 3706.	50Div told 12/30
1005	Tac Army	Asked us posn about area between 11 Armd and XIX US Corps. Told that we have cleared area SOUTH to line HELCHEREN - OPPITTER 5382. SOUTH of this US patrols have been through area and picked up some enemy. Area is not clear, but there are no organized bodies.	
1030	12 Corps	Sitrep at 152400B. By enemy shelling and mortaring has prevented expansion of 15 Div brhead over ESCAUT canal. 7 Armd Div. Enemy still holding line of canal with strong pt forming at 950905. 1 RB on gen line 940903 - 870908 with patrols to 9090 - 9290 - 8390 - 8690. 15 Div. 44 Ddc have 3 bns NORTH of canal less SP arms which cannot be ferried across as raft and many assault boats have been destroyed enemyfire. 53 Div. No change.	12

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1140	Army	Greys or 44 R Tks (From 4 Armd Bde) whichever first available will come under comd 30 Corps earliest possible. Unit will NOT be used beyond R.MEUSE without permission Second Army. 4 Armd Bde (less two regts) and incl 4 RHA will come under comd 8 Corps 18 Sep. 3/4 CLY will come under comd 8 Corps 20 Sep. 1 Belgian Gp will come under comd 8 Corps from 30 Corps 17 Sep. Moves 2 and 3 under 2(M) Second Army. Other moves under mutual arrangements Corps concerned.																											
1140	8 Corps	Agreed Belgian Bde pass to comd 171200A Belgian arty however to remain in posn and fire for us as long as reqd.																											
1145	12 Corps	44 R Tks will be coming to 30 Corps. CO ordered report today. Unlikely regt will be unable to move to 30 Corps till 18 Sep.																											
1200	Gds Armd	Very quiet morning. Patrol of 12 men came to wood 3397 but were liquidated. 6 large loads of inf drove down rd to 372000 but were dispersed by arty. Otherwise NTR.																											
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1310	Army	Cositrep 151200B to 160001B. 12 Corps. 15 Div. 44 Bde now has three bns N of ESCAUT canal but by enemy shelling and mortaring has prevented SP arms being ferried across. 7 Armd Div and 4 Armd Bde NTR. 8 Corps. 6 Gds Tk Bde placed under comd Second Army. Tac HQ Second Army moves to area 142665. 83 Gp RAF. Poor weather restricted flying and activity was confined largely to weather and armed reces, 117 sorties being flown. 4 MET destroyed 15 damaged. 10 barges destroyed.																											

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1530	50 Div	6 DLI at 310938. 9 DLI at 304948.	
1625	G(Air)	Tao/R broadcast TOA 1000 hrs - Bridges <u>Destroyed</u> <u>Intact</u> K 0793 E 6200 E 553258 E 5336 E 5527 E 0042	
1630	Phantom	XIX US Corps At 1130 hrs leading tps 119 RCT at 7152. 120 RCT - 7146 and 7248. At 1400 hrs CCA reached 7355, 120 RCT 7548, 7349, 7350.	
1700	11 Armd	Last night their patrols met an unidentified carrier patrol in area NEERPELT. Can we check up and try to arrange for other formations patrolling in that area to contact them.	
1715		Arranged with Traffic Office for 44RTks to start crossing BE RINGEN hrs at 1100 hrs tomorrow.	Told OC 44 R Tks
1800	8 Corps	They want to arrange best method of their leading/keeping contact with us during advance. They suggest that their leading Div has set listening on our command net and an LO with whichever of our Divs is nearest to them. (43 or 50)	
1830	8 Corps	Main HQ 8 Corps 277755. 11 Armd Div with Inns of Court less one sqn under command 161200B. One Sqn Inns of Court under direct command 8 Corps with task of establishing strong pts at ASCH 4070 and LANKLEAR 5872.	

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1845	12 Corps	HQ 12 Corps 165864	
1850	15 Div	Sitrep as at 161200B. 227 Bde. 2 Gordons SOUTH of canal area 1494 to HLI area 147937, 2 A & SH village 1692. 158 Bde on move to area SOUTH of LOMMEL K2997. Otherwise no change. 227 Bde HQ 168904. Otherwise no change. June Pt 7 Seaforth with 7 Armd Div at 991883. 44 Bde are encountering heavy enemy opposition from MGs and arty fire. 227 Bde prevented crossing canal by MG fire. No change.	
1900	Main Army	Cositrep period 151200B to 160001B. 12 Corps. 15 Div. 44 Bde now has three bns NORTH of ESCAUT Canal but by enemy shelling and mortaring has prevented sp arms being ferried across. 7 Armd Div and 4 Armd Bde NTR. 8 Corps. 6 Gds Tk Bde placed under command Second Army. Tac HQ Second Army moved to area 142665. 85 Gp RAF. Poor weather restricted flying and activity was confined largely to weather and armd recoes 117 sorties being flown. Claims 4 MET destroyed 15 damaged. 10 Barges destroyed.	
2200	HQ Airtps	RENEGADE (Operation MARKET is on)	
2225	G(Air)	Tac/R reports following bns blown - E 546264 E 671606 (rd br blown ply br OK) E 523260 E 512260	<u>XXX</u> <i>Revised</i>
2236	Traffic Office	First five gps of 43 Div cross BEERLINGEN bns from 1430 hrs to 1830 hrs tomorrow.	17 1145
2245	43 Div	Sitrep as at 2200 hrs. Whole Div now conc in accordance with list issued this morning. Following moves to transit area SOUTH of cross-roads 3483 will take place between 1400 and 1900 hrs tomorrow. 17 Sep. 130 Fd Gp. 43 Recce Regt. 43 Div RE RE less br pl. Div arty moved this afternoon to occupy fwd gun posns in the following places - 94 Fd Regt 3694. 112 Fd Regt 3594. 179 Fd Regt 3693.	
2330	43 Div	Told they may open up essential RT links from 1400 hrs tomorrow.	
2350	Phantom	1. XIX US Corps. Col. 43. 2100 hrs. At 1930 hrs OCA 6454. COB 6057 and 6355 against strong resistance. Bn areas 117 RCT 6952, 6149, 5652. 119 RCT 7452, 7359, 6754 against strong resistance. 120 RCT 7748, 7649, 7551. 2. Army LO at 12 Corps. 2145 hrs. 15 Div. three coys 2 Gordons on island in canal area 1494 and NOT across canal. 7 Armd Div. 1 RB have patrols in posn along ALBERT Can-1.	

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0108	Army	Confirmed timing of/drop 171300A	
0135	12 Corps	44 RTR moving to our area 170730A. Route via AERSCHOT 9669.	
0135	8 Corps	8 Corps Main HQ closes present loon 171100A and opens at LINDE 395800 at same time.	
0150	Army	Restricted area. Area 5 miles radius from centre BEERLINGEN to be IAZ by night only to height 10000 feet only. Height of LAA IAZ BEERLINGEN lower than usual. 2 TAF accept responsibility for incidents above that height.	
0135	CA Rear Corps	All French Military personnel at this HQ will report to 205 CA Ddt BOURG LEOPOLD.	
0205	Army	Sitrep No.123 period 160001B to 161200B. 8 Corps. 11 Arm'd Div passed to comd at 1200 hrs in present loons. otherwise NTR. 30 Corps. Gds Arm'd Div no change. 50 Div. 151 Bde moved to area LOMMEL K3095. 69 Bde area OOSTHAM 2181. 231 Bde no change. 43 Div and 8 Arm'd Bde NTR. 12 Corps. 15 (S) Div. enemy continued to attack 44 Bde brhd over ESCAUT canal all morning. our posns remain intact but bridging ops are difficult. 227 Bde now in area 1593 immediately SOUTH of the canal. 46 Bde no change. 53 Div. 131 Bde of 7 Arm'd Div taking over from 160 Bde. 71 Bde no change. 7 Arm'd Div took over ANTWERP area at 1200 hrs and at same time 71 Bde of 53 Div came under comd. 1 RB have patrolled area HERENTHALS J9790-9090-8690. enemy hold HERENTHALS. 4 Arm'd Bde no change.	8/12
0310	4 Arm'd Bde	Presume head of 44 R Tks to be at canal crossing as at 171100A and not repeat not 171100B.	Traffic Office asked and 12 Corps asked to pass message confirming 1100A
0500	Army	NTR	
0535	12 Corps	Sitrep No. 126 as at 162400B. Enemy counterattacks on 15 (S) Div brhd continued throughout the day. Otherwise no enemy interference with preparatory moves for Op GARDEN. 7 Arm'd Div. 131 Bde with under command 1 R Tks 8 H and 1 RB hold line ALBERT Canal from excl br K 045856 to excl ANTWERP. 5 DG remain in area J7476 and 5 R Tks in area J7678. Junc pt with 46 Bde J991883. 53 (W) Div. 71 Bde in ANTWERP. No change. 158 Bde now conc area K2795. Bde HQ K270952. 160 Bde now area K0974 prior to move 17 Sep to area K 2088 - K 3095 - Bde HQ K 090726. Div HQ K 076773. 15 (S) Div 44 Bde strong enemy counter attacks against NE and NW sector of brhd all driven back. Critical situation at lock gates K079928 now restored. 46 Bde. Enemy patrols reported at K056917 and K 043914. 227 Bde remain in area SOUTH of canal K1191 - K1692 - bde HQ K168904. HQ 12 Corps Main now est K165864.	1/12

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0650 Main Army News as at 1200 hrs.
 VII US Army general line pt on R DOUES
 15 miles SW of BELFORT - pt on R SEMOUSE
 50 miles SW of THAON - pt 15 miles NORTH
 of DIJON - pt 20 miles NW of DIJON - pt
 20 miles SW of DIJON. Third US Army
 general line pt 10 miles SW of THAON -
 excl THAON - line of R MOSELLE to pt 15
 miles SE of NANCY - incl LUNEVILLE - pt
 25 miles SW of SARREDOURG - NORTH to
 MARNE - RHINE canal - WEST to pt 10 miles
 SOUTH of NANCY - excl NANCY to pt 10 miles
 NORTH of NANCY - line of R MOSELLE to bdy
 with First US Army. First US Army. V Corps.
 5 Armd Div R MOSELLE from L 0620 to L 1132 -
 CONSODORF L 0032 - WALLENDORF P 9743 -
 METTENDORF P 9851. RON area RODERSHAUSEN
 P 8756. 28 Div reached ESCHFELD P 9069 -
 HATSCHELD P 9578. 4 Div HONTHEIM L 0282 -
 LOSTHEIM L 0297. VII Corps. Recco
 MURRANGE K 9801 - ELSENHORN K 9207. 9 Div
 HOFEN K 9516 - LANFINKSDF K 9727 -
 ZWEIFALL K 9636. 3 Armd Div area SW of
 STOLBERG and SE of AACHEN excl both.
 1 Div area SOUTH and WEST of AACHEN excl
 AACHEN. XIX Corps right 30 Div left
 2 Armd Div general line VIJLEN K 7545 -
 VALKENBURG K 6654 - BORGHAREN K 5556 -
 EYSDEN K 5767. First Cdn Army continuing
 to clear area NORTH to SCHELDT estuary
 otherwise NTR.

0655 2 Cdn Corps
 Sitrap No. 142 period up to 161200L.
 1 Pol Armd Div. 3 Pol Inf Bde Gp adv NE
 from ST NICHOLAS 4891. 10 Pol Mot Bn
 in contact with enemy area 3802 9 Pol
 Inf Bn reached 3400. 1 Pol Inf Bn occupied
 EKENE 4296. 10 Pol Armd Bde NTR. 4 Cdn
 Armd Div. 4 Cdn Armd Bde Gp now across
 Canal DE DERIVATION DE LALYS adv EAST.
 loading tps reached gon line 0901 -
 LINDE 1202 - 1399. 10 Cdn Inf Bde Gp
 area 9203 - 9502 with 22 Armd Regt 9997.
 HQ 4 Cdn Armd Bde 092972. 2 Cdn Div.
 4 Cdn Bde G began move EAST 160730B to
 ANFWERP to take over that area from 71 Br
 Bde of 53 (W) Div. 5 Cdn Bde. Calg Highrs
 occupied MARDICK 1583. 6 Cdn Bde. Fus MR
 completed clearing of GHYVELIE 3585.
 5 Sask R adv to 327876 during the night.
 8 Cdn Recco Regt entered BERGUES 2877
 at 1100 hrs reported clear of enemy.

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0700	53 Div	Sitrep No. 112 as at 162400B. 160 Inf Bde area VIERIE 075782 - LIEDROEK 127778 - X Rds 094727. 81 Fd Regt 2895 83 and 133 Fd Regts 3094. HQ 53 Div 077774 HQ 160 Inf Bde 090726. 71 Inf Bde under comd 7 Armd Div wef 161200B. One Tp 100 Radar Bty now under comd 53 Div.	112
0705	Gds Armd Div	NTR.	
0710	50 Div	NTR.	
0745	Gds Armd Div	231 Bde report following activities in bridgehead. Enemy has been infiltrating most of the way round. Enemy inf at 368988 one AFV at 372908 and MG at 335981 were all shot up by arty. Regtl shoot was carried out on mortars at 323989. Patrols report enemy in wood at 3500 and on rd at 3700. Furthurmost enemy penetration was to 367959.	11✓
0835	Gds Armd Div	Now bridge will be ready in 10 mins time.	
0840	Army	46 Bde area now 0790 - 0289.	
0910	50 Div	231 Bde report that they think enemy is reinforcing NORTH of them. Sounds of transport and tps debussing in woods 3501 and 3700. Patrol sent to EAST was held up at 365959. It appears that enemy are closing in on EAST and WEST and a counter attack is expected at any time.	

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1015	Main Army	Asking for confirmation that MARKET stands as arranged and that there are no changes to report.	Confirmed
1045	Main Army	Asked for Tac/R about 1800 hrs to say whether brs are intact at GRAVE, NIJMEGEN and ARNHEM.	
1113	G(Air)	Tac/R reports TOA 0715 hrs.	
		Bridges -	
		<u>Destroyed</u>	<u>Intact</u>
		<i>Neer Bak</i> E512260 ✓	E434176
		E523260 ✓	E439178
		E773426	E435184
		E771461	E536192
			E546265
			E443255
			E480376
			E671606
			E706734
			E701539
			E713525
			E491180
			E553221
1145	G(Air)	G(Air Recce) at army report that Tac/R this morning over the rd bridge at E671606 (which was said by yesterdays Tac/R to be down) has found br INTACT.	
1150	50 Div	Div HQ now 353898.	
1200	Gds Armd	Est at 361950.	
1210	50 Div	NTR except for some shelling of area of JOE's BRIDGE during morning.	
1210	HQ Airtps	TALLYHO - Gone away.	
1245	Main and Tac Army	Gave form	

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1310	Tac 30 Corps	Our Zero Hour 1435 hrs.	Told Tac & Main Army 83 Gp, RA & Divs.
1415	12 Corps	Sitrop at 162400B. Enemy counter-attacks on 15 (S) Div bridgehead continued throughout day. Otherwise no enemy interference with preparatory moves for Op GARDEN. 7 Armd Div. 131 Bde with under comd 1 R Tks and 1 RB hold line ALBERT Canal from exel br K 045856 to exel ANTWERP. 5 DG remain in area J7476 and 5 R Tks in area J 7678. Juno pt with 46 Bde J? . 53 Div. 71 Bde in ? ANTWERP. No change. 158 Bde now conc area K 2795, Bde HQ K 270952, 160 Bde now area K 0974. Prior to move 17 Sep to area K 2088 - K 3095 - Bde HQ K 090726. Bde HQ K 076773. 15 (S) Div. 44 Bde. Strong enemy counter-attacks against NE and NW sector bridgehead all driven back. Critical situation at LOCK later K 079928 now restored. 46 Bde. Enemy patrols reported at K 056917 and K 043914. 227 Bde remain in area SOUTH of Canal K 1191 - K 1692 - Bde HQ K 168904. HQ 12 Corps Main now est K 167864 (115864 ??).	
1500	12 Corps	Gave our form. NTR from them.	
1515	Recco	31s Armd got away to good start.	
1535	Gds LO	Gds Armd Div fighting at 3700.	
1545	Recco	SRY, 44 R Tks and 15/19 H to come on Gds Armd forward not. First two at once, third on completion of task with 50 (N) Div.	Message passed then on EGS net. 8 Armd Bde told.
1550	2 Army	106 AA Bde will take over responsibility for BIERINGEN Bridges. Rep will report Corps HQ to fix details.	
1600	Recco	Unconfirmed report that 3 coys of inf holding up adv now overrun.	
1625	Gds Armd	Leading Sqdn IG got through. Remainder held up in area 3799 by 200 inf dug in each side of rd and a few SP guns. Having to put in a set piece attack which is now in progress. Typhoons helping. Appears from PW and marked maps that there is not much behind. One Bn 9 SS reported by PW to be at NEERPELT.	
1625	OC Corps Sigs	Comm est with Airborne Corps - message now being passed - strengths 1 - 2.	

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1645	Airborne Corps	Gave form	
1650	8 Corps	Gave form	
1655	Tac Army	Tac/R reports small br E 6858 blown. Main br NIJMEGEN intact at 1545 hrs and MT crossing. Large number of parachutes on ground SOUTH of NIJMEGEN.	Told recco. Gds Armd 43 Div 50 Div 8 Armd Bde.
1700	RA	Medium barrage being repeated in ten minutes time.	
1705	Gds Armd	Things beginning to loosen up. Quite a number of PW taken.	Told recco 43 Div 50 Div 8 Armd Bde. <i>gds</i>
1720	G(Air)	Tac/R reports. Landing OK E 4228 being shelled from area E 442253. No sign of landing E 4435 at 1520 hrs.	
1730	50 Div	Fwd coys 2 Devon at 375007 and 374001. Have captured 17 PW.	Told recco Gds Armd Main & Tac Army. <i>gds</i>
1745	RA	3 IG pulled back to 385030 and now moving up again under repeat of morning barrage.	Told recco 43 Div 50 Div <i>gds</i>
1800	50 Div	Right fwd coy 2 Devons now at 381018. Left fwd coy still held up further back.	<i>gds</i>
1805	G2 12 Corps	158 Bde attack to force brhd in 3097 at 2300 hrs. 160 Bde in area 2790. 71 Bde moving tonight to 2390. At first light 227 Bde moves into 44 Bde brhd either to relieve 44 Bde or expand brhd. 4 Cdn Bde now in ANTWERP under command 7 Armd Div until 2 Cdn Div takes over. 7 Armd Div along line of canal to HERENTHALS.	<i>12</i>

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1810	Rocco	IG Gp having got to 395030 ran into more opposition in the area HEUWEL 3803. Called back to 382020 and attacking again under mod barrage - appears to be going well. They hope to get to VALKENSWAARD tonight. If they do not succeed 32 Bde will go through in the morning with a fresh fire plan/for 0800 hrs. Tonight Gds are putting a Bn into NEEPELT 3995 - this will be relieved by 61 Rocco tomorrow. Dividing line for responsibility around brhd is : Canal at 325973 - corner of wood at 349022 - wood incl to 50 Div - rd at 372000 - rly line 415983 - along rly to canal. Fwd of this line Gds will be responsible for our flank protection.	Sds
1816	8 Corps	Sitrep as at 1200 hrs 17 Sep. HQ 8 Corps now at LINDE 395800 3 Br Div started to move fwd to gen area LILLE ST HUBERT - CAULILE and by 1100 hrs head of column was 6 miles SE of BEERLINGEN. Belgian Bde under command from 1200 hrs.	
1850	Contact Car I Gds	At 1815 hrs fwd tps at 402070.	RA makes it later. Sds
1852	RA 50 Div	Warned that 50 Div may have to produce a bty of 86 Pz Regt tomorrow for 44 R Tks.	
1855	Phantom	HQ Airborne Corps landed 1400 hrs. Now at 742530. No opposition.	

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1900	G(Air)	Tac/R reports 1530 hrs Bridges destroyed E771461 rd br to GENNER E481360 subsidiary to VEGHEL ✓	
	"	intact E619543 rd br GRAVE E706634 rly br NIJMEGEN E900558 br over Canal NEERBOSCH E671606 E714633 rd br NIJMEGEN E898555 E714526 rd br MOOK E701539 E443255 rd br ZON E472369 rd br VEGHEL	
1910	Gds Armd	Leading tps at br 403069 - bridge blown but diversion exists suitable all types of traffic. IG Gp intend to harbour in VALKENSWAARD area for the night. Second Gp and Bde HQ intend to harbour in woods 3905. They are putting some mediums across river tonight.	Told 43 Div 50 Div 8 Corps 12 Corps <i>sch</i>
2000	Airborne Corps	Form given.	
2015	G(Air)	(1) Tac/R reports own troops E 4327 and 4326. NO sign own troops E4536 and E4218. (2) All bridges intact E 4318. 3246 710634 558329 527354 480377	<i>No mention of Zon 4425.</i>
		TOA 1620 hrs.	
2050	Phantom 2 Army	Tac/R 1830 reports tps at NIJMEGEN, GRAVE and NEERBOSCH intact. Unable to confirm ARNHEM.	

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2107	12 Corps	Sitrep at 171200A. 7 Armd Div. 71 Bde relieved by 4 Gdn Bde and on move to area 2089 reverting to comd 53 (W) Div on arrival. HQ 7 Armd Div 932775. 15 (S) Div. Enemy activity in area of GHEEL Brhead 0793 greatly decreased. 227 Bde now conc area NORTH of GHEEL 0888 with HQ 097897. 53 (W) Div. 160 Bde on move to area 2890. 44 R Tks. 4 Armd Bde on move to area 30 Corps.	12
2115	43 Div	HQ 130 Bde 340832 7 Hamps 382822 4 Dorset 367826 5 Dorset 353826	
2140	Gds Armd	IG Gp in centre of VALKENSWAARD and has blocked all approaches.	Sols
2150	DAQMG	Balance of 43 Div will be moved across ALBERT CANAL tomorrow and whole Div less adm gp will be conc EAST of canal by tomorrow evening. Dutch Bde is being filtered N of x-rds at HELCHTEREN to avoid possibility of clash with 8 Corps.	
2200	50 Div	Two coys 2 Devons in HOEK 3803. Two coys in wood 3501. Dorsets 375005. 1 Hamps 9 DLI still around bridge. 8 DLI about to move to x-rds 3493. 231 Bde have taken 80 FW.	Sols
2200	G2 Air	Brs intact at E 185307, 177327, 306252, 458173, 6760. Br at 315252 blown. Own tps seen by Tac R at E 6554, 7654, 4237, 3723, 6479, 6681. No tps seen 6283.	Non-interf 200.
2330	Airborne Corps Rear	X hr (time for landing second lift) now 1400 hrs 18 Sep. Southern route only being used. Resupply approx 1600 hrs.	✓ A
2345	Army	Fwd tps reported in area E 4241 moving into E 4837 (Gds Armd informed).	
2345	Army	Fighter pilot TOA 1830 reported 3 lt vehs on rd br at ARNHEM (possibly jeeps). 1 glider 25 yds from br and 2 gliders within 200 yds. Centre span of rly br down at E 7076 OR E 760760 (pilot doubtful which). Both brs at NIJMEGEN intact with hy tpt moving NORTH along rd br. TOA 1835.	Gds Armd told
2359	Phantom	Source Force LO 1900 hrs. 3 Bn 505 Regt holding at at 1720 hrs.	airborne Gds

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0025	Army	Signals nonsense seems to have been caused by 101 Div Phantom using same call sign at Air Corps Rear link. GSO Army sorting it out now.	
0030	43 Div	Sitrep at 172000A. 129 Bde and 214 Bde no change. New locns consequent on moves to transit area. 130 Fd Amb 345823. RE. 204 Fd Coy 334817. 260 Fd Coy 335817. 553 Fd Coy 328808. 207 Fd Pk Coy 342819. 43 Recce Regt. RHQ 342828. A Sqn 331827. B Sqn 340824. C Sqn 341870. Div Arty in fwd gun posns. HQRA 382926. 94 Fd Regt 372952. 112 Fd Regt 358957. 179 Fd Regt 375939. 147 Fd Regt 264829. 59 A/Tk Regt 265721. 57 FSS under cond 30 Corps 295744.	
0210	Air Corps	Patrols report no traffic on rds and very few Germans in area E 495917	BGS told Gds Armd told
0300	Army	Phantom. From Div Cond 101 Div 1710 hrs. 506 Regt in ZON E 4425. <i>Number of 6</i>	BGS and Gds Armd told
0305	101 Air Div	At 1530 hrs fwd echelon complete and now moving out. Command post located 432271.	BGS and Gds Armd told
0310	Phantom	1 Airborne Corps 2210 hrs. 82 Div report 504 Regt captured intact brs at 700540 and 693558. Report not yet confirmed. ✓	BGS and Gds Armd told
0315	50 Div	Small counter-attack put in about an hour ago on 9 DLI. Came from NE from woods area 3696. Situation under control though not possible to say if any infiltration has taken place. Counter-attack force? (bn strong) being held at 3493. <i>3498</i>	BGS and Gds Armd told
0330	Army	Until further notice when moving at night headlights will be used up to Corps rear bdy. Fwd of that lights will be used at discretion of Corps.	
0340	Air Tps Adv	Corps HQ located OK. Situation apparently favourable.	
0345	Army	Sitrep period 170001B to 171200A. 8 Corps. 3 Div. One bde moving to area NE of BEERINGEN K2476. HQ 8 Corps now at K395800. Otherwise NTR. 12 Corps. 53 Div. 71 Bde in ANTWERP handing over to 4 Cdn Bde of 2 Cdn Div. 158 Bde moved to area SE of LOMMEL K3095. 160 Bde area SCHOOT 1177. 7 Armd Div HQ now est J932776. Otherwise NTR.	
0350	8 Corps	Sitrep at 172359A. 3 Div HQ. 9Inf Bde and 3 Recce Regt less tracked vehs arrived in gen area LILLE ST HUBERT - CAULILLE by 1800 hrs. 11 Armd Div. NTR. 1 Belg Bde. NTR.	

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0350	Army	Area within city bdy of BRUSSELS under cond L of C forthwith for all purposes except CA. Latter remains responsibility Second Army pending fwd move of Army Rear bdy EAST of BRUSSELS.	
0600	Gds Armd Div	Starting off again from VALKENSWAARD. Elts of 231 Bde moved up during the night and are taking over from them. German counter attack against brhd was quite strong and they were using approx 20 mortars and 12 guns.	BGS told form. 43 Div, 50 Div, Gds Armd, Main & Tac Army, 12 Corps told.
0630	12 Corps	Elts of two bns of 158 Bde across the canal. Rafting in progress now. Cl 9 bridge ready by 0900 hrs.	
0635	Air Tps Adv	Brs over MEUSE at GRAVE and HEIJMEN captured intact. Br over MAAS/VAAL canal SOUTH of NEERBOSCH believed blown.	
0640	Army	Told form. News as at 1100 hrs. 3rd US Army no news received. 1st US Army. V Corps no change. VII Corps. 30 Div on gen line K 9515 - KONZEN - ZWEIFALL 9637 - F 0342 - K 9538. 3 Armd Div and 1 Div no change. XIX Corps. 30 Div reached line K 7848 - 7353 - 7357. 2 Armd Div MAASTRICHT - excl VALKENBURG K 6654 - 6058 - 5863. 1st Cdn Army. Pol Armd Div and 4 Cdn Armd Div continued clearing enemy in area SOUTH of SCHELDT estuary. Pol Armd Div est brhd over HULST Canal in area D 3505.	
0700	50 Div	Counter attack against 9 DLI broken up - no infiltration. 1 Hamps had quiet night. Dorsets now moving up to take over VALKENSWAARD. 61 Recce moving to NEERSPELT.	
0715	LO	158 Bde attacked across canal held up by strong enemy resistance. Left hand bns reached objective - line of parties in 3090 but right hand bn held up by intense fire on SOUTH edge of HEIDER HAIDE 3198. Fluid bn now moving across on left to attack HEIDER HEIDE from WEST. Bridging started. 0300 hrs.	

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0715	Gds Armd	Move going fwd slowly due to traffic jam caused by 1 Dorset and arty moving up to VALKENSWAARD - this is being sorted out. IG Gp have met two Panthers just outside VALKENSWAARD and are trying to deal with them now.	
0735	43 Div	Gen Thomas to be at Corps HQ 1100 hrs.	
0740	11 Armd	3 Div taking over EXEL - PETIT BROGEL area.	
0745	2 Army	Airborne Corps will report losses of airfields for 52 Div and when ready. Airfields to be NORTH of river if possible. 52 Div will NOT fly in without orders from Army HQ.	
0800	Recco	At the mill just SOUTH of VALKENSWAARD there is a one way br which is causing a bottle-neck. Corps Comd wishes another br built there. Gds Armd resources not to be used.	SORE told.
0845	101 Div (ASSU)	Landing and assembly highly successful. Little opposition - ZON occupied by 506 Para Regt. One bn near ST OEDENRODE. No info on WEGHEL situation. BEST occupied by one coy 502 Regt.	Told recco. <i>Bridge?</i>
0850	Recco	ALST is held. Opposition too stiff for armd cars to deal with. Gds now going round to left and have found WAALRE 4012 clear.	

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0855	50 Div	Hq 61 Recce Regt 385930	
0915		Form given to Divs, Tac and Main Army, 8 and 12 Corps.	
0945	LO HCR	Fwd tps at 0940 hrs 3815.	84
0930	Phantom	ASSU Airborne Corps request air attack on 100 plus enemy moving in direction NIJMEGEN from REICHSWALD E 8054. Required urgently up to 1000 hrs. Bombline WEST edge of REICHSWALD.	
0935	Phantom	G2 Ops Airborne Corps. 0200 hrs 82 Div captured 200 PW. One PW states Hq SCHENING (? Training) Div at HULS 5 km NW of KREFELD. Hq 6 Army ? 8 km NORTH of D 3030. Request TAF bomb both places.	
1005	HCR LO	Fwd tps now at 3816 and 3918.	84
1015	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep up to 171200A. 1 Polish Armd Div continue clearing enemy area ST NICHOLAS 4891 - HULST 4304 - AXEL 3303. 4 Cdn Armd Div completed move across canal DE DERIVATION DE LA LYS. Clearing of area progresses to line from AERSELEER 1202 to LAMBEKE 1396 to OOSTEGLOEC 1795 with enemy withdrawing NE from area between canal DE DERIVATION DE LA LYS and canal GHENT - TERNEUZEN. Locations Hq 4 Cdn Armd Div J 100933. 2 Cdn Div NTR.	
1020	12 Corps	Sitrep as at 172400A. 7 Armd Div NTR. 15 (S) Div. 15 Recce Regt less one sqn conc area LILLE 1485 remaining sqn standing patrol line of canal from 186954 - 115935. Otherwise NTR. 53 (W) Div. 71 Inf Bde on move to area K 2390 and NOT K 2089 as in sitrep No 127. 158 Inf Bde op commenced satisfactorily. Loading olts of two fwd bns across canal EAST (and WEST?) of bridge site at K 3097. Slight opposition met on EAST crossing. 160 Inf Bde conc area general area 2690 - 2890. Hq 53 (W) Div (208888 or 206888 ?) Hq 158 Inf Bde 309952, Hq 160 Inf Bde 274877. Br at 200927 now OK for traffic. Br 134893 open Cl 40 one way only.	12
1035	Gds Armd	On right route armd cars are held up 1½ miles EAST of WALKENSWAARD by enemy inf. On main route AALST is now clear but we are held up by strong point 400 yds NORTH. On left armd cars at ZEELST 3816 and HEUVEL 4018 and are exploiting approaches to EINDHOVEN on WEST.	84
1045	G(Air)	8 USAAF fighters have been briefed to attack flak 50 & Gds posns on the route of the re-supply aircraft this afternoon. (routes as for the first drop yesterday). to be on top This is contrary to an earlier agreement when it was line with arranged that no attacks should be made on ground smoke, fluor-targets during re-supply. It is hoped to get this new oscent intention cancelled in time but it cannot be guaranteed. panels etc.	

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1100	Phantom	Source LO 82 Div at 0925 hrs. Enemy inf approx 300 strong attacked from REICHSWALD towards GROESBEK at 0830 hrs. Attack repelled by 3rd bn 505 Regt. Inf were accompanied by 3 tks.	
1105	Gds Armd	Patrols of HCR have contacted gps of paratps in area NW of EINDHOVEN.	
1110	Phantom	3 IG report anti-tk gun in concrete emplacement 431140. Still no confirmation whether EINDHOVEN is held.	
1115	DAQMC	Head of 32 Gds Bde column halted 5 miles beyond br 3596.	
1120	Intercept	Large concentration enemy tks number unknown. Airborne Target whole WEST edge of REICHSWALD forest. Corps - Essential immediate air sp given. 2 Army	
1125	Phantom	Leading tps 5 Gds Bde just SOUTH of EINDHOVEN which is strongly held - confirmed by civilians. Confirmed that they are by-passing to EAST.	
1135	101 Div	Bridge at ZON blown.	Told Gds Armd and RE
1135	50 Div	Counter attack against 9 DLI at 388954 now in progress. Some chaps across canal but situation is entirely in hand.	Told Gds Armd
1140	Gds Armd	Report HCR have contacted LO of 101 US Airborne Div.	Told to get all possible info out of him.
1145	LO HCR	Br at 3814 fit for all classes of traffic.	GE told.
1155	Airborne	At 1045 bridges - GRAVE intact, NIJMEGEN intact Corps but not seized, ARNHEM intact but not yet seized.	Told Army.

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1215	Phantom	101 Div now on net with Cds Armd and 30 Corps. HQ 101 US Div 435272. 506 Regt at ZON 4427. 82 Div reports 504 Regt captured and hold MAAS crossing at GRAVE.	
1245	101 AB (via ASSU)	101 A B Div is occupying VEGHEL, ST OEDENRODE and ZON with small det going to bridge at BEST. Brs at VEGHEL and ST OEDENRODE are intact. One regt has crossed at ZON by improvised footbridge and is occupying E - W line through BOKT.	
1250	LO HOR	One Bn US Para Regt held up by enemy at 4220. One Bn same regt moving SOUTH at 4319 to seize brs.	
1255	Army	<p>Positroppered 171200A to 180001A. Shortly after midday troops of Second Br Army assisted by large airborne forces started to drive Northwards from their brhd over the MEUSE- L'ESCAUT JUNCTION CANAL. By last light the leading armour and inf of 30 Corps had reached VALKENSWAARD 4008. Few direct reports of the airborne ops are yet available but Tac/R reports confirm that nearly all troops of the three airborne Divs were dropped at the correct time and place. By last light direct comm was est with Br Airborne Corps and 101 US Airborne Div and further Tac/R reports stated that all main brs were still intact.</p> <p>Br Airborne Corps. Adv Corps HQ est E742530. 1 Br Airborne Div. Tac/R report airborne forces and gliders observed in areas 6582 6479 and 6378 also rd br at ARNHEM 7476 intact and 3 gliders within 25 yards. Obstacles constructed on either side of br. 82 US Airborne Div. Tac/R reports airborne forces and gliders observed in areas 6554 and 6655 and both brs at NIJMEGEN intact.</p> <p>8 Corps. Inns of Court est strong posts at ASCH 4970 and LANKLEER 5870. 3 Br Div commenced move up to area LILLE ST HUBERT 4294 CAULILLE 4490 and HQ 9 Inf Bde and 3 Recce Regt were conc in this area by midnight. 11 Armd Div and 1 Belgian Bde NTR. 12 Corps. 7 Armd Div. 4 Cdn Inf Bde completed the relief of 71 Bde in ANTWERP which is now moving to area 3089 to rejoin 53 Div otherwise NTR. 15 (S) Div. Contact with enemy in 44 Bde brhd over ESCAUT Canal at AART 0793 was lost during night and one Bn was withdrawn SOUTH of Canal. 15 Recce Regt covering Canal on rd flank 44 Bde. 53 Div. 158 Bde commenced attack to form brhd over ESCAUT Canal in area 3097 at 2300 hrs and by 2359 hrs forward elts of inf were across on the NORTH bank. Otherwise NTR. 83 Gp RAF. 550 sorties were flown during the day mainly in direct support of the Airborne Corps and 30 Corps. Conc attacks on enemy in woods holding up the advance of Cds Armd Div were very successful. During the morning number of trains in HOLLAND were attacked with good results. The enemy air forces put in a fairly strong appearance and one was destroyed one probably destroyed and six damaged. Claims. 7 MET destroyed 1 damaged.</p>	(2)

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1300	Gds Armd	HCR confirms br at ZON is blown with gap of 100 ft. Br is swing bridge and CRE is investigating. OG Gp are bypassing to WEST, delayed by bad rds but getting on and now in contact with 101 Div. IH Gp definitely stuck at AALST by concrete strong point. On EAST 32 gds bde starting moving on second route but was held up at 4408. Are putting in a co-ordinated attack at 1230 hrs and are confident about getting through. Local infm suggests that HELMOND is strongly defended incl a General and they do not propose to butt against it but are hoping to clear EINDHOVEN, which is probably not very strongly held, by co-ordinated move from both flanks.	
1315	LO HCR	Br at 3825 reported blown. Gap between buttress of blown br at ZON is 40 ft.	CE told
1330	GSI	Confirmed that br at BEST was blown 1309 hrs.	See 1510 104
1345	Gds Armd	Airborne Tps report they have tps held up at 428207 and a bn at 4319.	101
1400	Tac & Main Army	Form given.	
1410	Phantom	G2 Airborne Corps 1245 hrs. In reply to enquiry by Chief of Staff Second Army Br NIJMEGEN intact but not captured. Br GRAVE 619543 held intact.	
1420	Gds Armd	32 Gds Bde attacked at 1230 hrs and crossed stream 4408 but are still held up by fire from woods to NE. Gren Gds Gp unable to get round EINDHOVEN by WEST route owing to weakness of brs, returning to main axis.	
1445	12 Corps	Br at 3097 should have been completed 1330 hrs. Brhd has not been expanded further. One bn is to clear wood 3198. Fluid bn of bde was crossing canal 1300 hrs. Enemy fire which was impeding work on br has been neutralised.	Gds Armd infml.
1510	Gds Armd	Americans report br 390250 is intact. It is held by enemy. Americans are attacking from NORTH and HCR from SOUTH.	See 1330
1515	Phantom	LO AB Corps at 0930 hrs. Br at 677582 blown. Br at 693558 intact and held by our tps.	

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1525	Phantom XIX Corps	CCA 2 Armd Div 7059. 6967. CCB " " 6763. 6765. 6265.	
1530	101 Div (ASSU)	Bridges at ST OEDENRODE and VEGHEL intact. Bridge ZON blown.	
1535	BGS 8 Corps	Gave form	
1545	Airborne Corps	Sitrep at 0900 hrs. 82 A B Div. Fwd tps have seized br at GRAVE intact. Fwd tps fighting in streets of NIJMEGEN against equivalent two coys. Br not yet captured but is intact. 400 PW taken. Enemy infiltrating on to LZ and DZ. Armour reported moving from SW. No info on situation in ARNHEM but br still believed intact.	
1600	Phantom	LO at 0830 hrs. Br at 671605 intact but strongly hold. Det 504 Regt attacking from SE are within 200 yds of bridge.	
1620	Phantom	LO Airborne Corps 0930 hrs. At GRAVE 2nd Bn 504 Regt hold br intact. Fwd tps on line 592540 - 620520 facing SW.	
1630	Gds Armd	To tell SRY to remain at one hour's notice in case required by 50 Div.	
1710	Gds Armd	Ref last entry. They have no communication with 50 Div.	Told 8 Armd Bde to pass.
1725	101 Div	EINDHOVEN completely in our hands.	
1730	Gds Armd	No change.	

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1745	Phantom	G2 82 Div 1345 hrs. Engineer recon of br 7054. Cl 10 - 20. Rd with 12ft excl sidewalks. Steel order lift br - span 78 ft. Water depth 12 ft.	RE told.
1810	2 Army	News as at 1300 hrs. Third US Army no news received. First US Army. Generally very little change on Army front. V Corps. Recon cpts reached a point 2000 yds NORTH of TRIER - otherwise no material change. VII Corps. 1 Div repulsed strong enemy counter attack in area EAST of STOLBERG K 9444. Otherwise NTR. XIX U.S. Corps 30 Div on gen line K 8249 - SCHAESBERG 7956 - HEERLEN 7656. 2 Armd Div reached VALKENBURG K 6654 - WILJANSRADE 6858 - ULESTRATEN 6258. First Cdn Army. Clearing of enemy SOUTH of SCHELDT continues against strong enemy resistance. Pol Armd Div withdrew from brhd over HULST canal. Op to capture DOLOUENE has started.	
1812	2 Army	Tac HQ Second Army opens K 360852 at 191300hrs.	
1815	8 Corps	8 Bde less 1 Suffolk conc around CAULILLE 4390.	
1815	43 Div	130 Bde can stand down now, returning to 2 hours notice from first light tomorrow.	
1835	4th Armd	IG are now through EINDHOVEN linked up with US Forces on NORTH edge of town. WG Gp now moving again but it is still rather sticky. No exact news as to where they are. Div HQ moving very soon to area just SOUTH of VALKENSWAARD.	Told 43 Div 8 Corps 12 Corps 50 Div 2 Army 8 Armd Bde CE
1855	8 Corps	3 Div attack will not be before 2400 hrs and may be later. Final decision will be notified between 2130 and 2200 hrs.	50 Div told.
2010	ASSU	Fighter pilot reports 1300 hrs br RAVESTEIN E 5757 destroyed. A Tk ditched 8040 - 8347 and 7043 - 7945.	
2015	Airborne Corps (ASSU)	Second lift 82 Div gliders all down 1545 hrs. Dr (NIEBEGEN ?) intact at 1320 hrs. Fwd tps 715628. Enemy movement 7058 NE to NIEBEGEN. No coms with 1 Dr Airborne Div. Civilian reports that ARNHEM br intact but not yet in our hands.	

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2100	Recco	Hy bombing attack. May we move to new area away from br ?	Told to stay put.
2105	50 Div	Enemy has been bombing br but all now quiet. Mostly AP bombs. Br undamaged. No cas reported so far.	sds
2110	Gds Armd	Asked how many hours running time across start line they will require in morning. Answer 6 hrs.	Told Traffic Office sds
2116	P phantom	82 Div sitrop 1315. Enemy, strength unknown, holding line of rly 715780. ARNHEM held by three coys SS.	
2130	Gds Armd	IG Gp area SOUTH of ZON in contact with 101 Div and bridging proceeding. Gren Gds Gp area 4220. WG Gp just SOUTH of GELDROF which is held by enemy. 5 Coldn Gds NORTH of VALKENSWAARD. 1 Armd Coldn Gds SOUTH of VALKENSWAARD. Div HQ 399055.	Army & 8 Corps told. sd
2135	Main Army	Situation 12 Corps. Cl 9 br completed 1730 hrs. 160 Bdo across. Fwd cmts 2704. 1 Welch of 158 Bdo have gained objective LUYKSGESTEL 3101.	12
2140	G(Air)	1. Tac/R reports Airborne Tps at E 4027, E 6482 and E 6831. Time of origin 1752 hrs. 2. TCA 1730 hrs. Bridges intact E 439170 E 707765 E 747748 E 714633 E 706634 E 619543 E 671606 E 380240 . Br at F 389251 down.	

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2225	Gds Armd Div	Br estimated complete 0500 hrs. Div advances 0600 hrs.	
2315	82 Div	Confirming that brs over R. MAAS at GRAVE and over MAAS - VAAI Canal at 7054 are held intact.	
2359	43 Div	Sitrep at 182200A. No change from last nights sitrep except that 129 Bde loons now Bde HQ 369782. 4 Som LI 368790. 4 Wilts 369785 5 Wilts 363802. 214 Bde. Bde HQ 351818 7 Som LI 349814 1 Worc R 334819 5 DCLI 341814. Div HQ Gp. moves tomorrow 19 Sep 44 closing 0900 hrs and opening same time at 351779. Now loon 23 Liaison HQ and HQ R Netherlands Bde 360765.	

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0045	11 Armd Div	Sitrep 182200. Patrols of Inns of Court Regt along the Southern bank of MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal reported the usual slight infiltration of enemy during the day. Div arty supported the adv of 30 Corps from their brhd. 4 KSLI moved to area GERDINGEN K 4985 and relieved PFI and Russians. Otherwise NTR. Loons unchanged.
0210	Phantom	Source 82 Div 1925 hrs. 504 Regt held br 670605 (NEERBOSCH) intact.
0300	Airborne Tps Adv	2 Lift of 82 Airborne Div landed successfully. NO repeat NO news yet of 1 Airborne Div but just through by W/T. Situation as at 181900. 82 Airborne Div has pulled out of NIJMEGEN. Enemy shelling of GROESBEEK and high ground WEST and NW increasing. Br at TYBALT firmly held. All RCT almost up to full strength with light casualties. 350 PW taken. Comm still bad Phantom report states 1 Gren Gds trying to get through EINDHOVEN 181620. 82 Airborne Div intend to hold firm to what it got tonight. Anticipate enemy build up for coordinate attack from REACHSWALD FORST tomorrow. Lt GEE R Sigs killed on mine.
0300	Airborne Corps	REGAN reports. P181730 Germans moved out of RENKUM (E67) BENNEKOM (E57) EDE (E58) VENNE DAIL (E58) SCHERPENZEEN (E48) BARNEVELD (E59) last light retreating NORTH.
0300	Airtps Rear to Brig BOWER	31 Stirlings out of 35 dropped sups to 1 Div today. 2 Stirlings shot down and 2 failed to take off. TOT for sup drop to 1 Div 19 Sep 1530 hrs please inform 1 Div.

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0430	2 Army	Sitrep up to 181200A. At first light 2 Army continued to adv NORTH, at 1000 hrs leading tps made contact with 101 US Airborne Div in the BINDHOVEN area. The state of the brs over NEDER RHINE WAAL and MARS is as follows - Br at ARNHEM E7377 intact but not known if held. Br at GRAVE 6194 intact and in our hands. Br Airborne Corps. 1 Airborne Div no news rec'd 82 US Airborne Div, 504 RCT hold brs intact at GRAVE 618545 and E695558. Attack from SE by 300 enemy inf and tks from forest REICHSWALD E84 was repulsed at 0830 hrs by 505 RCT, strong resistance encountered during morning in area NIJMEGEN. 8 Corps. At 0800 hrs 3 Br Div conc in area PETIT DROGEL K4088 and ECEL 3686, otherwise NTR.	
0455	Gds Armd	At 2345 hrs SS Fd Regt at 416069 was being shelled by heavy shells on a bearing of 200°.	RA told.
0455	8 Corps	Sitrep at 182359A. 11 Armd Div. 4 KSLI moved to area GERDINGEN K4985 with one coy at BOCHOLT K4988 and relieved FFI and Russians. Leen unchanged. 3 Br Div. began their part of op GARDEN at 2400 hrs. 50 Div. Br-head over ESCAUT canal attacked from the air just before 2000 hrs, one stick of bombs fell 400 yds NE of the br 3594 another 200 yds SW. No damage to br reported. three wounded. 4 Armd Div. Following units came under comd on arrival in area stated HQ 455803, 2 KRRC 503697 Greys sqn at 4978 5081.4680, 4 RHA OFGLADBECK 4975.	
0430	2 Army	12 Corps, 53 (W) Div, 158 Bde by 1130 hrs two bns had crossed canal at 3097 and were constructing CL 9 br. 71 Bde in area 2290. 160 Bde NO change. 15 (S) Div. 224 Bde, two bns holding brhead 0792. 7 Armd Div. 131 Bde movg to relieve 46 Bde. Otherwise NTR.	
0510	2 Army	Corps To Br Airborne/ Rear and adv info 30 Corps. Deciphering and corrupt groups causing delay. Send in clear or in SLIDEX when possible.	
0513	12 Corps	Asked for any recent form.	
0515	33 PS Sec	Both factories under control and guard request experts be despatched immediately. HQ est main PHILLIPS office GAGELSTRAAT. Nobody to be admitted until experts arrive.	
0515	HQ Airtps Rear	Fwd oeh 101 AB Div requests Leen leading elts your fms. Send info via rear AB Corps to 101 AB Div Rear re-transmission to fwd oeh.	
0540	8 Corps	Intentions 19 Sep. To carry out op GARDEN as applicable to 8 Corps as laid down in 8 Corps Op Instr No 10.	
0615	50 Div	231 Bde NTR. 151 Bde, 9 DLI contact with enemy 365958 367965 and 376977. Bombing results cas heavier than thought 4 MT destroyed, 61 Recce contact on right line of rly 3994 on near side of canal.	

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0635	Army	8 Corps form. Three bridges startes in brhd. 4 Coy of 2 Lincs and some of RUR small brhd over canal not much progress for bank well held - houses have to be mopped up separately, MG fired over canal on to our side. BROOK (4395) reached by 2 Lincs, 428950 reached by 2 RUR.	
0710	12 Corps	On 53 Div front sqn recco and bn 160 after crossing Cl 9 br at 3097 have reached 2704. Bn 160 following up in 3003. Bn 158 in 3101, Bn of 160 in 3100. 158 less Bn still h lding brhd 3098 - 3198. 71 Bde was to have made crossing at 2296 but oppositinn was not SOUTH of river and 71 Bde now going over by same route as other two Bdes. 15 Div no change but re-grouping. Sqns of recco still covering SOUTH of canal from 1995 to 1193. Rest of recco NORTH of MEERHOUT 1485. 44 Bde two Bns area GHEEL, other Bn 1486. 46 Bde, Bn strung along SOUTH of canal from 1193 to 0591. 47 Bde is holding brhd 0793 and one Bn at 1088. 7 Armd Div no op change but 131 Bde conc from 0190 to 9983. 22 Armd Bde area 9684 except 1 R Tks which are at 9089. Only patrols along ESCAUT Canal are by 1 RB on right and 11 H on left.	
0712	Gds Armd	At 0656 hrs 5 Gds Armd Bde were all on move. Div HQ just about to move. 32 Gds Bde coming up behind.	
0720	Tac Army	Told form. 8 Corps form that 2 Lincs are across more or less complete in personnel but 2 RUR NOT yet all over. They hope to have Cl 9 br by 1000 hrs. Third Bn will then pass through directed on ACHEL.	
0731	Rear Air- Tps	Br 672605 ? blown 676584 blown 693559 blown 701539 intact 713525 blown	43 and Gds Armd told.
0738	Adv AirTps	At 1320 hrs 18 Sep NIJMEGEN br was still intact and loading tps were 300 yds from it.	

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0810	Gds Armd	2 HCR have reached UDEN B5342 where there are reported to be a few enemy - number not yet known. 1 Mot Gren are approaching AFWATERINGS canal. We ourselves are now passing EINDHOVEN. Don't think there will be much opposition.	
0820	Gds Armd	Fighter cover required over br at 4425 all day.	G(Air) told.
0845	Gds Armd	2 HCR have contacted 82 US Airborne Div at GRAVE. No report yet on br. 2 Armd Gren Gds reported UDEN 15 mins ago and going well.	
0850	Gds Armd	Leading sub-units 2 Armd Gren Gds already across R MEUSE.	Told Army, 8 - 12 Corps, 8 Armd Bde, 43 & 50 Divs.
0905	Army	8 Corps. 50 Div. Enemy still hold area 3896 and attempted to bomb br 3596 at 2000 hrs without success. 231 Bde area VALKENSWAARD, 151 Bde protecting br 3596. 69 Bde area WEST of OVERPELT 3892. 4 Armd Bde less two regts now under cmd 8 Corps and in area 5070 - 4580.	
0910	Airtps Adv	Br over MALS - WAAI canal at 672604, previously reported not blown but slightly damaged, is now firmly held by us.	
0940	12 Corps	Sitrep as at 182400A. 53 (W) Div has broken out from brhead area 3098 and is advancing with little opposition. 7 Armd Div. 131 Bde relieved 46 Bde in area 9803 - 0187 - 0291. Bde HQ 035835. 15 (S) Div brhead area 0793 held by two bns 227 Bde with 46 Bde along SOUTH bank of canal. 53 (W) Div. 71 Bde abandoned idea of crossing canal at 2296 as strong enemy fighting patrol was met in area 210952. Bn 160 Bde to the EAST of WILLREIT 2704 in contact with 50th Div Recon Regt in the village. Other two bns at WEEDSCH 2903 and area 3100. 158 Bde. Two bns holding brhead area 3197 with one bn area LUYSGESTEL 3101. 4 Cdn Inf Bde reverted to cmd 2 Cdn Div.	

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0945	8 Corps	KOSD now across br and are patrolling up to rd and rly crossing at 426960.	
1000	Gds Armā	Br on axis at NEERBOSCH not suitable for tks. New br 60 ft required. We are not doing anything about this as br HEUMEN 7053 is suitable for tks.	
1005	Gds Armā	Now at WILHELMINA canal and going very fast.	
1010	Gds Armā	We are now in ST OEDENRODE	
1015	Col Cartwright 101 AB Div	101 AB Div situation. 501 Regt hold brs at VEGHEL. One bn 502 Regt at ST OEDENRODE. Remainder Regt at BEST 3726. 506 Regt EINDHOVEN with det at ZON. 327 Glider Inf flown in yesterday conc in area 4226 with Airborne Arty. Enemy in strength at BEST where situation is sticky and SCHIJNDEL losses in Div very light except for regt at BEST. Div HQ just NORTH of ZON probably moving to ST OEDENRODE today.	
1020	50 Div	Gave form. Three Bns of 3 Br Div over canal and intend to enlarge brhd later today. Just starting Cl 40 Dr.	
1030	Rocco	We are now with 101 Airborne Div near 20 Northin. This is a very bad patch of rd and a poor and narrow br just SOUTH of VALKENSWAARD. This needs immediate attention and Corps Comd wishes work put in hand at once and to continue day and night. 15/19 H now linked up w th 101 Div. 101 Div, have about 500 PW whom they cannot feed. Told them to march them down rd and hand over to people at VALKENSWAARD.	

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1040	HCR	Sqn 2 HCR with 32 Bde reached line AEWATERINGS Canal.	
1045	Air Tps Adv	Br over canal 6760 NOT completely blown but only damaged. Will take any Class veh in present state.	This conflicts with Gds report of 1000 hrs.
1055	Corps Sigs	Intercept on S&T not - 1 Para Bde at NORTH end of br ARNHEM. Enemy at SOUTH end, br intact.	X
1125	Gds Arml	NOT using HEART route.	
1130	Phantom	1 Br Airborne Div. Loons 0200 hrs. Own tps Div HQ 6978, 1 Para Bde HQ 739776 with 2 Para Bn same area. 3 Para Bn 717777. 1 A/L Bde 6878, 2 S Staffs 716777, 7 KOSB in wood at 7079. No news of 4 Para Bde.	X
1140	Phantom	Our set with Airborne Corps has packed up in the middle of a message.	
1145	Gds Arml	HCR report enemy beaten off high ground NE of DROSDEEK. At 1040 hrs in 7461 some enemy tks on rd. At 1015 hrs br at NIJMEGEN prepared for demolition but wires have been cut. Br held by enemy inf. Hy fighting going on in town. Approx 300 inf EAST of town and at 7461. Both brs still intact	

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1155	2 HCR	One sqn has reached line of R WAAL. On HEART route one sqn at VOLKEL 5640.	
1200	S.T. Intercept (freqs 4607 Kcs)	1 Para Bde report 1150 hrs. Report from Civilians sources state 100 tks approaching our posn from NE. If this is so situation very serious. We have only 6 pdr guns and not much amm.	X
1205	Recco	Personal for AQ from Corps Comd. 101 US Div have approx 50 cas which require urgent evacuation at ZON and just NORTH. Ensure necessary ambulances are sent up today or tonight	AQ told.
1210	8 Armd Bde	151 Bde are asking for sp by one sqn SRY. In view of impending move can this be given.	Told they may have one sqn if required by Comd 50 Div.
1215	Recco	Road in centre of ? ? ? shows signs of collapsing and requires continual maintenance.	
1245	12 Corps	Leading elts of 12 Corps have reached BIERZEL 3109.	
1245	Traffic Office	Estimated times across start line now - 2 FF Yoo 1445 hrs - 44 R Tks 1600 " Main Hq 1720 "	
		Delay being caused by Gds Armd traffic re-joining CLUB from HEART at VALGENSWAARD.	not actually
1250	Phantom	82 Div 1020 hrs. 2nd Ln 505 Para Regt to follow up attack by Gds Armd through NIJMEGEN and form brhead 7264 - 7065 - 6904.	

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1255	Airborne Tps	Corps HQ at 704574.	
1257	12 Corps	Dn of 71 Bde at DUIZEL 3010 and another directed on VELDHOFEN 3614.	Passed to 101 Div.
1330	11 Armd Div	Gave form.	
1335	101 Airborne Div	Night 18 Sep HELMOND 5522 policemen reported 500 enemy in HELMOND. Main br in town intact still. Tps NORTH and SOUTH of town along canal with supporting MGs.	
1345	Airborne Corps	Air Photos show Pontoon br in ARNHEM not damaged but centre span removed and lying along NORTH bank.	
1355	Gds Armd	5 Gds Armd Bde concentrating area 5 km SOUTH of NIJMEGEN with 82 Airborne Div they are attacking NIJMEGEN at 1500 hrs.	
1400	Recco	We are now with HQ Airborne Corps about 7059. Comd very pleased with situation. Airborne Corps have no communications with 1 Airborne Div so situation there is not known.	X X
1405	8 Corps	2 Devons report br 406024 blown. Enemy inf in fair numbers in 408023 to 407017. Br at 398017 believed mined. Gave form to 8 Corps, 12 Corps, 43 Div 50 Div and Main Army.	

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1500	82 Airborne Div (ASSU)	NIJMEGEN held by approx 600 enemy. Rd and rly brs intact (1330 hrs).	
1510	Phantom Airborne Corps	Civilian reports that at 181800 1 Airborne Div held br at ARNHEM but later withdrew to church where there are still a few holding out. Remainder of Div withdrew WEST to 7078. Between 20 and 50 tks operating same area.	X
1520	1 Para Bde	ARNHEM br intact. Few enemy with two or three tks on SOUTH end of br. Enemy with tks and inf in town but we hold brhead.	X
1520	Phantom Airborne Corps	T00 1330 hrs. Total PW to 182400. 885. Low category incl Railway officials. NIJMEGEN believed held by one large coy plus many flak tps.	
1530	1 Para Bde	Enemy still hold crossing at NIJMEGEN which is intact. We started attack 1500 hrs. Hope join up with you soon.	Message TO 1 Para Bde
1535	Recco	We are in wireless touch with 1 Para Bde who report situation in ARNHEM as above. Set is working on frequency 4607. Do you wish any instructions sent?	X
1537	Tac	We are now at 576473.	Tac 30 Corps?
1545	Air Corps Rear	Message received from 1 Airborne Div. 100 tks entering ARNHEM from NORTH. Request immediate air support.	X
1550	Phantom	DGS Airborne Corps 1400 hrs. 5 Gds Armd Bde and one para bn 82 Div will attack NIJMEGEN 1500 hrs.	

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1610	Phantom	DGS Airborne Corps 1400 hrs. 1 Airborne Div attacking ARNHEM from NORTH.	
1615	Army	High priority to be given to movement of seaborne tail HQ Airborne Corps, as they have lost a number of wireless sets.	
1635	Airborne Corps Rear	Gliders 82 Div and paratps Polish Para Bde NOT leaving here today. Will advise ETA where kn. 1.	
1715	101 Div	We have no tps NORTH of VEGHEL and no immediate movement there contemplated.	Told that Corps Comd most anxious they should send some tps to UDEN. ✓
1820	101 Div	15/19 H have made contact with all elts 101 Div as ordered. One sqn in EINDHOVEN going NW towards BEST and EAST to GELDROF and HELMOND. Remaining two sqns pushing WEST from ZON towards BEST.	
2000	Gds Arm'd	No info about NIJMEGEN. We have been fighting quite close to the br but cannot get back any info at the moment.	
2035	Gds Arm'd	Div HQ 705542.	
2050	Airborne Corps (LSSU)	Enemy building pontoon br at PANNEIDEN 8267. 1 Airborne Div. Two Para Bns at 740766. Br intact 1730 hrs. Tks reported in ARNHEM.	
2100	Airborne Corps	Civ report enemy building br at 740485 and moving across R. MUIS from REICHSWALD forest. Also enemy estimated bn strength moving towards GRAVE from SOUTH, with no armour or arty. Request from 82 US Airborne Div to send mot patrols or armoured cars to area between GRAVE and KATWIJK 710524.	
2200	Airborne Corps	Sitrep at 0900 hrs 19 Sep. Elts 2 Para Bn captured NORTH end of br 7476 last light 17 Sep. SOUTH end of br still held by enemy first light 18 Sep, but br then intact. Remainder 1 Para Bde engaged in confused fighting WESTERN outskirts ARNHEM. Units 1 Airborne Bde occupying posns as planned. Pontoon br is not yet complete.	X
2210	TCP EINDHOVEN	Civilians who have been at BOCID 4621 report 40 enemy tks there at 1650 hrs moving SW.	
2225	Recco	No particular news here about 101 AB Div except that Gds Arm'd reported a bit of trouble just NORTH of EINDHOVEN at dusk. 82 AB Div HQ 7354. Have all coys GRAVE where 1 WG have joined them. EDLs on general line 7272 7470 7654 7270 GRAVE 7360 7364. Enemy incl dug in tks in swampy ground 7373 7671. Counter attack resulted in enemy regaining DEEK 7560. Enemy also in area 7469 5048 4138 not particularly active at present. Situation in NIJMEGEN is that Gren Gds Gp reinforced by part 82 AB Div made attack on br but resistance immediate area was stiff and no news available owing to bad comms. In any case br is at present intact. 32 Gds Bde, 2 WG, 1 CG, 5 CG area 6655. 2 IG, 3 IG, 6759. Div HQ, Airborne Corps, Tac 30 Corps area 7655 7050 7056 respectively. Reports from 1 Airborne Div of unknown reliability say withdrawing slightly WEST and 1500 SS now ARNHEM. Br 6760 now C1 9.	X

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2300	GSI	Following enemy movt reported during day - a) By 101 US AB Div 1200 hrs. (i) Dn with few tks HELMOND, canal banks being mined. (ii) Scattered enemy withdrawing NE through DEEK 5427. (iii) Unconfirmed pockets 100 men 4125. (iv) Patrols to 3318 and 3516 found no enemy. (v) Approx one Dn being engaged at DEST. (vi) Some enemy in OIRSCHOT 3125 and rly flak at DOKSTEL 3335. (vii) One reinforced coy area 4032. b) By GSI Gds Arm'd Div 1430 hrs. (i) 729628 three 80 mm. (ii) 748602 four tks dug in and protected by inf. (iii) Civ report enemy inf in OSS 4754. c) By GSI Airborne Corps 1700 hrs. (i) Enemy str in REICHSWALD E 85 est two bns inf, some arty, three tks. (ii) Enemy digging in facing NE at 7450. d) SAS report pm 18 Sep. Considerable enemy movt EAST through ZWOLLE and APELDOORN. e) Est total PW by 82 and 101 US Divs to 191800A hrs at 2,000; all of them from AL, GAF and L of C units.	Army LG told all this.

2330 DA & QMG Enemy reported holding firmly SOUTH brhds and SOUTH side of NIJMEGEN brs including concrete defences. Situation NIJMEGEN not yet clear. Brs intact but still believed in enemy hands. I am continuing fwd overnight with 44 R Tks Main Corps HQ and SRY. Gds Arm'd Div and Airborne Tps were attempting to capture NIJMEGEN brhd this evening and are again moving 20 Sep. Possibly 43 Div may eventually be required for the task in event enemy resistance continuing, whether or not he succeeds in destroying brs. First traffic allowed on axis 20 Sep will therefore be strong recon parties from 43 Div as Commander 43 Div may wish. Please discuss with Commander 43 Div his requirements and pass fwd first light 20 Sep.

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0445 Phantom DGS Airborne Corps at 2045 hrs. Attack on NIJMEGEN held up by strong point SOUTH of br. Some tk losses. Inf trying to by-pass. Intention if attack fails tonight - 504 Inf will make assault crossing 1400 - 1500 hrs tomorrow and work along NORTH bank to br.

0500 Recon Today's attempt by Gron Gds Gp with Dn 82 US Div to force blitz crossing over NIJMEGEN brs with tks did NOT succeed. Br still intact but in enemy hands. Tomorrow part Gds Arm'd Div take over defence SOUTH sector 82 US Div present posns. One RCT 82 Div will carry out assault crossing in assault boats area 690642 then turn in along bank towards brs. At same time Gds Arm'd Div work fwd through town towards Southern end brs. ZERO NOT before 201500A. Most important 43 Div arrive earliest as may be required for assault crossing if 82 Div fail. This would NOT be before evening 21 Sep. Main HQ 30 Corps to move up earliest 20 Sep to general area EAST of NE of MALDEN 7055 which appears suitable.

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0530	Phantom	G(Ops) Airborne Corps at 2245 hrs. Attack on NIJMEGEN ceased. Approx enemy posns 717625 - 704627. Own inf on house tops 716624. Gds Armd Div will take over responsibility 504 Regt sector at first light 20 Sep.	
0600	Airborne Corps Rear	Situation 191539A. Elts 1 Para Bde still in vicinity NORTH and main br but not in touch and unable to re-supply. At present 2 Para Bn being conc SOUTH of DER DRINK 7277 (?) 4 Para Bde and 1 Airlanding Bde now being organised to hold rd (?) at present in area 715700 - 699791 - 687785 - 689793. Third lift very heavily opposed by flak and re-supply almost entirely in enemy hands. Request all possible steps taken expedite reliefs. Fighting intense and opposition extremely strong. Position not too good.	
0615	101 AB to Army	50 - 100 hostile tks with supply vehs reported move to area NUMEN 483222 - NEDERWETTEN 468239 from HELMOND during night. Expect tk attack ZON area. Request armd recoo.	
0740	Rocco	Gave info about 44 R Tks and SHY.	
0745	44 R Tks	Report br at ZON being shelled by 4 or 5 enemy tks. They are going to investigate.	
0845	101 AB	Tk attack on ZON beaten off about 2000 hrs last night. During night civ reports indicated 50 - 100 tks.	
0855	101 AB	3 or 4 enemy tks and some inf with MGS are bringing fire to bear on br at ZON. Situation under control	
0930	Airtps Rear	10% loss of aircraft on today's supply mission. Many aircraft damaged by flak. Sups dropped on SDP'V. Flak frok area SDP and no reception. No wireless contact 1 AB.Div. Now SDP urgently required tomorrow's drop.	
0955	Airtps Adv	Br over canal at 6760 (NEEMBOSCH) blown. Solo remaining br 701539.	
1035	Rocco	Gave situation.	

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1130	Rocco	1 Airborne Div report situation not too good. Yesterdays sups not received. Ammo situation moderate. 1 Para Bde middle of ARNHEM. No contact with remainder of Div who are now concentrated area 7079. 1 Polish Bde may arrive today. 325 Glider Regt may also reach 82 Airborne Div today but weather conditions may hold up. 82 AB Div now have 508 Regt firm 730621 to 760580. 505 Regt has two bns thence to 7251 and 6553. One bn at NIJMEGEN with GG Gp. 3 IG now going up to reinforce them. Gren Gp have chaps at 714625 708628 700625. Enemy in 715629 and 705630. 504 Regt area 6060 for today's task. 1 WG area GRAVE with part 2 Rocco WG, 5 CG, 1 CG movg area NE of NEERDOSCH.	
1135	To Rocco Rear Corps	DGS and Comd 43 Div are together two miles NORTH of EINDHOVEN. DGS has frozen serials G260 - 263 and H 270. Brig A/Q Airborne Corps agrees to speed up fwd move of 43 Div. Has already put this into execution. TC will re-adjust accordingly. Situation ZON no change.	⊕ ✓
1136	From Rocco	In view of situation 1 Airborne Div Corps Comd wishes serial H270 (Seaborne Tail) held back. It can be brought fwd at top speed with CMP escort when required. Anticipate med assistance will be needed at same time.	⊕
1140	Gds Armd	Have reached new home at 706566. 1 Mot Gren Gds with assistance from 82 Airborne Div are having street fighting and reached some roundabout in town and first objective and are going on.	

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1200	8 Corps	8 Corps intention 20 Sep. 8 Corps will enlarge brhd over ESCAUT canal. 11 Armd Div will pass through 3 Br Div directed on line EINDHOVEN - HELMONT.	
1205	50 Div	Sitrep as at 2300 hrs 19 Sep. Div learns no change except two coys 6 GH now est across canal at 390955 and MLIENHOEK 3996. No contact with enemy on 151 and 69 Bde fronts. 231 Bde report no contact in Bde area except small numbers of enemy area SCHLIFT 4002. 53 Div. bns of 71 Bde 3010 - 3608 - 3013. 160 Bde area 2603 - 2704 - 3003. 158 Bde in close defence of br 3097. 3 Div. 8 Bde now est area ACHEL 4297. 9 Bde one bn over canal EAST of 8 Bde and directed on HAMONT 4697. 101 US Airborne Div. Locns unchanged. Report enemy in strength area WEST 3726 where situation strained. Enemy in fair strength at SCHLUNDEL 4038 - HELMOND 5522. 82 US Airborne Div and Gds Armd Div. No news yet of attack on NIJMEGEN. Br last known intact and prepared for demolition but leads to charges cut.	
1210	Air Tps Rear	SPHQ reports considerable enemy forces moving in direction of NIJMEGEN from area TIEL 4166. Ferries on river heavily protected by flak.	
1245	101 Airborne	Majority of PW taken in area WEST belong to 347 Div.	
1250	G(Air)	Army have pulled in bombline as follows. As before to 5076 - 5767 - 5057 - 4754 - 3850. Does this put any of our tps in danger?	Answer - No
1315	Phantom	0750 hrs. 1 Airborne Div posn difficult. Hy fighting against hy opposition. Request all possible steps be taken to expedite relief.	
1330	12 Corps LO	53 Div. 71 Bde with bn 158 Bde under comd in area WEST of EINDHOVEN with bns 3015 - 3615 - 3546 - 3010. 160 Bde moving WEST from LUYSGESTEL 3101 to clear woods round POSTEL, but meeting hy opposition. 158 Bde less one bn holding brhead 3097. Intention to make this br 01 40 and pass 15 Div or 7 Armd up over it. They will not try to br further WEST owing to opposition.	

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1405	Air Tps Adv	82 Div attacked by enemy fighter w/c at 1100 hrs. Attack lasted 8 mins.	
1430	Recce	At 1530 hrs yesterday 1 Airborne Div had tps at 739780 715780 749792 689794 688787	
1445	Army	Phantom report 1 Airborne Div at 191530A. Elts 1 Para Bn still area NORTH end of br but NOT in touch re supply. Part of two bns now concentrating SOUTH of E.7277. 4 Para Bde and 1 AL Bde reorganising to hold rd and rly crossing E.715780 rly crossing 699799 - 687785 - cross rds 688793. Third left by opposition from flank. ARNHEM entirely in enemy hands. Request all possible to expedite relief - fighting intense and opposition extremely strong. Posn NOT too good.	
1515	101 AB	Rep from ? reports they have been operating SOUTH and EAST of ZON. Certain number of enemy with a few tks have been met and they have been engaged. 2 or 3 destroyed. Situation fairly clear and axis is secure.	
1530	G(Air)	ds Armd have told Army that they have patrol NORTH of 3754 and in area 3959 and 4169. Army will push out bomblino.	
1545	101 AB	Reliable info from civilian reports that br at HELMOND is electrically mined. There is also a steel works which has been closed to civilians for 14 days and is thought to be mined. Quite an amount of movement into HELMOND from EAST. Ho is digging in along canal and there are a number of CCs. Tps appear to be well organised.	
1650	Recce	504 Regt's operation going extremely well. CCRA and Cond Airborne Corps actually saw some of them at 705650. The enemy are reacting fairly strongly but arty fire has been intermittent only. 505 Regt reports enemy crossing river in both directions at 722494 and 744482	

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1030	43 Div	Has Corps Comd yet given orders for 130 Bde to leave their "big boys" and push on? They have had orders through TC.	Told to push on at once, but to bring everything with them,
1040	8 Corps	Intention today. To adv with 11 Armd Div leading to, line of rly incl HELMOND - excl EINDHOVEN. Right 159 Bde Gp - route HAMOND - SOERENDONCK - MARHEEZE - STERKEL. Left 29 Armd Bde Gp route ACHEL - LEEDE - HEEZE - GELDROP. Locn - 1 Dorset area VALKENSWAARD, 2 EF Yoo one mile SOUTH of VALKENSWAARD, 2 Devon area BORKEL - HOEK.	
1915	Gds Armd	One of our units has found a map printing press and depot at 634582 with a stock of German maps. There are some US Airborne Tps in the house at present looking after them but probably they will not be there for long. At the SOUTH end of br one tk actually got onto approach but was KO'd from far end and is now blocking rd. This is being dealt with. No info from far side.	rail bridge?
1925	Gds Armd	It has just been reported that an unknown number of tks of 2 Armd Gren Gds are NORTH of R WAIL.	
1930	1 Airborne	Essential every effort be made to ensure earliest arrival Gds Armd Div at ARNHEM. Situation br critical.	
2000	1 Airborne	Enemy attacked main br in strength. Enemy launched attack on div posn EAST from HEELSUM 6477 and WEST from ARNHEM. Are forming close perimeter defence round HARTESTEIN 6978 with remainder of div. Relief necessary both areas earliest possible. Still retain control ferry crossing HEVELDORP.	

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1900		Corps HQ est 710556	
2035	Gds Armd	Part of Gren Gds Gp have crossed br NIJMEGEN and are in contact with Americans on far side. 3 IG come at near end and will cross shortly. Remainder of Gren Gds Gp and of 2 Armd IG being come this end. RE are working on the br and think that it will be all right.	Told Tac & Main Army. & 43 Div. Passed to 8 Corps, 12 Corps & Rear Corps
2110	LO	HQ Airborne Corps at 727611.	
2120	Gds Armd	Rly br is intact but NOT held by us.	
2145	Gds Armd	Following are across bridge - 1 1/2 sqns 2 Armd IG Two coys 1 Mot Gren Gds Whole of 3 IG There are still enemy in town on near side who will need clearing up tomorrow.	16 do not agree - one sqn crossed next
2150	Gds Armd	Locations - Hq Gds Armd Div 706586. 2 HCR 691569. Hq 5 Gds Armd Bde 708599. Hq 32 Gds Bde 662569. 1 WG & 2 Armd Recce WG guarding brs in squares 6251 & 6760. 1 Armd Coldm Gds & 5 Coldm Gds 7054 under command 32 US Airborne Div.	
2230	RE	Br at 404070 (SOUTH of VALKENSWAARD) now complete Cl 40) and in use.	
2300	8 Corps	Sitrep as at 1200 hrs 20 Sep. 1 Armd Div started to cross ESCAUT Canal at 0900 hrs. 2 IF Yeo report LIEDE held. 29 Armd Bde are clearing this village. Insof Court took 50 PW just WEST of HALLMONT 477 and patrols have reached HEEZE 5012. 3 Br Div have extended brhd to HALLMONT and ACHEL. 1 Belgian Bde now in 8 Corps area with Hq at 478852.	
2310	8 Corps	Main Hq 8 Corps moves to 374875 211100A.	

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0001	Sigs	Line to Airborne Corps will be through in 30 mins. ADC told.
0015	Army	15 (S) Div. 44 Bde are taking over line of canal from 1395 - 1193. 227 Bde complete over canal in area 0792. 7 Armd Div NTR. 83 Gp RAF. Bad weather prevented ops until the afternoon. 73 sorties were flown mainly Tac/R. No claims have been made.
0015	Gds Armd	Sitrep as at 201200A. 2 HCR. Patrolling from first light report area clear of enemy WEST as far as Easting 50 between rivers WIAL and MALS and between R. MALS and rd GRAVE to HEESECH 4851. Patrolling from GRAVE Eastwards to investigate civilian report of enemy br under construction area CUYK 7149. Two sqns detailed for escort of echelons will revert ⁸⁰⁰¹ 2 HCR on completion of duties. 5 Gds Armd Bde. Gren Gp with u/c 3 IG and second Bn 505 Para Inf Regt clearing enemy brhd SOUTH of river at NIJMEGEN. Two sqns 2 Armd IG u/c 504 Para Inf Regt to support assault crossing of R. WIAL taking place area 3864 1400 hrs. 32 Gds Bde. Coldm Gp in sp 82 US Div as mobile reserve for defence EAST flank also responsible defence canal br 702539.

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0015	Gds Arm'd cont'd	WG Gp responsible for defence GRAVE 6253 and br 6760. RA. Supporting ops R, WAIL and DF tasks as ordered by CRA. RE. ONE. 615 P'd Sqn and all available assault boats w/c 504 Para Inf Regt to assist in launching assault crossing. TWO. Recce of R. WAIL. THREE. Recce of area dried up loop of river bed between WELP 6053 and OVERLINGEL 5755 where civilians report enemy were constructing airstrip. Locations. Div HQ 706566 5 Gds Arm'd Dde 691569. 32 Gds Dde 662569.	
0015	Army	Sitrep up to 101200L. 12 Corps. 53 Div. 160 has passed through 158 Dde brhd and encountered considerable resistance area 2603. 71 Dde moving NORTH through brhd and leading elts 1 HLI have reached DUIZEL 3010. 1 Oxf Bucks area 3612. 15 (S) Div. 44 Dde. One bn moved to area ACHTERBOSCH 1592 otherwise NTR. 7 Arm'd Div NTR.	
0025	Gd. Arm'd	Locn of Div HQ is 706566 and NOT 706586	
0025	Phantom	Source 'G' 11 Arm'd Div. Last light locns. 4KSLI HAMMONT 4797. 3 RTR and 3 Mon at SCERENDON K 4902. One Sqn 23 H and one Coy 8 RD area 5008. FF Yoo and 1 Hereford on canal 6011. Remainder 23 H and 8 RD at HEEZE 4911.	
0100	Phantom	53 Div. 71 Dde fwd tp s in contact with enemy at E 3418 and moving to arc. OIRSCHOT T 3225. 158 Dde moving to area VESSEM 3016 and DUIZEL 3010. 160 Dde come in area LUKSGESTEL 3101 with patrols to 2603. 46 Dde under command with Bn at br K 3097.	
0125	53 Div	Locns. 2359 hrs 19 Sep. 158 Dde, 1/5 Welch on line of track 272973 - 274970. E Lanes area 275990 - 287990 - 303983 - 280980 with patrol at 277004.	
0125	12 Corps	Sitrep Ls at 191400L. 15 (S) Div. 44 Dde. 6 RSF area BLUIS 1093 and 8 RS area 1592 both in process of taking over junction canal from 15(S) Recce Regt from 1895 - 1193. 227 Dde are all over the canal now in area 0792 in preparation for thrust to WEST to incl br at 064924 in brhd. 46 Dde no change. 7 Arm'd Div. 1/5 Queens report VENVEN 9809 and word to the NORTH clear of enemy.	
0125	Army	News as at 1300 hrs 19 Sep. V US Corps. 5 Arm'd Div swung NORTH and reached L 0353 leaving elts WEST and NORTH of TRIER L2128 to protect their right flank. VII US Corps. No change. XIX US Corps. 2 Arm'd Div have captured SITTELD K 6960 and have extended their line SE to K 7560. Ninth US Army have completed capture of DREST and 29 Div is moving from DREST to join XIX Corps. 3 Cdn Div attack on BOLOGNE continued. NORTH half of the town penetrated but enemy holding out in the SOUTH and also in strong points in C.P. GRIZ NEZ area.	

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0130	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep up to 200001L. 1 Pol Armd Div. 3 Pol Inf Bde. 8 Inf Bn reached area D 3306. 9 Inf Bn cleared AXEL 3203, and leading elements on SKUIKREEK in area 3104. HULST 4304 found evacuated and own inf elts now occupying.	
0205	Phantom	Source G2 1 Airborne Div at 1555. Div area now as follows - 697791 - 703788 - 704774 - 688773 - rd junc 685784 - 688783.	
0400	43 Div	Hq now at UDEN on move up.	

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0450	HQ Airtps	6 German Para Div definitely located in REICHSWALD, have made two co-ordinated attacks this pm, both defeated. PW taken. Expect further attacks from REICHSWALD tomorrow. 6 Para Div at SCHOTTHEIDE 818537. Regt HQ 803562. Request most strongly these HQ attacked directly and whole of NW fringe of forest bombed maximum extent. Bomblines 1500 yds NW edge forest. No movement own tps until mission is completed.	Relayed to Army as requested by his tps out of comm.
0500	43 Div	HQ held up behind 130 Bde in area UDEN	Told that 130 Bde are harbouring in area of GRAVES and not to halt behind their coln if that what they are halting for.
0555	Gds Artyl	No news of night's activities as yet,	
0530	43 Div	Coln on move again.	
0600	101 US AB	Wireless out of touch.	
0630	43 Div	Going along well now. 3 miles short of GRAVE.	

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0730	Gds Armd Div	One sqn 2 IG across and one bn 3 IG, also some A tk guns and Honeyys. Americans and ourselves clearing LENT area 7164 with patrols to 731653. Regt HQ 504 at 708648. One bn between there and large lake at 6965. One bn from W edge of lake to river. Civilians say rd is clear and lightly held. Patrol of 2 HCR to OSS area will be sent on to HERTOGENBOSCH area. 130 Bde has not yet begun to relieve WG Gp.	
0740	Recco	Counter attacks against 82 AB Div from REICHSWALD area are continuing this morning.	
0740	Gds Armd Div	Are to send patrol of one sqn from GRAVE to UDEN and HERTOGENBOSCH.	
0830	101 AB Div	<p>501 Para Inf. 3 Bn adv WEST from VECHEL to EERDE, setting up def posn just to WEST of EERDE. No other change.</p> <p>502 Para Inf. 1 Bn maintained def posn around ST OEDENRODE. Withheld light pressure from the WEST. 502 (less 1 Bn) held def posn 1000 yds EAST of WEST. Withdrew to vicinity of ST OEDENRODE at 1700 hrs, in Div res.</p> <p>327 Gli Inf. Held def posn to NORTH of 502 Para Inf. Upon the withdrawal of 502, shortened lines and maintained def lines 3500 yds WEST of ZON and NORTH of WILHELMINA CANAL.</p> <p>506 Para Inf. 1 Bn moved to ZON to assist in holding br over WILHELMINA CANAL. 2 Bn in conjunction with 44 R Tks attached along the axis EINDHOVEN - NUSEN - LEDERWETTEN.</p> <p>Div Arty. 321 Gli FA Bn. direct support 327 Gli Inf.</p> <p>327 Para FA Bn. direct support 502 Para Inf (less 1 Bn). Displaced to OEDENRODE.</p> <p>Div CP. Displaced from ZON to WALFSWINNLE to ST OEDENRODE.</p>	
0945	43 Div	Confirmed that brs 6758 and 6955 are blown.	
1000	2 HCR	Enemy traffic reported through TIEL 4268. Ferry at 5868 reported ready for demolition and enemy withdrawing EAST along NORTH bank of R. WAIL. Enemy forming up for counter attack in 7166 7266.	
1005	Traffic	214 Bde due to arrive conc area 1030 hrs.	

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1015	Gds Armd	RE have pronounced rly br CL 40. At present owing to enemy activity it is impossible to get traffic onto it from SOUTH. 5 Gds Armd Bde. 1 IG Gp loading and all across, WG Gp following now come in area of 60 Northing Grid. 32 Gds Bde, 5 Coldm Gds in sp 82 Airborne Div. Gren Gds Gp remaining area of br. Relief of GRAVE by 130 Bde complete.	
1015	2 HQR	Enemy appear to be holding ELST 7171 fairly strongly. Approx 20 tks reported moving SOUTH in this area.	
1020	Gds Armd	Confirmed rly br at NIJMEGEN is CL 40 but approaches are very weak and blocked by disabled vehicles. Needs some work done before any tks are put across. Trying to find alternative way onto br.	
1030	LC Royals	Patrols at 766544, 763533, 740508, 722503. Dug in enemy inf 722498 and enemy activity 7756.	
1030	R	Intercept from 1 Airborne Div asking for fire 703777. This station is being challenged and reference checked and G(ops) being informed of result.	
1035	Rear Corps	Traffic situation 1000 hrs. Following have crossed SL, Serials K301, 305 - 311 (43 Div arty) Serial K312 (129 Bde Gp) just coming up to SL. Serials G260 - 263 (AA) still frozen NORTH of SL. Serials R723 - 6 (HERITAM br column) not yet ready to leave.	

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1105	G(SD) to Traffic Office Rear	Serials up to K.311 (RA Gp of 43 Div) over SP. K.312 (129 Bde Gp) coming up to SP now. BERTRAM bridging gp to be double-banked under Provost control and brought up as quickly as possible to tail of K.308 (214 Bde Gp). Unfreeze G.260 - 263 (AA Gp) provided no interference with BERTRAM. H. 270 (seaborne tail) remains frozen at present.	
1110	2 HCR	Two coys enemy inf on road 7266 - 7267 holding posn. PW states no order to attack. PW at 715648 from a Pz Jaeger Bn states all HD tpt withdrawn.	
1130	Gds Arm'd	Following infm from Adj't RE 1 Airborne Div who had reached Gds Arm'd Div on foot, leaving at 2000 hrs last night. He is returning today with leading tps Gds Arm'd Div. Fighting yesterday was hard but re-supply was on the whole successful and they are happy about supplies for next two days (except 1 Para Bde). Still no contact with 1 Para Bde, nor do they know how they are off for supplies. Main body of div holding ferry at HEVEADORP which is CL 24, and a stretch of waterfront on NORTH side.	
1135	Traffic Office	Serial K.311 (43 Div Arty) head NORTH of EINDHOVEN.	
1145	LO HCR	1. Fwd tps at 710646 and 709647 and being heavily shelled. 2. No sign of enemy in HERTOGENBOSCH but may be in the outskirts.	
1230	50 Div	Confirmed that they will send 4 Offrs up here to assist with TC. They will leave at once, and report to Corps HQ.	
1230	Gds Arm'd Div	Confirmed that enemy are using THIEL 4268 as an escape route to NORTH.	

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1300	43 Div	214 Bde will cross river at NIJMEGEN by rly br at 1400 hrs. Can they send 4/7 DG over main rd br?	Told yes and to arrange with Gds Armd.
1330	Gds Armd	HQR hold up by A tk gun 334468. There are enemy inf and A tk guns in town of HERTOGENBOSCH. Area between MAAS & WAAL canal clear WEST to grid 40, except for enemy inf at 4267.	
1335	GSI	Gds Armd Div report from Adjt RE 1 Airborne Div - 1) Rly br 7076 one span blown but easy to put Bailey across. 2) Enemy form as follows - (i) Much shelling and some inf infiltrating from high ground to NORTH of main brhead. (ii) Few enemy on SOUTH bank except at SOUTH end of rd br. (iii) Hard core of resistance in ARNHEM consists of 300 SS men and ? parachutists with 10 SP 88mm ("RHINOS") belonging to SS A tk Bn "HILVERSUM" (? Dutch SS). More troops about but not fighting well. (iv) When landing took place 17 Sep surprise was achieved and resistance was not organised.	
1415	Army	News at 1600 hrs. THIRD US Army. XV Corps. Area FORET DE MONDON V.19 - CLERMES SUR MOSELLE - FORET DE DARNEY Z.64. XII Corps. ST JURE U 8739 - PONT A MOUSSON - NANCY - line of rd NANCY to DIEUZE as far EAST as MARSAL Q 1722 thence SOUTH to MARNE - RHINE canal. FIRST US Army. V Corps no change but enemy very active in Corps area. VII Corps. 9 Div no change. 3 Armd Div on gen line K 9735 - F 0241 - STOLBERG - 9244. 1 Div no change. XIX Corps. 30 Div on gen line DOCHOLTZ K 7040 - EYGLSHOVEN 8256 - SCHEPENSEEL 8260. 2 Armd Div TEUVEREN 8463 - 8068 - SUSTERSSEL 7467 - 7069 - TIDDERN 7170 - SITTARD. FIRST CDN Army. 3 Cdn Div are mopping up in DOULOGNE otherwise NTR.	
1415	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep for period 201200A. 2 Cdn Div, 6 Cdn Bde SOUTH of ANTWERP area CONTICH 6987 - LINTH 7306 - DUFFELL 7482. 4 Cdn Bde continuing active patrolling NORTH from ANTWERP reached line 6202 - 6600 - 6800. 8 Cdn Recce Regt completed take over of line Canal DE JUNCTION DE L'ESCAUT from 7994 - 8791 from 11 H. 1 Pol Armd Div, 10 Pol Armd Bde, 1 Pol Armd Regt adv to TENNEUZEN 2811 reached MAGRETTE 3106. 3 Pol Bde continuing adv NORTH to KNAPF 4115. One sqn 1 Pol Armd Regt reached HENGSTDIJL 3811. 8 Pol Inf Bn 3406 with fwd tps 3309. 9 Pol Inf Bn 3205, 10 Pol MTD Ref Regt 3702 with leading sqn 3605. Hq 3 Pol Bde AXEL 330036. 4 Cdn Armd Div. 4 Cdn Armd Bde, 28 Cdn Armd Regt BASSVELDE 1700. Lake SUPR (R) KRABBE 1202. 21 Cdn Armd Regt 0900 with leading tps line LEOPOLD Canal from 0201 - 1103. 10 Cdn Bde adv NORTH reached gen line DOULOGNE 1903 - 2401 - 2601. Hq 10 Cdn Bde 220966. 3 Cdn Div. Hy fighting continues in DOULOGNE, 8 Cdn Bde NSR captured WIMILLE 6958 1100 hrs now have one coy fighting NORTH of WILHEUX 680590. 9 Cdn Bde, NNS Highrs movg S through SD & G Highrs area 660515. 2 Cdn Armd Bde, 27 Cdn Armd Regt now movg to area 6985 S of ANTWERP. 4 SS Bde NTR.	
1417	LO HQR	Area 4267 clear of enemy.	

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1430	Army	Form given.	
1445	12 Corps	HQ 12 Corps 324944.	
1450	Airtps Adv	505 Para Regt area GROESBEEK 7455.	
1455	Phantom	Hold up at ELST 7070 at 1100 hrs.	
1500	GSI	Enemy crossing river 8134 and sending parties up to 7149 and 7045.	43 Div told. Asked to send patrols in this direction if possible. Asked for Tac R.
1503	2 Army	Main HQ opens LINDEL K 3791 211800.	
1505	G(SD)	Serial K.311 (43 Div Arty Gp) reached GRAVE.	
1505	101 AB Div	Dutch civs from HAGUE reports that v.2 bomb has no wings. - is approx 7 metres long. Must be near an electric railway needs 1200 volts. Fired by air compressor and launched from tractors. Locn near rly br in WASSENAR.	
1520	2 HCR	Civ report enemy oil dump 725653. Two enemy tks at 6866 still there.	
1520	Airborne Corps	1 AB Div have requested Polish Para Bde land DZ 685754 - 698755 - 690130 - 682737 NOT DZ.K. Poles to cross by ferry 686767 and conc area HEHELSCH BERG 6977.	
1520	G(Air)	Air Recce reports - 1) TOA 1145 hrs, rly br E7076 one span missing, small rly br E 7377 destroyed. 2) TOA 1210 hrs, large explosion in wood E7383, otherwise no movt area NORTH of ARNHEM. 3) Tac/R TOA 1215 hrs. Drs -	
		Intact	Destroyed
		743768	E707765 ✓
		779761	738775 ✓
		E701540	E682636 ✓
		715526	E693558
		NO gun posns NORTH side of rly E 7069 to E5373.	

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1540	Gds Armd	Following now across river - 2 IG and 3 IG. HQ 5 Armd Bde and 153 Fd Regt. Progress slow as brhd by no means clear. 2 HCR report anti0tk posns at 347467 and SP guns at 345475.	
1545	43 Div	130 Bde have taken over NIJMEGEN brs. 5 Dorsets with coys on far side of each br. 7 Hamps with coys on near side of each. 4 Dorsets less 1 coy at GRAVE, 1 coy at NEERDOSCH 6760.	
1555	G(Air)	Fighter report 1250 hrs. Believed Tac/R active NE of ARNHEM at 8282.	
1600	Phantom	53 Div at 1430 gave posns. 1/5 Welch in HOOGELOON 2814. 7 RWF in VESSEM 2916. 1 ELR have one coy outside HAPERT 2710. HLI are on their way to MIDDLEBEEKERS E 2722. 46 Bde SW of EINDHOVEN.	
1600	Airborne Corps	Tac/R at 1250. Tks active 8282 HQ.	
1610	43 Div	Locn of 82 Airborne Div HQ 735540.	
1610	Phantom	G(Ops) 11 Armd Div sitrep 1450 hrs. 29 Bde, 23 H and 8 RB hold up at NUNEN 4822. 3 R Tks and 3 Mon at GELDROP 4816. adv NORTH. 159 Bde, 2 FF Yoo and 1 Hereford and 4 KSLI area 5911.	
1645	Phantom	1 Airborne Div. Ferry 687767 no longer held by own tps.	
1650	Phantom	1 Airborne Div. At 1500 hrs enemy attacked in force supported by one SP. Attack beaten off.	
1720	Airborne Corps	Landing of 325 Glider Inf for 82 AB Div postponed 24 hrs on account of weather.	
1725	8 Corps	15/19 H reverts command 11 Armd Div forthwith. Continues operate present area until 11 Armd Div firmly est in NUNEN 4822.	

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1800	Gds Armd Div	IG Gp now fully deployed. Inf Bn have had quite a number of cas. WG group trying to get round left but not making much progress. Inf of 43 Div now coming over bridge.	
1830	Air Tps Adv	Civilian eye witness report (thought to be reliable) that Polish Para Bde less gliders landed this afternoon half in area 2 miles WEST of ELST and half in area 1 mile NORTH of ELST. Further civilian report of unknown reliability, that main bridge at ARNHEM is now completely in enemy hands.	
1905	GSI	SS PW captured yesterday at NIJMEGEN state they had come from ARNHEM, but that owing to pressure of British paratps on Northern edge of bridge, that had had to go to NIJMEGEN via EMMERICH E 96.	
1905	GSI	IO 5 Dorsets was rung up by a civilian from ARNHEM. Latter stated that there were about 1000 SS tps in the town, with many sign boards marked with HOHENSTAUFEN (9 SS Div). Stated there were no British tps in the town apart from some paratps hiding in cellars and sniping.	
1940	2 Army	Gave form.	
1942	Airborne Corps	Locn of HQ 724599.	

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2130	Gds Armd	NTR	
2140	69 Bde	Comd 69 Bde told to come to see Corps Comd 0830 hrs tomorrow. Receipt of order acknowledged.	
2225	G(Air)	Tac R report 104 1340 hrs - <u>Bridges</u> Intact E9595 (all) E175811 E184791 E254687 E292608 E294519 E296519 E747768 Destroyed E185307 E8038	
2240		10 CCS est at JUNKERBOSCH 6859	
2355	1 A/B Div	Special sitrep at 212030 hrs. No knowledge elts Div in ARNHEM for 36 hrs. Balance Div in very tight perimeter as before. Hy enemy mortaring and MG fire followed by local attacks. Main nuisance SP guns. Our cas hy. Resources stretched to utmost. Relief within 24 hrs vital.	Corps Comd informed. Sitrep and personal message passed to Comd 43 Div

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0100	Gds Armd	Locns. Hq Gds Armd Div 706566. 2 HCR 691569. 5 Gds Armd Bde 693664. Irish Gds Gp area 702658. W Gds Gp area 7165. Hq 32 Gds Bde 692593. 1 CG 739571. 5 CG 748579. 1 CG 723593. 2 CG 709609. PW Cage 680590.
0200	50 Div	Sitrep 212300 hrs. Locns unchanged.
0230	Army	Tac HQ 2 Army closes present locn K 3685 on 22 Sep: reopens SCHLIFT 409023.
0245	43 Div	Div advances today two up through Gds Armd Div to secure ARNHEM br and make contact with 1 Airborne Div. 214 Bde will attack first lt tomorrow on LEFT and excl of main route to ARNHEM as already ordered. rly br will be used exclusively for conc incl use by tns. 129 Bde will attack NOT before 1000 and adv on main axis NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM using rd br which will be cleared by Gds Armd Div tps under comd 13/18 H less one sqn and hy mortar coy less two pls both ex 130 Inf Bde. They will be conc as ordered by 129 Bde. Royal Netherlands bde will take over the close perimeter defence of the GRUVE br 618543 at first lt tomorrow from 4 Dorset by direct liaison with HQ 130 Inf Bde. Task. Close all round defence of br incl the dispatch of one recon to down rd

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		running EAST-SOUTH of R MMS. Recce on the WEST is being carried out by HRC. 130 Inf Bde. 4 Dorset less one coy on br at 6760 will conc near Hq 130 Bde and have a prepared plan to assist in the defence of NIJMEGEN rd br against attack from the EAST. 69 Bde 50 Div is relieving 130 Bde of all br-guarding responsibilities some time tomorrow. 130 Bde on relief will then revert to div res. 69 Bde will then temporarily assume comd of ROYAL NETHERLAND Bde at GRAVE.	
0330	Rear 30 Corps	61 Recce Regt cannot be released by 8 Corps. This confirmed by Army Commander. All serials on move less Inf Bn of 52 Div due to lack of tp-carrying tpt and RE Tps which move earliest 22.	DGS informed
0435	2 Army Main	Permission given to move fwd 7 Med Regt and two btys 73 & 1st Regt as requested	30 Corps Rear, G2(RL), informed
0500	q Rear 30 Corps	Three CGCs now open JONKER-BOCHIE 3 CCS ?	See 212240
0530	Airborne Corps	Sitrep as at 212330Z. 1 Airborne Div. Latest sitrep dated 212030Z states no knowledge of 1 Para Bde for 36 hrs. 1 Para Bde last known to be holding North end of main br at ARNHEM, covering it with fire having removed charges. Latest civilian reports state no Brit tps left in town ARNHEM except for isolated snipers holding out near br. Remainder of div holding tight def locality sta 704774 688772 685784 696794 rly to 704788. No longer retain control ferry crossing 683766. Regular and accurate mortaring and shelling by sp guns for last two days. Hy cas to Airldg bde. 1 Para Bde not known but believed hy. 4 Para Bde fairly hy. Supply situation of div less 1 Para Bde satisfactory after yesterday's supply drop. Div's resources stretched to utmost. Offr and sgt of div succeeded in making way from ARNHEM to NIJMEGEN through enemy lines with infn. Unknown proportion Polish para Bde dropped in area immediately WEST and NORTH of ELST 7070 approx 1714 hrs. Civilian reports that paratps dropped very near enemy and were fired on by MGs as they landed. Unknown number of a/c did not drop paratps owing to weather. Losses of a/c reported hy. Third lift did not come in owing to weather. 82 US Airborne Div. Sharp attacks from South and SW during morning but not serious threat. Attacks at BEEK and UBERGEN troublesome owing to close nature of terrain. Def posns not changed except for para inf regt which was relieved of brhead at NIJMEGEN by 130 Bde and came into res.	
0555	LO 30 Corps	129 Bde are through and in their longer area except for one Pz Abn and Adn Gp which at 0530 hrs were coming up towards br.	DGS informed.

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0740	Army	Main HQ 8 Corps closes present loan 1200 22 Sep and re-opens area CO ENT E432025.	
0741	12 Corps	Sitrep at 211200A. 53 Div. 71 Bde adv to protect 30 Corps. Leading elts 1 Ox and Ducks have crossed canal at E3125 but have NOT yet entered OIRSCHOT which is still held by enemy. 4 RWF are at present thrusting towards WINTELRE 3518 and 7 RWF towards VESSEL 2916 both of which are in enemy hands. 158 Bde in area 3612 - 2910 with leading elts at 272108. 160 Bde area 2805 - 3000 - 2597. 46 Bde under comd 53 Div. Hold brhead area 3090 with 9 Cameronians. Remainder of bde at present on move to area WEST and SOUTHWEST of EINDHOVEN. 15 Div and 7 Armd Div NTR. CL 40 hr opens K 3097 211530A. 15 Div move to E 390157. HQ 7 Armd Div at K 140378.	
0850	43 Div	On the left things are going very well. HQR have made contact with 1 Airborne Div in area OOSTERBEEK. 214 Bde going ahead well without fire plan. On the right situation is not so good as enemy appear to be following 504 RCT in.	
0900	Traffic LO	43 Recce Regt Gp now all across GRAVE br. 69 Bde head 6 miles NORTH of EINDHOVEN and going well. All traffic in front of them is frozen and road is clear.	
0	Gds Armd	Ref entry of 0850 hrs. Now confirmed that HQR are NOT in touch with 1 Airborne Div, but ARE in touch with Polish Para Bde 600 yds SOUTH of river.	
		HQR patrol have reached NEDERIJN in area ferry 6876 - this ferry has been destroyed. Enemy held NORTH end of rly br 7076. 1 Airborne Div held NORTH bank of river 6976.	

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0950	Army	Chief of Staff and BRA arriving airstrip 704574, 1330 hrs. Please meet.	Airborne Corps told. LO with car told to meet.
1015	Airtps Adv	504 Para Inf Regt now out less one bn, which is remaining NORTH of river to guard EAST flank till 69 Bde are established.	
1020	Airtps Adv	Following from 1 Airborne Div - 0555 hrs. Have failed to regain ferry crossing but an assault crossing from SOUTH bank should be practicable provided that enemy posns at 685771, 689774 and 688771 are thoroughly neutralized. 500 Poles are digging in on SOUTH bank and require arty sp.	Told 43 Div
1100	HCR	Paratps 675756 - 6781760 - 681750. HCR patrols 681746 and 689741.	
1115	HCR	ELDEN 7375 held by enemy. Rd br ARNHEM alright but rly br blown. Part of pontoon br missing.	
1120	Traffic	Head of 69 Bde reached GRAVE 1110 hrs.	✓
1130	Airtps Adv	Following from 1 Airborne Div - 0830 hrs. Movt no longer possible. Relief coln should be directed of rly 705785 - 688797.	

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1145	Corps Comd	SRV to return to comd 8 Armd Bde to be conc by 1700 hrs today. In place Coldn Gds Gp will be put under comd 82 Airborne Div.	Told Air-borne Corps
1200	101 Div	Civilians report heavy enemy movt from GEMERT to DOEKEL 5736 then WEST towards ERP. Est strength 400 incl some tks and tracked vehs.	
1230	8 Corps	3 Br Div have now reached WEERT 5897. 11 Armd Div have 2 FF Yco in ASTEN 6113. 3 R Tks on line of rd VEGHEL - HELMOND and will eventually clear road ZON - HELMOND - EINDHOVEN.	43 Div } Gds Armd } Airborne } told Corps }
1235	2 HCR	Polos suggest suitable place for br at 695769. Little black lines shown along river bank on map are made of stone and only need moderate amount of attention by bulldozers. SOUTH bank of river under enemy fire.	
1245	Army	71 Bde fwd elts OIRSCHOT 3125. 46 Bde have 7 Seaforth across canal at 3025. 158 Bde fwd elts at MOOGHELOON 2014 and 3218. 44 Bde area 3608. 227 Bde area 0892.	43 Div } Gds Armd } Airborne } told Corps }
1250	GSI	Resistance report br 771455 blown and ship filled with explosives near loch at SAMDEEK E7839. They think it may be used to blow the weir.	
1255	69 Bde	Now movg to area 7059.	
1300	G(Air)	RAF will engage FACTORY 7476 this afternoon - exact time not known.	

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1315	1 Br Air-borne Div	<p>Demand for air sp -</p> <p>A) Three areas indicated by -</p> <p>i) 675772, 682769, 679766, 674769.</p> <p>ii) 678783, 680775, 674774, 672872.</p> <p>iii) 715780, 712774, 708781.</p> <p>B) As soon as possible.</p> <p>C) As per last sitrep from 1 Airborne Div</p> <p>D) NOT applicable.</p>	
1340	TCP EINDHOVEN	Maquis coming up road from MILL 6445 report enemy guns getting into posn 7 km SE of LANGEBOORN 6146.	
1340	LO HCR	359586 held by SS.	
1342	69 Bde	Temporary loan 705586.	
1345	Phantom	15 (S) Div. 15 Recce Regt directed on BOXTEL 3234 and OIRSCHOTE 3125 to proceed 44 Bde and move across br 389251 when WEST is cleaned of enemy by 2 Glas Highrs.	
1415	101 US Air-borne Div	About 30 tks and inf have out rd between VEGHEL and UDEN.	<p>Confirmed by DR from UDEN, from RN Bde and several other sources. Also that UDEN is at the moment in enemy hands.</p>
1435	To 101 US Div (2 Gds Armd Div) 9/10?	Regtl Gp Gds Armd Div being sent from NORTH to help deal with trouble. Take command all 30 Corps Tps in area incl Med Arty and remove nuisance to L of C.	<p>Army told.</p> <p>101 was to take command see WD 91A. Appx A/22/101.</p>
1515	2 HCR	GSO.1 of 1 Airborne Div has reached Gen HQ of 2 HCR. He says that urgency of relief is great and they are short of men and mon. Poles are being organised with difficulty. A few DUWKS would help the situation considerably. Gen Comd HCR thinks some tks might get through.	

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1530	12 Corps	15 (S) Div. 46 Bde have ferries across canal at 3825 also one bn area 3124. 53 (W) Div. 53 Recce Regt in contact with enemy 2418 2614 2512. 71 Bde have bn area 2721. 158 Bde have bn est 2817. 160 Bde no change. 7 Armd Div no change.	
1555	Phantom 15 Div	C1 9 br at 389251 complete. One coy Seaforths area BEST 3726 - encountering enemy opposition. 2 Glas Highrs taking over.	
1600	Phantom 11 Armd Div	2 FF Yeo 619156. 15/19 H two sqns protecting crossing and one sqn still under command 101 Airborne Div. 3 R Tks and 3 Mon on outskirts of HELMOND - believed main br blown. 23 H and 8 RB at STIPHOUT working SOUTH.	Airborne Corps, 43 Div told
1705	69 Bde	5 EY completed relief and HQ at 710635. 7 GH 709628. HQ 69 Bde 694567. Remaining bn still stuck behind UDEN.	
1740	43 Div	7 Som LI no on objective rd junc 676668 snd to NE 5 DCLI with sqn of 4/7 DG have been going through them for 15 minutes and not encountered any opposition yet.	
1755	Airborne Corps	Requirement of tpt to 1 ft 505 RCT if it has to attack NORTH is approx 100 DUKWS plus 25 amn trucks (personnel to be lifted are 1900).	

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1800	69 Bde	61 Recce Regt patrolling WEST between Rs. MAAL and WAAL report no contact as far WEST as Afferden 5567 5261 and 5263	
1810	SRV LO with 82 Div	Patrol reports - Some enemy inf have tried to push NORTH in area 7350 but have been dealt with. Enemy inf, arty and mortars in area 7550, but no attempt to move NORTH. Enemy inf in WYLER 7858. Some enemy in 7662, but area between there and NIJMEGEN now clear.	
1830	G(Air)	Attack by 24 Typhoons at 1530 hrs on factory SOUTH of ARNHEM reported successful. Fire in WEST end of it. RAF asked to do it again. (43 Div and Airborne Corps agreed)	
1830	G(Air)	Tac/R TOA 1400 hrs. E.495370 - 488374 - 30 cam tks fog and firing. NW.E.503365 - 20 tks NW. E.5037 - 30 tks firing WEST. E.4936 - 20 tks firing NW. E.5536 - 10 tks and 5 MET move WEST.	
1830	G(Air)	F/B attacks on concs of MET area BOERNDONK E.5532 proceeding satisfactorily.	
1840	G(Air)	Tac/R TOA 1830. NMS TILBURG HERTOGEN BOSCH, scattered MET HERTOGEN BOSCH to EINDHOVEN, conc MET heading SOUTH BOXTEL. Lt flak E.5833. NMS rd E.5830 - 4838 - 3246.	

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1830	Airtps Adv	325 Glider Inf Regt and Glider clt Poles will not land today.	
1835	2 HCR	Enemy still reported in VEGHEL but not confirmed.	
1845	69 Bde	Preliminary patrol reports from R. Netherlands Bde. Village of CUYK 7149 has been shelled from far bank and some houses are on fire. Contact with a few enemy at OEFFELT 7646. No other enemy seen.	
1910	43 Div	DOLI are now $\frac{1}{2}$ mile short of VALBURG and going very well. 4 Wilts have reached 696673 - opposition is very stiff and every little wood has to be cleared, tks are of little value owing to ground. 5 Wilts now coming up on their right.	
1915	2 HCR	Patrols towards OSS and HERTOGENBOSCH report no contact EAST of these places.	
1925	43 Div	5 DOLI now 1 mile short of R. NEDERELIJN. 1 Wores following close behind and will harbour for night in VALBURG 6670. 5 DOLI will cross river in DUKWS tonight with food, amm and supplies for 1 Airborne Div.	
1930	Gds Armd	Patrols Gren Gds Gp have reached 4938 and report no sign of enemy. Are going on to make contact with people in VEGHEL. Remainder Gren Gds in UDEN where they will harbour for night. Coldm Gp harbouring about 3 miles SOUTH of GRAVE with HQ 32 Gds Bde.	
1932	8 Armd Bde	13/18 H 692614, SRY 720584, 12 KREC 664570.	

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1945	LO 2 HCR	Enemy at 6652 and 6444. Enemy est 150 men and 30 tks at 4837. 43 Div leading tps making contact with 2 HCR patrols SW of ARNHEM.	
2005	LO	<p>129 Bde. One Bn WEST of rly in area 7067. One Bn moving up on right between rly and rd. Slow progress opposition includes 4 PGR with tks and one or two SP guns.</p> <p>214 Bde. 7 Som LI captured enemy posn area 680668. Total PW 131 with KO two tks captured one tk. 5 DCLI passed through 7 Som LI and are reported to have contacted Poles on river.</p> <p>1 Worcs following up behind 5 DCLI. Sqn Recco Regt in SLIJK EWLJK with patrols to 650673. Tomorrow's intention is for 1 Worcs to capture ELST and 7 Som LI to hold VALBURG.</p>	<p>Told Airborne Corps</p> <p>Gds Armd</p> <p>69 Bde</p> <p>Army</p>
2025	43 Div	Confirmed that 5 DCLI have linked up with Poles on river bank.	
2045	12 Corps	Given running rights over ZON Bridge for one armd regtl gp tonight or first light tomorrow. To arrange details direct with Traffic Office Rear Corps.	Copy to Rear Corps
2130	Gds Armd	32 Bde have made contact with enemy inf area 510400.	
2135	Airtps Adv	<p>Sitrep as at 221200A. 1 Airborne Div. Sitrep recd 220830A stated div had lost control ferry crossing and were no longer on NORTH bank of river. enemy posns 685771 - 689774 - 688771. Latest known perimeter of def 695792 - 693787 - 690778 - 685772 - NORTH through wood to 687783 to X-rds 686784. No further attempt possible to regain control of ferry. Centre of Div resistance at HART STEIN 694786. Hy mortaring and shelling. Div reported 500 Poles digging in on SOUTH bank of river. 43 Div directed on OOSTERBEEK ferry to effect relief today if humanly possible.</p> <p>At approx 0900 HCR were reported to have gained contact with 1 Div at river. HCR reported contacted elts of Polish Para Bde 500 yds SOUTH of river. OOSTERBEEK ferry crossing destroyed by enemy who also hold NORTH end of rly br 7076. 30 Corps are affording fullest arty sp with fire observed 1 Div OPs. Civilian reports est 2000 Brit paratps being marched NORTH out of ARNHEM. 82 US Airborne Div. 504 Para Bde began move this morning to clear enemy from bend in river between NIJMEGEN and ERLEKON 7862. 101 US Airborne Div came under command Br Airborne Corps 221200A. Remain present loon until further orders. 501 Para Regt at VEGHEL E4838. 502 Para Regt at LIENPOE 3632. 527 Glider Regt at SONSCHHE HEIDE E4226. 506 Para Regt EINDHOVEN E 4317. HQ 101 ST OEDENRODE E4332.</p>	
2140	G(Air)	Tac/R 1440 hrs. NMS rds E3246 - 4838 1820 hrs. NMS rds E7241 6524 5522 4436 3939 5408.	

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2140	G(Air)	Tac/R 1440 hrs. Brs down - 054075 057077 165080 343052 199149 306253 170340 182316 Middle br E273520 intact - other two down.	
2150	Phantom	Source G1 11 Armd Div. 1845 hrs. 23H and 8 RB conc VAARSEL 5611. 29 Bde HQ 568118. 159 Bde HQ 587123. Remainder no change. 23H and 8RB cross canal at ZOMEREN at 5911 tomorrow.	
2200	1 Air- borne Div	2025 hrs. Perimeter unchanged since last sitrep. Polish Para Bde on South bank of river approx area grid South 75 West 68 East 70.	
2225	G3(SD)	Message from Traffic Regulating Point at VEGHEL. Enemy covering rd 500 yds North of town. Anticipate no traffic possible until tomorrow. Gds patrol South from UDEN has not est contact.	
2300	G(Air)	Tac/R 1805. 100 plus ALA and intense flak VENLO. Deep trend to WEST of VENLO.	

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2345	43 Div	Smoke coy to be at 1 hrs notice from 1000 hrs tomorrow. Will probably go under command 130 Bde.	
2400	43 Div	Having difficulties in getting across river to 1 Airborne Div but expect to manage it with help of Poles.	DGS told. Airborne Corps told.

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0100	43 Div	<p>Sitrep at 222300A. Bde areas.</p> <p>129 Inf Bde. 4 Wilts 695673 5 Wilts 712654. 4 Som LI 710618 Bde HQ 710617. 130 Inf Bde. 7 Hamps 606648 4 Dorset 695614 5 Dorset 680606 Bde HQ 693613. 214 Inf Bde. 7 Som LI 676667 1 Wore R 6670 5 DCLI 6875. 43 Recce Regt less two sqns 665665. 43 Div HQ 710587. Gun areas 94 Fd Regt 667600. 112 Fd Regt 669582 179 Fd Regt 678612 147 Fd Regt 683617 64 Mod Regt 658593.</p> <p>Today's activities. 214 Inf Bde attacked at approx 0830 hrs to break out from the brhd over R WAAL on the Western axis. Stubborn resistance was encountered. 7 Som LI carried out a successful attack to capture OOSTERHOUT 6766 knocking out several enemy tks and taking approx 150 PW. Subsequently a special coln consisting of 5 DCLI with one sqn 4/7 DG adv via VALLBERG 6670 to contact Polish Para Bde on the Southern bank of the NEDERRIJN. Latest reports indicate that the Poles will assist in passing the sups for 1 Airborne Div over the river. 129 Inf Bde 4 and 5 Wilts met stubborn enemy resistance in difficult country over which tks could not be used. 43 Recce Regt - one sqn reached rd junc 643675. 69 Inf Bde of 50 Div relieved 130 Inf Bde of the br protection role at NIJMEGEN.</p> <p>Netherlands Bde received 4 Dorset of resp onsibility for protection of GRAVE br. Div arty continued to sp Airborne Corps and 30 Corps. Future intentions. To attack and capture ELST 7070. To est contact with 1 Airborne Div on SOUTH bank of the NEDERRIJN.</p>	
0100	Airtps Main	<p>304 Para Inf Regt have cleared sector NIJMEGEN - line of river to 764645 - thence line running SE to incl UBERGEN 739615. Intend to hold this sector also cleared to WERCHEREN 768621 but meeting strong apposition and these coys withdrawn to line of high ground along rd NIJMEGEN - WYLER tonight under cover of darkness. Will try again tomorrow,</p>	

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0100	69 Bde	Sitrep at 2000 hrs 22 Sep. Own Tps. Loons. Hq 69 Bde 694567, 5 E Yorks 710635, 7 G Howards 714628, sgn 61 Recce Regt 650592, 186 Rd Amb 687571, 82 LAA Bty 694567, 233 Rd Coy RE 713596. 69 Bde Gp moved from area SOUTH of ESCAUT Canal at 211530A. Owing to enemy force cutting rd between UDEN 5342 and VEGHEL 4837 only part of bde got through. Still remaining SOUTH of enemy are 6 G Howards, 124 Rd Regt, 186 Rd Amb less one sec, part 233 Rd Coy, part 82 LAA Bty, part 99 A Tk Bty, part C Coy 2 Cheshire. 5 E Yorks completed relief of 5 Dorset in role of close protection of hrs 7063 and 7163 by 1545 hrs. No contact with enemy. 7 G Howards took over close protection of hrs on SOUTH bank of R WAAL at 1630 hrs. Patrol report. Patrol by Dutch Bde to CUYT 7149 where there is some enemy shelling and two or three houses on fire. Patrol proceeded to STE AGATHA 7347 where six enemy seen, two killed, identification 1 Bn 11 NEUMUNSTER. Patrol proceed to GEFELT 7546, BEUGEN 7543, HANS 7045, ST HUBERT 6744, MILL 6444, REERS 6849 - no sign of enemy. No sign of enemy bridging R MAAS on this flank but our reports of ferry in use between CUYK and GEFELT. Enemy. Four shells landed area 7086.9 at approx 1400 hrs. Ten PW taken by 43 Div evacuated through 5 E Yorks - identification, 4 PG Ers Bn. Two PW surrendered to 7 G Howards at 1800 hrs. Hy enemy shelling br 472369 during 7 G Howards' move across causing five cas. Two A tk guns and two pls of 7 G Howards commandeered by Maj-Gen US Forces to assist in repelling counter attack area VEGHEL 4737. Enemy shelling NIEUMUNSTER during evening.	
0130	43 Div	Contact made with 1 Airborne Div - Rafting supplies in progress	
0135	1 AB	Sitrep at 212015. Remain out of touch with 1 Para Bde. Hard fighting all day. Perimeter as follows. Crossroads 695792 - 693787 - 695786 - rd junc 698730 along rd to 696773 thence WEST to 690772 NORTH through wood to 687783 cross rds 687786. Perimeter pierced in place. Enemy force sp by tracked vehs, tks and SP guns attacked KOSB from NORTH. KOSB successfully repelled attack 1730 hrs knocking out 20 more tks and regaining original posns. Enemy force sp by SP guns continued attack throughout afternoon on front held by ? . Borders cross rds 685703 to 687771. Many other persistent attacks sp by SP guns successfully driven off. Total bag tks approx 15. Considerable arty and mortar fire experienced in div area all day. Excellent shooting by med arty was of considerable assistance. Supply drop moderately successful - a/c heavily opposed by air and ground. NOT yet in touch with Polish Bde. Perimeter further reduced tonight	

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0135	43 Div	Transfers. The following transfers to 130 Inf Bde will be effected 0600 hrs 23 Sep. This confirms verbal orders already given. 13/18 H from 129 Bde. RE Recce Parties from 214 Bde. One coy 12 KRRC to take over br 671605 from coy 4 Dorset. One pl by mortars from 129 Bde. Tentacle from 129 Bde. Traffic control. The following moves will take place over WEST rly br 23 Sep. 43 Recce Regt less two sqns to be clear by 0530 hrs. 130 Inf Bde Gp less 112 Fd Regt and A echs will be clear by 0800 hrs. 112 Fd Regt will cross at 0800 hrs taking priority should tail of 130 Inf Bde NOT be clear. Application for timings for other movements will be made to Div HQ. Recce. 43 Recce Regt will report as early as possible whether rd HAMOET 6671 - BATERHOEK 6474 is clear - the regt will harbour night 23/24 Sep in following areas blocking rds from WEST. WEST of VALBURG 6669. LOENEN 6467. Movement. 7 Sqn LI will clear OOSTERHOUT 6766 by 0630 hrs so as to clear rd for 130 Inf Bde. It is possible that remainder of Div arty will cross brs over NIJMEGEN after attack by 214 Inf Bde on ELST which will NOT take place before 1000 hrs 23 Sep.	
0530	Airborne Corps	Sitrep at 222359A. 1 Airborne Div. Message originating 221045A states perimeter now 696784 - 696774 - WEST to 688774 - NORTH to 688785 - 694788. Sitrep from 1 Div dated 212230A states enemy sp by tracked vehs, tks and SP guns. 1 Div constructing barbed wire to contact poles across river. 82 US AB Div. 2 Bn of 504 Para Inf Regt has cleared area 718638 - 740653 - 760650 - 765645 - 738615. 3 Bn pushed out to area 742612 - 769621 but met by enemy resistance and forced to withdraw area UBERGEM under cover of darkness. Trying again tomorrow. 101 US AB Div. Enemy coln cut rd area 5140 with 30 tks and inf at 221400A. 101 Div loans to counter enemy attempt at infiltration on main axis are now 501 Para Regt area SCHINDEL - DINTHER - EERD. 327 Glider Inf Regt VEGHEL with sqn Staffs Yoc and bty 75 mm under comd. Dn 501 in ZON. Div HQ moving VEGHEL tonight.	
0120	Phantom	15(S)Div 2300 hrs. Intention 23 Sep. 5 RTR u/c 227 Bde from 0800 hrs, 227 Bde Gp less 10 HLI to move area 4123 at 0800 hrs in Army res. 15 Recce to apas through 46 Bde brhd at 0600 hrs and recce area N to line R.DOMMIE incl BOXTEL. 44 Bde to be prepared follow recce from 0745 hrs directed on BOXTEL.	
2401	Army	Third US Army now over river MOSELLE on its entire front except from incl METZ Northwards. XII Corps CHATEAU SALINES Q.1025. XV Corps 2 miles WEST of BACCARAT V.2684. First US Army. Enemy continues to be active on Army front and shows no sign of withdrawal. XIX Corps. 1 Armd Div on line of rd SITTARD K.8668 to 4 miles WEST of GEILENKIRCHEN 8664. VII Corps. No change. V Corps. 5 Armd Div has withdrawn from adv posns and is conc SOUTH of METTENDORF P.9852. First Cdn Army. Floish Atmd Div have cleared area from WEST of SCHELDE to TERNEUZEN D.2812. 3 Cdn Inf Div. Fighting still continues in WEST of BOULOGNE 4500 PW taken up to 201600 hrs. Otherwise NTR.	

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0648	69 Bde	NTR from two bns and Dutch Bde.	
0656	Traffic Office	<p>The following operational moves will take place 23 Sep and have complete priority.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Ex JOE's Bridge 61 Recce Regt 0545 hrs. 2) Ex VALKENSWAARD 231 Bde Gp 0600 - 0930 hrs. 3) Ex JOE's Bridge Main 50 Div 0930 hrs - 1015 hrs. 4) Ex JOE's Bridge 151 Bde Gp 1030 hrs - 1330 hrs. 5) Ex JOE's Bridge Rear 50 Div Gp 1345 hrs - 1745 hrs. <p>Route CLUB to general area VEGHEL and SOUTH. All traffic at present on Main axis from JOE's Bridge to VEGHEL is sealed and will remain off the road until released by Traffic Office Rear 30 Corps. NO transport other than 50 Div traffic will be permitted on the main axis without ref either to 50 Div HQ or Traffic Office Rear 30 Corps. 1 1/2 secs Pro 10 Grn remain u/c No 1 Reg HQ and will be used to the full with Corps Pro and 50 Div Pro to ensure quick passage of 50 Div.</p>	
0705	43 Div	5 DCLI have asked for assault boats which are now on way up to them. 43 Div RA report that some stores are across on rafts but 214 Bde have no knowledge. 43 Div Recce are just NE of NIJMEGEN br. 130 Bde Gp in process crossing NIJMEGEN rly br and have about one bn gp across.	
0715	Gds Arm'd	5 Bde NTR. 32 Bde Gron Gp at UDEN report that at 0200 hrs there were enemy with bazookas at 510400. Enemy est 150 inf and 5 tks at 435370. 300 inf & one SP gun at 455377. Panther tracks have been identified in area.	
0800	Gds Arm'd	Comd 32 Gds Bde wants to get back from OSS the coy of inf that he sent there. Can we replace them by anything else?	Spoke BGS. Replied - Regret not possible at present. Will try later in the day.
0915	HCR	Enemy in 7266 and 7267.	
0940	GSI 43 Div	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Slight counter attack against 5 Wilts at 709673 at 0900 hrs. 2) Fair amount of movt between EIST and VALBERG 6770 indicating enemy reaction to our success on left flank. 3) Pocket at 662689 but nothing big. 	

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0940	Gds Armd	Rd is out half way between UDEN and VEGHEL - not sure whether enemy actually on rd or not. Civilians report about 15 tks at VOLKEL and some tks 5238. In contact with 101 Div at VEGHEL and plans being made to deal with enemy.	
0950	2 HCR	Friends report enemy tks 700673 and 690680.	
0955	2 HCR	Rly and rd bridges SW of GENNET 7746 blown.	
1000	8 Corps	Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 21 Sep. 11 Armd Div. Adv Northwards to dominate the area between ZON 4425 and HELMOND and by last light 29 Armd Bde were thus disposed. 3 R Tks NEDERWETTEN 4623, 23 H and 8 RB area NUNEM 4822, 3 Mon 5218. 23 H destroyed 3 tks, one halftrack, one armd car and one staff car. Inf have been shot up near HELMOND. 159 Bde are bridging at 602128. One bn crossed at this pt just before last light. 15/19 H reverted to comd 11 Armd Div. 3 Br Div. Moved up to take over from 11 Armd Div and have est themselves with 8 Bde in the area between BOSCHE 5099 excl WEERT. 9 Bde area SOERENDONK - MARNEK ? 1103. 185 Bde has two bns over the canal in the area ACHEL and one bn still SE of LILLE ST HUBERT. 50 Div NTR. 4 Armd Bde and 1 Indep Belgian Bde no change. HQ 8 Corps est 473874.	
1002	Airtps Main	TOA for Polish Para Bde and 82 US Airborne Div Gliders 1400 hrs 23 Sep.	
*1005	2 HCR	HCR patrols withdrawn from area 5640 as our tks are now in area. Few tks on CL between SCHERPENZEEL 4859 and VEGHEL. One HCR Sqn op 32 Gds Bde area. Other sqn in res near GRAVE. Enemy digging in 519400. Civilian report of 14 half tracks and mines being laid in fields.	
1010	Gds Armd	HQ IG Gp 702658, HQ WG Gp 704643. 32 Gds Bde and Coldn Gp 612517. Gren Gp UDEN.	
1020	69 Bde	Dutch Bde patrols report 200 enemy dig ing in on NORTH bank of river near MIDDELAAR 7448.	
1030	69 Bde	At request of Airborne Corps 69 Bde asked to liaise with 82 Airborne Div about patrolling on SOUTH side of MEUSE, to avoid possibility of a clash.	

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1040	Airtps Adv	HQ Seaborne tail 739598.	
1050	1 Airborne Div	Sitrep as at 221930A. Perimeter unchanged. Posn heavily shelled and mortared during day. Minor attack defeated and some SP guns KO'd.	
1100	LO HCR	6670 and 6672 clear.	
1105	RA	Following from OP near bank of NEDERRIJN. - Parties of Poles and DCLI at 677758 - 680753 - 681747. Our tks have been to 695765 this morning and met no opposition.	
1110	1 Airborne Div	As result of shoot by 64 Med Regt area 680782 one enemy tk was KO'd and attack petered out, (1000 hrs).	
1112	Phantom	C of S 101 Airborne Div 0900 hrs. Mk IV and Mk V tks on move again this morning in area VEGHEL. Numbers not known.	
1115	Phantom	LO from Gds Armd Div says leading tps Gren Gds at 5140.	
1120	43 Div	5 DCLI report leading bn 130 Bde now in their area. Smoke det required as soon as possible - to report to HQ 5 DCLI 685755.	G.3(CW)
1130	RA	64 Med Regt engaging two coys inf and SP guns now attacking 1 Airborne Div at 682776.	
1135	50 Div	Locn 50 Div HQ 442236.	
1145	2 HCR	Patrol fired on by AP MG and SA fire at 689719. One enemy tk in this area	

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1210	69 Bde	61 Rocce Regt report 10 enemy inf with MG at DRUTEN 4368.	
1215	Gds ArmI	Plan has now been made for 44 R Tks to adv on UDEN 5342 and ERP 5235. Gren Gp are attacking now at 510401 and at BUTSCHEUVEL 5240 and meeting little opposition. Coldm Gp are going round by VOLKEL 5640 and BOEKEL 5736.	
1220	GS1	Civilian report NO Germans in ELST itself. 7 or 8 enemy tks incl Tigers and M4 IV moved NORTH early this morning. Enemy inf withdrew EAST towards WAAL - RHINE junction where there are pontoons and ferries. At ZAER 700739 there may be still some 4 Tk guns.	43 Div told.
1225	RA	OP near river reports 50 Poles have crossed but no subs. DUKES no use on account of ground.	
1230	Airborne Corps Tac & in Army 8 and 12 Corps	Form given.	
1245	Phantom	3 Br Div 0900 hrs. Intentions today. 185 Bde Gp relieve 159 Bde near ASTEN 6113 on capture of DEURNE 6520 by 11 Arm Div. 9 Bde Gp sp and then pass through and take over DEURNE this evening. 8 Bde remain present locn with one Bn in brhd at WEERT 5897. 8 Corps. 29 Arm Div ordered to pass through 159 Bde in area ZOMBEKEN directed on DEURNE - BAKEL 6124 - GEMERT. 12 Corps 1230 hrs. Corps Comd appreciates enemy withdrawn from ESCUT Canal on 7 Arm Div front.	

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1300	43 Div	5 Dorsets have reached final objective in area of river. Being shelled from ELST. 1 Wore in VALBURG being counterattacked from ELST and zero for their attack on ELST has been postponed. 130 Bde traffic is still movg. 4 Som LI are movg up on left of 4 Wilts.	
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1315	Airborne Corps Gds Arm'd 43 Div 69 Bde	Given 8 and 12 Corps form.	
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1325	Traffic Office	TCP VEGHEL reports enemy tks and inf attacking from SE to NW along line of canal. 50 Div beginning to arrive and Div Comd taking charge.	
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1330	Airborne Corps	Unit	Locn	Strength
		1 Br Airborne Div		
		1 Borders	690779	150
		Para elts & {	692773	
		Lt Regt R4 { -	696774	
		KOSB	694780	150
		Roccc	696788	60
		Div tps	695779	
		21 Ind Para Coy	697784	120
		4 Para Bde HQ		
		RASC		60
		REME		
		Ord		

11 Bn 100
50 Poles were ferried over to 1 Div last night.

1332	69 Bde	At 1300 hrs at 5069 enemy OP observed and enemy inf walking about village. Reliable civilian reports that there are 150 enemy at TIEL 4068 incl 50 SS and one tk.	
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1400	2 HCR	50 enemy in area 7541.	
1430	Gds Arm'd	32 Gds Bde and 44 R Tks have joined up. Quite happy about recognition signals. Now 7000 yds SOUTH of UDEN.	
1435	L0 HCR	An arm'd battle appears to be in progress at VOLKEL 5640.	
1500	43 Div	Two bns 130 Bde are just short of river - movement on actual bank draws fire, but no doubt about getting stuff across tonight. 214 Bde saw off counter attack and their own attack started 1430 hrs.	
1515	Airborne Corps	Polish Gliders landing DZ "O" 1600 hrs. Re- supply 1 Airborne Div 1610 hrs and 1650 hrs. 82 Div - Airlanding Bde arrives in two lifts 214 a/c 1600 hrs 193 a/c 1700 hrs.	
1520	G(SD)	44 R Tks have pushed up from VEGHEL to meet Guards Arm'd and are now quite close to them. Still some activity on SOUTH edge of town.	
1530	43 Div	7 Hamps have joined 5 DCLI on SOUTH bank of river. Exact locn not known. Attack on ELST started on time but no news of progress so far.	
1545	G(SD)	44 R Tks and Guards have linked up. Rd now clear and blocks of ten vehicles being sent through every three minutes. Enemy still in area 5336.	
1550	Airborne Corps	Area 763700 - 775632 - WEST of NIJMEGEN now clear of enemy.	

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1640	Airborne Corps	Sitrep as at 231200A. 1 Airborne Div. by LO 231100A. Perimeter now 687792 - 695792 - 700775 - 688772 - 685780. No news 1 Para Bde. Short am rations mod. By mortaring shelling. Div third-quarter strength. Polish Para Bde. One Coy ferried night 22/23 Sep to 1 Airborne Div. Remainder str 750 area DRIEL 6875. 82 US Airborne Div. Def posns unchanged. Area NIJMEGEN - EERSINGEN 7462 - ERIEKOM 7762 almost clear of enemy. 101 US Airborne Div. Posns unchanged. 44 R Tks adv UDEN and ERP 5235. CG attacking at 510401 and 5240. Little opposition.	
1635	Phantom	32 Gds Bde 1550 hrs. Rd now open and fighting tps passing up and down it. 5 CG in possession of their objective act no tks or SP but KO one 4/Tk gun.	
1730	2 Army	231 Bde NORTH and EAST of village at 4626 but SOUTH of rd between 435306 - 483300 - 513270. 151 Bde adv to 4820. 11 Armd Div area ASTEN.	
1745	Phantom 53 Div	Oss & Bucks moving SOUTH to 2721 where 1 HLI and 5 DG are held up. 158 Bde area 2613 - 2410 - 3010. 160 Bde area 2904 - 3001 - 2998.	
1750	69 Bde	61 Recce Regt report one coy enemy inf on NORTH bank river 5069.	
1755	2 Army	Ref last transmission. 231 Bde now 1000 yds NORTH of rd. 53 Recce on line of canal between VEGHEL and DEEK 5427.	
1800	1 Airborne Div	Sitrep at 230900A. Spasmodic shelling and mortaring during night. Several attacks by Inf and SP guns or tks supported by extremely by mortar and shelling in progress on NE perimeter. 50 Poles ferried across river during night. Leading Inf 43 Div have arrived SOUTH bank. They will be able to cross under mist. Supply situation serious. Majority no rations past 24 hrs. Am short.	
09	SRV	Tps cleared area EAST NIJMEGEN as far as line 760600 - ERIKON 7862. Little opposition except small arms. Enemy arty 795S, also activity area 7855.	

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1815	Phantom	G of S 101 Airborne Div. Enemy tks advancing in 4836 and 4934 halted by arty fire 1540 hrs.	
1845	HCR LO	At 5336 6 Tigers harbouring for night. One Panther destroyed at 495374. A small bag only on the axis as the birds flew away.	
1915	2 Army	52 Recd under comd 50 Div on general line 5427 - 5035.	
1925	G(Air)	Armd/R. TOA 1500 hrs. 50 MET stationary rd E 770520 to E 800507 attacked. Fires (possibly cooking) on high ground REICHSWALD Forest.	
1925	G(Air)	Tgts outside 1 Airborne Div perimeter taken on at 1845 hrs by 24 Typhoons.	
1955	1 Airborne Div	1120 hrs. Relieving tps on SOUTH bank. No supplies have yet reached us.	
2035	43 Div	Plan for tonight is to pass over Poles, probably two coys Inf, and essential supplies mainly amm which were not dropped today. Today's re-supply was very good - being accurate and tight. No major assault crossing tonight.	
2100	G(SD)	Rd has been closed again by fire but is now open. Nothing moving yet but will get it moving as quickly as possible.	

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2045	43 Div	Fwd tps 214 Bde attacking ELST had reached 691709 - 701699 50 mins ago and going quite well. 130 Bde. 7 Hamps 6475 - 6374 - 6674. 5 Dorsets 6975. 4 Dorsets cross-rds 6672 - HOMOE 6875. 129 Bde. 4 Som LI 679682 - 665675 - 685675. 4 Wilts 6966. 5 Wilts 708669 - 7169. HQ 129 Bde 706614. 130 Bde 670712. 214 Bde 692624.	
2100	50 Div	A good deal of fighting has been going on in the area of VEGHEL and to SE but rd is open. Will send a report shortly.	
2115	Main Army	Tac Second Army airstrip E 376037	
2128	50 Div	Everything is OK between UDEN and VEGHEL no reason why traffic should not keep moving.	
2135	Gds Armd	32 Gds Bde report no delay in traffic for last 2½ hrs.	
2145	Gds Armd	Locns. 1 WG and 2 WG 7265 2 IG and 3 IG 702658 HQ 5 Gds Armd Bde 709643 1 GG and 2 GG 4938 1 CG and 5 CG 5541 HQ 32 Gds Bde 540439 HQ 2 HCR 691569	(No 5342/884/1) 2nd 5039
2150	69 Bde	Locns. 5 E Yorks 708637. 7 GH 706629 6 GH will move to 715618 on arrival.	
2155	1 phantom 50 Div	Fwd tps 2 Devons 465312. 1 Hamps 515275. 151 Bde 437220. 6 DLI 445219. 8 DLI 455216. 9 DLI 445243.	

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2215	Phantom	11 Armd Div 1800 hrs. 23 H and 8 RB at VILDERDEN 6217. 3 R Tks 2000 yds WEST of LIEGEL 6614.	
2245	G(Air)	Tac/R TOA 1825 hrs. 30 + MET going SE B5335. VENLO bombed by MEDIUMS 1800 hrs.	
2301	LO	82 Airborne Div form as follows. 2 Bn 504 RCT is holding Southern bank of R WAAL from NIJMEGEN to 7664 and on the SOUTH to UDBERGEN. In the centre 508 RCT with three bns are holding from 7664 to 778632 SOUTH along the canal to WYLER and from there WEST to MALDEN. 505 RCT with three bns are holding all ground in SOUTH in general area SOUTH MOOK CRANBURN GROESBEEK HEUMAN. 1 and 3 Bn 504 RCT are in reserve in general area WEST of GROESBEEK. 325 RCT arrived today in area GROESBEEK. Enemy patrols vigorous throughout day and 88s mostly from NORTH bank of river from area GENT. 505 RCT relieve 69 Bde tomorrow.	
2345	G(SD)	Traffic now beginning to pass over GRAVE br again and believed to be solid behind.	BGS told. ✓
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2355	Gds Armd Div	32 Gds Bde have received a message from 21 Army Gp telling them they come under comd 101 Airborne Div tomorrow. The have been told to put in an attack at 0800 hrs towards GELMERT. May they be told by 0600 hrs whether they pass from comd or not.	Spoke BGS & Airborne Corps who have no knowledge
0035	69 Bde	Sitrep as at 2200 hrs. Own tps. Losses unchanged. Two anti-tk guns of 7 GH arrived with bn at 1715 hrs - these guns were left behind when main axis was cut. No other Bde Gp vchs have arrived. CO 6 GH has rejoined his Bn SOUTH of VEGSEL. 1600 hrs RN Bde reverted from comd 69 Bde. 5 F Yorks in contact with Welsh Gds at 723646 and LO with 5 Gds Bde. Enemy. At 0545 hrs 200 enemy seen digging in on NORTH bank of river at 7448. Patrol by RN Bde to MILL 6445 HAPS 7045 CUYK 7149 NES. 3 PW taken at MILL from 107 pz Bde state Bde had 40 Panthers. PW were separated from unit. At 1300 hrs by 61 Recce enemy seen in OCHTEN 5070. Civ report 130 enemy in TIEL 4168. At 1445 hrs civs report at 2960 300 SS tps also br at 350583 prepared for demolition. At 1705 hrs large numbers of enemy seen at OCHTEN. Enemy reported by 5 Gds Bde at 713674 and 700675 with tks from 64 SS Trg Bn. Some shelling SOUTH end of br between 1800 and 1900 hrs. Gun firing on br stated by civs to be in fort at 882664 observation confirms this is likely posn. One PW taken by 7 GH from manhole in NIJMEGEN rd-br. PW stated he was left there four days ago with one offr one NOO and two SS tps to blow br. Offr disappeared two days ago and SS tps left last night forcing him to stay.	

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0115	43 Div	<p>Sitrep as at 232300 hrs.</p> <p>Posn of fwd tps. 129 Bde. 5 Wilts 717665 707669</p> <p>4 Wilts 693670 4 Som LI 689669 679682. 214 Bde.</p> <p>7 Som LI approx 700700 1 Wore 696706 692708 5 DCLI</p> <p>684755. 130 Bde 7 Hamp 645755 655755 4 Dorset area</p> <p>HOMOET 663723 5 Dorset 690760 697768. Locns HQ.</p> <p>Div HQ no change. 129 Bde 706614 4 Som LI 685663</p> <p>4 Wilts 615553 5 Wilts 619549. 130 Bde 670712. 7 Hamp</p> <p>663725 4 Dorset 663723 5 Dorset 687754. 214 Bde</p> <p>692624 7 Som LI 699703 1 Wore 685707 5 DCLI 43 Rocce</p> <p>Regt 659669. Gun areas. 112 Fd Regt 672668 147</p> <p>SP Fd Regt 683675. Others no change. Today's ops.</p> <p>130 Inf Bde Gp followed up the success of 5 DCLI</p> <p>starting first light today and advancing on Western</p> <p>route through SLIJK EWIJK 6566 VAL URG 6569 HOMOET</p> <p>6672 to the Southern bank of the NEDER RIJN, the first</p> <p>bn arriving at approx 1100 hrs FULL contact was est</p> <p>with 1 Airborne Div and Polish Para Bde. Joint planning</p> <p>for future ops has taken place with them. Sporadic</p> <p>enemy action over the whole front handicapped speed of</p> <p>initial ops. 214 Bde carries out successful attack with</p> <p>1 Wore and 7 SomLI on ELST 7070. Final layout of bns is</p> <p>NOT yet clear but it is known that the centre of the town</p> <p>is dominated. 129 Inf Bde. 4 SomLI were brought up</p> <p>on the LEFT flank of the Bde to fill the gap between 129</p> <p>and 214 Inf Bdes clearing up enemy opposition in the</p> <p>area NORTH of OOSTERHOUT 6866. 43 Rocce Regt reached</p> <p>the following line on the LEFT flank 582699 605719.</p> <p>600750 thence along Southern bank of the river to the</p> <p>ELST. Enemy movt was observed and route rocce carried</p> <p>out. Tps under comd. 8 Arm Bde (less one Regt)</p> <p>147 SP Fd Regt 69 Hy Bty / 64 Med Regt One HAA Tp 1</p> <p>Cdn Army Tps RE 297 and 536 DUKW RASC Coys. Future</p> <p>intentions. 129 Bde and 214 Bde will carry out joint</p> <p>ops to straighten the line between approx 727666 and</p> <p>706695 thus freeing the main axis NIJMEGEN - ELST.</p> <p>Arrangements will be made for the Polish Airborne tps</p> <p>to join 1 Br Airborne Div during night 23/24 Sep.</p>	
0125	Second Army	<p>32 Gds Bde NOT going under comd 101 Airborne Div but</p> <p>101 are most anxious they should remain in present area</p> <p>until situation clears.</p>	DGS told ✓
0145	Tac Second Army	<p>Following has been sent by Army Comd by IO addressed Comd</p> <p>101 Airborne Div and Comd 32 Gds Bde Gp rptd Comd Gren</p> <p>Gds Gp. Quote. I understand a plan was made this evening</p> <p>for a joint attack on ERP to take place in the morning by units</p> <p>of 101 Airborne Div and 32 Gds Bde. I want this attack</p> <p>to take place as planned unless Comd 101 Airborne Div in</p> <p>consultation with Comd 32 Gds Bde cancels it owing to a</p> <p>changed tactical situation. Unquote.</p>	DGS told ✓
0215	Gds Arm Div	<p>In view of Army Comd's instruction regarding employment</p> <p>of 32 Gds Bde you will repeat will take part in attack.</p>	Airborne Corps also told.

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0235	TCP	Rd being shelled and mortared 3 miles NORTH of VEGHEL. 2 vehicles brewed up and others ditched. Still room for single line traffic which is still moving.	
0240	Phantom	G(0) 11 Armd Div 2100 hrs. Last light loons. PFY and KSLI 5212. 3 R Tks and Mons 6614. 23 H and 8 RE 1000 yds SOUTH of VLIENDEN. 15/19 H and Herefords area brhd.	
0302	Phantom	Source G1 11 Armd Div. 2100 hrs. Intention tomorrow 24 Sep adv on DEURNE from VLIENDEN and LIESSEL. Hold DEURNE and adv to HELMOND.	
0550	43 Div	NTR yet.	
0555	Gds Armd Div	NTR yet. Number of PW at VEGHEL not known.	
0558	Traffic TCP	Traffic still moving but spasmodically. Elts of Airborne through also AA def of NIJMEGEN. More elts of Airborne and 69 Bde now filtering through.	
0700	Airborne Corps Main	Sitrep at 232359A. R Netherlands Bde under comd w.o.f. 231600A. Excellent results of dropping 325 Glider Inf and remainder Polish Para Bde. Gas very light. 1 Airborne Div. Sit unchanged except for slight infiltration in NE. No sups across river today. Mortar and shelling increasing over whole area. Sup drop today not very satisfactory. Attack by tks beaten off by 1 Border. One tk destroyed. 5 DCLI in contact with Polish Para Bde at river ferrying food and amm. Report by escaped PW 1 Para Bde suggests Bde no longer operative. 82 US Airborne Div. Area of inner bend 763600 - 775632 - W to NIJMEGEN clear of enemy. 101 US Airborne Div. Rd to VEGHEL now clear. Contact made with Gren Gds Gp in VEGHEL.	
0700	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep at 221200A. 2 Cdn Div. 5 Cdn Bde. Clg Highrs hold brhd across canal de junction de L'ESCAUT to J765977. R de Hais moved to area J7596. One Sqn 8 Cdn Recce Regt area J7497 patrolling along line of canal. 4 Cdn Bde. Essex Scot fwd tps reached D585018 (685098 ?). RHLL. Coys in areas D6601 - 6205 -, 6101. 1 Polish Armd Bde. 2 Polish Armd Regt J568931 (568961?). 14 Polish Armd Regt TAMISE J5386. 9 Polish Armd Regt STGILLES AWAES J4797. 10 Polish Mot Bn area K4300 (4500?). 10 Polish Recce Regt area J4496. 3 Polish Inf Bde. 1 Polish Inf Bn.	
0650	Gds Armd	Until 52 Recce arrive GAD must continue with present recce task SOUTH of GRAVE br and to the WEST in area OSS - HERTOGENBOSCH.	
0705	43 Div	Weres attack on ELST going in now with objective cross-rds just WEST of town. After gaining objective 214 Bde will adv SOUTH to join up with 129 Bde and will NOT go further EAST into ELST. Patrols 129 Bde to EMERICH 6669 and along rd between DIESTERVOLD 6860 to REET 6960 reported both clear. During night half the Poles and some supplies were got across at ARNHEM.	

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0725	G(SD) and Traffic LOs.	Traffic now moving well at GRAVES. Most of 69 Bde through, also 10 CCS. Head of 50 Div coln should be NORTH of UDEN now.	
0755	RA	Airborne report inf digging in at 753767	
0810	43 Div	Difficulty up on R.NEDERRIJN is chiefly one of enemy reaction which was very powerful as soon as it was light. Also limited capacity of roads leading to that area which are narrow causeways. We shall need a lot of smoke - refill for what is already there urgently required. Comm with other side has faded out.	
0835		Gave form to Tac and Main Second Army, 8 Corps 12 Corps, 50 Div, Airborne Corps.	
0910	69 Bde	Enemy air attack on NIJMEGEN hrs 0900 hrs. Some bombs dropped but no damage caused.	
0915	RA	OP with 43 Div reports 250 Poles crossed over last night.	
0950	43 Div	1 Wores getting on well area cross rds 703707. In contact with 7 Som LI on right who are making good progress towards 705698.	
1000	69 Bde	6 GH now all through. Fd Regt is missing still having apparently been deployed on route. Bn practically unscathed.	
1005	2 HCR	32 Gds Bde report areas 5640 - 5736 - 5235 clear. Enemy appear to movg SOUTH. ST ANTHONIS 7138 clear.	

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1010	Traffic	Slight damage to NIJMEGEN rd br as result of air attack. Single line traffic continues and RE are dealing with it.	
1020	2 HCR	Enemy patrol 4050.	
1045	Gds Arm'd Div	32 Gds Bde about to deal with some enemy in HANDEL 5933	
1046	Army	News at 1500 hrs 23 Sep. Third US Army no change. First US Army no change on Army front except V Corps. 5 Arm'd Div has been withdrawn WEST of river OUR and is now concentrated area DIEKIRCH P.8642 - WALLENDORF 9742 - GODBRANGE 9327. First Cdn Army. All resistance in BOULOGNE area ceased 221700. Total PW approx 9000. 1 Br Corps. 49 Div has moved to SE ANTWERP and is conc in area K.0383 - J.8587 - J.9281.	
1110	50 Div	No change.	
1115	SRV LO with 82 Div	Patrols at following places - 779632 7761 7758 7755 7754 BRUUK 7652 GRAFSEGEN 7652 7351 7250. Enemy very quiet.	
1120	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep at 230001A. 4 Cdn Arm'd Div. General. Div patrolling line of LEOPOLD Canal as far WEST as rd 9702. 29 Cdn Arm'd Recce Regt ASSENEDE J.2199. Elts reached area DOUCHAUTE D.1903. 22 Cdn Arm'd Regt area J.1699. 21 Cdn Arm'd Regt D.0600. Like Sup R(M) area D.0000. Line and World R area J.0098. 28 Cdn Arm'd Regt H.9994. Loens. HQ 4 Cdn Arm'd Bde H.994986. HQ 10 Cdn Inf Bde J.216967.	
1125	43 Div	5 Wilts adv from 712665. 4 Wilts reached rly at 706675. 4 SLI adv from 682602. 214 Bde have reached centre of ELST but not yet on rly (rly line)	
1130	Gds Arm'd	32 Gds Bde report number of enemy half-tracks, tks and inf in area GEMERT, HANDEL - BSCDNK 5733. They are engaging with arty.	
1135	2 HCR	At 1045 hrs 20 enemy crossed river in boats area 739479 and patrolled to 200 yds SOUTH. Fighting at 7136.	
1150	Phantom	6 BWF 2009 moving to REUSEL 2010. 2 Mons head of coln at 2211 and going to VOORHEIDE 1607. 4 Welch on move to BLADEL 2410.	

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1200	43 Div	4 Som LI on left of 129 Bde are at cross-rds 693685. 214 Bde are in ELST. 7 Som LI have two coys at 705699. 1 Wores 699707 but not yet through to main cross-rds on right of town. Have been held up by number of spandaus.	Gds Armd told direct by 43 Div.
1205	Recco	Glider clt of Polish Para Bde are required to go to area VALBURG by 1600 hrs. We are to arrange tpt to lift them and arrange with Airborne Corps to get them on the road. Timings to be arranged with 43 Div. Comd of Glider clt to report to 130 Bde as soon as possible.	Arranged with Airborne Corps and 43 Div
1230	RA	At request of 1 Airborne Div are shelling enemy inf, SPs and mortars between 689792 and 688791.	
1235	69 Bde	61 Recco have patrolled out to 44 Easting and have made no contact.	
1310	8 Corps	Sitrep 11 Armd Div. 29 Armd Bde 1000 yds short of DEUMIE with a party working round to right not much opposition at present. 6518 now clear. Part of 2 N Yee engaging enemy 2000 yds SE of 6614. Patrols of Inns of Court in area WEST of 5522 are in visual contact with our tps.	
1330	Gds Armd	No traffic coming up axis at present. 32 Gds Bde held that enemy SP guns are firing on to rd near ST OEDERODE from SW.	

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1400	Tac Army	Army Comd will not come to see Corps Comd but will speak to him on the air later.	1
1405	12 Corps	HQ 12 Corps area HEERS 3713.	
1410	Gds Armcd	32 Bde report that 11 Armcd Div are in HELMOND and that 44 Bde are in BEST 3726 and going on to BOXTEL 3234.	
1415	43 Div	Report from 43 Recce.- line of trenches from DEGREBBE 5475 - KESTEREN 5172 - OCHTEN 5070. These were reinforced by rail last night, the rail has been cut at KESTEREN where horse tpt was unloaded. Arty plus HMGs at 530728 and 530724. Rd NORTH of OCHTEN - DODEWAARD 5569 is mined.	
1450	50 Div	Tac HQ 463309.	
1500	G(SD)	TOP VEGHEL reports water in canal just SOUTH of town has risen 2 1/2 ft in 4 hours.	RE infm by G(SD)
1520	2 Can Corps	Sitrep up to 220001A. 1 Polish Armcd Div. Task of clearing enemy from area between GHENT canal and R SCHELDE now completed. 10 Polish Armcd Bde conc area ST NICHOLAS 4991 - BEVEREN WAES 5796 and ST GILLES WAES 4897 with permanent patrols to SOUTH of Dutch frontier and EAST 47 Grid line. 3 Pol Inf Bde conc in area AXEL 3303 - HULST 4304 - TERHOLE 4208 and ZAINSLAG 3308 with task of maintaining permanent patrols between div bndys NORTH of Dutch frontier.	
1545	43 Div	214 Bde now control main NORTH - SOUTH rd through ELST and have several coys across it. Opposition is snipers and spandaus but there is a little shelling and mortaring.	4
1610	GSI 21 Army Gp.	The explosive charge of DEVENTER rd br Z9307 is at Western bank in pylon under rd.	

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1620	43 Div	Tac HQ est at 604678 and most of Main HQ moving up to join it. Rear HQ and some of Main remain present location.	
1622	2 HOR	Patrols at ST ANTONUIS report considerable enemy movement EAST to WEST.	
1625	Gds Armd	Zero for attack is 1600 hrs.	
1625	12 Corps	Sitrep 232400A. 15 (S) Div, 44 Bde have two bns across canal in area 3827 - 3727 and 3826 - 3827 - 3726, remaining in area 4120. 46 Bde have two bns across canal 2 kms N on line of rly cross-rds 371263 - excl factory 374257. 7 Seaforths area 3825, 9 Camerons are attacking factory tomorrow. 227 Bde no change. Div HQ 413206.	
1705	Phantom	3 R Tks area 6619 and astride rd 6721. 23 H up to 6419. 5 Mon moving up rd LEISEL - DEURNE. 8 RB mopping GHERDEN 6217. Attack on DEURNE 6520 started 1345.	
1715	G(SD)	TCP VEGHEL reports enemy activity 2 miles SOUTH of that town. Col. Ooley has gone to investigate. Traffic interfered with.	
1717	50 Div	2 tks and approx 40 enemy inf have crossed rd at 455350.	
1740	8 Corps	185 Bde has moved up to take over the ZOMERON brhd. Has two bns in area ASTEN 6213 and one bn on the WEST side of river.	

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2740	11 Armd	23H and 3 RTR in DEURNE at 1500 hrs. 2 FFY and 4 KSLI will advance from ASTEN 6113 to BAKEL 6124 vis DEURNE.	
1810	G(SD)	Enemy tks 4335 and 200 enemy inf area 4535 attacking rd.	
1815	Airborne Corps	Sitrep as at 24200A (.) 1 A/B Div (.) Perimeter last night 698788 - 697784 - 696773 - 690778 - 689784 - 693789 (.) during darkness half POLES ferried across river but no SUPS or AMN (.) ferrying impossible daylight. continued mortaring shelling (.) 82 US Airborne Div taken over def of NIMEGEN br and MAAS - WAAL br 671605 (.) NETHERLANDS BDE responsible br at GRAVE also EAST and WEST GRAVE also EAST and NE NIMEGEN (.) 101 Div (.) axis of rd in area of responsibility VEGHEL ST ODENROOK ZON now clear.	
1900	Corps Comd	Have seen Army Comd. First part of 43 Div's party remains unchanged. Gds Armd to take over ELST. Push assault boats for 43 Div. Planning for second party. As only part of 52 Recce Regt is through and warn Gds Armd to carry out active recce from GRAVE to SW. If Sitrn permits would like one Regt Gds Armd to be positioned 4 m SW of GRAVE. Very much doubt if I will get back tonight. Gen Browning to take over command until I get back. Will stay with 50 Div HQ. Keep me informed of sitn from time to time. I would like sitrep at 2100 hrs.	
2925	43 Div	HQ 214 Bde 663678.	
1920	8 Corps	HQ opened GELDROF 4816 at 1400 hrs.	
1940	11 Armd Phantom	2 FFY passing through DEURNE 6520.	
1942	15 Div (Phantom)	9 Com have relieved 2 Glas H area 373265. 5 DG moving to area 390256.	
2000	TCP	Confirmed rd completely cut about 4 miles S of VEGHEL - unlikely be open before morning.	

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2105	G2(L)	Reported by LO that 2 SP guns and 2 tks with approx 200 inf are cutting rd and have brewed up 3 our tanks.	
2140	Gds Armd	Line of fwd tps at NEMMEL 730665 - 720695. Opposition fairly stiff.	
2200	43 Div	Poles have now arrived. 7 Som LI have reached station at ELST. Fwd tps 1 Worcs at 702708. Everything teed up for tonight's ops.	
2205	Rear Corps	Rear Corps column halted 4635 owing to enemy cutting rd.	
2230	Rear Corps	Could now with us. Communicate by this net.	Gave latest form.
2355	Phantom	101 Div to 8 Corps. 6 Para Regt with tks in sp have broken through from SCHIJNDEL 4038 to 4434 where rd is cut. LT is being destroyed. 44 RTR have lost a number of tks in opposing enemy tks. It needs an extra armoured Gp and 1 Tk guns to restore the situation. TOO 241930A.	Gds Armd infd,

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0100 Main Army G032 addressed to 12 Corps for action. 30 Corps Main and Rear for info. Operationally essential that 56 assault boats arrive 30 Corps area by 251200A.

0300 43 Div Sitrep as at 242300A.
 Posn of fwd tps. 129 Bde. 4 Som LI 697685, 4 Wilts 699675, 5 Wilts 717661. 130 Bde. 7 Hamps 649753 - 653751 - 657751, 4 Dorset now on move, 5 Dorset 694765 - 706762. 214 Bde. 7 Som LI 699705 - 707690, 1 Worcs 695715 - 697708, 5 DCLI 704737 - 699745 - 698755. Leans Hqs - Div Hq 664678, 129 Bde 706614, 130 Bde 670712, 214 Bde 663678, 43 Recce Regt 623698. Gun areas.
 94 Fd Regt 665705, 112 Fd Regt 675711, 179 Fd Regt 675698. Today's ops. 129 Bde were relieved by 69 Bde tonight and come in following areas. 4 Som LI 6968, 5 Wilts 7166, 4 Wilts 7067. 214 Bde. 7 Som LI and 1 Worcs have cleared EAST from the WEST up to the following line - sta 705701 rd at 699703 Northwards to just WEST of Church 699706. One coy located on rly at 705722 with posts at rd junc 695723. Enemy resisted very strongly in houses and hold strong posns on rd about 699713. 5 DCLI hold line of rly where they are in contact with the enemy from crossing at 705735 Northwards to the NEDERRIJN. Future ops. 4 Dorset crossing NEDERRIJN followed by Polish Airborne Force carryin supplies and am. 214 Bde will clear ELST up to the line of the rly prior to handing over ELST to Gds Armd Div.

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0415	Main Army	<p>Bitrop up to 241200A.</p> <p>8 Corps. 11 Armd Div. Enemy resistance to our adv on DEURNE 6520 continues but towards midday progress was made and fwd tps 23 H reached rly 6419. 8 RB clearing VLIEDDEN 6217. On right axis 3 Mon reached rly at 6518 and 3 RTR advanced to ZEILBERG 6619. 15/19 H in contact with enemy area 6813.</p> <p>50 Div. 231 Bde continued advance EAST of ST OEDINRODE E(74304) - and reached gen line LIESHOUT 5227 - 4636. 151 Bde area NORTH of BRENDEL 4526.</p> <p>101 AB Div. Five bns 501 RCT have moved to area.</p>	
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0415	Main Army	<p>Following readjustments of Corps bndys will take effect forthwith. Present bndy between 12 and 30 Corps will become bndy between 12 and 8 Corps viz all incl 12 Corps - LOMMEL 3095 - WESTERHOVEN 3706 - MEERVELDHOVEN 3815 - rd junc 415184 - rd junc 414195 - OLLAND 3834 - NISTELRODE 5047.</p> <p>In spite of above change of bndy control of traffic on main axis will remain 30 Corps responsibility until 280001A. Requests for timings for traffic other than 30 Corps will be made to SD Second Army. Airborne and 30 Corps bndys will be issued later. Adjustments of Corps rear bndys will be issued later.</p>	
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0520	From 43 Div	Arty sp for 4 Dorset went off OK. RA report there was little enemy mortaring while it was on. At 0345 hrs report from 130 Bde that 4 Dorsets were reported across river and had begun to ferry supplies. Reaction moderate. More resistance from WEST than from any other direction. Exact locns nit given by Bde to Div, 130 Bde have no comms with 4 Dorsets for the moment. ELST thought to be as good as ours but a few enemy there. 43 Div are going to clean it up.	Infml DGS Br Air-Borne Corps & Gds Arml Div.
0525	Gds Arml	5 Gds Bde and 32 Gds Bde have nothing to report. 44 RTR report that 2236 hrs situation was quiet but rd cut. In contact with Allies.	Infml DGS 43 Div & Br AB Corps
0559	43 Div	Not much known about the poles crossing, 130 Bde could only say that it was going on. Place same as before.	Infml BR AB Corps
0600	Phantom	At 242120A rd at 420342 held by 52 Recce. 151 Bde to attack at first light 25 Sep to clear rd.	Br AB Corps infml
0600	Phantom	At 242000 hrs locations of 11 Arml Div. 159 Ddo HQ VLIERDEN 6218. 2 RF Yco 4 KSLI area 640221.	
0612	To SUNRAY	Signal that 4 Dorset party had gone OK according to early reports and that other children reported no movement.	DGS infml

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0630	Traffic Office	Corrupt message T/173 ref CLUB route received.	Passed to SD
0700	Phantom	Situation of 101 Airborne Div 242220 hrs. 506 Regt area UDEN, 502 Regt area ST OEDENRODE, 327 Regt SOUTH of CL 9 br at 472369. Three coys astride rd 452349.	
0730	43 Div	Owing to late arrival assault boats its attack did not start until 0130 hrs. On left 4 Dorset got over 350 men incl mortars and are centred around factory 682768 in close contact with enemy but NOT in contact with 1 Airborne Div. We are in close touch with 1 Airborne Div who know the position and are making every effort to catch each other. Opposition was moderate at first but later grew stronger and all ops had to be stopped at first light. 3 tons of stores went over but destination is unknown. 1 Airborne Div have not yet found them. Two DUKWs are across somewhere. On right Poles did not start owing late arrival of boats. CRE 1 Airborne Div has been in contact and has brought various written suggestions which are with Gen Thomas. Another OP is across with 4 Dorsets. A lot of boats have been left in river and every effort is being made to recover them under cover of smoke.	
0730	50 Div	Corps Comd is on his way back - he may take a little time.	

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0750	1 AB Div via RA	CRE has just rejoined us. Physical contact has just been made with 4 Dorsets.	
0820	Gds Armd	32 Gds Bde moving CG Gp to area 4 miles SW of GRAVE. 69 Bde resumed attack on DEMMEL 0700 hrs.	
0930	8 Corps	Intentions for 25 Sep. 11 Armd Div will adv on axis DEURNE - RANGL - GEMERT and will also clear HELMOND from the EAST. 3 Div will occupy ground gained by 11 Armd Div and will co-operate in capture of HELMOND from EAST. 50 Div will co-operate in clearing 30 Corps axis.	
0935	2 Army	Tac Second Army opens area KASTEEL 4521 at 251300A.	
0940	TCP	APM reported road still out just SOUTH of VEGHEL, estimated strength 2 to 6 AFVs plus infantry. 44 R Tks and one bn 101 US AB Div attacking now but road unlikely to be clear before 1300 hrs. Rear 30 Corps just SOUTH of OEDENRODE.	
0950	Gds Armd	HCR report MILL 6545 clear of enemy. Civilians report considerable number of half tracks and activity SOUTH and SE but no confirmation by HCR. WEST of GRAVE everything very quiet.	
1000	Airborne Corps	GP 505 RCT is at 703587. They are most anxious to have British LO with them to keep them in the picture.	
15	Airborne Corps	Br at 564500 is blown. Ferry 567575 out of order but auxiliary ferry could take light AFVs.	

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1030	43 Div	Confirmed that 4 Dorset have made physical contact with 1 Airborne Div. No more news of stores. CRE has found some German assault boats in NIJMEGEN and is investigating. Only 16 left of originals. 214 Bde are going to have another crack at ELST in which every house contains a Bazooka and a few inf. Will be a slow job but should be cleared up today. 5 Dorset and Div HQ have been attacked by enemy fighters - no interference from our chaps.	
1050	53 Div Phantom	After stiff opposition - no further resistance in NETTERSEL 2515 but still stubborn fighting in RENSEL 2010. Each village has to be stubbornly contested.	
1055	Gds Armd	Situation at DEMMEL. 5 B Yorks well est at 735672 - about 50 PW so far.	
1055	2 HQR LO	Will deal with amn train if they can get to it. Reliable civilians report continuous enemy movement from WEST to ELST, 5830 to 7138.	
1120	CE	GRAVE bridge now two way CL 70.	
1130	Rear Corps	Still at same locn. Cas during night 6 incl 2 killed. Situation is that infantry contact is receding. Road still under shell fire. Hope move approx 1300 hrs.	
1140	Phantom 1 AD Div time 0857	Night quiet. Wood 686788 no longer held. Enemy in wood 684778. 4 Dorset crossed early this morning, no good contact yet.	
1145	RA	1 Airborne Div state supplies have not yet reached them.	

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1210	53 Div Phantom	6 RWF clearing REUSSEL now. Otherwise no change.	
1210	43 Div	4/7 DG are operating with 214 Bde. One coy of Wore at 705722 have met two tks 7073 and are dealing with them. Are being supported by DOLI. Fwd Tps SLI at 704706 meeting bazookas, snipers and spandaus.	
1215	Airborne Corps	IN Bde patrols reached 50 Easting S of R WAAL. So far nothing seen. From DEEST 5768 to NIJMEGEN many barges in river both sides. Civilians report enemy at WAMEL, am investigating.	
1225	12 Corps	Sitrep at 241200. 15 Div. Still in close contact with enemy area BEST 3726. 44 Bde continues adv towards BOXTEL 3234 but are held up on main rd at 371280. 6 RWF are pushing fwd on WEST of main rd and reached area 3829 - 3928. Enemy still in wood 3830 - 3930. 46 Bde still fighting in area BEST. Owing to enemy c/a during morning attack on factory at 374257 was cancelled. 15 Recce have contacted 502 Regt in ST OEDENRODE at 410314. 227 Bde no change. HQ 15 Div 390167. 53 Div. 71 Bde area 3025 - 3430 - 2721 enemy appear be withdrawing from 1 HLI front BEERS 2721. 158 Bde hold gen line 2438 - 2410. 160 Bde. 4 Welch in contact with enemy 2509. 6 RWF 2107. 2 Mon 2801. HQ 53 Div 316096. 7 Armd Div. 11 H continue to hold line junc canal from DE MAAT br 2296 - 0491. Remainder of div conc SW of EINDHOVEN with HQ at 339139.	
		Sitrep at 242400A. 15 Div. Held up by stubborn enemy resistance area BEST 3726. 44 Bde have made slow progress and have reached 370283 in adv towards BOXTEL 3234. 6 RSF adv to area 3828 - 3827 in contact with enemy DE VLEUT 3928. 46 Bde still engaged by fighting area BEST. 227 Bde no change. 15 (S) Recce conc in area 3923. 53 (W) Div. 71 Bde and 158 Bde. no change. 160 Bde, 6 RWF 207085 and 211102 at approaches to REUSEL which enemy is contesting strongly. 2 Mon have occupied VOORHEIDE 1607. HQ 160 Bde 225019. 7 Armd Div. No change. HQ 22 Armd Bde 387205. HQ 131 Bde 365089.	
1227	HCR LO	Fwd tps at 7148 - just N of ST ANTHONIS 7138 - HEESCH 4851 and outskirts HERTOGENBOSCH.	Told Airborne Corps
1310	3 Div Phantom	Bn 185 Bde now movg to HELMOND. 9 Bde - 1 KOSB at LIESEL. Remainder at DEURNE.	
1320	Rear Corps	Assault boats are at head of oeln behind the block. O i/c with instrs report RE conc area.	SORE told.
1325	SORE	People trying to build boom at NIJMEGEN are being fired on every time they try to get on the water.	Airborne Corps told to warn chaps concerned
1330	11 Armd Div	23 H and 8 RB to occupy X-rds 6424. 3 R Tks to pass through and clear woods to NORTH. 2 FFY and 4 KSLI to adv to GEMERT and then turn EAST. 1 Hereford to clear wood 5822.	
1335	Phantom 50 Div	8 H reached 423335. 5 DG in contact 101 Div at 445347.	

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1430	50 Div	The road is now almost clear and things are going well. 7 Armd Div are clearing from SOUTH under comd 50 Div and hope to clear it soon. Will send sitrep shortly.	
1431	12 Corps	5 DG in contact with enemy at 443336 at 1445 hrs.	
1445	2 Army	Landing strip for Tac 2 Army at 442153.	
1446	Phantom 5 DCLI	At 1421 hrs. Enemy withdrawing fast along rd ELST - ARNHEM. Believed trying to cross by pontoon br.	
1455	Phantom	LO from 44 ICR reports 2 x 88 mm, 3 tks, 200 inf area br 4136. 4 tks, 6 guns 418355.	
1457	43 Div	1 were very near objective on rly. Som LI 2/300 yds from ELST.	
1505	11 Armd Div Phantom	HELBOND reported clear at 1015 hrs. 2 FF Yco at BAKEL 6124 blocking rd to SW.	
1545	Phantom 11 Armd Div	23 H est 6424 - 2 FF Yco and 4 KSLI approaching 5926.	
1600	Army	2 Mon have occupied VOORHEIDE 1607. 7 Armd Div, 11 H now hold canal from K.2496 to Army bdy. 131 Bde conc area 3811 and 22 Armd Bde less one regt are conc in area immediately NW of EINDHOVEN.	
1615	Phantom	43 Div 1500 hrs. 4 Dorset in contact with 1 Airborne Div.. RA offr is with them controlling sp fire.	
1630	Phantom	43 Div. 5 Dorset have coy 705762. 7 Som LI have reached 703707. Enemy withdrawing NE.	

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1700	Phantom	Army to 43 Div Further attempt will be made this evening to drop sups at 682768 - put out markers.	Checked with Airborne Corps who think this took place this afternoon.
1705	RE	Sound br at GRAVE will be complete this evening but not to be used for traffic at present.	Told Airborne Corps to arrange for protection.
1705	50 Div	Unlikely rd situation will clear up before 0900 hrs tomorrow.	
1730	Gds Armd	69 Bde are in DEMMEL and reorganizing. Patrols 2 HCR at ST ANTHONIS have contacted 29 Armd Bde there.	
1745	43 Div	Don't getting out of ELST towards ELDEN. ELST is now initially in our hands. A few enemy remain to be mopped up on rd running NE out of town but we have tps at 705722 and are firmly out at X-rds 703707. Last span of rly br at ANNIEM has been blown.	
1750	7 Armd Div Phantom	Fwd elts 5 DG on rd area 450342. 1/7 queens behind coming along same rd.	
1750	2 HCR	11 Armd Div in ST ANTHONIS	
1755	7 Armd Div Phantom	Loading tps 3 H sp by 1/5 queens and directed on rd - rly crossing 415370 have reached 422347.	
1900	50 Div	Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 24 Sep. Loons 231 Bde. 1 Hamps Bn HQ 570360 with coys at 575358 - 574356 - 564356. 1 Dorset Bn HQ 561405 with coys at 559403 - 559407 - 565401 - 562402. 2 Devon Bn HQ 525356 with coys at 528358 - 522357. No contact enemy in Bde area during day except slight clash with enemy patrol SE of BONEIL 5735. 151 Bde. Bde HQ 448264. 6 DLI Bn HQ 453270 with coys at 458269 - 454262 - 457262. 8 DLI no change.	

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1905	2 Army, Tac & Main, 8 & 12 Corps	Gave latest form.	
1930	Phantom	11 Armd Div 1530 hrs. 3 R Tks and 3 Mon reached stream at 605334. 2 FF Yeo and 4 KSLI at GELERT 1530 hrs.	
1940	Airborne Corps	Gave form.	
2050	LO SPY	Sqn in area 7761 and 7861 engaged enemy throughout the day and KO'd one 88 mm mobile gun and one amn lorry. Tp operating toward WYLER 7850 found little and sent a foot patrol to within 1000 yds of WYLER but this saw no movt. Patrol area 7855, 7856 engaged tks and arty and KO'd one 88 mm and silenced one 105 mm and one 6-barrelled Nebelwerfer. Patrol 7351 NTR except slight mortaring on rd in that area.	
2200	Army	Trns of Court 7739, 5736, 5730. 2 FFY } 6333 3 RTR } 1 Hereford } 3 Mon } 7136 23 H } 6726 231 Ddc - 5640-5637-5235 8 RD }	
2315	43 Div	First reports indicate everything going very well and quite a number already across.	Airborne Corps told
2340	43 Div	Several hundred chaps already across and operation going very well. Surprisingly little enemy reaction so far - weather is the worst trouble.	
2350	Airborne Corps	Gliders and C47's 2 Lt AA Bty, Air fwd Control Unit AFMAG ETA GRAVE airstrip 261200L to 261430L.	0/45 to GAD, 43 Div, 100 AA Ddc, CCR.
2355	Guards Armd	Loens at 2000 hrs 25 Sep: Hq Gds Armd Div 706566. 2 HCR 691569 Hq 5 Gds Armd Ddc 691669 2 Armd IG } 695656 3 IG } 1 WG } 722655 2 Armd Recce WG } 696675 Hq 69 Ddc 694671 5 EY 725666 6 GH 715676 7 GH 712687	Hq 32 Gds Ddc 531433 1 Hq G G } 4938 and 2 Armd GG } 5138 1 Armd CG } 5651 & 5 CG } 5048

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2355	8 Corps	Sitrep at 251200Z. 3 Div. Light Bde have contacted the Belgians in area 645931 and 652914 and have closed up to the line of the POIS-LE-DUC CANAL to area EAST of WEERT. 9 Bde, 1 KOSB area LIESEB. patrolling to HIGEL remainder in DEUREN. 185 Bde, 1 Norfolks in process of taking over part of HELMOND on EAST of canal, remainder in the ASTEN brhead. 11 Armd Div. Adv NORTH and NW from DEUREN continued. BAKEL reported clear during the morning little enemy resistance was encountered. HELMOND now practically clear. 50 Div. 231 Bde NO change. 151 Bde, 6 DLI BREUGEL, 8 DLI NUNEN, 9 DLI 4630 - Sqn of ROYALS now conc in ST OEDENRODE. 101 Airborne Div. Made contact with the leading tps of 5 DG coming up from the SOUTH in the area 4434 but the road is still under shellfire and enemy are reported 455343. 4 Armd Bde. GREYS area GRUITRUDE? 4978 - 3/4 CLY area ASCH. Otherwise no change. One Belgian Bde. Hq at KINROO? 602847. Coys now moving to LINDAS 6379 - 6483 - 6786. THORN 6786 clear of enemy.	

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0010	Rear 30 Corps	Army Comd has ruled 7 Armd Div has priority on rd. AMG told. MINDHOVEN - VEGHEL 0600 hrs to 1200 hrs.	
0045	43 Div	200 of 1 AB Div so far reached reception camp at DRIEL. Expect total will exceed anticipated figure of 900. At 602752 enemy patrol of 6 men crossed river and have been dealt with by recoil.	Airborne Corps told. 4/9 told.
0055	43 Div	Sitrep at 252300Z. Bde HQs no change. Dispos. 129 Bde no change. 130 Inf Bde. 4 Dorset occupy small brhead 684768 - 682769 - 681767. 5 Dorset coys 695765 - 704763 - 687753 - 685755. 5 Hamp coys 650752 - 654751 - 657751 - 652741. 214 Bde. 7 Sqn LI 703704 706699 698699 698704. 1 Wore R 702704 703708 700707 698716. 5 DCLI 700755, 700745 703736 690743. 8 Armd Bde. 13/18 H under comd 130 Bde. 4/7 DG under comd 214 Bde. 12 KRRC under comd 43 Recce Regt with coys 553730 565700 612720. 43 Recce Regt. A sqn 623750 582725. C Sqn 582717 565720. B Sqn area 619695. Gun areas no change. Day's activities. 130 Bde. 4 Dorset secured brhead over the NEDERRIJN on left of 1 Airborne Div. 5 Dorset and to a lesser degree 7 Hamp were severely shelled and mortared during the day. 214 Bde completed capture of ELST 7070 after further stiff street fighting. 43 Recce Regt gp continued to observe enemy movt on WEST and NW flanks. There was continued enemy air activity over the div area during the day. Tps under comd no change.	
0115	Phntom	53 Div - 2300 hrs. 1 Ox & Bucks 3226 1 HLI 2923 7 RIF 2519 1/5 Welch 2416	1 E Lincs 2611 6 RNF 2210 4 Welch 2010

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0130	Phantom	11 Armd Div 2130 hrs 3 R Tks/3 Mons 7136 15/19 H/4 KSLI 6936 23 H/8 RB 6630 2 FF Yoo/1 Hereford 6534 No adv tomorrow.	
0155	Airborne Corps	First lot from 1 Airborne Div now arriving in NIJMEGEN.	
0250	43 Div	No more details as line to assembly area is broken. General Urquhart has just come through. Everything seems to be going well. No news of 4 Dorsets.	Airborne Corps told
0300	Tac Army	Tac Army moved to 455213 0930 hrs 25 Sep. EINDHOVEN Airfield 3719 will be used.	
0315	43 Div	600 men have left Assembly area for NIJMEGEN, 400 are still in assembly area. Thought that more are to come over.	Airborne Corps told

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0505	43 Div	1200 men Airborne Div now across, tpt shortage causing some difficulty in area DRIEL - WALKENBURG. No definite news 4 Dorsets but everything seems to be going well.	Airborne Corps told
0535	50 Div	Road is still closed. 101 Div clearing earliest.	
0550	Gds Arnd	Very quiet night. No incidents. 69 Bde have found enemy still holding outskirts of NEMMEL.	
0600	43 Div	No new figures available. 4 Dorsets are coming across but no numbers yet. Operations still continuing under cover of smoke.	
0620	Army	In order to safeguard main axis 7 Arnd Div is being directed through VEGHEL and thence NW; this involves use of main axis at least 0600 to 1200 hrs. Alternative route through 8 Corps being developed for 30 Corps traffic which will be open 0800 hrs and 30 Corps will have absolute priority.	Pointed out that this does not help much as our most immediate needs are already on road starting near VEGHEL.
0630	Traffic Office	Alternative route now as follows. EINDHOVEN - NUNEN - GEMERT - UDEN. All tpt South of EINDHOVEN starts moving along this route 0700 hrs estimated 1500 vehs CLUD route available about 1300 hrs when all vehs North of EINDHOVEN will begin moving up. Request you arrange reception of traffic your end. <u>NOTE:</u> This involves TOP at UDEN and makes UDEN the key junction.	G(SD) told to arrange TOP's etc.

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0730	2 HCR	Patrols at 5454 - 5342 - 4754 - 4750. Patrols going NW to contact 29 Armd Bde at 7640. Enemy holding X-rds HEESCH. Good deal of bicycle movt between HEESCH and OSS.	
0750	43 Div	Now thought the between 1600 and 1700 of 1 Airborne Div have been brought back. No more known about progress of Dorsets. 12 KRIC have had slight scrap with enemy at 551733.	Told Airborne Corps
0815	G(SD)	Road still under small arms and arty fire at 0800hrs.	
0815	G(Air)	Claims in air combats over ARNHEM - NIJMEGEN area yesterday are 17 enemy aircraft destroyed, 15 damaged.	
0815	G(Air)	Tac/R TOA 251400A. Large trench E9102 - 9107 - 8910. E9109 rly br intact. E9209 - 9512 small zig zag trenches. E713525 br out.	
0850	50 Div	Rd still not quite clear under shell fire and in a few places under MG fire. Clearing continues this am starting 0900 hrs.	
0900	Phantom	OC 43 Div Collecting Pt 0500 hrs. 1700 men now withdrawn SOUTH of river (not known whether any of Dorsets included).	
0915	43 Div	Unconfirmed total brought across now 2800. This includes some of Dorsets. Organised crossing now complete.	

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0920	Gds Armd	Tps in OSS area are two sqns and one coy Coldm Gds. There was a fairly heavy attack last night but everything is quiet now.	
0950	G(Air)	Yesterdays claims of enemy a/c now finally placed at - 16 destroyed 1 probably destroyed 19 damaged. FACTORY at BEST destroyed. 6 MET destroyed 2 Locos destroyed and 2 damaged Rly trucks, 20 destroyed and 9 damaged.	
0955	Phantom	7 Armd Div. 0730 hrs. Div Comd is meeting Corps Comd to decide if US tps will be with- drawn to prevent congestion and enable area to be cleared.	
1005	50 Div	131 Bde (7 Armd Div) with US tps started to clear rd 0930 hrs. 2 Devon at MILL. One Sqn 61 Recce going fwd to patrol line of R MEUSE. Reminder 61 Recce on way to join 2 Devon at MILL. 231 Bde will go fwd to area just short of MILL.	
1030	Gds Armd	There has been a small enemy attack on OSS. Enemy have been dispersed and are now in woods 4352.	
1050	Phantom	50 Div 1000 hrs. 6 DLI have coys at CL 40 br sites 540291 and 547278. First veh crossed br 540291 0940 hrs. 61 Recce Regt will recce river area CUIK 7149 and then to area 6252.	
1100	12 Corps	Sitrep at 252400. 7 Armd Div. Continue to operate to clear rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL which is still cut by approx 200 enemy with a few tks at 453346. 5 DG on right and 1/7 Queens on left in close contact SOUTH of woods in 4534 - 4434. 8 H hold line 420352 - 412326. 22 Armd Bde (less 1 R Tks) 4131 with HQ 415309. 1/6 Queens and 1 R Tks N of EINDHOVEN. HQ 131 Bde 438306. 11 H withdrawn from line of ESCAUT canal and now conc 3410.	

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1100	12 Corps	Attack on NAASTEN BEST 3625 met stiff opposition and leading Coy still held up just WEST of rly line 3725. 53 Inf Div. 71 Bde and 158 Bde NO change. 160 Bde. 6 RWF hold area (VOORSTEE HEIKANT ?) 2008 while 4 Welch continue to attack REUSML ? from EAST. Leading tps 4 Welch along line of main rd in 2110 and in VOORHEIDE and are now in area 1708 - 1608 and in contact with enemy.	
1110	Phantom	Evacuation 1 Airborne Div 0950 hrs. Evacuation was continued till 0530 hrs when heavy smoke screen laid. Enemy observed this and opened all types of fire making further evacuation impossible. Operation considered complete 0600 hrs. Max 1700 personnel evacuated majority British. 100 to 150 left on NORTH bank, mostly Polish, with further 500 unaccounted for. No contact with main body 4 Dorset but Airtps report they are still fighting to cover withdrawal area 695774 and impossible to evacuate them. Large quantity of lifebelts left available on NORTH bank. Casualties during crossing light except RE who lost half strength. Estimated 1200 wounded left behind.	
1115	Phantom	53 Div 0900 hrs. 158 Bde no change. 71 Bde. Ox and Bucks 320255 - 296234. 1 HLI 295223 - 275210 with coy 4 RWF 276227 Remainder 4 RWF WINTHRE 3318. No signs of enemy pulling out on this front.	
1130	RE	Landing strip 5640 ready for Dakotas 1200 hrs.	
1200	Traffic Office	Reg Pt and TOP now established at UDEN. Traffic is flowing well on new route (TRIANGLE) and head is already past GRAVE.	
1220	Gds Armd	69 Bde disposed as follows 5 E Yorks BEAMMEL 6 G Howards RESSEN 7 G Howards 7169 At 1400 6 GH will move up through BEAMMEL directed on HALDEREN. 7 GH will move up to canal area 7469. 5 Gds Bde gp will move due NORTH to canal through AAM 7170.	

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1230	Gds Armd	Gren Gp is now moving from UDEN to area HEESCH 4851. 44 R Tks report main axis clear except for some mines laid on rd, which are now being lifted.	
1245	Phantom	7 Armd Div 1150 hrs. Rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL now clear of enemy and SA fire. Now being cleared of debris and wrecked MT.	
1250	LO 21 A Gp	49 Div. 146 Bde and twobns 56 Bde area 9312. 147 Bde TURNHOUT. 2 Cdn Div. Recce 8609. 4 Bde ANTWERP. 5 Bde 7905 - 7600. 6 Bde brhd 7498.	
1250	LO 21 A Gp	Two US Divs will be taking over incl WEERT 5897 - NEDERWEERT - ASTEN 6113 - DEURNE 6520 - VENRAY 7727 - MAASHEES 8231.	
1345	G(SD)	CLUB route clear at 1200 hrs. Mine clearing in progress.	
1400	LO HCR	HCR patrol at 7149 contacted Inns of Court patrol. Inns of Court have other patrols at 6444 7644 7640. Latter is clear of enemy.	
1405	43 Div	Latest count shows that 1800 Airborne Tps (incl 60 or 70 Poles) have been evacuated. Also 128 wounded in CCS. About 200 of 4 Dorset still on NORTH side and there are sounds of fighting continuing. Fighting patrols will be sent to-night to try and get more back.	

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1410	Army	Cositrop period 251200A to 260001A. Enemy continue to cause trouble on main axis between ST OEDENRODE E.4332 and VEGHEL throughout period. Rd still NOT clear. Considerable cols MT hold up to SOUTH. The corridor has been extended to the EAST and fwd tps are now on R.MEUSE at GROENIGENE 7936. 8 Corps. Belg Bde now holding line of river MEUSE from MAESEYOK K.3679 to THORN 6786 with patrols to NORTH and SOUTH. 4 Armd Bde in res in present area. 3 Br Div now hold line of canal from all incl br 6593 to ZOMEREN E.6012. Bn 185 Bde in HELMOND 5662. 9 Bde patrolling SOUTH towards MEIJEL 7006. 11 Armd Div continued adv NORTH. Fwd tps on line GROENIGEN 7936 - OPLoo 7136. Patrols Inns of Court on line of R.MEUSE to the SOUTH. 50 Div NTR. 101 US Airborne Div continue op to clear main axis SOUTH of VEGHEL 4837. 1 Br Airborne Corps. 82 US AB Div. 325 Glider Regt has taken over Southern sector of perimeter from 505 RCT. 505 RCT now est in NIJMEGEN and on brs. 1 Br Airborne Div NTR. 12 Corps. Main axis NORTH of ST OEDENRODE still NOT clear. 7 Armd Div. Leading elts slightly withdrawn and conc NORTH of ST OEDENRODE 4232 during night. 5 DG still engaged in clearing main axis from the SOUTH in area 4434. 15(S) Div. Two bns 227 Bde now across canal SOUTH of BEST 3726 - otherwise no change. 53 (W) Div. Small enemy counter attack in area VOORHEIDE 1607. 83 Gp RAF. In spite of bad weather conditions the day produced a greater scale of effort than for some days. 73 missions involving 588 sorties were flown. Claims. 16 enemy a/c destroyed, 19 damaged. MET - 6 flamers, LOCOS, 2 destroyed, 2 damaged. TRUCKS, 20 destroyed, 9 damaged.	
1440	BGS to GS01 Gds Armd	Gds Armd will be responsible for security area OSS - GRAVE - excl UDEN - cross rds HEESCH. Security this area is vital to future Corps plans. You will clear up OSS and cross rds at HEESCH and ensure that there is continuous strong recon in the area. When this area has been taken over by 101 Div, 32 Gds Bde Gp will come into res in area SW of GRAVE. You should keep an LO with CT of 101 Div at UDEN	
1445	2 Army	12 Corps now responsible for clearing main axis. Directly present situation SW of VEGHEL has been cleared up, 101 AB Div will hold ST OEDENRODE, VEGHEL and UDEN and 7 Armd Div will start operating NORTH of VEGHEL.	
1515	11 Armd Div	HQ 29 Armd Bde 671309. HQ 159 Bde 640333. One sqn FFY and one Coy Herefords 5731.	
1545	G(Air)	8 FW 190s shot down in NIJMEGEN area by 83 Gp a/c between 261445 and 261500 without loss.	
1555	43 Div	Can sec of Pro loaned to us please be returned. ? 214 Bde being relieved this evening by 129 Bde. 4 Som LI relieving 1 Worcs. 4 Wilts relieving 7 Som LI. 5 Wilts move to OOSTERHOUT 6666 tonight. Will relieve 5 DC LI tomorrow. 214 Bde conc in area centred on 365680. HQ 129 Bde and remainder of Bde conc WEST of VALBURG 6670.	
1410	Army	News as at 1400 hrs 24 Sep. 7 US Army has moved up in line with 3 Army on gen line EPIDAL - REMIREMON K.15 - LURE K.10 with elts NW of GERARDMER V.34. Third and First US Armies little change. First Cdn Army. BOULOGNE has now been mopped up. 49 Div has reported HERENTHALS J.9790 clear. 2 Cdn Div has adv to area D.7905 - J.7998 and ST LEONARD D.8609 is reported clear.	

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1750	Gds Armd	Report br at NIJMEGEN being shelled by gun which is too far away to be located by gunners.	Told RA who are trying to locate.
1800	Gds Armd	Told to liaise with 505 Para Bn who are guarding NIJMEGEN bridge.	
1805	2 HCR	Patrols report HEESCH now in our hands.	
1830	Phantom 131 Bde	8 H and 1/5 Queens approaching rly 430370 - 413368.	
1900	Gds Armd	Progress in BEMMEL area as follows. 6 GH met good deal of opposition and only adv 1000 yds EAST of BEMMEL. 7 GH also met opposition, but one coy reached canal at 746698 and rest are in area HEUVEL 7369. WG Gp met no opposition and have one coy on canal at 722715 with rest in area AMM 7170.	
1915	2 Army	On right 8 Corps have reached R MEUSE and line 8036 to 7136 to MILL. 7 Armd Div have reached VEGHEL. Line on left runs 420860 to 365295 to exel BEST.	
1920	Gds Armd	Situation in OSS - HEESCH area. There have been no enemy in OSS since last night's attack. Coldm Gp have garrison there with remainder area 5750. Gren Gp moved from UDEN during afternoon. They found number of enemy in HEESCH but drove them out and are now est there.	
1925	Airborne Corps	Sitrep as at 261200A. 1 Airborne Div. By 0530 hrs est 1700 tps evacuated across river. 0600 hrs op ceased owing enemy action. Gas during ferrying light. Not possible fully withdraw 4 Dorset covering withdrawal. Wounded could not be evacuated. 1 Polish Para Bde returning NIJMEGEN area by march route. 82 US Airborne Div. C/A at 7450 with flame throwers and inf beaten off. Otherwise NTR. R Netherlands Bde. Area clear of enemy as far WEST as 57 Easting grid.	
1927	2 Army	News at 1400 hrs 25 Sep. Seventh US Army. EPINAL SOUTH of THAON captured, otherwise no change. Third US Army. Two brhads est by 2 Armd Div on MEUTHE river at FLIN V1989 and at CHANEVIERES V1881. 79 Div reached outskirts Forêt De MONDON. First US Army. XIX Corps. 99 US Inf Bn est on inter army bdy at LANKLAER K5870, moved towards MAREECK K6479 to link up with right flank of Belgian bde. First Cdn Army. 1 Br Corps attacking to est brhead ANTIWERP - TURNHOUT Canal. 49 Br Div. 147 Bde in TURNHOUT B0506 - to exel BEESSSE D9906. 146 Bde attacking to est brhead area D9307. Enemy from TURNHOUT believed to have withdrawn to POPPEL E1219. 2 Cdn Corps. 2 Cdn Div. 6 Cdn Bde brhead NORTH of ANTIWERP - TURNHOUT canal withdrawn after heavy fighting.	
1930	Traffic	Up till 1830 hrs today approx 1500 vehicles had passed TCP at GRAVE.	
1931	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep up to 26001A. 2 Cdn Div. Active patrolling by the units SOUTH of canal. 43 Cdn Inf Bde. RHLL 6402, Essex Scot at 6800 and R Regt C 6897 with one coy 6202. 5 Cdn Inf Bde, R de MAIS area 765028 to 755015. REC 7595 and Calg Highrs 7797 with coys at 7800 and 7499. 6 Cdn Inf Bde. Fus MR along canal between 80 and 81 Grids. Camerons of C between 79 and 80 Grids. S Sak R area woods 7902 with one coy on canal area 734046.	

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1931	cont'd 2 Cdn Corps	8 Cdn Recce Regt. Area GRAVE EN WEZEL 7800. Locn 5 Cdn Inf Bde 767978. 6 Cdn Inf Bde 791007. 1 Polish Armd Div NTR. 4 Cdn Armd Div. Continue to contain enemy along line of canal from 1905 to 9303. 4 Cdn Armd Bde. 21 Cdn Armd Regt less one sqn area SLIET 0095. 22 Cdn Armd Regt area BASSEVELDE 1600. 28 Cdn Armd Regt at 067005 with patrols along canal from 0001 to 1203. LAKE SUP R(M) ? 0000. LING and WELLD R 0001 with one coy on island in canal. 10 (11 ?) Cdn Inf Bde. ALQ R 2104. A & SH of C 1903. Two coys ALQ R with 21 (9 ?) Cdn Armd Recce Regt at 2299. 3 Cdn Div. 7 Cdn Inf Bde. RW PGR completed occupation area 8375. Regina Rif from area 8076 (7076) with 1 C Scot R infiltrating towards coast 8278. 8 Cdn Inf Bde. N Shore R area 7875 - 7975 with R de Shauld holding high ground 7675. 4 SS Bde NTR.	
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1932	53 Div	Sitrop as at 252359A. 71 Bde, 1 Ox & Bucks 320255 - 296234. 1 HLI 295223 - 275010 with coy 4 RWF 276227, 4 RWF less one coy WINTPRE 3318. 158 Bde no change. 160 Bde. 6 RWF 207090 - 207081. 4 Welch fwd coy 209102, three coys hold from 220100 - 210102. 2 Men 160081 - 171082 - line of canal and rd. There has been hy fighting in the area VOONHEIDE 1607 and REUSEL 2010.	
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1935	SRY LO	Royals patrol KO'd pillbox area 7250 this morning, killing 5 enemy. Wood 7757 was cleared this morning by tk and inf attack and 50 PW taken out of total est str of 100. Enemy now trying to counter attack. Still some enemy in WYLER 7758. LEUTH 7962 was shelled by us as mov of enemy inf and tpt to NE from there was seen. Patrols remaining tonight at 784629 and 770623.	
2000	Main & Tac Form given. Army, 8 & 12 Corps		
2005	Gds Armd	Party at HEESCH seems to have gone well. Gren Gp have taken at least 150 PW and recaptured one of their offrs taken prisoner yesterday. They have two/sqn gps at HEESCH, one at NISTELRODE 4947 and one at UDEN. 69 Bdo will continue adv EAST of BEEMEL at 0700 hrs tomorrow with proper attack and full arty sp.	
2015	43 Div	Hope to evacuate more of Airborne Div and Dorsets tonight. Want Airborne Corps to have guides at same place at same time as last night.	Airborne Corps told.
2040	50 Div	Sitrep as at 261200A. Losses unchanged save for 231 Bdo HQ now at 553413. 2 Devons HQ 649448 with Coys at 651452 - 652447 - 645445 - 660436. 61 Recce Regt HQ 613465. 2 Devons moved up this morning to area MILL 6445. 61 Recce Regt less one sqn placed u/c 231 Bdo. 61 Recce Regt patrols fwd to River MAAS made contact Dutch Bdo at GRAVE. Enemy contacted in area 7149 - being engaged. Main axis between OEDENRODE and VEGHEL now clear. 131 Bdo gp advancing towards SCHINDIL against opposition.	
2050	RE	NIJMEGEN br hit again. Hole at NORTH end but OK for one-way traffic.	
2100	G(Air)	Medium bombers attacked GLEVE at 1700 hrs. All bombs tgt area.	

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2115 8 Corps 11 Armd Div.
15/19 H holding line 7136-6529.
159 Bde area ST ANTHONIS with one bn BOXMEER 7640
Inns of Court in touch with HCR just NORTH of
BOXMEER.
50 Div.
231 Bde have moved one Bn to MILL 6444. Otherwise
no change. 151 Bde still in area 4822.

2305 GSI US Army offr reported to AAOR NIJMEGEN Br that he GSI informed
had seen approx 30 enemy parachutists coming down Airborne Tps
on the S of NIJMEGEN Br.

2315 Phantom 15(8) Div sitrep. 227 Bde ordered to withdraw now.
10 HLI to area 387300 2 A & SH to area 378297.
2 Gordons moving to area VLEVT 3828. 6 KOSB moving
to general area 398313. 6 RSP to withdraw and conc
area 4030 tonight

2355 43 Div Sitrep 261830 A. Loen Main Main Div HQ 664678. 129
Bde 654694. 130 Bde 670712. 214 Bde 663678. 43
Recco 598718. Today's ops. Total of 2800 men of 1
Airborne Div incl party of 4 Dorset evacuated
their posn North of the NEDERRIJN during night
25/26. 129 Bde 4 Som LI and 4 Wilts have relieved
1 Wore R and 7 Som LI respectively. 5 Wilts conc
area OOSTERHOUT 6866 prior to relief of 5 DCLI
27 Sep. 130 Bde no change except 4 Dorset conc
area HOMOET 6672. 214 Bde. 1 Wore R conc area S
of ANDELST 6268. 7 Som LI conc area HERVELD 6368.
5 DCLI no change. Ops for 27 Sep. 13/18 H less one
sqn and 4/7 DG will conc under 8 Armd Bde. Various
moves to readjust grouping will be carried out
within the div.

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0230 Second Army Sitrep No. 133 period 260001A to 261200A. On the
right flank further progress has been made and
patrols have reached R MEUSE from 34 Northing to
CUIK E7149. On left progress has been slow against
stubborn enemy resistance. CLUB axis between ST
OEDENRODE 4332 and VEGHEL 4737 has been cleared of
enemy but is at present only one way. 8 Corps.
Belgian Bde NTR. 4 Armd Bde relieved 8 Bde of 3 Div
in area WEERT and are patrolling canal from K6790 -
NEDERWEERT E6100 3 Br Div. 8 Bde less bn in area
MAARHEEZE E5103 with bn at GEMERT 5730. 9 Br Bde and
185 Bde NO change. 11 Armd Div. Active patrolling to
R MEUSE otherwise NTR. 50 Div. An alternative to CLUB
route has been est as follows. EINDHOVEN - DONK 5328
- GEMERT 5730 - VOLKEL 5640 - UDEN 5342. 6 DLI of
151 Bde protecting Cl 40 br at DONK. 231 Bde. 2 Devon
have adv to MILL 6544 otherwise no change. 61 Recco
have patrols at 7045 and 6849. 101 US Abn Div. 506
Bde conc in area UDEN. 501 RCT at VEGHEL and 327
Glider Regt area E4736. 502 RCT STUEDENRODG. Br A/B
Corps. 1 Br A/B Div NTR. 82 US A/B Div. 325 Glider
Regt report enemy in wood 7451. 12 Corps. 7 Armd Div.
Rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL now clear of enemy but at
present only one way due to mines and debris. 5 R Tks
reached VEGHEL and made contact with 327 Glider Regt.

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Second Army cont'd 8 H advanced against considerable opposition to general line 418360 - 407345 - 402327. 15 (S) Div. 227 Bde in their advance to OLLAND 3833 have encountered stiff resistance but ldg elts reached 385303. 44 and 46 Bdes NO change. 53 (W) Div. 4 Welch of 160 Bde now in REUSEL 2010 where mopping up continues.

0415 12 Corps

Sitrep No. 145 as at 261200A. 7 Armd Div. Rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL now clear of enemy but it is at present only one way. Mines and debris are being cleared from area 4534. 5 R Tks who are directed on DINTHER 4341 have reached VEGHEL and made contact with 327 Glider Gp. 8 H have adv to gen line 418360 - 407345 - 402327 against considerable opposition. HQ 22 Armd Bde 478370. 15 (S) Div. 227 Inf Bde in their adv to OLLAND 3833 have encountered stiff opposition and progress has been slow. Ldg elts are now 385303. 44 and 46 Inf Bdes no change. 53 (W) Div. 4 Welch in REUSEL where mopping up continues. Otherwise no change.

0415 53 Div

Sitrep No. 127 as at 261200A. 71 Bde no change. 158 Bde no change. 160 Bde 6 RWF one coy 205096 remainder area 207087 4 Welch coys 209106 208102 211103 217102 2 Mon no change. 133 moving to 226323. Enemy resisting fiercely NORTH and WEST of REUSEL 2010. No sign of withdrawal from Div front. No change.

0415 Airborne Corps

Sitrep as at 262359A. 43 Div hope to evacuate further personnel from brhd NEDERLIJN night 26/27. Adv 1 Airborne Div departs for UK 27 Sep. 1 Polish Para Bde WITHDRAWN and placed under command 157 Bde.

0415 2 Cdn Corps

Sitrep No. 159 for period up to 251200A. para one. 2 Cdn Div. 4 Cdn Inf Bde. periodic shelling of ANTWERP area. 5 Cdn Inf Bde. NO change. 6 Cdn Inf Bde NO change. 1 Pol Armd Div. NTR. 4 Cdn Armd Div. continue to maintain pressure on enemy along line of LEOPOLD canal from area ISABELLA 1905 to MOERKERKE 9303. 4 Cdn Armd Bde. Line and Wella R firm in island in canal 0901 (20001). 3 Cdn Div. gen aslt on CALAIS began 251015A. & 7 Cdn Inf Bde. R Wpg R secure on first bound area COQUELLES 8376 with REGINE RIF on high ground 8075. 8 Cdn Inf Bde N shore R 7875 with R de CHAUD 7775. 9 Cdn Inf Bde No change. 4 SS Bde NTR.

0515 2 Army

Regret owing enemy rdt air forms it has been stated DAKOTAS may not fly into GRAVE. Air lift if therefore off. Told Air-borne Corps.

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0545	43 Div	Report four Airborne and two Dorsets passed through transit camp. Patrol reports not in will give complete picture as soon as available.	Told BGS
0545	GOK	No further damage to NIJMEGEN br during night.	
0600	Gds Armd	NTR	
0605	50 Div	Sitrep as at 2359 hrs 26 Sep. At last lgith line fo fwd tps ran (.) 131 Bde (.) 5 DG 428364 - 436365 - 442370. 1/7 Queens 438361 - 439362. 1/5 Queens 418359 - 422350 - 418358. 8 H 415362 - 412330 - 411325. 1/6 Queens coys at 413325 - 413335 - 420337. 101 US AB Div 440370 - 445380 - 465380 - 475388 - 485388 - 520408 - 5214(52 or 32?) - 542434 - 550413. Rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL cleared of enemy by 1210 hrs. 11 Armd Div report BEUGEN 7543 and OEFFELT 7646 clear.	
0606	2 Army	News as at 261400A. 7 and 3 US Armies NO news received. First US Army. At present regrouping is taking place and there will be NO resumption of offensive until it is completed. First Cdn Army. 2 Cdn Corps. Attack on CALAIS is proceeding satisfactorily otherwise NTR. 1 Br Corps. 49 Div. 146 Bde have est a brhd over TURNHOUT Canal area RYKEVORSEL - D 9209. 147 Bde continue to occupy area immediately SOUTH canal from incl TURNHOUT EO506 - EO006.	
0620	8 Corps	8 Corps intentions 27 Sep. 11 Armd Div will (?scal) present posns and push fwd strong fighting patrols with(? A/Tk) support to drive the enemy on to the line of R. MEUSE. 50 Div will position 231 Bde in area 6146 - MILL 6445 and 151 Bde in area VOLKEL 5640 - BOEKEL 5736. Recco will be pushed fwd line of R. MEUSE. 3 Div will est 8 Bde in area GEMERT 5730 - DERIPS 6630 - BAKEL 6124. 4 Armd Bde and 1 Belgian Bde will hold present sectors.	
0725	Gds Armd	7 GH. One coy at 746697. One coy at 740699. The latter coy is moving NE and is not in contact with enemy now. It will halt at cross-rds 721716, and will then patrol another 1000 yds to contact WG. 6 GH continuing advance on HELDEREN at 0800 hrs. 5 E Y. Still in contact with enemy at BEMMEL especially at 739670. Factory at 745660 still thought occupied. 32 Bde. 5 CG. Heard from underground source - thought reliable - that there is a number of enemy 2000 metres WEST of HEESCH. They are tired but not yet ready to surrender. Many Austrians among them, who would surrender if they could.	
0730	43 Div	Fullpatrol reports not yet in. Div know of only one airborne man got across. Full details of how many across will follow.	1 Corps told.

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0745	Airborne Corps	ETA glider lift 1000 hrs today.	
0750	HCR	Patrols at 6850 - 5556 - 4453 - 4550 - 4745.	
0910	2 Army	101 AD Div and 44 R Tks under op comd 12 Corps forthwith but will be maintained from 161 FMC. Wef 280001 hrs control of traffic on CLUB axis becomes Army responsibility.	
0915	Army	4 Armd Bde relieved 8 Bde of 3 Div in area WEERT and are patrolling canal from K6790.	
0930	HCR	32 Gds Bde have captured PW who states that one bn Germans and one bn Russians are approaching HEESCH from WEST. This is confirmed by statements of another PW. Patrol HCR reports mortaring of HEESCH getting heavy. Enemy 88mm facing SE at 4442.	Spoke Gds Armd who have no confirmation yet. Spoke GSI who are arranging to interrogate PW.
0945	Main Army	Main HQ Second Army moves 28 or 29 Sep to area WEST of HELMOND.	
0955	8 Corps	Sitrep at 261200A. 11 Armd Div. 29 Armd Bde taking over area to rd incl OFLOO 7136 - excl rd junc 654247. 159 Bde taking over area ST ANTHONIS - rd junc 702406. 15/19 H and 4 KSLI in ST ANTHONIS. 2 FF Yco and 1 Hereford rd junc 702406. Patrols report BOXMEER 7640 and SAMDEEK 7739 clear DEUGEN 7543 and OVERLOON 7531 held by enemy. 3 Br Div. 8 Bde relieved area WEERT has two bns conc in MARHEEZE 5203 and one bn GEMERT 5830. Otherwise no change. 50 Div. 231 Bde one bn in MILL 6445 one bn ZEELAND 5746 and one bn between these two places, 151 Bde two bns in VOLKEL 5640 one bn BOEKEL 5736. 4 Armd Bde moving to take over area WEERT from 3 Br Div. 1 Indep Belgian Bde. Some shelling and enemy activity reported in the area of THORN 7686 but enemy posns WEST of the canal unchanged. Enemy troops spotted in STEVENSWEERD 6783 have been engaged with mortar fire. Contact has been made with the Americans on the right and is being maintained by armd cars with 4 Armd Bde in their new posns.	
1000	G(Air)	85 Group claims for 26 Sep - Enemy aircraft 15 destroyed 2 prob 10 dam. MET 9 flamers, 13 smokers, 33 dam. Locos 3 flamers, 1 smoker, 4 dam. rly trucks 35 flamers, no smokers 28 dam.	
1030	HCR	What is shown as a br at 457615 is in fact a ferry. Local inhabitants report enemy attack on OIJEN 4560 unsuccessful.	
1040	43 Div	During night 200 enemy crossed to SOUTH bank of river at 577750 and unknown numbers at 566738 and 602748. Now reported at 613750 603758, and unconfirmed at 587743. Most Easterly of these is going to be attacked by coy gp 7 Hamps with sqn tks who are now being heavily shelled.	

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1100	Phantom	7 Armd Div 0930 hrs. 22 Armd Bde reports US tps at UDEN now out of contact with enemy and advancing NORTH.	
1115	Rear Corps	Rear Corps HQ now open 6256. Adm Post and Traffic Office remain 3580.	
1120	50 Div	HQ 50 Div 550359.	
1125	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep 261200A. 2 Cdn Div. 6 Cdn Inf Bde. Fus MR and Camerons of C relieved along line of canal D7805 (4?) to D810060 by one sqn 8 Cdn Recce Regt. Fus MR now D811039, Camerons of C D796008, 8 Cdn Recce Regt D794039. 1 Polish Armd Div - NTR. 4 Cdn Armd Div. Continue to control line of canal from area D1905 to MOERCEKE C9303. 10 Cdn Inf Bde. ALQR two coys area D1905 relieved by two coys A & SH of C. 3 Cdn Div. Attack on CALAIS continuing. 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Royal Wpg Regt cleared area COQUELLES G8376. Regina Rif cleared area G8176. C Scot R leading tps area G8178 attacking along rd LECRAN G8077 - LES BARAGUES G8571 (8?). 8 Cdn Inf Bde. NSR and R de Chaud clearing area WEST of SANGATAO ? G7876 G7976. 4 SS Bde NTR. 2 Cdn Div under op control 1 Br Corps wof 262400A.	
1205	43 Div	One coy 7 Hamps attacked RANDWIJK 6075 and got into village. Stiff opposition met and are now re-org on Eastern exists. 43 Recce have sqn blocking Southern exists where enemy is trying to push out. One coy KIRC at 612729 has been ordered to move northwards and assist in clearing SOUTH exists. Two bns of 214 Bde are being too-ed up now to clear village properly.	
1245	Gds Armd	Situation at HEESCH and OSS all quiet. Number of enemy formed up HEESCH area but no attack developed. 69 Bde. 6 GH made slow progress towards HALDEREN against stiff opposition and leading tps are at 748678.	
1250	HCR	Enemy SP guns on both sides of rd at 461508. Unconfirmed SP gun 431502.	
1255	RA	Unconfirmed civrep says there are 50 tks in ZIJFFLICH 7860. Air OP is going to have a look.	
1305	Tac & Main Army 8 & 12 Corps	Form given	

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1320	RA	Air OP confirms 45 AFVs at 785598.	G(Air) informed Airborne Corps told and air attack asked for.
1325	Gds Armd	Civ report that a large number of enemy in area 3446. Could Tac/R have a look? Civs state up to 20,000.	G(Air) informed
1415	RA	Ref entry of 1320 hrs ACP have seen more AFVs at 801601 moving towards ZIJFFLICH.	
1500	Phantom 22 Armd Dde	5 R Tks area 505450 - 495465 - 475463.	
1500	Air Corps	1 Airborne Div now being flown out from BRUSSELS. Will move down to DIEST tomorrow. At 0730 hrs Seabornes tail of 450 vehs will cross MAAS - WAAL canal and main body of 120 vehs will cross at 1000 hrs.	G(SD) told.
1525	Phantom	22 Armd Dde 1320 hrs. One sqn 1 R Tks at 460408 adv NW.	
1530	12 Corps	HEESLIJK 4241 held by enemy. Own tps at 454427.	
1630	Gds Armd	Told that dots at UDEN and ZEELAND may be withdrawn but OSS and HEESCHE must still be held.	
1635	Main Army	Sitrep up to 270001A. 8 Corps, 11 Armd Div. Sqn 15/19 H has moved into BOXMEER E7640 remainder 15/19 H and 4 KSLI at ST ANTONIS 7138. 2 FF Yco area 7040. 50 (N) Div. 61 Recon have patrols to R MEUSE at 7248 and CUYK 7149. At 1530 hrs CUYK was reported clear. 231 Dde area MILL 6444 - VOLKEL 5640 - BOKKEL 5736. 151 Dde area 4630 - BREUGEL 4826 - NUNEN 4822. Otherwise NTR. Dr Airborne Corps. NTR. 12 Corps. 7 Armd Div. 5 DG and bn 131 Dde have adv to rly 440370 - 420370. 8 H and bn 131 Dde on gap line 418368 - 410355 - 395330. 15(S) Div. Enemy still offers very strong opposition in DIEST area 3726 but 44 Dde and 227 Dde have adv NE of the village and have reached 4031 and 3829 respectively. 46 Dde continues to contain DIEST. 53 (W) Div. 71 Dde have extended their front to SW and 4 RMP are now est area WESTEL DEERS 2418. 7 RMP of 158 Dde moved to VESSEN 3016 otherwise NTR. 83 Gp RAF. In much improved weather 679 sorties were flown mainly in protection of the NIJMEGEN - ARNHEM areas. Claims are 9 MEET destroyed, 46 damaged. 3 Locos destroyed, 5 damaged. 15 a/a destroyed, 12 damaged.	
1640	12 Corps	HQ 12 Corps BREUGEL 4526.	

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1650	11 Armd Div	Sitrap at 262200L. Inns of Court supported by sqn 15/19 H carried out aggressive patrols from ST ANTHONIS E7138 throughout the day. During the morning opposition was encountered and shelled in BOXMEER 7640 BEUGEN 7543 and OVERLOO 7531. During the afternoon patrols reported BOXMEER and BEUGEN clear. Contacted 2 BCR in CUYK 7149 2 Devons in MILL 6544 and patrol as far SOUTH as VORTUN 7837. Rly br over A MMS at 771455 blown in four places and difficult to repair. Pontoon br reported by civs at 8134 with approaches heavily covered by A Tk guns and 15/19 H report a lot at 783398 passable for inf across the river. Otherwise no crossings appear to exist in area. 2 FF Yoo patrols from GEMERT contacted 231 Bde. Enemy inf shot up by 3 R Tks in area 7434. PW report two A Tk guns between VORREN and GROENINGEN 7935 and 12 cam Panthers (believed to be the remnants of 107 Pz Bde) between GROENINGEN and LOOBBEEK 7931. OVERLOO 7531 and VENRAY 7727 appear hold in strength. Last light loons. Div HQ 637331. 159 Bde HQ 711378. 3 Mon 702333. Remainder unchanged except for sqn 2 FF Yoo and coy 1 Herefords which have rejoined their units from GEMERT 5730.	
1655	8 Corps	Sitrap 2359 26 Sep. 50 Div. Last light disposns. 131 Bde Gp, 5 DG 428364 436365 442370, 1/7 Queens 438362, 1/5 Queens astride rd area 418355, 8 H 415362 412330 411325, 1/6 Queens area NE of ARBEIDSLUST 412328. Rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL clear of enemy by 1210 hrs. 231 Bde. 2 Devons MILL 6444, 1 Dorset VOLKEL 5640, 1 Hamps BOEKEL 5736. 151 Bde. 6 DLI BREUGEL, 8 DLI NUNEN, 9 DLI 4650. 61 Recce line of fwd tps 6849 7249 7347 7045. 3 Br Div. 9 Bde. 1 KGSB patrol report enemy along both banks of canal from 700164 709122. MELJEL 7106 clear. 185 Bde. Wood EAST of HELMOND searched by Dutch patriots and reported clear. 92 LAA shot down one ME 109 area SOUTH of ZOMEREN 1400 hrs. 2 Lx patrol NEDERLAND - DONK 7006 took 20 to 30 PW and report area now clear except for scattered enemy posns along SOUTH bank of canal. 4 Armd Bde. took over from 8 Inf Bde area WEERT and is now disposed as follows. HQ 575983 Grays 595007, 3/4 CLY 616956, 2 KRMS 593975. 1 Belg Bde took over Corps front from exel 668910 to contact with the Americans area LANKLAER.	
1700	G(Air)	Target Hotel E5987 containing HQ of German Tps in ARNHEM area (source reliable from Airborne Corps) located and attacked with Staff outside. Claimed destroyed.	

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030	43 Div	7 Hamps with sqn 4/7 DG have now cleared RANDWIJK as far WEST as 603750. About one coy inf appear to be retreating in disorder.	A
1740	Airborne Corps	Sitrep as at 271200A. 1 AB Div now conc NIJMEGEN area. 82 US AB Div. 504 pushed fwd to DITHAL VASSEDAAL DEN HEUVEL. 150 Germans killed. Own cas 4. 325 Glid Inf pushed SE to area 753518 - 745505. 57 Bde. HQ 582518 Recce complete in area 5951 and patrolling WEST. Polish Para Bde. HQ 581567 with tps in RAVENSTEIN 5657. Otherwise NTR.	1
1745	Gds Armd	5 EX have one pl at 739671, rest of coy close behind. Progress is slow owing to thick country. One SP gun located and few 88s but mostly a small arms battle. 6 GH have tps in orchard SOUTH of X-rds 743689.	4
1815	HCR	101 AB Div have tps at 5554 5557 5357. Fighting going on in Westerly outskirts of HEESCH.	
2120	43 Div	One coy 7 Hamps are now in RANDWIJK and have pushed out enemy. Fwd coys 4. Som LI at 593746 and 607749.	
2135	Gds Armd	Now no enemy within 2000 yds to WEST of HEESCH X-rds. Gren Gp had quite a battle and took 80 PW and killed 60 having a number of cas themselves. Quite a number of enemy in SPAGEL 45550 which is being taken on by arty tonight. All quiet at OSS.	

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2200	G(Air)	83 Gp claims today - E/A - 40 destroyed, 19 damaged.	
2200	G(Air)	Tac/R TOA 1600 reported no military act seen in HERTOGENBOSCH are but considerable civilian movement into the town.	
2205	Phantom 7 Arm'd Div	During night 1 RB and one sqn R Tks to hold 4341 - 4241. 3 R Tks to hold 5047 - 4946 - 4947.	
2315	Traffic	Between 0600 hrs and 1900 hrs 2400 vehs passed GRAVE TOP move NORTH.	
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0030	50 Div	Sitrep at 271200A. Locns. Main HQ 550359. 151 Bde HQ 563394. 231 Bde HQ 634748. 61 Recce Regt 641460. 151 Bde move to area as follows - 6 DLI astride rd VOEKEL - MILL east of VOEKEL, 8 DLI area DORKEEL. 231 Bde, 1 Hamps in area 653430, 1 Dorset astride the rd in area 614470. 61 Recce Regt patrol from 7045 and 6849. Contact Dutch Bde in GRAVE 6253 area 7049 now held. Enemy located at 7646 and MG post at 739479.	
0035	12 Corps	Sitrep at 271200A. 7 Arm'd Div. 22 Arm'd Bde now all NORTH of ZWV canal and disposed as follows. 5 R Tks 5047, 1 R Tks EAST of DINHER 4341 which is still held by the enemy and 5 DR NORTH of VEGHEL 4837. Patrols from 11 H reached 4547 and 4444. SOUTH of ZWV canal in area NORTH and NW of ST CEDENRODE 4232 little change. 5 H pushing towards OLLAND 3833. Remainder ni change. HQ 12 Corps Main movg to area VEGHEL 4526.	
0540	Gds Arm'd	5 Gds Bde - all quite. 69 Bde. Some enemy shelling in BEMMEL area. 32 Gds Bde. Two small un-coordinated attacks on HEESCH were broken up and a number of enemy killed.	
0550	43 Div	All quiet at RANDWIJK and clearing of village will be completed by first light. Some enemy movt on river bank 630766. During night mediums did some CB.	
0551	Gds Arm'd	Locns at 272000A. 1 WG 699698. 1 Mot Gren Gds and 2 Arm'd Gren Gds 4850 and 4750. 1 Arm'd Coldm Gds and 5 Coldm Gds, 568570 two sqns and one coy at CSS 4754. 6 GH 723676, 7 GH 730680.	
0552	Br Airborne Corps	Sitrep at 272359A. 1 Airborne Div movg area DIEST 1169 200730A. 82 US AB Div NTR. R Netherlands Bde standing patrols at DEEST 5767 BATTENDUNG 5460 and WAMEL 4367. NIS.	

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0600	50 Div	Sitrep at 272359A. Locns. 151 Bde, 6 DLI 560405, 8 DLI 561405, 9 DLI 566357. 231 Bde, 2 Devons 649448. 61 Recce Recco continued to patrol along the line of River MAAS and report NES SOUTH of the river between GRAVE and GUYK 7149. 11 Armd Div NTR. 7 Armd Div 158 Bde received 131 Bde in the SCHINDEL area the town is still held by the enemy. 1 R Tks and 1 RD adv along Northern bank of canal from VEGHEL and reached YINFER 4341 ?. 5 R Tks reached village 4542 ? at last light.	
0601	43 Div	Sitrep at 272200A. Locns 129 Bde. 5 Wilts have relieved 5 DCLI otherwise no change. 130 Bde. One coy, 7 Hamps have been attacking enemy pocket at RANDWIJK 6074 from the EAST. Bn now disposed one coy 613748, remainder of bn area 654750 one coy 667751. 4 Dorset coys 663726 and 665718. 5 Dorsets no change. 214 Bde. 1 Wore no change. 5 DCLI moved to new area 623697. 7 Som LI bn HQ 606725 fwd tps 5974 602747. 8 Armd Bde. Majority of armour is conc in the OOSTERCUT 6766 area detailed locns as follows. 13/18 H. HQ 676667 A Sqn 669711 B and C areas 676667. 4/7 DG HQ and B sqn 635690 A and C Sqs 629689. Gun areas 179 Fd Regt area 623709 619706. 413/147 Fd Bty 625705 otherwise no change. Today's activities. At first light today there was a small crossing of the NEDERELIJN by approx one bn of enemy in area 603757. Enemy moved through our recco screen into RANDWIJK while they were attacked about 1000 hrs by one coy 7 Hamps and one tp 13/18 H. The attack succeeded in preventing further exploitation by the enemy and containing them on the East flank. At 1430 hrs an attack with Som LI of 214 Bde sp by one sqn 4/7 DG adv North and by approx 1800 hrs had reached 610647 603747 and 593746. The enemy has suffered cas and is expected to be mopped up by a night attack later this evening. This evening there was a continuation of air activity, 43 Recce and 130 Bde and 179 Fd Regt reporting MG attacks by enemy aircraft. div A4 layout North of the river has been increased by two tps of 40mm and the whole RA layout co-ordinated on a div plan.	

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0630	Main Army	Permission given for CL 40 bargo bridge to be built over R WAAL.	
0645	Rear Corps	Adm post and Traffic Office rejoin Rear Corps 28 Sep.	
0700	RE	210 Fd coy report being fired on by MGs at 28 Sep.	Airborne Corps.
0730	82 US Div by LO	Small enemy attacks in areas 7862 and 7757 pushed back our patrols a bit, but everything is in hand. One tk at former place.	
0755	43 Div	12 to 20 enemy aircraft made low level attack on NIJMEGEN rly br at 0640 hrs with bombs and MG fire. Dr damaged. 90 ft of rdway broken up and girders damaged. Traffic stopped.	
0820	Gds Armd	Main rd br NIJMEGEN was hit and is now fit for one way traffic with difficulty only. Will be fit for normal one way about one hour.	
0830	43 Div	8 Armd Bde say SKY report by shelling and mortaring of our posns from 56 grid to North. Two SP and one tk in general area 7764. There is a gun and one more tk 7864. SKY have KO'd four enemy tks so far.	
0855	Army	At 271200A rly line from 440370 - 395360 was held by right 131 Bde left 158 Bde.	
0905	Army	News as at 1400 hrs 27 Sep. Seventh US Army and Third US Army NTR. First US Army. 5 US Armd Div now concentrating EAST of ST VITH P868. 7 US Armd Div due to complete conc in area MAESEYCH - MEESWICK K6168 - NEEROTEN 5775 by 1200 hrs today. Otherwise NTR. First Cdn Army. 49 Br Div. Contact by patrols has now been made with patrols of 53 Div EAST of TURNHOUT. Brhead at RYKEVOERSEL T9209 has been enlarged to the EAST to D9509. 56 Bde and two bns 146 Bde now NORTH of canal. C.L.I.S still holding out.	

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0930	8 Corps	3 Div. 8 Bde. 1 Suffolk area KLOTTER PEEL 6528 1 S Lancs BAKEL 6124. 2 BY GENERT 5730.	
0935	43 Div	From 8 Arm'd Bde. SRY say things now quiet but probably 3 or 4 tks milling around. Enemy losses, 3 destroyed 2 damaged: own losses nil.	
0940	G(Air)	83 Gp final claims for 27 Sep. 46 enemy aircraft destroyed, 3 probables, 22 damaged.	
1100	11 Arm'd Div	Sitrep as at 272230A. Inns of Court patrolled R.M.A.S from EFFELT 7546 to SANDEEK 7739 and made contact with 61 Recce at EFFELT. Enemy are est upon EAST side of river. Enemy inf engaged at rly 7645 withdrew to the NORTH. 29 Arm'd Bde Gp patrols reported brs 608205 and 609204 blown. Dr at 696269 badly damaged. 3 R Tks and 3 Mon patrols swept area 7235 and found NC enemy previously reported. 159 Inf Bde Gp. 14/19 H patrolled to 7336 and knocked out a Tiger. Enemy with tks and SP guns are holding approx line from VORTUM 7837 - STEVENSBECK 7435 - 6927. Area STEVENSBECK strongly held incl MONASTERY 7445 - 7335.	
1430	12 Corps	Sitrep at 272400A. 7 Arm'd Div. 22 Arm'd Bde made considerable progress against little opposition NORTH of ZW Canal capturing DINTNER 4341 and HEESWIJK 4241. Loading elts 5 R Tks 429457 and 432445. Dr 425410 blown and held by enemy. Patrols 11 H maintained contact with elts Gds Arm'd Div in UDEN 5342 NISTELRODE 5047 and HEESCH 4051. 158 Inf Bde less bn (from 53 Div) u/c and now conc in area 4431. Shelling less frequent on rd ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL. HQ 7 Arm'd Div 508399, 22 Arm'd Bde 497467, 131 Inf Bde 483373 - 158 Inf Bde 446314. 15 (S) Div. 44 Inf Bde encountering strong opposition in difficult country. Loading elts 397322 and 393321 otherwise no change. 53 (W) Div. NTR.	
1400	53 Div	Sitrep as at 280001A. 71 Bde no change. 160 Bde. BLADEL 2410 to VOOTSTE HEIKAUT 206087 to VOORHEIDE 166080. 4 Welch EGYPT 2409. Pending relief of 1 E Lancs in area BLADEL 2410, otherwise no change.	
1435	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep up to 280001A. 1 Pol Arm'd Div. Completed move to conc area EAST of ANWERP. 10 Pol Arm'd Bde. 24 Pol Arm'd Regt area 7792. 3 Pol Inf Bde. 1 Pol Inf Bn 7694. 8 Pol Inf Bn 7391. 9 Pol Inf Bn 7495. 10 Pol Recce Regt 7393. Leons. 1 Pol Arm'd Div Main J577945. 3 Pol Inf Bde J577912. 4 Cdn Arm'd Div. Continued active patrolling on line of LEOPOLD CANAL. 18 Cdn Arm'd Car Regt NTR. 4 SS Bde. Conc area OSTEND. C 60. 3 Cdn Div. CALAIS op continues against stiff enemy resistance. Minofields inundations considerable hindering progress. Numerous air sorties flown and tgts effectively engaged. 7 Cdn Inf Bde. RWPG Rif fwd elts at GO4-7770. 1 C Scot R fwd elts 051785. Regina Rif one coy passing SOUTH of R. Winnipeg Rif adv on town from SW. 8 Cdn Inf Bde conc as follows. R de Chaud 8360. 9er of C 0150. N Shord R 0450. 9 Cdn Inf Bde. SD and G Highrs. one coy area 7572. Regrouping. 1 Pol Arm'd Div pass to under op control 1 Dr Corps waf 271000A. 4 SS Bde. Remains u/c 2 Cdn Corps.	

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1440	Army	<p>Cositrep period 271200A to 280001A. 8 Corps. No change. 1 Br Airborne Corps. 82 US AB Div. Slight advs to EAST and SOUTH of perimeter. 1 Br AB Div now conc area NIJMEGEN 7060. 157 Bde est in areas REEK 5851 and HERPEN 5554 with 52 Recce and 6 HLI. Other elts of Bde NOT yet arrived. 12 Corps. 101 US AB Div. Enemy c/a est str one Bn in area 4337 repulsed. 7 Armd Div. 22 Armd Bde. 5 R Tks withdrawn to SOUTH of NISTELRODE 5047. 1 R Tks captured HEESWIJK 4241. 5 DG conc WEST of VEGHEL 4837, otherwise NTR. 15 (S) Div. Limited adv on 44 Bde front. 53 Div NTR. 83 Gp RAF. The day has seen the most successful air fighting since D Day. Except for a short period in the afternoon the enemy continued to operate in the NIJMEGEN area in groups of 10 - 20 a/c. 105 missions involving 760 sorties were flown 83 Gp claims are enemy aircraft 46 destroyed, 2 probably destroyed, 20 damaged. MET 22 flamers, 10 smokers, 27 damaged. Locos 4 destroyed, 24 damaged. Trucks, 41 destroyed, 82 damaged. Barges 3 destroyed, 4 damaged. other vessels 3 damaged.</p>	

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1440	Gds Armd	69 Bde HQ at 694671. Otherwise NTR.	
1600	Gds Armd	Locons. Div HQ 706566. 5 Bde 691669. 32 Bde 585505. GG Gp 4750 - 4850. CG Gp 5657 1 IG Gp 6965. 1 WG 699698. 2 WG 697675. Irish Gds are relieving Welsh Gds between 1800 and 1900 hrs this evening.	
1615	8 Corps	Sitrep as at 1200 hrs 27 Sep. It has been a quiet night on all sectors. Patrols were sent out but contact was not gained except in 4 Armd Bde sector where fire was opened on a house at 627984 on the far side of the canal. Subsequently the movt of trucked vchs was heard. 3 Br Div. 8 Bde moving to area EAST and SE of GENERT otherwise no change. 50 Div. 151 Bde HQ 563394. 6 DLI 568405. 8 DLI 561405. 9 DLI 566357. 231 Bde HQ 633448. 1 Hamps 653438. 1 Dorsets 614470. 2 Devons MILL 61 Regt Recg 614460. 11 Armd Div no change. Patrols of Inns of Court have reached 775390 775405 760450 715495. Mortar fire reported from EASTside of the river. 4 Armd Bde. Greys still NORTH of MALSTRICHT canal in area NEDERWEERT. 2 KRRC now responsible for whole of Bde front along canal running SE to junction with Belgians incl 668910. 3/4 CLY in sp with HQ atn 6169956 and sqns at 605960 626946 650912. 1 Belg Bde no change. Locons HQ 3 Div 571218.	
1740	50 Div	Patrols 61 Recce report approx 20 enemy 726476 and 40 enemy area 760465. More enemy in area than yesterday. Civilians report enemy crossing R MAAS in rubber boats.	
2300	LO SRY	This morning much activity in 504. Regt area. 4 enemy tks KO. Regt shelled by 2 SPs and one gun from NORTH of river. At 0730 tks brewed up area of Aerlikon factory. Med arty engaged a tk, MET and 105 gun at 799541. One hit observed. One armd car KO at 784621. Inf took 25 PW, and inflicted about 70 cas. DEN HEUVEL wood attacked by 3 tks and one coy inf. Our friends pushed out of wood, and not yet back.	
2315	Army	Tac HQ Second Army closes present locn 290930A re-opens at MORTEL 595290 at 291300A. Oster strip 595305.	
2335	43 Div	Locons of OPs required by your SUNRAY 752578 756602 757544.	
2345	Airborne Corps	82 Div. Small scale attack.	

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0001	G(CW)	Smoke screen NIJMEGEN will be operational dawn 29 Sep.	Traffic Office ABCORPS Gds Armd told.
0001	12 Corps	Sitrep as at 281200A. 7 Armd Div. 11 H patrols have made contact with enemy on gen line 420479 - 385450. 22 Armd Bde with 1/5 Queens u/c continued to operate in area NORTH of ZWV Canal. 5 R Tks reached line 445470 - 430435. 5 DG area 4943. 1 R Tks less one sqn area cross-rds VEGHEL 4837. 1 RB with 1/5 Queens and one sqn 1 R Tks hold firm base area DINTHER 4340. 1/6 Queens moving to NORTH of VEGHEL. 158 Inf Bde with 1/7 Queens u/c astride rds NW from ST OEDENRODE on gen line 418360 - 400824. 15 (S) Div. 44 Bde adv slightly against by opposition. 8 RS dug in 386325 - 386323. 6 RST area 395323. 6 KOSB area 3931. 46 Bde. reported no enemy WEST of rly area BEST. 227 Bde. 2 Gordons cleared wood 3728. 53 (W) Div. 160 Bde. 1 E Lanes reverted to u/c 158 Bde and moved to area 1531. 4 Welch at LADEL 2410. 2 Mon area br Q1805. 101 US AB Div. 506 Regt area UDEN 5342. 327 Glider Regt NORTH of canal on gen line rly 485385 - 465378. 501 Regt SOUTH of canal 458380 - rly 441370. 502 Regt ST OEDENRODE.	
0001	Army	Sitrep No 135 up to 281200L. A limited adv has been made towards 's HEIMTOGENBOSCH E 3146 otherwise there has been little change. 8 Corps. Belgian Bde and 4 Armd Bde NTR. 3 Br Div. 185 Bde has extended EAST and took over LIESEL E 6614 from 9 Bde who have moved NORTH to occupy area DEURNE 6520 - cross-rds 650248. 8 Bde no change. 11 Armd Div and 50 Div NTR. Br Airborne Corps. 1 Br AB Div in area E 7060 is moving to LAUVAIN area J 8658. 82 US AB Div. RN Bde u/c have patrols at DEEST 5767 - BLAENBURG 5460 and WAMEL 4367 otherwise NTR. 12 Corps. 101 US AB Div. NTR. 7 Armd Div. Patrols of 11 H reached line E 4347 - 4244 - 3847. 22 Armd Bde adv against moderate opposition to gen line 430457 - HEESWIJK 4241. 5 DG and 1 RB conc at NISTELRODE 4047. 131 Bde less 1/7 Queens have crossed ZWV Canal, one bn now at VEGHEL 4837 and one bn DINTHER 4341. 158 Bde of 53 Div u/c NTR. 15 (S) Div. 46 and 227 Bdes NTR. 44 Bde adv against strong opposition and by midday leading bn reached 3832. 53 (W) Div. 71 Bde NTR. 160 Bde. 4 Welch relieved 1 E Lanes R at BLADEL 2410. 1 E Lanes R moving to rejoin 158 Bde.	
0001	Gds Armd	Loon statement as at 2000 hrs 28 Sep. 1 Mot Gren Gds and 2 Armd Gren Gds 510506. 1 Armd Coldm Gds and 5 Coldm Gds 565510. 84 Med Regt RA 678615. Remainder of loons as per Gds Armd Div loons statement dated 27 Sep but IG Gp have relieved WG Gp.	

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0001	Gds Armd	Rang up to say that they were receiving the same treatment as HQ 30 Corps received the night before. Wished to contact CBO.	RA infmd and CBO contacted.
0100	Army	<p>News as at 1100 hrs 28 Sep.</p> <p>Seventh and Third US Armies NTR. No change in front lines.</p> <p>XIX US Corps. 7 Armd Div completed conc in area SW of MARSEYCK K 6380. 29 Inf Div is concing in area immediately EAST of MA-STRICHT E 5651.</p> <p>First Cdn Army. 2 Cdn Corps. Attack on CALAIS and C&B GRIZ NEZ continued. OSTEND is now opened to limited amount of shipping. 4 SS Bde has been relieved by bde of 51 Div in area of DUNKIRK. Remaining two bns of 51 Div moving to area of ANTWERP. 4 Cdn Armd Div no change.</p> <p>1 Br Corps. Pol Armd Div now conc immediately SE of ANTWERP. 2 Cdn Div. 5 Cdn Bde conc area D 9005 prior to passing through 49 Div brhd over TURNHOUT canal. 49 Div. Little change.</p>	
0100	Army	Army Comd directed airfield at MOUD KRENT 5854 is handed over to 83 Gp immediately.	

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0140	43 Div	<p>Sitrep as at 282230h.</p> <p>Loons. 129 Bde. Three coys 4 Wilts conc in res area 6769 otherwise no change. 130 Bde. Coy from RANDWIJK 6074 how in bn res 650745 otherwise no change. 214 Bde HQ 632699. 7 Som LI HQ 614709 coys area 6171. 1 Worcs HQ 607725 coys areas 608748 579659 595750 607725, 5 DCLI no change. 43 Recce Regt HQ 614712. 8 Armd Bde. 12 KRRC HQ 597717. 5/7 DG 1 sqn now conc in area 6766. Gun areas no change. Today's ops. 7 Som LI with one coy 7 Hamps cleared enemy infiltration approx three coys from RANDWIJK 6174 and area of rd junc 594750. Approx 130 PW were taken. 43 Recce Regt and 12 KRRC combined in one force u/c 8 Armd Bde has now been redispersed in accordance with foregoing infm. 214 Bde. 1 Worcs has relieved 7 Som LI and moved into the same localities. 7 Som LI has moved back into the res area 6171. 129 Bde. 4 Som LI has now taken over responsibility for ELST 7070 and 4 Wilts with one coy 13/18 H is prepared for counter attack role to the ELST. 214 Bde. 5 DCLI is prepared for counter attack role to assist 69 Bde and will move to area OOSTERHOUT 6866 if it is not possible to carry out task from present locn.</p> <p>Air effort was applied on ferry barges and sites on NEDERDIJN on div front. Successful counter bty shoots were carried out during the last 24 hrs. Enemy air activity on div area has been less during the last 24 hrs with increased activity over the NIJMEGEN bns. Future intentions. To remain in present posns protecting the right flank of 30 Corps taking offensive action whenever possible.</p>	
0155	Signaller	Line now working to Main Army	
0200	12 Corps	<p>Tasks fans 29 Sep. 7 Armd Div to continue to threaten 'A' HERTOGENDOSCH and to bring down gunfire on bridges in that town. 15 Div to hold present line and increase depth WEST of rd ST ANDENRODE 4232 - BEST 3626. 53 Div to hold present line.</p>	
0300	12 Corps	<p>Personal for Comd from Comd 12 Corps. Very sorry BGS, Gds cannot guaranteed take over responsibility HEESCH and CSS Div & AB tomorrow 29 Sep on account of commitments further SOUTH. Corps Realise your wishes and will do so as early as possible. infm.</p>	
0445	Army	<p>Gave form.</p> <p>No news of 8 Corps.</p> <p>12 Corps. 1 E Lanes of 158 Bde have relieved 1/7 Queens of 131 Bde. Otherwise NTR.</p>	
0340	2 Army	HQ 85 Cdn Br Coy will come under command 12 Corps from 30 Corps forthwith.	G(SD) infm
0340	43 Div	<p>Sitrep 282359 hrs. 5 DCLI detailed for c/a role in 69 Bde area unable to find any cover in OOSTERHOUT area unless a unit of 5 Gds Bde is moved. An arrangement has been made for 5 Gds Bde to provide tpt to make 5 DCLI completely mobile. Do you agree to then remaining present area. If NOT can arrangements be made to move one bn of 5 Gds Bde out of OOSTERHOUT area.</p>	

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0445	Airborne Corps	Sitrep as at 282359A. 1 Br AB Div moved from NIJMEGEN to DIEST. 82 US AB Div. 505 Regt released of responsibility for close defence NIJMEGEN br by 43 Div and comes into Div res. SRY and Royals still under command 82 Div. Br med arty giving effective support. Local enemy attack took IMTHAL 778582 which enemy now hold. Elsewhere NTR. 157Bde. recce patrol report enemy boat activity over DREUME 4463. Otherwise NTR. Pol Bde taking over def of brs at 671704 and 701539 from 82 US AB Div. Airfield at OUT KEINT 5854 taken over by RAF. No further tpt a/c landing.	
0530	Gds Armd	NTR	
0535	43 Div	NTR	
0540	Airborne Corps	IMTHAL still in enemy hands at 0430 hrs. Enemy withdrew from 776620. Veh movt was seen away from EINDJEHOOF, 2330. Activity in town. There is a block at 785619. Incendiary bombs set fire to a house 100 yds from HQ.	

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0620	Gds Armd	A DR reports that the rd br at NIJMEGEN is out of action on account of bombing. They are checking up, and will let us know.	Rang Airborne Corps who have heard nothing about it.
0630	50 Div	Sitrep at 282359L. Leen unchanged save for 1 Dorset now at 684497 and 1 Hamps now at 701451. 1 Dgns. 231 Bde - 1 Dorset moved fwd to area HAPS with coys at 709450 700447 699456 705406. 61 Rocca Regt NTR.	
0635	Gds Armd	No further news re br as lines are cut to 5 Bde and 69. They are sending someone down to see and will let us know as soon as possible.	
0648	Airborne Corps	No confirmation of blowing of br at NIJMEGEN.	
0701	Airborne Corps	Comd of 505 RCT told C of S 82 US Div that first of all centre span of rly br is down, at approx 0445, and on the rd br the structure is alright but there is a 30 yd gap in rd and 30 yd more is damaged at about 0530 hrs.	BGS RE G(SD) told
0705	Tac Army	NTR from 8 Corps and 12 Corps. Germans in CALAIS asked for armistice last night to discuss terms at 1000 hrs 29 Sep. Attack on CAP GRISNEZ started 0600 hrs. 5 Cdn Bde now complete over canal at TURNHOUT and loading tps at 8609. Poles due to go through today directed on TILBURG	

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0710	Tac Army	Told NIJMEGEN brs reported out.	
0725	TCP NIJMEGEN	Rly br is badly damaged, centre span is blown completely and structure down. Rd br gap is 20 ft and RE on spot estimate 6 to 8 hrs to get a Bailey across.	BGS & RE told.
0726	43 Div	No news yet of any damage to brs beyond damage to rly yesterday.	Told to get cracking and find out.
0740	Gds Armd Div	Completely quiet night reported by Bdos. Little shelling and no enemy ground activity.	
0745	43 Div	Both brs confirmed damaged but no details beyond those we already know. No incidents during night otherwise.	
0750	Main Army	Given details as known of damage to brs at NIJMEGEN.	
0850	43 Div	Confirmed that middle span of rly br is down and two UXB at foot now being removed. On rd br gap is estimated at 40 ft to 60 ft - estimated 10 to 12 hrs work to replace.	
0930	SORE	Damage to br caused by parachute mines floating down. Boom not yet over but hope to get it over tonight.	

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1000	8 Corps	8 Corps intention 29 Sep. 11 Arm'd Div will continue to exert pressure on any enemy in the area of OVERLOON 7531. 50 Div will eject enemy from WEST bank of R. MAAS on the Div front and continue to recce the river bank. 3 Br Div will regroup and make area DEURNE - LIESEL - ASTEN available for conc of 7 US Arm'd Div. 4 Arm'd Bde will remain present area. 1 Belg Bde passes under comd 19 US Corps 290600A.	
1015	12 Corps	Sitrep as at 282400A. Very little change generally since last sitrep. 7 Arm'd Div. Last light disposns. 11 H aptrols line 471485 - 421485 - 420475 - 400450. Report enemy on gen line 4748 - 4548 - 4149. 5 DG area 5246. 1 RB area 4946. 5 R Tks tps reached 444437 433448 432437 446431 453427. 1 R Tks area 4938. 5 Queens no change. 1/6 Queens and 8 H area 4635. 158 Inf Bde. 1/7 Queens relieved by 1 E Lanc R on their posn. 1/5 Welch area 4233. 7 RWF area 4133. HQ 131 Bde 448312. 15(S) Div. Small counter attack on 8 RS at 281630 beaten off - otherwise NTR. 53(W) Div report REUSEL 2010 reoccupied by enemy - otherwise NTR. 101 US AB Div NTR.	
1115	43 Div	5 Gds Arm'd Bde and 69 Inf Bde to be put on line to you immediately.	
1130	G(Air)	83 Gp results 28 Sep - Reduced enemy in activity. Score - 2 enemy a/c dest - 5 damaged. MET 8 dest, 6 damaged. Locos 6 dest, 5 damaged. Rly trucks 95 dest, 65 damaged. Barges 4 dest, 2 damaged.	
1130	G(Air)	Area which appeared to be GRAVE br was flared last night by e/a at 2030 hrs. Five flares burned for 5 minutes.	
1200	Army	83 Gp RAF. In improved weather 726 sorties were flown. The protection of NIJMEGEN area was again their main task. E/a were continually in the area but in much smaller numbers than of late. Claim 2 a/c destroyed and 5 damaged. 95 rly trucks destroyed, 65 damaged.	

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1235	Airborne Corps	Area between R.WAAL and R.MAAS to WEST is covered by patrols of Dutch Races. Standing patrols at 5767 5861 5460 with daily patrols to WAMEL 4367.	
1300	G(Air)	First light Tac/R reported considerable barge and launch traffic on NEDERRIJN WEST of ARNHEM and on PANNERDENSCH Canal SE of it. NIS on side rds leading from main rd ARNHEM - EMMERICH to ferries on PANNERDENSCH Canal. NIS REICHSWALD Forest. Some activity in EMMERICH and REES. At 0825 five ferry boats full of tps (direction not stated) were destroyed by RP Typhoons at E.7969. At 0730 Tac/R reported rd br at E.7577 intact but all other brs down E.5076 to 9261.	
1500	G(Air)	1100 hrs Tac/R. 10 to 15 MET in EMMERICH (E.9761). 10 MET going WEST towards PANNERDENSCH Canal at E.300718. Otherwise only scattered MET movement ARNHEM - EMMERICH area.	
1510	G(Air)	Bomphoons 290830A cut rly in two places E.885850 and at E.9197. Report NIS CLEVE - GOCH - KEVELAERT. At 1000 hrs 20-30 trucks destroyed at AMERSFOORT. Rly cut at V.091355 V.0835.	

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1540	2 Army	Cositrop to 290001A. 8 Corps. Inns of Court continued to patrol to line of river from SAMDEEK E7739 - OEFFELT 7546 making contact with 61 Rocce Regt at latter village. 29 Arm'd Bde patrols found enemy posns unchanged. Dr Airborne Corps. 82 US AB Div.. During yesterday enemy attacked in three separate parts of Div sector. Areas attacked were 7762 7450 and 7756. All attacks were by approx 200 inf sp by a few tks. Enemy ops at E7762 and 7450 were soon repulsed but at 7756 fighting continued all day and at last light wood 773568 and 774564 was in enemy hands. 12 Corps. Little change since last sitrop. 7 Arm'd Div. 1/7 Queens in area 4436 were relieved by 1 E Lan R of 158 Bde. Otherwise NTR. 15 (S) Div. At 1630 hrs a small counter attack on 8 RS in area 3832 was repulsed. 53 Div. REUSEL 2010 re-occupied by enemy. 101 US AB Div NTR. 83 Gp RAF. In improved weather 726 sorties were flown. The protection of NIJMEGEN Area was again the main task. Enemy aircraft were continually in the area but in much smaller numbers than of late. Claims 2 enemy aircraft destroyed, 5 damaged. 6 locos destroyed, 5 damaged. 95 rly trucks destroyed 65 damaged.	
1542	Airborne Corps	Sitrop at 291200 hrs. 82 US AB Div. One bn 505 Para Regt still NORTH of WAAL, as br damaged. Enemy with drawn from 776620. Activity area 785619. 157 Bde. Slight enemy activity area OPHIMER 3763. No sign of enemy EAST of WAAL from Easting 360. Dugmaster of GENNEP reports br 7846 blown. Polish Para Bde now defending brs 671604 and 701539.	
1630	G(Air)	Armed rocce Typhoons destroyed small boats tied to a jetty on EAST side of PANNERDENSCH Canal at E7872. Jetty destroyed also. NMS EMMERICH - ZUTPHEN but 30 horses bolted from a wood E810715 which was heavily defended by IAL. TOA 1130 - 1245.	
1700	G(Air)	83 Gp claims to 291600A. 31 a/a destroyed, 10 damaged.	
1730	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrop up to 290001A. 4 Cdn Arm'd Div. 29 Cdn Arm'd Rocce Regt moved from HOLST D4304 to ST NICHOLAS J4991 to facilitate control of sector. 18 Cdn Arm'd Car Regt NTR. 4 SS Bde NTR. 3 Cdn Div. CH of O (MG) remains in area OYE G0179. 8 Cdn Inf Bde QOR of C firmly est in MARCK G9476 with HQ in G0180. 7 Cdn Inf Bde, Regina Rif. Two coys area G881748 G883758 G873758 with HQ and two coys area FRETHUNE G8574. R Wpg R firm astride main rd CALAIS - MARQUISE at G838769 with loading elts G850770. 9 Cdn Inf Bde. Commence assault cap GUIS NES area at approx one hour before first light.	

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1735	Gds Armd	5 Gds Armd Bde passed to comd 43 Div at 1200 hrs. 69 Bde passed to 43 Div at 1500 hrs.	4
1750	43 Div	Line now through. Damage to NIJMEGEN br was definitely caused by Human Torpedoes. 10 out of 12 men have been collected.	4
1945	TCP	Single line traffic now possible over NIJMEGEN rd br.	
2040	Gds Armd	Div HQ 665622.	
2130	43 Div	During evening 5 E Yorks reported tks or SPs advancing NW from 747760 and inf advancing WEST from 746676. Strength estimated one bn and a few tks or SPs. This attack seen off by RA. 7 GH also saw enemy movt to WEST but no attack developed.	

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2130	G(Air)	F/B attacks on rlys. 291200A - E 5285 rly cut. 291300A - Z 7425 rly cut in two places. 291300A - E 9742 one rail cut. 291100A - Z 918358 rly cut and orotered. 291100A - Armd Recce reports TOA 291100A 7 - 8 Horse drawn tpt Z 8231. NMS. AMERSFOORT. ZWOLLE. ZIEST.	
2230	Airborne Corps	Sitrep as at 281200A. 82 US Airborne Div. Enemy attacked in bn strength area 7756 and took wood at DEN HEUVEL. 3 enemy tanks destroyed. Area WERCHEREN 7662 REEKON 7862 heavily shelled by enemy SP guns on NORTH side of R WAAL. 104 Bde. Area between PAAS and WAAL patrolled WEST to WANEL 4366 and 4061 and found clear.	
2232	8 Corps	Sitrep as at 291200A. 11 Armd Div. NTR. 3 Dr Div. Bdes have regrouped this morning as follows. 8 Bde 1 Suffolk 6628 2 E Yorks 5829 1 SLR 5928. 9 Bde 1 KCSB 6424 2 Lines 6224 2 RTR 6124. 185 Bde. 1 Norfolks 5921 2 Warwick 5175 2 KSLI 5911. 3 Div Recce 5923. 50 Div. 231 Bde. 1 Dorset patrol contacted 327 Glider Regt at 7455. The patrol crossed in a boat near the bridge at 712524 which is blown. 61 Recce report NO enemy this side of R MAAS within Div Bdy. 4 Armd Bde. NTR. 6 Gds Tk Bde. Bde HQ opened at 489160 at 0800 hrs. 4 Tk Gren Gds 484158. 4 Tk Coldm Gds 438158. 3 Tk SG in wood 4616. One Belgian Bde. Went under comd 1st US Army at 0600 hrs.	
55	50 Div	Sitrep to 1200 hrs 29 Sep. 231 Bde. 1 Dorset patrols contacted 327 Glider Regt at 7455. The patrol crossed near the bridge at 712524 (which is blown) in a boat. Americans state enemy in area MOCK - REICHWALD - CUYK is about one bn strong. 61 Recce Regt report no enemy this side of R MAAS within bdy. Enemy contacted. 1 Offr and 10 men digging in 772461.	

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0015	Army	Ref 0.76. Naval expert being flown over tomorrow in an ANSON which cannot land at 705569.	Told to land at GRAVE and we would meet
0025	Army	Ref above. ANSON landing GRAVE 0815.	
0210	12 Corps	Sitrep at 291200A. 7 Armd Div. 22 Armd Bde continues to clear enemy resistance from area EAST of 's HERTOGENBOSCH. 5 R Tks on gun line 412470 to 400455 to 403442 to 403443. Contacted Gren Gds Gp SW of HEESCH 4851. Leading elts 1 R Tks at 388452 with Patrols 11 H 422492 - 431496. 1 RB and 5 DG remain conc in area NISTELRODE 5047. 131 Bde less one bn along NORTH side of canal from 4241 to 4538. 15 (S) Div. 44 Bde no further progress beyond 385325. 46 Bde and 227 Bde no change. No signs of enemy withdrawal. 150 Bde Gp with 8 H and one bn 131 Bde under comd wef 1400A in area 4436 - 4235 - 4433. 53 (W) Div and 101 US Airborne Div NTR.	
0340	Airborne Corps	Sitrep at 292359A. 82 US Airborne Div. 307 Engr Bn area 7261. Two bns 505 Para Regt in res area 7256. One bn 505 Para Regt 7755 - 7753. 508 Para Regt 7756 - 7457. 508 Para Regt attacked DEN HEUVEL WOOD 773568 and after penetrating 200 yds withdrew in face of heavy MG fire and one SP gun to outpost line 767562 - 771570. Two LW taken one tk type unknown destroyed 157 Inf Bde. 52 Recce Regt repulsed attack by 20 enemy sp by mortars on 400625. FORT ST ANDRESS occupied by enemy. Rd to MAREN 3757 clear. 1 Polish Para Bde NTR.	
0355	43 Div	Sitrep at 292100A. Locns 129 Bde HQ 654694. bn locns no change. 130 Bde HQ 670712. bn locns no change. 214 Bde HQ 632699. 7 San LI HQ 614709, three coys same area, one coy 613692. 1 Werc R no change. 5 DCLI HQ 685663 one coy same area three coys area LOENEN 6467. 43 Recce Regt HQ 614712 otherwise no change. 8 Armd Bde HQ 634689 otherwise no change. 69 Bde HQ 694671. 5 E Yorks HQ 730678 coy localities 732679 740679 740677 740671. 6 GH HQ 713673 coy localities 710680 716678 717674 741685. 7 GH HQ 731689 coy localities 734694 737694 743694 740686. 5 Gds Armd Bde HQ 691669. 3 IG localities 723714 723708 718701. 1WG HQ 693655 2 WG HQ 694674. Gun areas no change. Add 55 Fd Regt 691659. Today's ops. Active patrolling was carried out on all fronts. Numerous air tgts were asked for mainly ferries and barges along river lines. In general these were successfully engaged. 5 DCLI moved to area OOSTERHOUT 6866 to be prepared to act in counter-attack role if required. Enemy activity has been slight apart from c/a of up to bn str against 69 Bde which was successfully beaten off. The party of desperadoes who damaged the NIMEGEN brs was cap by 43 Recce Regt this am. Extensive harrassing programme with arty 4.2 and 3" mortars.....	

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		and MMGs are being carried out tonight and tomorrow. Addl tps under comd. 5 Gds Bde Gp and 69 Bde Gp came under comd 43 Div at approx 1200 hrs today	
0630	Airborne Corps	Can bn of 52 Div which is passing to under comd 43 Div be at NIJMEGEN br 1200 hrs.	
0645	Airborne Corps	Every effort will be made to have 6 HLI at the br by 1200 hrs, They will inform us of exact time later and may have to call on us for tp-carrying tptl	43 Div - BGS told

Time	To/From	Subject	Action
0800	12 Corps	Intentions 30 Sep. 11 Armd Div remain present locn and be prepared to support 7 US Armd Div if required. 50 Div remains present area and patrols to R MAAS. 3 Div and 4 Armd Bde no active ops.	
0805	2 Army	News at 1400 hrs 29 Sep. Seventh & Third US Armies no change. XIX Corps, Belgian Bde now under comd. 7 US Armd Div to conc today in area DEURNE - LIESEL. Head of coln passing through WEERT 1000 hrs. 29 US Inf Div now conc EAST of MAASTRICHT. First Cdn Army. 1 Br Corps, Brhead over TURNHOUT Canal has been enlarged. 49 Br Div. 56 Bde, 146 Bde and alts 147 Bde have now crossed canal into brhead. 2 Cdn Div. 5 Cdn Bde NORTH of canal and driving WEST in the direction BERGEN - OP ZOOON D6027. Fwd tps incl armour now in area ST LEONARD D8609. Pol Armd Div now under comd. 2 Cdn Corps. Assault on CAP GRISNEZ began early today preceded by hy attack by Bomber Command. Enemy at DUNKIRK yesterday went over to the offensive on a limited scale.	
0807	2 Cdn Corps	Sitrep up to 291200A. 4 Cdn Armd Div NTR. 18 Cdn Armd C Regt NTR. 4 SS Bde NTR. 3 Cdn Div. 7 Cdn Inf Bde. Negotiations held at 291000A resulted in arrangements for evac of civ population from CALAIS commencing 291400A to be completed 30th 1200A. Hostilities to be resumed 301200A. 8 Cdn Inf Bde NTR. 9 Cdn Inf Bde. All hy guns CAP GRISNEZ area now in our hands with pill-boxes on beaches still holding out. HLI of C fwd tps at 690700 685695 685690 with Nth NS Highrs at 685680 680673 675670 SD and G Highrs Bde res.	
0830	12 Corps	Sitrep as at 292400A. 7 Armd Div. Enemy remain holding line GIEFFERN 4352 - NULAND 4050 - woods 3948 - thence gen line rd SW to incl BERLICUN. Night dispositions are as follows. 5 R Tks & 1 RD LOOSBROEK 4545 - 5 DG 5246 - 1 R Tks less one sqn and 1/6 queens 4144 - 3944. 1/5 Queens & one sqn 1 R Tks 4241 - 4043. 15 (S) Div. Enemy o/a at 373302 (227 Bde) from NW driven back. Div HQ 439301. 53 (W) Div. 2 Mon patrol reached 166070 and reported no signs of enemy. 101 US Armd Div NTR.	
0945	43 Div	RV for 6 HLI is canal br 6760. Guide from 43 Div will meet.	
1200	Army	Indy between 8 and 12 Corps effective forthwith as follows - A line 1000 yds EAST of rd HECHTEL - EINDHOVEN - VEGHEL - UDEN - GRAVE.	
1205	11 Armd Div	During afternoon 29 Sep 159 Inf Bde Gp loss one sqn 15/19 H and one coy 4 KSLI moved from area ST ANTHONIS 7130 to clear area for arrival 7 US Armd Div. 159 Bde HQ now 588310. 15/19 H 6231, 4 KSLI 6133.	

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TIME	TO/FROM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1350	G(Air)	24 Typhoons attacked two factories and village at HAALDEREN E7466 at 1230 hrs with RP. Ground reports say attack most satisfactory. Factory 748661 knocked down except chimney, factory 745660 burning. Cross rds rocketted and machine gunned.	
1350	G(Air)	83 Gp results 29 Sep - E/a 33 destroyed, 3 probables, 13 damaged MET 14 flammies 1 smoker 4 damaged Rly trucks 50+ damaged Barges 12 destroyed.	
1405	Gds Armd	Leading elts 32 Gds Bde to be at immediate notice to move to area SE of br 10. Remainder of bde at suitable notice follow up. No move without reference Corps HQ.	
1450	100 AA Bde RE	Warned of possibility of hy air attack tonight on NIJMEGEN brs. RE have barge br open at 1700 hrs and NOT joined up till morning.	
1520	Gds Armd	52 Recco are taking over responsibility for OSS and HEESCH from 32 Gds Bde this afternoon. It is therefore not necessary to send a sqn of 2 HCR, to that area.	

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TIME	TO/FROM	SUBJECT	ACTION
1535	LOP	Landing strip now at 640587.	
1545	R.	Smoke screen will be available if required at br 6760 tonight.	
1615	43 Div	Concentration area for tail of 8 Armd Bde is area about BERKENHOF 685575 and SOUTH as far as DEFLSHOF 689570.	
1630	Recco	Corps Comd is not satisfied with present TC in NIJMEGEN rd br. He wants assembly areas clear of each end of br, connected by phone.	Traffic Office told to arrange with APM.
1700	To Gds Armd Div	2 Armd Recco Welsh Guards to move SOUTH across NIJMEGEN br tonight.	Told Traffic Office.
1730	43 Div	6 HLI now taking over from 5 EY in area BEMMEL.	4
1905	Gds Armd	Move of 32 Gds Bde Gp now complete. Coldm Gp NW and SE of HEUMEN 7053. Gren Gp about 3 m SOUTH of GRAVE. 2 WG move across NIJMEGEN br 2030 hrs.	
2000	G(Air)	Tac/R has discovered digging on NE side of PANMERDENSCH KANAL and barge traffic on it and on NEDERRIJN. Rail activity at WESEL, GOCH, ALT, EMMERICH. Possible digging along EAST bank of river NORTH of WESEL. No considerable rd movt but odd cycling parties and scattered MET. NW of ARNHEM and in 's HERTOGENBOSCH area. Areas covered from 1200 - 1840 hrs.	
2245	43 Div	Confirmed that op to capture HALDEREN will NOT take place tomorrow.	
2250	Gds Armd	HQ Gren Gp now at 600513 and both regts in that area.	
2255	43 Div	Relief of 5 E Yorks in BEMMEL by 6 HLI now complete. 5 E Yorks in area 7165.	A
2330	Army	Will we let them know when the Nawl Officers are ready to return and they will arrange with Army Gp for air tpt, probably from EINDHOVEN.	Warned CE Branch to let us know when NOS have finished.
2335	82 US Div	Have heard that RE are putting boat patrols on the R. MAAL tonight, and they have orders to shoot anything moving on the river.	Regt 43 Div and told them to tie up with 82 Div about any river movt.
2355	43 Div	Know of no patrols going on the river tonight	Told 82 US Div

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30 CORPS

Gds ARMD DIV

11 ARMD DIV

50 (N) INT DIV

Less

5 Gds Armad Bde	32 Inf Bde (Gds)	231 Inf Bde	84 Med	Belgian Ln	11 Fd Coy
	:		Regt	Gp	(In sp only)
	90 Fd Regt				

231 Inf Ede

90 Md Regt

30 CORPS TROOPS

Less

73 A Tk Regt

One Pl 210

Fd Coy

29 Armd Bde 159 Inf Bde 86 Md Regt 64 Med Regt 209 Md Coy
(In sp only)

69 Inf Bde 151 Inf Bde 8 Armd Bde

7 Med Regt 73 A Tk Regt

147 Fd Regt

One Pl
210 Fd Coy

ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS

RA

RE

Sigs

Misc

'D' Flt
658 AOP Sqn

HQ 100 AA Bde

7 A Tps
Engrs

23 Mech
Eqpt Sec

Dets GHQ
Liaison Regt

107 HAA Regt 71 LAA
Regt

One Tp
344 S/L Bty

151 MOR

110 Spec
H/T Sec

30 CORPS

Gds ARMD DIV						11 ARMD DIV	50 (N) INF DIV		
							<u>Less</u>		
5 Gds Armd Bde	32 Inf Bde (Gds)	Royal Netherlands	84 Med	419 Hq	11 Fd		231 Inf Bde Gp		
		Bde Gp	Regt	Bty RA	Coy		151 Inf Bde Gp		

30 CORPS

Gds ARMED DIV.

11 ARMED DIV

50 (N) INF DIV

Less

5 Gds Arm'd Bde 32 Inf Bde (Gds) Royal Netherlands 84 Med 419 Hy 11 Pd
Bde Gp Regt Bty RA Coy

231 Inf Bde Gp

29 Arm'd Bde 159 Inf Bde 86 Pd 64 Med 7 A Tps Engrs
(under comd 30 Corps) Regt Regt less one
73 A Tk Regt (under comd Pd Coy
30 Corps)

30 CORPS TROOPS

Less

73 A Tk Regt
11 Pd Coy
One Pl 210
Pd Coy

69 Inf Bde 151 Inf Bde 8 Arm'd Bde 7 Med Regt

Less

One Arm'd Regt

147 Pd Regt One Pl 210
Pd Coy

ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS

RA

RE

Sigs

Misc

'B' Flt 100 AA Bde
658 AOP Sqn

12 AGRE 23 Mech
(In Sp only) Eqpt Sec

110 Spec
W/T Sec

Dets GHQ
Liaison Regt

107 HAA 165 HAA 71 LAA 113 LAA 123 LAA One Tp
Regt Regt Regt Regt Regt 344 S/L Bty
One Tp
474 S/L Bty
One Tp
557 S/L Bty

151 ALOR

30 CORPS

Gds ARMD DIV

11 ARMD DIV

50 (N) INF DIV

5 Gds Armd Bde 32 Inf Bde (Gds) 8 Armd Bde Royal Netherlands 84 Mod 72 Pz Coy
 Less Bde Gp Regt (In sp only)

SRY

147 Pz Regt One Pl
 210 Pz Coy

29 Armd Bde 159 Inf Bde 86 Pz 73 A Tlc
 Regt Regt

69 Inf Bde 151 Inf Bde 231 Inf Bde SRY 7 Mod 7 A Tps Engrs 209 Pz Coy
 Regt Less
 One Pz Coy
 (In sp only)

ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS

Pz

RE

Sig

Misc

100 AAA Bde

64 Mod Regt

'B' Flt

12 AGRE

23 Mech

Br Pz

Br Pz

110 Spec
W/T SecDets GHQ
Liaison
Regt

419/52 Hy Bty

658 AOP Sqn

(In sp
only)

Eqpt Sec

3 Inf
Div43 Inf
Div165 HAA
Regt71 LAA
Regt113 LAA
Regt123 LAA
Regt

One Tp 344 S/L Bty
 One Tp 474 S/L Bty
 One Tp 557 S/L Bty

151 AMOR

30 CORPS

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ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS

RA				RE				Sigs	Misc
Corps A Tk Gp	100 AA Bde	86 Fd Regt	'B' Flt 658 AOP Sqn	12 AGRE (in sp only)	23 Mech Eqp't Pl	Br Pl 3 Inf Div	Br Pl 43 Inf Div	110 Spec W/T Soc	Dets GHQ Liaison Regt
Royal Netherlands Bde Gp									
Royal Belgian Bde Gp									

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30 CORPS

Gds ARMD DIV

11 ARMD DIV

43 INF DIV
(On arrival 30 Corps
area)

50 (N) INF DIV

30 CORPS TROOPS

Less

One Pl

210 Fd Coy

5-Gds Armd Bde 32 Inf Bde (Gds) 15/19 H 84 Med Regt

Less
15/19 H

129 Inf Bde 130 Inf Bde 214 Inf Bde

29 Armd Bde 159 Inf Bde 64 Med Regt

419/52 Hy Bty

69 Inf Bde 151 Inf Bde 231 Inf Bde 8 Armd Bde 86 Fd Regt 7 Med Regt

Belgian Bde	147 Fd	One Pl
Gp	Regt	210 Fd Coy

ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS

RAC

RA

RE

Sigs

Misc

Royals Staffs Yeo

Corps A Tk Go

100 AA Bde 1B1 Flt

7 Apr 68 1000 23 Mach Br D1

110 Spec
W/T Sec

Dets GHQ
Liaison Regt

Royal Netherlands
Bde Gp

658 AOP Sqn Engrs (In Egmt Pl 3 Inf
sp only) Div

3 In
Div

30 CORPS

Gds ARMD DIV

43 INF DIV

50 (N) INF DIV

30 CORPS TROOPS

5 Gds Armd Bde 32 Inf Bde (Gds) 15/19 H 84 Med Regt 198 Bty 11 Fd Coy

73 A Tk Regt

One Sqn Royals One Bty 86
Fd Regt

Less
Three Btys
73 A Tk Regt
30 Corps Tps
Engrs

ARMY & ARMY GP TFS

129 Inf Bde 130 Inf Bde 214 Inf Bde 8 Armd Bde R Netherlands Bde 64 Med Regt

Less SRY

419/52 Hy Bty

147 Fd Regt One Pl
Less One Bty 210 Fd Coy

RAC

Royals 44 R Tks SRY
Less
Three Sgns

69 Inf Bde 151 Inf Bde 231 Inf Bde 86 Fd Regt 7 Med Regt 195 & 196
Less Btys 73
One Bty A Tk Regt

One Sqn Royals One Bty
4 RHA
One Sqn Royals One Bty 147 Fd Regt

RA

RE

100 AA Bde 'B' Flt
658 AOP Sqn

10 AGRE

11 AGRE

12 AGRE(In sp only)

1 Cdn AGRE

Sigs

110 Spec
W/T Sec

Misc

Dats GHQ
Liaison Regt

1 Cdn A Tps One Coy 59 Mech
Engrs 7 A Tps Engrs Eght Pl

30 Corps Tps 6 A Tps 7 A Tps 23 Mech
Engrs Engrs Engrs Eght Pl
Less
11 Fd Coy One Pl 210 Fd Coy

15 GHQ 8 GHQ 2 Cdn 1 Mech
Tps Engrs Tps Engrs A Tps Engrs Eght Pl

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30 CORPS

Gds ARMED DIV					43 INF DIV	50 (N) INF DIV		101 US AIRBORNE DIV		
						(adm comd only)				
5 Gds Arm'd Bde	32 Inf Bde (Gds)	84 Med Regt	198 Bty	11 Fd Coy				44 R Tks		30 CORPS TROOPS
										Less
								One Sqn Royals	One Bty 4 RHA	Three Btys
										73 A Tk Regt
										30 Corps Tps
										Engrs
129 Inf Bde	130 Inf Bde	214 Inf Bde	8 Arm'd Bde	R Netherlands Bde	64 Med Regt					

30 Corps Outline Order of Battle - Operational Units - As at 2359 hrs 24 Sep 44.

30 CORPS

Gds ARMD DIV				43 INF DIV		30 CORPS TROOPS				ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS	
						Less					
5 Gds Armd Bde				32 Inf Bde (Gds)		One Pl 210 Fd Coy					
				69 Med Regt							
				84 Med Regt							
129 Inf Bde				130 Inf Bde		64 Med Regt				1 Cdn A Tps	
				214 Inf Bde						Engrs	
				8 Armd Bde		419/52 Hy Bty					
				Less SRY							
				147 Fd Regt		One Pl					
				Less One Bty		210 Fd Coy					
RAC				RA		RE				Sigs	
Royals										110 Spec	
Less				100 AA Bde		10 AGRE				W/T Sec	
Three Sqns				'B' Flt		11 AGRE					
				658 AOP Sqn		12 AGRE				1 Mech	
				7 Med Regt		(In sp only)				Eqpt Pl	
										Eqpt Pl	

30 Corps Outline Order of Battle - Operational Units - As at 2359 hrs 27 Sep 44.

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30 CORPS

Gds A&D DIV

43 INF DIV

30 CORPS TROOPS

ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS

5 Gds Armd Bde 32 Inf Bde (Gds) 69 Inf Bde 84 Med
Regt

129 Inf Bde	130 Inf Bde	214 Inf Bde	8 Armd Bde	64 Med Regt
			<u>Less</u>	:
			SRV	419/52 Hy Bty
			:	
			147 Fd Regt	
			Less One Bty	

RA

RE

Sigs

Misc

100 AA Bde	'B' Flt	7 Med	86 Fd Regt
	658 AOP Sqn	Regt	<u>Less</u>
			One Bty

10 AGRE

11 AGRE

12 AGRI

1 Mech

23 Mech

110 Spec
h W/T Sec

Dets GHQ
Liaison
Regt

1Cdn A Tps Engrs	8 GHQ Tps Engrs	15 GHQ Tps Engrs	59 Mech Eqpt Pl
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6 A Tps	7 A Tps
Engrs	Engrs

30 Corps Outline Order of Battle - Operational Units - As at 2359 hrs 28 Sep 44.

TOP SECRET

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30 CORPS

Gds ARMD DIV				43 INF DIV	30 CORPS TROOPS				ARMY & ARMY GP TROOPS	
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5 Gds Armd Bde				32 Inf Bde (Gds)	69 Inf Bde	84 Med Regt			:	:
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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 43 Div 50 Div
8 Armd Bde Inns of Court DA & QMG

O/526 (.) SECRET (.) Believed RAF have recently dropped 6 day delay
action bombs on certain flying bomb and rocket sites (.) All ranks
should be warned to keep well clear of all such sites for one week
after occupation (.) It is hoped to ascertain further details
shortly

IN CIPHER if liable to
interception

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

01.1000B

TO :- Main Second Army

Info :- Rear 30 Corps 43 Div 8 Corps

0/ 531 (.) SECRET (.) ref 2905 (.) Agree 43 Div pass to command
8 Corps by not later than 021200B (.) Essential however we retain
control of Div tpt at present being used by us

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to be intercepted

IMMEDIATE

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

01...22.5...B

TO :- All Branches Main 30 Corps

Info :- Rear 30 Corps

/SECRET (.)

0/527 (.) / Main Corps HQ will move at 1400 hrs to approximate
area 3796

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to be intercepted

IMMEDIATE

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From:- Main HQ 30 Corps

01.12.40B...

To:- 43 Inf Div

Info:- DA & QMG Rear Corps 8 Corps

SD 98 (.) SECRET (.) 43 Div less certain adm units as specified by Rear
30 Corps as being essential for the maint of 30 Corps passes from under
comd 30 Corps to under comd 8 Corps wef 1200 hrs 2 Sep

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IMPORTANT

Hayland

Copy to:- DGS
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DAQ: Main Corps

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

01.1935.....B

TO :-	Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	50 (N) Div
	8 Armd Bde	Inns of Court	2 HCR
	Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	12 Corps
	2 Cdn Corps	First Cdn Army	XIX US Corps
	V US Corps	1 Corps	8 Corps
	Rear 30 Corps		

0/533 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps est 1830 hrs at
SIMENCOURT 375966 (.) all informed

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to be intercepted

IMMEDIATE

SIGNAL MESSAGE

012130 B

From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div 8 Armd Bde

Info: 43 Div Tac and Main Army 2 Odn Corps 12 Corps XIX US Corps
Rear 30 Corps

0/534 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 2 Sept (.) ONE (.) 11 Armd
Div (.) A (.) Advance earliest 2 Sept and secure in succession
LENS 5215 (.) CARVIN 6020 (.) High ground centred ATTICHE 6923
TEMPELENEUVE 7524 (.) High ground centred ring contour 7131 (.) B (.)
Offensive armoured Car patrols as far as Belgian Frontier (.) TWO (.)
Gds Armd Div (.) A (.) Advance earliest 2 Sept and secure in succession
DOUAI 6906 (.) High ground centred FAUMONT 7416 (.) High ground area
8123 (.) B (.) Offensive Armoured Car patrols as far as Belgian
Frontier (.) THREE (.) In NO circumstances will troops cross the
Belgian Frontier without express permission from this HQ (.) FOUR (.)
50 Div (.) Protect flanks of 30 Corps as follows (.) A (.) Until flank
formations come up with 30 Corps (.) FIRST (.) Temporary garrison one
battalion area ALBERT (.) SECOND (.) With two battalions protect
crossings gained over River SOMME between both incl 32 and 03 Easting
Grids (.) These forces will NOT be released without permission this HQ
probable time approx 021200B (.) B (.) Concurrent with A (.) FIRST
(.) Relieve elements of Gds Armd Div ^{in Arras} with one Bde Gp night 1/2 Sept (.)
SECOND (.) 50 Div less dets mentioned above but with 8 Armd Bde under
command assume responsibility forthwith for left flank protection area
DOULLENS IVERGVY 1995 REBREUVETTE 1798 (.) C (.) Offensive recon
cols with task of destroying enemy encountered will be sent out NORTH
NW and WEST (.) FIVE (.) AXES (.) A (.) Gds Armd Div (.) ARRAS -
DOUAI - TOURNAI (.) B (.) 11 Armd Div (.) AUBIGNY 345072 - LES
VENTS 369111 395085 - SOUCHEZ 4510 - 502120 - LENS-CARVIN 612D -
SECLIN 6527 - TOURNAI (.) SIX (.) Bdy between Gds Armd Div and 11
Armd Div (.) All incl Gds Armd Div MONT ST ELOY 4106 - HENIN LIETARD
6012 - CAPPELLE 7522 - WARCHIN 9532

In CIPHER ONLY

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BGS GSI G(Air) G(SD) CCRA CE CSO
Phantom AFM DAQM

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

012345...B

TO :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde
Rear 30 Corps

Info :- 43 Inf Div

O/S38(.) SECRET (.) Dump of 30 tons maps of forward areas
moving to area GRANDVILLERS M83 1 Sep opening 2 Sep (.) Unit
Serial No 1218 in RE colours (.) Urgent map demands by ~~fnms~~ direct
to dump pending move forward 3 A Fd Svy Dep (.) Fms to send own
tpt to collect maps from dump (.) Stocks limited and some sheets
in short supply (.) Demands therefore to be kept down to essentials
and in any case NOT repeat NOT to exceed 50 per cent War Office
scales of issues

IN CIPHER if liable
to be intercepted

IMMEDIATE to ALL

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From:- Main HQ 30 Corps

01. 2300B.....

To:- CORA

Info:- DA & QMG Rear 30 Corps

SD 89 (.) SECRET (.) 27 LAA regt reverts to under comd 30 Corps from
under comd 106 M Bde forthwith

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Main 30 Corps

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div , 11 Armd Div 43 Div 50 Div 8 Armd Dde
Inns of Court DA & QMG

0/55(.) SECRET (.) further to my 0/526 of 010935B (.) believed only
sites involved as follows (.) FIRST (.) PONTREMY M 826738 6 12 and
36 hr delay dropped 31 Aug (.) SECOND (.) DERGUMENTUSE H 12 (.) 12 72
and 144 hrs delay dropped 31 Aug

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EMERGENCY OPS to
Gds Armd Div
11 Armd Div
50 Div
8 Armd Dde

IMMEDIATE to remainder

02...0830...B

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:-	Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	50 Div
	8 Armd Dde	Inns of Court	2 HCR
	Tao Second Army	Main Second Army	12 Corps
	2 Cdn Corps	First Cdn Army	XIX US Corps
	V US Corps	1 Corps	8 Corps
	Rear 30 Corps		

0/541 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves 021300B to area

BEAUMONT 6109 (.) all informed

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interception

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02.68.2.5..B

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Rear 30 Corps

O/540(.) SECRET (.) Main 30 Corps moves 1300 hrs today to area
BEAUMONT 6103 (.) Route ARRAS - cross rds 622033 - BEAUMONT

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6 St J 2304 Day
2604

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11 A. P. 2304 Day

02.11.15.....B

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Rear 30 Corps

0/54L(.) SECRET (.) ref my 0/540 of 020825B (.) for quote
BEAMONT 6103 unquote read quote BEAUMONT 6109 unquote

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to interception

IMMEDIATE

W. A. Bellish Capt

021225B

From: G Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	50 Div "
8 Armd Bde	Inns of Court	2 HGR
Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	12 Corps
2 Cdn Corps	First Cdn Army	XIX US Corps
V US Corps	1 Corps	8 Corps
Rear 30 Corps		

0/546 (.) Cancel our 0/541 of 020830B (.) All informed

As written excl W/T

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

02.....B

TO :- Main Second Army

O/552 (.) TOPICS (.) Intend employ 100 AA Bde for AA def
ANTWERP from night 4 Sep (.) Please notify arrangements
for IAG (.) Do NOT intend maintain AA def ARRAS after first
light 4 Sep (.) IAG HQ at present required for BRUSSELS

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

02. 2222...B

TO :-	Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	50 Div
	8 Armd Bde	Inns of Court	2 HCR
	Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	12 Corps
	2 Cdn Corps	First Cdn Army	XIX US Corps
	V US Corps	1 Corps	8 Corps
	Rear 30 Corps		

0/556 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves on axis ARRAS -

HEART route 051000B

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to be intercepted

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

02.2245...B

TO :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div
8 Armd Bde

Info :- GSI

O/557 (.) TOPSEC (.) SAS personnel in present area likely to
be coming out using code word WHISKEY (.) Will contact Div IOs
who may who may interrogate before returning direct to SF Second
Army

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P. Tolman
IMPORTANT

02.222.075.....

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

To :- 5 AGRA

Info :- 8 Corps

DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 107 (.) SECRET (.) FIRST (.) 5 AGRA less 7 Med Regt 64 Med Regt
and 84 Med Regt comes under comd 8 Corps from under comd 30 Corps
forthwith (.) SECOND (.) W Dgns placed in sp 8 Corps from in sp 30
Corps

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J. H. Chaplain

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From: Main 30 Corps

05 240B

To: Rear 30 Corps

0700(.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves 0700 hrs 4 Sop
to area CHATEAU ROYALE 6259 just NORTH of BRUSSELS (.) Route rd
junc 963341 - rd junc 931321 thence main rd to BRUSSELS via
LEUZE 0830

In CIPHER+if liable to be
intercepted

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K. C. C. C.

Distn: All Branches Main 30 Corps

02.222.7..B

TO :- All Branches Main 30 Corps

0/555 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves 1000 hrs 3 Sep (.)

Route main rd ARRAS thence along HEART route to destination
suitable to tactical situation

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to be intercepted

IMMEDIATE to all

6. 8. 1940. 10. 1940.

032145Bb

From: Main 30 Corps

To:	Gds Armd	11 Armd Div	50 Div
	8 Armd Bde	Inns of Court	2 HCR
	Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	12 Corps
	2 Cdn Corps	First Cdn Army	XIX US Corps
	V US Corps	1 Corps	8 Corps

07 701 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps 965341 moves 0700 hrs

4.Sep to area CHATEAU ROYALE 6259

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6. Sept 1944
IMMEDIATE

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div

Info:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps XIX US Corps

O/ 562 (.) TOPSEC (.) tasks of frms 4 Sep (.) ONE (.) Gds Armd Div (.)
 A (.) dominate BRUSSELS and establish themselves on high ground EAST
 of town (.) B (.) seize and hold crossings over R DYLE at LOUVAIN (.)
 C (.) strong armoured patrols to MECHLIN 7074 and to NE (.) TWO (.)
 11 Armd Div (.) A (.) capture ANTWERP (.) dock areas most important
 intact if possible (.) B (.) strong armoured patrols NE EAST and SE (.)
 retain dets in ALOST 4066 and TERMONDE 2576 till relieved by 50 Div (.)
 THREE (.) 50 Div (.) ^{A (.)} continue responsibility protection left flank 30
 Corps (.) div loss certain dets as below remain area WEST of 90
 Eastinggrid and continue destroy enemy leaving LILLE and ROUBAIX in
 SOUTH and SE direction (.) B (.) bde now in ARRAS move up forthwith (.)
 following protective dets will be required (.) TOURNAI one bn holding
 bridges (.) KERNHOVE 0152 OUDENARDE 0957 cross rds 253627 elts of
 reece (.) ALOST Bde Gp less one bn (for TOURNAI) with dets holding
 bridge at TERMONDE (.) mobile reserve to reinforce any attempted break
 through by enemy through left flank one armd regt area RENAIX 0846

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 CE
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 DAQMG
 Phantom

EMERGENCY OPS to
 remainder

6.8.54 J. G. Walker
10.8.54

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- 11 Armd Div Gds Armd Div 50 (N) Div

Info:- Rear 30 Corps

0/566 (.) SECRET (.) essential for future operations that every possible economy be made in use POL for time being (.) inter-unit and local running must be kept to minimum and petrol fires only used when absolutely inevitable (.) all informed

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IMPORTANT

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- 11 Armd Div Gds Armd Div 50 Div

0/563 (.) SECRET (.) A (.) V US Corps VALENCIENNES 1200 hrs today (.)
 XIX US Corps concentrating TOURNAI (.) both fms will be advancing
 XIX US Corps left V US Corps right on right flank 30 Corps as soon as
 POL becomes available possibly tomorrow (.) B (.) 7 Armd Div 1200 hrs
 today (.) in area SOUTH of ST POL which is strongly held (.)
 advancing 4 Sop directed on GHENT (.) permission given use rd LENS -
 CARVIN incl but NOT on to SECLIN without reference 50 Div (.) 7 Armd
 Div will be advancing through LILLE - ROUBAIX

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 to interception

IMMEDIATE

04.1535...B

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:-	Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	50 Div
	8 Armd Bde	Inns of Court	2 HCR
	Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	12 Corps
	2 Cdn Corps	First Cdn Army	XIX US Corps
	V US Corps	1 Corps	8 Corps

C/212 (.) SECRET (.) Main 30 Corps est 041230B at CHATEAU ROYALE

624598 (.) all informed

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interception

IMMEDIATE

6.5h 1000h

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

04.17.39...B

TO :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div

Info :- XIX US Corps 12 Corps Tac Second Army
Main Second Army Rear 30 Corps

O/575 (.) ~~TOP SECRET~~ (.) Task of formations 5 Sep (.) ONE (.)
Gds Armd Div and 11 Armd Div (.) A (.) Top up tail up tidy up
(tactically and administratively) (.) Maximum economy POL to be
enforced. (.) B (.) Recce EAST but NOT beyond 30 Easting Grid (.)
Inter Div bndy for recce all incl Gds Armd Div rd MECHELIN -
DIEST - HASSELT (.) TWO (.) Additional tasks Gds Armd Div (.)
A (.) Clear up MECHELIN and establish recce elts there (.) B (.)
Complete occupation of LOUVAIN if not already done (.) Secure
approaches to BRUSSELS (.) THREE (.) Additional Tasks 11 Armd
Div (.) A (.) Recce NORTH and WEST (.) Recce NOT to cross
DUTCH frontier (.) Complete capture of ANTWERP if not already
done and to dominate area by occupying in particular docks and
town centre (.) FOUR (.) Tasks 50 (N) Div follow (.) FIVE
(.) Major moves of main bodies for Gds Armd and 11 Armd Divs
unlikely before 7 Sep

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EMERGENCY OPS to remainder.

P. L. Martin
May 63

FROM :- Main 30 Corps
TO :- Main Second Army

04.1732.....B

H.

0/574 (.) TOPSEC (.) Personal for Chief of Staff from EGS(.)
Please do everything possible ensure step up of our air cover
earliest (.) suggest DOURE already most suitable (.) Consider
airfields area BRUSSELS can be reced now prior to work being put
in hand

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IMMEDIATE

P. W. Smith

Distribution:- G(Air) CE

May C

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

04.1740.B

TO :- Main Second Army

Info :- APIS Gds Armd Div APIS 11 Armd Div APIS 50 (N) Div

HR/148 (.) TOPSEC (.) For G(Air. Recce) (.) FIRST (.)

Medium scale (fresh cover if possible) RHINE COLOGNE - DUSSELDORF

inclusive six sets (.) SECOND (.) Similar cover all water lines

LOUVAIN to RHINE within our boundaries (.) THIRD (.) Please

anticipate our further requirements as detailed intentions not known

here (.) Five sets of medium cover of main axes are essential

minimum (.) Difficulties appreciated but please expedite as no

photos received in time for past ten days (.) ACK

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EMERGENCY OPS

Distn:

DGS GSI APIS CE

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

04.2245...B

TO :- Gds Armd Div

11 Armd Div

50 (N) Div

Info :- XIX US Corps

12 Corps

Tac Second Army

Main Second Army

Rear 30 Corps

o/ 580 (.) ~~SECRET~~ (.) Ref 0/575 of 041730B para FOUR (.)

50 Div continue with tasks given my 0/562 of 032210B

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to be intercepted

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Addressees
By Authy GOC

EMERGENCY OPS to remainder

Distn:

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G(Air)

CCRA

CE

CSO

DAQMG

Phantom

From: GSI(b) Main 30 Corps

To: GSI(b) Main Second Army

Info: GSI(b) 8 Corps, 12 Corps, OC R Force
 OC 19 FSS OC 45 FSS OC 61 FSS OC 77 FSS
 OC 1003 FSRD OC 1005 FSRD OC 1009 FSRD

111/21/GS(b) (.) SECRET (.) SITREP (.) ONE (.) Locations (.)
 19 FSS LILLE (.) 45 FSS LILLE (.) 61 FSS ANTWERP (.) 77 FSS
 BRUSSELS (.) 1003 FSRD ARRAS (.) 1005 FSRD BRUSSELS (.) 1009 FSRD
 LILLE (.) This formation relieved of CI responsibilities in BRUSSELS
 and ANTWERP today (.) VERNON R 47 list of persons arrested by FFI
 herewith (.) BEAUVAIS M90 see special report on personalities and
 documents attached

By DRLS.

Atley

From:- Main HQ 30 Corps

To:- 100 AA Bde

CCRA

Info:- DA & QMG Rear Corps

SD 113 (.) SECRET (.) following units now under comd 100 AA Bde (.)

167 NAA regt 123 LAA regt one tp 474 SL Bty

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Shapland baps

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DAQMG Main

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

05.1000B.....

10M/5

WTD

To :- 254 Corps Del Sqn

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps
DDST Rear HQ 30 Corps

Sl 222 (.) one pl tk tptrs (coy unknown) placed in sp 30 Corps
for ferrying fwd tks from Corps to Fwd Del Sqns

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

051710 B

From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: Main Second Army

HR 158 (.) TOPSEC (.) For G (Air Recco) (.) Ref HR 148 (.)
Further details now available (.) Require earliest possible
information all bns MEUSE from MAASTRICHT to VENLO inclusive
and ALBERT and MEUSE-SCAUT canals from ANTWERP East to
respective junctions with MEUSE (.) Full details of blows and
mining if any (.) Please signal information as it becomes
available from (1) Tac/R (2) First Phase before delivery of
photos (.) Obliques facing EAST or NORTH-EAST and medium or
large verticals of bridges invaluable if possible

In CIPHER ONLY

EMERGENCY OPS

060020
B

FROM:- G Main 30 Corps
TO:- Main Second Army
Info:- C of S Main Second Army 11 Armd Div Gds Armd Div
50 (N)-Div

HR 164 (.) TOPSEC (.) For G(Air Recce) from BCS (.)
Unfortunate air recce unable produce reports bridges today (.)
If visual reports and/or photographs this HQ 1400 hrs tomorrow
first (.)
will be greatest value (.) / require first light Tac/R of all
bridges ALBERT and MEUSE - ESCAUT canals from ANTWERP to MEUSE
and twice daily recce (with confirmatory near-verticals where
possible) of bridges at E/616540 716630 746765 294518
290606 420672 434784 505750 (.) second (.) photos (.)
river lines priority large scale preferred (.) one (.) WAAL
and RHINE from E 2061 to DORNICK 0057 (.) two (.) MAAS
from E 2051 to ANTWERDON 8138 (.) three (.) NEEDER from
CULEMBORG 2575 to DORNICK 0057 (.) four (.) LIJSELL from
E 7674 to DEVENTER Z 9206

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MOST IMMEDIATE -
Main Second Army
(Authority - GOC)

IMMEDIATE -
Remainder

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

06...1900B

To :- 5 AGRA

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 151 (.) SECRET (.) following changes of command take place forthwith
(.) FIRST (.) one bty 4 Svy Regt placed under command 8 Corps (.) SECOND
(.) two btys 52 Hy Regt placed under command 30 Corps

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G(0) } for
CSO } info

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

06.13.00

To :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

Info :- 'R' Force

SCAO Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 149 (.) SECRET (.) 210 Civil Affairs Det will come under comd

30 Corps for 'R' Force forthwith

IN CIPHER if liable to interception

H. Chapman
by

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div 5 AGRA

O/S (.) SECRET (.) Pilots report increasing difficulty
identifying friendly vehicles due to fluid situation (.) All concerned
available
will display/fluorescent panels prominently and all Allied white star
markings must be clean and visible

In CIPHER if liable to
be intercepted

12/1/67
167
IMPORTANT

Distn: DGS GSI G(SD) CCRA CE CSO

06 20/2B

WD

From: Main 30 Corps

To: Rear 30 Corps

0/595 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps will move 071000 hrs to a location to be notified later via BRUSSELS - LOUVAIN - DIEST 1269

In CIPHER if liable
to interception

*Retention
may*

IMMEDIATE

Distn: All Branches Main 30 Corps

06 20 B

From: Main HQ 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div
8 Armd Bde Inns of Court 2 HCR
Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps
2 Cdn Corps *First Cdn Army XIX US Corps
V US Corps 1 Corps 8 Corps

0/596 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves 071000 hrs along
route BRUSSELS - LOUVAIN - DIEST 1269 to a location to be notified
later (.) All informed

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interception

IMMEDIATE

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

06.2100...B

TO :- 50 (N) Div

Info :- 11 Armd Div Gds Armd Div 12 Corps

WTD

0/598 (.) TOPSEC (.) A (.) 231 Bde Gp to come under cond 7 Armd Div 070600B (.) Will probably be released night 8/9 Sep (.) B (.) You may now move up any elts you may have WEST of ALOST (.) C (.) You will however retain one unit in ALOST - TERMONDE until 071800B when you cease to have any responsibility for flank protection WEST of line BRUSSELS - ANTWERP (.) D (.) from first light 7 Sep you will start moving forward keeping in touch with rear fighting elts of 11 Armd Div (.) E (.) Direct 151 Bde to send strong patrols down SOUTH and SE approaches to BRUSSELS from first light 7 Sep

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MOST IMMEDIATE to 50 (N) Div
Authy GOC

FROM:- Main 30 Corps

06 22 25B

TO:- Airborne Tps

Info:- Main Second Army 21 Army Gp

O/bcu(.) TOPSEC (.) ref HQ Air Tps/2559/G of 6 Sep (.)
most anxious you should land 52 Div NORTH of at least
R WAAL and if possible NORTH of NEDERWEIN (.) these
rivers present major traffic obstacle and in any case
shall have no tpt available to lift this div fwd (.) if
your and our ops successful Gds Armd Div likely to be in area
ARNHEM on D Day (.) therefore by time 52 Div land ground
NORTH of river lines should be available for protected landing
(.) if operations or landing areas make northern landing
impracticable then agree to your priority

IN CIPHER ONLY

P. L. Tolson
12.1.49
MOST IMMEDIATE
(Authy - GOC)

07 6845 B

From: Main 30 Corps

To: Rear 30 Corps

0/603 (.) SECRET (.) Main Corps HQ will NOT now move at 1000 hrs
but will be at immediate notice from 1100 hrs

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key*

IMMEDIATE

Distn: All Branches Main 30 Corps

FROM :- G Main 30 Corps

07.....¹³⁵⁹...B

TO :- 11 Armd Div 50 Div

Info :- CRE 30 Corps Tps

O/601 (.) SECRET (.) 209 Fd Coy and 15 Bridging Pl come under
comd 11 Armd Div forthwith (.) 11 Armd Div and 50 Div will arrange
mutually transfer 15 Bridging pl (.) 11 Armd Div will take up br
at 636816 7 Sep (.) 7 Armd Tps RE under comd for this task (.)
Tpt already ordered to site

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to be intercepted)

PRIORITY...IMMEDIATE.....

K. J. L. ...
h. m. g.

Distn: G(SD) CE

07 1730 B

From: G Main 30 Corps

To: Guards Arm'd Div	11 Arm'd Div	50 (N) Div
8 Arm'd Bde	2 US Arm'd Div	XIX US Corps
V US Corps	12 Corps	Tac Second Army
Main Second Army	DA & QMG	AQMG
DDMS	DDST	DDOS
DDME	SCAO	

0/606 (.) TOPSEC (.) Ref 30 Corps Operation Instruction No 25 (.)

The following additional codenames should be added to those given in Appendix "B" (.) GRAVE 6253 codename ILEX (.) ALBERT CANAL codename TRITON (.) R. MEUSE codename TARPON (.) R. WAAL codename TALISMAN (.) R. NEDERRIJN codename TUNA (.) WILHELMINA CANAL codename REGENT (.) MEUSE and ESCAULT CANAL codename SAFARI

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

071040B

From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: All Branches Main 30 Corps

Info: Rear 30 Corps

O/564 (.) Main HQ 30 Corps will now move at 1200 hrs
today 7 Sep 44

As written

John G. Pollard Capt.

07 19 10 B

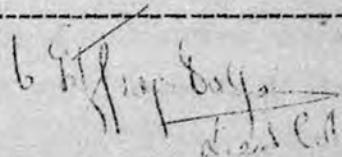
From: G Main 30 Corps

To: 11 Arm Div

Info: Comd 50 (N) Div () Guards Arm Div Rear 30 Corps Tac Second Army
Main Second Army

0/608 (.) TOPSEC (.) Personal Commander from BGS (.) A (.) Commander appreciates that you are unlikely to make progress NORTH of ANTWERP or over crossings just to EAST (.) He has therefore decided to call this party off (.) B (.) Eventually intends you should follow 50 (N) Div or Guards Arm Div over their bridges in the CHEEL area (.) They will do task given you in Op Instr No 22 and you will do theirs (.) C (.) Immediate action is as follows (.) ONE (.) Your Div less 29 Arm Bde Gp remains in ANTWERP area for time being and helps 231 Bde in responsibility for protection (.) TWO (.) 29 Arm Bde Gp moves early as possible 8 Sep to area DIEST and comes under direct command 30 Corps (.) Route MECHLIN - LOUVAIN direct if bridge 7966 known OK or if not MECHLIN - NOSSEGHEM 7358 - LOUVAIN (.) Task 29 Arm Bde will be right flank protection 30 Corps from LOUVAIN EAST to rearwards, elts Gds Arm Div WEST of ALBERT Canal (.) 73 A Tk Regt RA and Belgian Arm Car Sqn will be under Commander 29 Arm Bde who should report this HQ earliest tomorrow (.) D (.) As soon as you can be released from ANTWERP area intend you should concentrate in area near 29 Arm Bde for future operations (.) AOK by R/T fwd

IN CIPHER ONLY


 EMERGENCY OPS to 11 Arm Div

IMMEDIATE to remainder

Distn: BGS CCRA CSO CE

07 2125 B

From: G Main 30 Corps

To: Guards Arm'd Div 11 Arm'd Div 50 (N) Div

Info: Rear 30 Corps 12 Corps XIX US Corps HQ Airborne Tps
Tac Second Army Main Second Army

0/613 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 8 Sep (.) ONE (.) Guards Arm'd Div (.) A (.) Enlarge existing bridgehead area BEERLINGEN (.) B (.) Continue with task given in Op Instr No 22 (.) C (.) Be prepared to allow up to two armoured regts one motor bn and ancillaries of 50 (N) Div to pass through their bridgehead starting 060700D hrs (.) Task of this Group will be to advance along NORTH bank of ALBERT Canal to remove resistance on front of 50 (N) Div projected bridgehead (.) TWO (.) 11 Arm'd Div (.) A (.) Div less 29 Arm'd Bde Gp one Sqn Inns of Court and 64 Med Regt remain present area assist 251 Bde in protection ANWERP area (.) B (.) Despatch 29 Arm'd Bde Gp with 64 Med Regt and one sqn Inns of Court under command 8 Sep to area DIEST by one of two routes ordered in 0/608 of 071910D where it will come temporarily under operational command 30 Corps (.) Head of column not to reach LOUVAIN before 1200 hrs (.) 11 Arm'd Div remains responsible for administration (.) Task 29 Arm'd Bde Gp will be right flank protection 30 Corps from LOUVAIN to rear fighting elts Guards Arm'd Div as far EAST as ALBERT Canal (.) 73 A Tk Regt comes under command 29 Arm'd Bde on arrival (.) THREE (.) 50 (N) Div to get bridgehead over ALBERT Canal between excl BEERLINGEN and incl GHEEL crossing either night 7/8 Sep or by deliberate operation day 8 Sep (.) FOUR (.) No advance by ANY troops beyond ROCKET line until ordered by this HQ

IN CIPHER ONLY

R. M. M. May
 MOST IMMEDIATE to addressees
 By Authy GOC.

EMERGENCY OPS to remainder

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 G(SD) GSI G(Air) OCRA CE CSO DAQMG Phantom

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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10M/8

TO :- Gds Arm Div

11 Arm Div

30 (M) Div

Q/541 (.) SECRET (.) During present operations accurate and immediate information through RE channels is more than ever vital (.) Addressees will each provide their CSE with medium power set as rear link to CR 30 Corps

IN CI-MR if liable to be intercepted

IMMEDIATE

Distn: CR C80

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

08/03.03.

To :- 100 AA Bde

CCRA

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 163 (.) SECRET (.) changes of comd take place as follows (.)
FIRST (.) 113 LAA Regt and one tp 557 S/L Bty placed under comd
100 AA Bde forthwith (.) SECOND (.) 107 HAA Regt at ANTWERP comes
under comd 12 Corps w e f time 12 Corps take over ANTWERP (.)
ANTWERP will have a minimum AA Def of one HAA Regt until further
notice

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DAQMG (Main)

081040 D

From: Main 30 Corps

To: Guards Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde

Info: DA & QMG.

0/623 (.) SECRET (.) During airborne operations messages will be
dropped in long range petrol tanks (.) These may be mistaken for
bombs and troops should be warned accordingly

In CIPHER if liable to
be intercepted.

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IMMEDIATE

Distn: CCRA CE CSO OC Corps SigsCamp Main

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div

Info: HQ Airborne Troops

0/622 (.) TOPSEC (.) COMET (.) Dutch resistance forces will
attempt to hold following bridges (.) CULEMBORG 2776 VREESWIJK 1881
VIANEN 1879 (.) ~~Password~~, between Dutch resistance and allied troops
TELEPHONE

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Potomac Maj.

IMMEDIATE

Distn: CCRA CE

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

08.1415...B

TO :- 11 Armd Div Gds Armd Div 50 (N) Div
Rear 30 Corps

O/627 (.) TOPSEC (.) Ref 30 Corps Op Instruction No 23 (.)
Airborne operation postponed in any case to night 9/10 Sep (.)
possibility further postponement

IN CIPHER ONLY

P. J. L. H. G.
EMERGENCY OPS to all

Distn ; GST G(Air) CCRA CE CSO

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Frpm: Main 30 Corps

To: Guards Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde
DA & QMG

HR/190 (.) TOPSEC (.) ref Appx "A" to 30 Corps Op Instr No.23 (.) BLUE

GREEN and VIOLET flares will be used to mark dropping **zones** (.) all infmd

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Guards Arm'd Div 11 Arm'd Div 50 (N) Div 29 Arm'd Bde
Airborne Corps

Info:

Info: Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps
XIX US Corps

0/630 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 9 Sep (.) ONE (.)

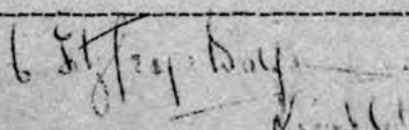
50 (N) Div and Guards Arm'd Div continue present operations pressing NORTH at maximum speed along their axes but NOT to pass ROCKET line (.)

TWO (.) 29 Arm'd Bde less one Regtl Gp start crossing bridge at BEERDINGEN 090700B and take over responsibility for protection of area cross-rds 3575 and rd junc 2672 (.) Remainder of Bde Gp will pass over bridge later during day at time to be agreed with Guards Arm'd Div (.)

THREE (.) 73 A Tk Regt reverts to command COR. waf 090600B remains responsible for right flank protection from LOUVAIN to ALBERT CANAL (.)

FOUR (.) 11 Arm'd Div move 090900B to concentration area EAST of ALBERT CANAL SOUTH of rd BEERDINGEN - HECHTEL of which they MUST keep entirely clear (.) Route MECHLIN - LOUVAIN - rd junc 0765 - HERCKLAUVILLE 1963 - Bridge 2471 (.) Bridge 2471 is blown but now being repaired under arrangements CE 30 Corps (.) On arrival 11 Arm'd Div resume command 29 Arm'd Bde time to be arranged later

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IMPORTANT to remainder

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

08.2.45...B

TO :- Gds Armd Div
100 AA Bde

11 Armd Div

50 (N) Div

O/631 (.) SECRET (.) Owing airborne ops there will be NO AA fire
in any circumstances from 092100B by day or by night until further
notice within Second Army area

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

08.12.1961.B

TO :- 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div Rear 30 Corps

0/632 (.) SECRET (.) 231 Bde revert comd 50 (N) Div and may be moved earliest possible 9 Sep (.) Owing move 11 Armd Div unlikely 231 Bde can move before 091200B (.) 50 (N) Div to agree time for move mutually with 11 Armd Div (.) 11 Armd Div have priority on roads

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Main Second Army

Info: GSI Main Second Army GSI 11 Armd Div (2) GSI Gds Armd Div (2)
GSI 50 (N) Div (2)

HR/192 (.) TOPSEC (.) For G(Air) Recce (.) Ref our PH/105 of 8 Sep
and your RC/772 of 082148B (.) Following supersedes all previous demands
not so far flown (.) All required at not less than one in fifteen
thousand scale (.) PRIORITY ONE (.) All inclusive HERENTHAIS J.9891
NEERPELT K.3895 EINDHOVEN TILBURG (.) PRIORITY TWO (.) Excl
TILBURG incl ZALTBURGEL E.2960 incl GRAVE E.6353 excl EINDHOVEN (.)
PRIORITY THREE (.) GRAVE ZALTBURGEL EDE E.5885 ARNHEM NIJMEGEN
(.) PRIORITY FOUR (.) ARNHEM EM BRICH E.9861 BOXMEER E.7641 GRAVE
(.) Meanwhile request immediate reprints sorties flown 5 Sep for HQ
Airborne Tps in areas 3 and 4 above (.) Emphasise that SIEGFRIED LINE
demand only relinquished on assurance that quite impossible with present
commitments (.) Will submit this in detail later (.) Meanwhile request
reprints any available cover between approx K.9590 E.9625 E.9145 A.2262
A.4578 (.) ACK

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

09.12.5.....B

To :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Inf Div

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 197 (.) SECRET (.) FIRST (.) 7 Army Tps Engrs less one Fd Coy
placed in sp 50 Div from in sp 11 Armd Div (.) SECOND (.) 72 Fd
Coy placed in sp Gds Armd Div (.) THIRD (.) 209 Fd Coy placed under
comd 50 Div (.) FOURTH (.) Br Pls RE 3 Div and 43 Div placed under
comd 30 Corps (.) all above forthwith

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DAQMG (Main)

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- 'R' Force

Info :- DA & GIG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 187 (.) SECRET (.) 'R' Force at present under comd 30 Corps

of BRUSSELS comes under comd 12 Corps for ANTWERP forthwith

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From : Main 30 Corps

09...1305...B

To : Gds Armd Div 8 Armd Bde

50 (N) Div

Info : 11 Armd Div Rear 30 Corps

0/640 (.) SECRET (.) 8 Armd Bde less SRY but with 147 Fd
Regt RA under command Gds Armd Div forthwith (.) SRY remain
under command 50 (N) Div

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09.1.52.....B
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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

TO :- 11 Arm Div

O/644 (.) SECRET (.) 64 Med Regt with under comd 419/52 Hy Bty
under comd CCRA forthwith

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to be intercepted

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DAQME

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

09.1620...B

TO :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div
Rear 30 Corps

0/645 (.) TOPSEC (.) Airborne operation in sp of COMET further
postponed (.) will not take place before night 11/12

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Guards Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde
DA & QMG

0/646 (.) SECRET (.) Following changes in command of RA units
will take place as shown (.) ONE (.) 147 Fd Regt comes under command
Guards Armd Div forthwith (.) TWO (.) 419 Hy Bty comes under command
64 Med Regt forthwith (.) 64 Med Regt Gp remains under command 11 Armd
Div but comes under operational control CCRA (.) THREE (.) 86 Fd
Regt comes under command CCRA wef 100600 hrs and will be under operational
control 100 AA Bde

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde
DA & QMG

Info: Lt-Col Oxley i/c Regulating Post

0/648 (.) SECRET (.) 30 Corps assumes control of all traffic over the DEERINGEN bridges wef 100900 hrs (.) Application for the move of all blocks of more than 20 vehs over these bridges will be to Traffic Office Main HQ 30 Corps who will allot block timings (.) 11 Armd Div will have priority on the Southern bridge from time of its completion until no longer required by them

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FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div
C Armd Bde

Info:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps
XIV US Corps

0/650 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 10 Sep (.)

ONE (.) Guards Armd Div (.) continue operations Northwards
(.) TWO (.) 11 Armd Div (.) A (.) protect SOUTH flank
of 30 Corps (.) B (.) advance NORTH on EAST flank of Guards
Armd Div and make sure that rd HELCHTEREN HECHTEL ceases to be
interfered with from the EAST (.) C (.) keep secure
BEERINGEN bridgehead and hold firmly crossroads 2672 and
HELCHTEREN until relieved by Corps A/Tk Gp (.) D (.) recon
tasks between BEERINGEN and 50 Div bridge SOUTH of ALBERT Canal
as ordered (.) THREE (.) 50 (N) Div (.) (.) capture
GHEEL and operate towards MOLL 1790 as opportunity offers (.)
B (.) 251 Bde will not be committed or moved without
reference to this HQ (.) FOUR (.) Corps A/Tk Gp under comd
CCRA (.) A (.) with Royal Netherland Brigade under comd
from 1000 hrs take over responsibility for BEERINGEN bridgehead
(.) B (.) extend screen by taking over from 11 Armd Div in
succession crossroads 2672 and possibly HELCHTEREN

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CCR CE CSO DCMG Phantom

10.12.40...B

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50(N)Div 8 Armd Bde DA & QMG

292/G (.) SECRET (.) German maps of HOLLAND and GERMANY already issued to fms may be used within the fm (.) however map references will NOT rpt NOT be given from German grids (.) these MUST be given from GSGS 1/100000 sheets of which fms have sufficient to work from (.) all informed

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From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 Div 8 Armd Bde

Info:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps XIX US Corps

O/657 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of fms 11 Sep (.) ONE (.) Gds Armd Div (.) A (.)
continue with present operations to seize brhd over MAAS - ESCAUT Canal (.) B (.)
with 8 Armd Bde (with Belgian contingent under comd) capture and clear up BOURG
LEOPOLD (.) TWO (.) 11 Armd Div (.) A (.) secure EAST and SOUTH flank of 30 Corps
as far WEST as excl fwd elts of Corps A Tk Gp area 2872 (.) B (.) with one sqn
armd cars to repeat recon task SOUTH of ALBERT Canal between BEERINGEN and 50 Div
brhd as on 10 Sep (.) THREE (.) 50 (N) Div (.) retain present brhd and retain 231
Bde in Corps reserve (.) FOUR (.) Corps A Tk Gp under comd CCRA (.) A (.) protection
of Corps SOUTH flank from 2872 to incl br at BEERINGEN (.) D (.) protection of 30
Corps WEST flank from incl br at BEERINGEN to incl BEVERLOO and later when Belgian
contingent come under comd as far as incl BOURG LEOPOLD

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CCRA CE CSC DAQMG Phantom

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

10.12.55...B

TO :- Main Second Army

Info :- 12 Corps

O/658 (.) SECRET (.) 50 Div class 9 bridge has again been hit

by enemy shell fire and this time temporarily sunk (.) Consider

this always liable to happen to our bridges in present conditions

and request suitable smoke unit be placed under our command and

moved up forthwith

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1st Lt. Frank Baker
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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

11.1145B

To :- Commander Gds Armd Div
Commander 50 (N) Inf Div
Info :- Commander 8 Armd Bde

Commander 11 Armd Div

SD 308 (.) SECRET (.) Personal DGS to Comds (.) Technical experts report that excessive wear to Sherman tank suspension is being caused by tanks being driven too fast on metalled roads (.) the tactical situation must obviously dictate tank speed but I must inform you that there is a serious shortage of tank replacements and tank spares now available

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From:- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To:- 100 AA Bde

Info:- DA & QMG Rear 30 Corps

223 (.) SECRET (.) 100 RADAR Bty less one tp and deta comes
under comd 100 AA Bde on arrival area DIRST for deployment in sp
12 and 30 Corps (.) rep reporting HQ 100 AA Bde

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

11.12.42...B

:- Gds Arm'd Div 11 Arm'd Div 50 (N) Div

Info :- Rear 30 Corps

0/662 (.) TOPSEC (.) IN CONFIRMATION (.) C in C 21 Army Gp visits
30 Corps 12 Sep (.) Programme as follows (.) A (.) 1000 hrs IO from
HQ 30 Corps meets at outskirts DIEST on LOUVAIN road (.) B (.)
proceed HQ 50 (N) Div arriving approx 1015 hrs (.) C (.) visit HQ 30
Corps arriving approx 1045 hrs (.) D (.) proceeds to Western end of
Class 40 bridge at BEERINGEN where Comds Gds Arm'd and 11 Arm'd Divs are
to meet him at 1130 hrs (.) E (.) return HQ 30 Corps for lunch 1230
hrs

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- DA A&MG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 241 (.) SECRET (.) 43 Recce Regt comes under comd 30 Corps
on arrival (.) rep reporting earliest to Main HQ 30 Corps (.)
sgn at present with Tac Army has been ordered to revert to
regt on arrival regt in 30 Corps area

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div
3 Armd Bde

Info :- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps XIX US Corps

0/666 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 13 Sep (.) ONE (.) A (.) 15/19
H under command Gds Armd Div from 130600B (.) B (.) 8 Armd Bde (with
Belgian contingent) pass to command 50 (N) Div 131000B (.) TWO (.) Gds
Armd Div (.) A (.) Hold firmly bridge over MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal (.) D (.)
Keep secure own WEST and SW flank until such time as 50 (N) Div can assume
full responsibility given in para FIVE D (.) C (.) Free maximum tanks for
maintenance using 15/19 H NORTH of Canal as required (.) THREE (.) 11
Armd Div (.) A (.) Keep secure EAST flank of 30 Corps as far SOUTH as
point of contact with Corps A Tk Gp area SE of HELCHTEREN (.) D (.)
operate offensively with patrols EAST and NORTH to MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal
(.) C (.) Continue task given in para TWO B of 0657 of 102235B now
maintaining touch with 12 Corps (.) FOUR (.) Corps A Tk Gp continue tasks
given in para THREE of 0/664 of 112350B (.) FIVE (.) 50 (N) Div (.) A (.)
Complete handover of GHEEL bridgehead to 15 (S) Div (.) D (.) Hold secure
DEERINGEN bridgehead maintaining one battalion on WEST bank of the Canal
(.) C (.) As soon as possible clear up the wooded area WEST of road
DEERINGEN - BOURG LEOPOLD as far NORTH as 84 Northing Grid and as far
WEST as Canal running NORTH from 1800 (.) D (.) As soon as possible secure
WEST flank of 30 Corps NORTH from incl BOURG LEOPOLD along line of Canal
2604 to 2496 maintaining contact with Westmost elts Gds Armd Div in that
area (.) E (.) Retain one armd regt in Corps reserve in wooded area SW of
HECHTEL (.) F (.) Maintain contact with WEST flank of Corps A Tk Gp (.)
G (.) Enable 3 Armd Bde to carry out maximum possible tank maintenance

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FROM : Main 30 Corps

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TO : Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 50 (N) Div
19 FSS 45 FSS 61 FSS 77 FSS

INFO : GSI(b) Main Second Army GSI(b) 12 Corps GSI(b) 8 Corps

11/6/GSI(b) (.) SECRET (.) FS tasks 13 Sep (.) 77 FSS will
continue controls on ESCAUT canal bridge and deal with all
I(b) matters reported by own tps (.) 45 FSS will move area
PAEL 2074 operate controls BEERLINGEN bridges with FI and
Gendarmerie and deal with all I(b) matters area rd and rly crossing
2266 - rd junc 2325 - line of canal to bridge 1781 - line of rd
to oxel DIEST - line of rly DIEST - HASSELT (.) 61 FSS will
move area Main 11 Armd Div HQ and be responsible for all I(b)
matters in Div area (.) 19 FSS will move area HEUSDEN and be
responsible for area bounded by BOURG LEOPOLD - LUMMEN (2268)
rd on left rd HECHTEL - HASSELT on right line of rly HASSELT
- DIEST rear

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From: G Main 30 Corps

To: All Branches Main 30 Corps

Info: Rear 30 Corps 50 (N) Div

O/667 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves at 1300 hrs 13 Sep to area
3379 (.) Route rd junc 129697 - cross-rds 168715 - LUMEN 2168 - Southern
bridge at BEERLINGEN - cross-rds 269725 - cross-rds 351757 - cross-rds 348798

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From: G Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div
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Tac Second Army
2 Cdn Corps
V US Corps
Airborne Corps

11 Armd Div
Inns of Court
Main Second Army
First Cdn Army
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50 Div
2 HCR
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0/668 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves 1300 hrs 13 Sep to area

3379 (.) All informed

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

13.5.53.B

To :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps.

SD 251 (.) SECRET (.) 43 Inf Div less 130 Bde will move commencing

13 Sep under arrangements Q(M) SECOND ARMY to area NE of BRUSSELS

coming under comd 30 Corps on arrival

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To :- 100 AA Bde

Info :- 12 Corps SECOND ARMY
 DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 249 (.) SECRET (.) 71 LAA Regt placed temporarily under comd 12 Corps

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	8 Armd Bde	Inns of Court	2 HCR
	Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	12 Corps
	2 Cdn Corps	First Cdn Army	XIX US Corps
	V US Corps	1 Corps	8 Corps
	Airborne Corps		

0/17(.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps opens 131530B at 348798 (.)

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To :- DA & QMB Rear Hq 30 Corps

SD 269 (.) SECRET (.) ref SD 251 of 130935 (.) 130 Inf Bde
will move on 14 Sep under arrangements Q(M) SECOND ARMY to
conc area NE of BRUSSELS reverting to under comd 43 Inf Div
on arrival (.) rep reporting today Main Hq 30 Corps

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To:- G(O) DA & GMB

SD 263 (.) TOP SECRET (.) STAFFS Yeo comes under cond 30 Corps
forthwith

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To: All Branches Main 30 Corps

Info: Rear 30 Corps

O/680 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps will be at one hour's notice to move from 1300 hrs today (.) Move will be a short one probably to area EXEL 3686

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From:- G Main 30 Corps

To:- All Branches Main HQ

O/681 (.) SECRET (.) ref O/680 of 140840B (.) Main HQ 30 Corps will now
be at TWO hrs notice to move from 141300B (.) packing up will NOT
start until receipt of actual order to move (.) all informed

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- A & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 271 (.) SECRET (.) ref SD 225 of 112115B (.) additional det
112 Pnr Coy (SMOK) placed under comd 30 Corps forthwith

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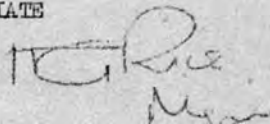
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HR 233 (.) TOPSEC (.) For G(Air Recce) (.) Further to phone
conversation 13 Sep following area required medium scale cover ASP (.)
E 5080 - A 0080 - V 0040 - Z 5040 (.) Six sets (.) Priorities (.)
FIRST (.) Ph 104 of 130915 (.) SECOND (.) Remainder of HR 192 of
090110B (.) THIRD (.) This demand of which line of river YSEL
most urgent

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To :- DA & QM2 Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 283 (.) SECRET(.) ROTALS come under comd 30 Corps from

under comd 12 Corps wef 0200 hrs 15 Sep

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- DA & GHE Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 279 (.) SECRET (.) ref SD 225 of 112115B (.) Det 112 Pnr

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From: Main HQ 30 Corps

To: All Branches Main 30 Corps

O/682 (.) Main HQ 30 Corps will NOT now move today (.) O/680 and
O/681 are cancelled

As written

*K. Tolson
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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

142105B

To :- 50 (N) Inf Div

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 336 (.) SECRET (.) 86 Fd Regt placed under comd 50 Div

(From under comd 30 Corps w e f 0600 hrs 15 Sep 44.

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div
R. Netherlands Bde

11 Armd Div

8 Armd Bde

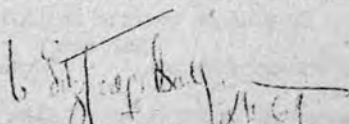
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Main Second Army

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0/689 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 15 Sep (.) ONE (.)
A (.) 231 Bde Gp comes under command Guards Armd Div 150730B (.)
B (.) R. Netherlands Bde comes under command 50 (N) Div 151000B (.)
TWO (.) Tasks Guards Armd Div and 11 Armd Div unchanged (.) 11 Armd
Div relieved of task for Inns of Court patrolling WEST bank of
ALBERT Canal (.) THREE (.) 50 (N) Div (.) Relieve Corps A Tk Gp
of responsibility for protection Corps SOUTH flank as far EAST as incl
HELCHTEREN cross-rds by 151000B

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 43 Inf Div
50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde 157 Inf Bde
R Netherlands Bde Royals
Staffs Yec CRE 30 Corps Tps OC 30 Corps Sigs
All Branches Main 30 Corps
All Branches Rear 30 Corps

0/090 (.) SECRET (.) The Corps Commander will address all officers of the Corps down to incl Lt-Cols on forthcoming operations at 161100 hrs (.) BMS may also attend (.) The address will take place in the Cinema BOURG LEOPOLD opposite the rly station 260828 (.) All officers will be seated by 1050 hrs (.) Where COs are unable to attend they will detail a suitable representative (.) Each Division 8 Armd Bde and Rear Corps will detail an officer capable of identifying the officers of his own/formation who will report to the entrance at 1030 hrs (.) Parking will be under Corps arrangements (.) Minimum transport will be used (.) It is anticipated that the conference will end by 1300 hrs

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- RE

Info :- DA & GHE Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 303 (.) SMOKE (.) 3 Brit Div Dr F1 will revert to cond
3 Brit Div forthwith

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BD 346 (.) SECRET (.) following units will come under comd 30
Corps forthwith (.) HQ 10 AGRE (.) HQ 11 AGR (.) HQ 1 Cdn AGRE
(.) 8 GHQ Tps Engrs (.) 1 Cdn A Tps Engrs (.) 2 Cdn A Tps Engrs
(.) 6 A Tps Engrs (.) 15 GHQ Tps Engrs

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To :- R Netherlands Bde

Info :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 43 Inf Div
50 (N) Inf Div 8 Armd Bde

SD 313 (.) SECRET (.) It has been agreed between PRINCE BERNHARD and Comd 30 Corps that all Liaison personnel attached to firms of 30 Corps from R NETHERLANDS BDE shall remain at the disposal of 30 Corps for forthcoming ops (.) Liaison personnel incl offrs attached from SECOND ARMY allocated as follows (.) Gds Armd Div eleven (.) 8 Armd Bde five (.) 43 Inf Div four (.) 50 (N) Inf Div four (.) Capt ROOS R NETHERLANDS ARMY will arrange attachments to firms in accordance with priorities laid down by G(SD) Main HQ 30 Corps (.) personnel attached to 11 Armd Div from R NETHERLANDS BDE will be returned to meet above allocations

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FROM: - G Main 30 Corps

TO: - Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 43 Div 50 Div
 1 Br Airborne Div 82 US Airborne Div 101 US
 Airborne Div 8 Armd Bde 15/19 H
 Airborne Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps Tac Second
 Army Main Second Army DA & QMG AQMG
 DDST DDMS DDCS DDME SCAO

O/692 (.) SECRET (.) ref 30 Corps Op Instr No. 24
 of 15 Sep (.) para 3 axis of advance (.) delete all
 references DIAMOND substitute CLUB (.) all informed

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- Gds Arm'd Div

Info :- DA & GAE Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 352 (.) SECRET (.) 11 Pd Coy RE placed under comd Gds Arm'd

from 0600 hrs 16 Sep

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FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps
XIX US Corps Airborne Corps

I/155 (.) TOPSEC for GSI and G-2 (.) PEARL 151445D
(.) unknown station to DREYER reports height water in
canal WEST of locks normal but to EAST has risen further
2 point 75 metres (.) signed 2 SS Obf und adj (.)
comment (.) presume SS elt with bn status lining
MEUSE ESCAUT canal area NORTH MOLL where several locks
exist and KG DREIER last identified (.) most likely 2 SS
PGR in view of ident 11 Sep 1 SS Eng Bn area 4297 (.)
all informed

AAC Dreyer
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IMMEDIATE to
Main Army (authy DGS)
IMPORTANT to
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From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: 43 Div 50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde

Info: Rear 30 Corps

0/694 (.) TOPSEC (.) 8 Armd Bde less one Armd Regt comes under
concentrate
command 43 Div 161200B (.) Bde will/complete in area 3083 - 3086
- 3686 - 3684 forthwith concentration to be complete by 171200B (.)

8 Armd Bde nominate Regt for task para 10 (c) of 30 Corps Op

Instruction No. 24 immediately

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To :- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 43 Inf Div 50 (N) Inf Div

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 356 (.) SECRET (.) A (.) Following changes in comd come in to effect
forthwith (.) one bty of 73 A Tk Regt under comd Gds Armd Div (.) two
btys 73 A Tk Regt under comd 50 Div (.) B (.) w e f 1200 hrs 16 Sep 64.
Med Regt placed under comd 43 Inf Div from under comd 11 Armd Div (.) C
(.) 147 Fd Regt passes with 8 Armd Bde from under comd 50 Div to under
comd 43 Div at time to be notified later (.) all informed

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From: Guards Arm'd Div
50 Div
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11 Arm'd Div
8 Arm'd Bde
12 Corps
DA & QMG
DDMS
APM

43 Div
15/19 H
Tac Second Army
AQMG
DDOS
SCAO

o/695 (.) SECRET (.) Ref 239/G/1 of 15 Sep 44 (.) Para five (o)
(.) Delete QUOTE If units have the rd for leaguering they will have
a rep on the rd UNQUOTE (.) Substitute QUOTE If units leave the rd for
leaguering they will leave a rep on the rd UNQUOTE (.) All informed

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- Gds Armd Div

43 Inf Div

50 (N) Inf Div

DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

DDST Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 331 (.) SECRET (.) FIRST (.) following br coy units located area
30 Corps are now under comd 30 Corps for future ops (.) HQ 128 Br Coy
1642 Bailey Pl
1641 Bailey pl/ E Bailey Pl (86 Cdn Br Coy) 1626 FEE pl 1636 FEE Pl
1639 Aslt pl 1635 Pontoon pl 1638 Raft Pl (5 rafts only) 1633 Bailey pl
(.) SECOND (.) following br coy units are allotted 30 Corps for future
ops and will come under comd 30 Corps on arrival 30 Corps area (.)
HQ 106 Br Coy HQ 85 Cdn Br Coy HQ 86 Cdn Br Coy 1623 Bailey Pl
1621 Bailey Pl 1622 Bailey Pl 1631 Bailey Pl 'G' Pontoon Pl (85 Cdn
Br Coy) 'G' Pontoon Pl (86 Cdn Br Coy) 'H' Pontoon Pl (86 Cdn Br Coy)
'K' FEE pl (85 Cdn Br Coy) 'K' FEE Pl '86 Cdn Br Coy) 'J' FEE pl
(85 Cdn Br Coy) 1646 FEE Pl 'L' Raft pl (86 Cdn Br Coy) (four rafts
only) det 551 GT Coy (Bailey Pl) 1624 Pontoon Pl 1627 FEE Pl 1632
Bailey pl 1625 Pontoon pl 1634 Pontoon pl 1644 Pontoon pl 'L' Raft Pl
(85 Cdn Br Coy) 1630 Hy Pl 1640 Hy Pl 'L' Hy Pl (85 Cdn Br Coy)
'L' Hy Pl (86 Cdn Br Coy) (.) THIRD (.) units listed in para SECOND
will move to 30 Corps area from area WEST of BRUSSELS under arrangements
Q(M) SECOND ARMY in conjunction with 30 Corps

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From:- Main Hq 30 Corps

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To:- STAFFS YBO

Info:- DA & GNG Rear 30 Corps

SP 329 (.) SECRET (.) STAFFS YBO will move to concentrate at ELBAT
76573 coming under comd Hq SECOND Army tps on arrival (.) regt to
report C(SD) Main Hq SECOND Army on completion of conc (.) regt will
later revert to under comd NKFOR

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From:- Main 30 Corps

To:-	Guards Armd Div	11 Armd Div	43 Div
	50 Div	8 Armd Bde	15/19 H
	8 Corps	12 Corps	Tac Second Army
	Main Second Army	DA & QMG	A QMG
	DDST	DDMS	DDOS
	DDME	APM	SCAO

0/697 (.) SECRET (.) ref 30 Corps Movt Instr (239/G/1) of
15 Sep Appx D (.) serial numbers will be allotted by
fms/units in charge of gps as required (.) these serial
numbers will be painted on windscreen and tail board of
first and last vehicles of serial concerned also on as
many other vehicles of the serial as possible (.) all infmd

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2 HCR)

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

16.1205B

To :- 50 (N) Inf Div

Info :- 8 Corps DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 380 (.) SECRET (.) 1 Belgian Gp passes from under comd 30 Corps
to under comd 8 Corps w e f 1200 hrs 17 Sep (.) Arty remains in
sp 30 Corps till 18 Sep

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FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- 43 Div 50 (N) Div * Guards Armd Div
 11 Armd Div 8 Corps 12 Corps
 Airborne Corps XIX US Corps
 Main Second Army

I/160 (.) for GSI and G-2 (.) Order of Battle
 infm from PW to 161300B (.) first (.) deserter
 from 6 Coy 2 Bn Para Regt HOFFMANN swam canal 2196
 (.) states regtl strength approx nine coys (.)
 mentioned Regt VON SCHILL to WEST (.) second (.)
 deserter 3 Coy Para Regt HARDEGG states regt has
 three bns (.) thought HUINER GRASMEHL HARDEGG
 Regts all under comd same div (.) third (.) PW
 area NW brhead 3596 from 6 Coy 6 Para Regt (.)
 all informed

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C. A. A.

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 Remainder

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FROM :~ Main 30 Corps

16.1829.B

TO :~ Gds Arm'd Div 43 Div 50 (N) Div 8 Arm'd Bde
15/19 H Rear 30 Corps

0/699 (.) SECRET (.) Town and immediate surroundings BOURG
LEOPOLD reserved for 161 FMC and ^{RE} ~~the~~ bridging train (.) No further
units or HQ will be moved into this area without sanction of this
HQ

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Distn : CORA CE GSO DAQMG Traffic Office

From:- Main HQ 30 Corps

10/16/80 B

To:- DA & GSG Rear 30 Corps

Info:- DEST Rear 30 Corps

SD 347 (.) SECRET (.) det 551 GT Coy (STORMBOAT PL) will come under
comd 30 Corps forthwith (.) is moving with other Br Coy units to
area 30 Corps from area W of BRUSSELS

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :-	Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	43 Inf Div
	50 (N) Div	8 Armd Bde	44 R Tks
	15/19 H	8 Corps	12 Corps
	Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	DA & QMG
	DDST	DDMS	DDOS
	DDME	SCAO	

O/ ⁷⁰⁰ (.) TOPSEC (.) Make following amendment to 30 Corps
Operation Instruction No 24 para 4 (c) (iii) as amended by 239/G
of 16 Sep (.) Delete boundary between 12 Corps and 30 Corps (.)
Substitute the following (.) QUOTE all incl 12 Corps SICHEM 0770
- cross rds 094727 - rd junc 112795 - MEERHOUT 1434 - BAELEN 2088
- LOMMEL 3095 - WESTERHOFEN 3706 - MEREVELDHOVEN 3815 - rd junc
415194 - rd junc 414195 - OLLAND 3834 - NISTELRODE 5047 UNQUOTE (.)
all informed

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FROM:- GSI Main 30 Corps

TO:- 8 Corps 12 Corps. Gds Armd Div 50 (N) Div

I/161 (.) for GSI (.) further enemy Order of Battle research (.) from PW statements and cap docs estimate following layout and strengths battlegroups on MEUSE

ESCAUT canal (.) A (.) area HERENTHALS to rd GHEEL

TURNHOUT battle gp SEIDEL incl 51 Flieger Regt etc worth four bns (.) B (.) 07 to 16 Eastings DREIER with 53 Flieger Regt etc worth three bns (.) C (.) East of 20 grid (.) first (.) POHL worth bn incl 5 and 8 coys 6 Para Regt (.) second (.) 2 Para Regt alias query VON SCHILL with remnants 723 GR alias TOLKSDORF (.) third (.) elts 2 SS PGR (.) all this worth three bns (.) D (.) area 30 to 36 grids (.) bulk 6 Para Regt alias VAN DER HEYDTE alias HOFFMANN worth two bns (.) area 41 grid 1 SS Eng Bn worth two coys (.) E (.) area 50 grid presume remnants 7 Para Regt alias HUBNER with remnants GRASMEHL total two bns (.) F (.) area BREE presume HARDEGG worth three bns (.) G (.) SE BREE SS LANDSTURM NEDERLAND alias GEBHARDT worth one bn (.) H (.) reckon some unidentified enemy between 30 and 50 grids (.) J (.) grand total identified between 97 and 57 Eastings approx 19 bns (.) many snags and guesses but this final desperate attempt to sort out chaos (.) all informed

By any means excl W/T

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43 Div

Main 2 Army

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From: 'G' 30 Corps

To:	Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	43 Div	50 Div
	8 Armd Bde	R Netherlands Bde		15/19 H
	SRV	44 R Tks		

Info: Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps
XIX US Corps

0/701 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of fins 17 Sep 44 (.) ONE (.)
Operations GARDEN and MARKET start 17 Sep (.) H Hour for
MARKET is 1300A hrs (.) TWO (.) A (.) 50 (N) Div will take
over responsibility for Gds Armd Div bridgehead over MEUSE -
ESCAUT Canal by 170800A (.) This is in addition to present
flank protection tasks of 50 (N) Div (.) B (.) 50 (N) Div
will assume responsibility for protection of 30 Corps Main
axis of advance as far North as VALKSWAARDEN by moving fwd
units as required (.) timings for these moves and for
assumption of responsibility to be by mutual agreement
Guards Armd Div and 50 (N) Div

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

16.2359....B

TO :- GSI(b) Main Second Army

Info :- GSI(b) 8 Corps GSI(b) 12 Corps 19 FSS 45 FSS
57 FSS 77 FSS

111/21/GSI(b) (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep (.) ONE (.) Locations (.)
19 FSS BOURG LEOPOLD otherwise no change (.) 1013 FSRD and 33 FSS
~~also~~ under comd today for special mission (.) TWO (.) Cas (.) NIL
(.) THREE (.) Control (.) 205 CA Refugee Transit Camp at BOURG
LEOPOLD being covered by FS (.) FOUR (.) Cases (.) CARLIER Ernest
(Fr) of BEERINGEN 4075 (see 111/21/GSI(b) of 14 Sep 44) found to
be criminal from DOUAY (France) being detained by gendarmerie at
BEERINGEN (.) FALHABER JA and ARENDS D both Dutch detained and
evacuated through PW channels as ex NSKK (.) NIELSEN (Danish) and
DECKMYN (Belgian) of Hotel DESDUNES HECHTEL both denounced as possible
GIS contacts (.) Extensive enquiries and interrogations failed to
substantiate (.) Hotel certainly used by Germans exclusively during
occupation (.) Special report follows (.) FIVE (.) CI information
(.) Town reports HEUSDEN BEERINGEN COURSEL ZOLDER ZONHOVEN
BOURG LEOPOLD attached (.) Reliable informant states Abwehrstelle
at Chateau HEIDESTEIN DRIEBERGEN nr UTRECHT (.) ZEIST nr UTRECHT
RV for adm services of Wehrmacht in HOLLAND (.) ELLY VAN DE WERFF
Luneystraat 23 ROTTERDAM Abwehr agent

BY DRIS

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From:- Main HQ 30 Corps

17.12.56

To:- GDS Armd Div 43 Inf Div 50 (N) Inf Div
DA & QMG Rear 30 Corps DDST Rear 30 Corps

SD 567 (.) SECRET (.) ref SD 331 of 160900B (.) delete 1627 FBE Pl
insert 1637 FBE Pl (.) delete L Hy Pl (85 Cdn Br Coy) insert N Hy Pl
(85 Cdn Br Coy) (.) delete L Hy Pl (86 Cdn Br Coy) insert ^{N Hy Pl} (86 Cdn Br Coy)

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :- Gds Armd Div 43 Div 50 (N) Div 8 Armd Bde
R Netherlands Bde 15/19 H SRY
44 R Tks

Info :- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 12 Corps
8 Corps XIX US Corps

0/707(.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 18 Sep (.) ONE (.)
Gds Armd Div no change from Corps Comds directions ie continue
tasks given in 30 Corps Op Instruction No 24 (.) TWO (.) 50 Div
(.) A (.) Be prepared to expend up to one bde in clearing woods on
flanks of axis and keeping axis open from incl VALKENSWAARD to
JOE'S Bridge (.) B (.) One bde to hold the bridgehead over MEUSE -
ESCAUT canal (.) C (.) 69 Bde close up from area BEERLINGEN (.)
THREE (.) 43 Div (.) A (.) Be prepared to move one bde gp rapidly
to go under command Gds Armd Div if the latter encounter during
their advance serious opposition in country requiring infantry (.)
FOUR (.) Commander or Senior rep 15/19 H 44 R Tks and SRY report
BGS 30 Corps 180830A

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To:- Comd GDS Arm'd Div Comd 43 Inf Div Comd 50 (N) Div

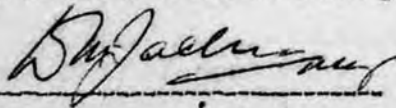
Info:- DA & QMG DDOS DDME

SD 408 (.) SECRET (.) personal BGS to Comds (.) owing to temporary shortage in supply of carriers and carrier spares all dvrs should be warned to drive as slowly as possible on rds as the tactical situation permits (.) technical experts report that excessive wear is caused by carriers being driven too fast on metalled rds

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

TO :- Gds Armd Div	43 Inf Div	50 (N) Div
101 US Airborne Div	8 Armd Bde	Inns of Court
2 HCR	SRY	44 R Tks
Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	First Cdn Army
1 Corps	8 Corps	12 Corps
2 Cdn Corps	Airborne Corps Adv	
15/19 H	Rear 30 Corps	

0/730 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps established 710556
at 201800A (.) all infm

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

181500 A

From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: All Branches Main 30 Corps

Info: Rear 30 Corps

0/715 (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps will be prepared
to move at 190800A

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20...21/05...A

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

TO :- Traffic Office Rear 30 Corps

O/732 (.) SECRET (.) Cancel O/731 substitute following (.)
A (.) Night movement for all serials now on (.) B (.) Order
or march as follows after K 304 (.) K 305 K 306 K 307 K 308
BERTRAM (R 723 - R 726) G 260 G 261 G 262 G 263 419 Hy Bty
(part of K 311) K 310 K 312 K 301 (from EINDHOVEN where they
already are) K 309 K 311 (remainder)

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202200 A

TO : GSI(b) Main Second Army

INFO : GSI(b) 8 Corps 12 Corps Airborne Corps
19 FSS 45 FSS 51 FSS 77 FSS

111/21/GSI(b) SECRET (.) SITREP (.) one (.) locations (.)
19 FSS EINDHOVEN (.) 45 FSS and 77 FSS directed on NIJMEGEN
and ARNHEM (.) 57 FSS directed on APELDOORN (.) 33 FSS
and 1013 FSRD under command for special task EINDHOVEN handing
over after securing I(b) targets (.) two (.) cas (.)
MT destroyed at EINDHOVEN details unknown (.) three (.)
cases (.) one cross-the-line Abwehr agent arrested MALDEN
7055 (.) detailed report follows

BY DRLS

From: Main 30 Corps

To: Guards Arm'd Div 43 Div

Info: 50 (N) Div Tac Second Army Main Second Army
Airborne Corps 12 Corps 8 Corps

O/ 735 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 21 Sep (.) ONE (.) Guards Arm'd Div (.) A (.) Ensure security of rd bridge over R. WAAL at NIJMEGEN (.) B (.) Advance earliest possible 21 Sep at maximum speed to area ARNHEM continuing with task given in 30 Corps Operation Instruction No 24 and also bringing assistance to 1 Airborne Div (.) Main axis of advance NIJMEGEN - NESSEN 7167 - ARNHEM operational traffic may also use rd NIJMEGEN - ELST 7070 (.) If strong opposition met Guards Arm'd Div will make every effort to fan out WEST and reach NEDERRIJN area WEST of ARNHEM to make contact with 1 Airborne Div (.) C (.) Coldm Gds Gp remain in support 82 US Airborne Div until released by this HQ (.) TWO (.) 43 Div (.) A (.) Relieve Welch Gds responsibility bridges GRAVE and 6760 earliest possible (.) As soon as available Sqn Recce will be operated WEST from GRAVE area (.) B (.) Send two Bns 130 Bde to assist Gds Arm'd Div to clear up WEST part of NIJMEGEN and to secure rly bridge 7063 (.) Airborne Corps are requested to assist this by endeavouring to seize NORTH end of this bridge (.) C (.) Advance as soon as possible WEST of Gds Arm'd Div towards NEDERRIJN to assist 1 Airborne Div (.) D (.) Boundary between Gds Arm'd Div and 43 Div when the latter advance will be incl 43 Div line of rly from NIJMEGEN to NEDERRIJN at 7176 subject to axis rights mentioned para ONE D above (.) E (.) Concentrate remainder Div as it arrives in area astride rd from bridge 6760 - incl GRAVE

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From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 43 Div 8 Armd Bde SRY 44 R Tks 15/19 H
DA & QMG

Info:- 8 Corps 50 Div

292/G/1 (.) on 26 Sep automatic issues of maps by HQ Second Army will
cease (.) normal demands for maps will be resumed WEF 27 Sep 44 (.) all
informed

As written

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21.1500.....A

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- 43 Div Main 8 Corps Rear 30 Corps

Info:- Gds Armd Div 50 Div 101 US Airborne Div Airborne Corps

0/744 (.) SECRET (.) on completion of moves firms will conc in

following areas (.) 43 Div (.) as ordered in 0/735 of 202358A (.)

50 Div (.) area astride main axis from incl ZEELAND 5746 - excl GRAVE

6253 (.) RE br train incl DERTRAM coln (.) area WEST of rly 705611 -

7256 - 714527 and EAST of rd 705611 - MALDEN 7055 - 714527 (.) 162 FMC

NIJMEGEN (.) units already located in these areas may remain

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To:- Gds Armd Div 11 Armd Div 43 Div 50 Div
82 US Airborne Div 101 US Airborne Div 8 Armd Div 44 R Tks
Airborne Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps Tac Second Army
Main Second Army DA & QMG AQMG DDST DDMS DDOS DDME
SCAO Traffic Office, Rear 30 Corps

0/748 (.) SECRET (.) ref 30 Corps Op Instr No.24 para 17 (.) BRAKESPEARE
220200A (.) copies follow for those not already in possession (.) all
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From: Main 30 Corps

To: 43 Div Main 8 Corps Rear 30 Corps

Info: Gds Armd Div 50 Div 101 US Airborne Div Airborne Corps

0/2 (.) RESTRICTED (.) Ref 0/744 of 211500A (.) For 162 FMC

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As written excl W/T

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

21 2300 A

From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 43 Inf Div 69 Bde

O/ 8 (.) TOPSEC (.) Password for 22 Sep will NOT expire
midnight 22/23 SEP but will continue in use until 1200 hrs
23 SEP (.) Passwords from 1200 hrs 23 SEP will in future
change each day at 1200 hrs (.) Noon 23 - Noon 24 FIRST -
LIFT Noon 24 - Noon 25 DOING - WELL Noon 25 - Noon 26
BLACK - OUT Noon 26 - Noon 27 WACO - GLIDER Noon 27 - Noon 28
RUGBY - FOOTBALL Noon 28 - Noon 29 BLONDE - BOMBER Noon
29 - Noon 30 MILD - BITTER

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :- Gds Armd Div 43 Div 69 Bde

Info :- Airborne Corps 82 Airborne Div Tac Second Army
Main Second Army 12 Corps 8 Corps

0/18 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks formations 23 Sep (.) ONE (.)
Gds Armd Div (.) A (.) 5 Gds Armd Bde Gp (.) Have one Armd Regt
available support 129 Inf Bde in case of attack (.) Protect right
flank of WAAL brhead from right flank 129 Inf Bde to R WAAL advancing
in any case as far as pond 729650 (.) B (.) 32 Gds Bde operate with
one regtl group in area VEGHEL - UDEN to keep Corps axis clear (.)
Retain regtl group as at present disposed SOUTH of GRAVE not to be
moved SOUTH unless Div Comd considers necessary (.) C (.) Retain
two sqns HOR operating NORTH of WAAL brhead (.) also recce WEST
from GRAVE towards OSS and HERTOGENBOSCH (.) TWO (.) 43 Div (.)
A (.) Retain one bde group in area R WAAL brhead enlarging this
towards BEMMEL 7367 (.) B (.) Capture ELST (.) C (.) Secure and
strengthen junction with 1 Airborne Div (.) D (.) Recce Westwards
between WAAL and NEDERRIJN (.) E (.) Send Comd 129 Bde earliest
to visit Comd 5 Gds Armd Bde (.) THREE (.) 69 Bde Gp (.) Carry
on with present tasks incl recce WEST between MAAS and WAAL and
EAST from GRAVE towards CUYT (.) FOUR (.) SRY remain under comd
82 Div .

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8 and 12 Corps

IMMEDIATE to 8 and 12 Corps

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

23.11.30.4
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To :- Gds Armd Div 43 Inf Div 10 AGRE 11 AGRE

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 444 (.) SECRET (.) FIRST (.) 11 Fd Coy reverts forthwith from
under comd Gds Armd Div to under comd 30 Corps (.) SECOND (.)
1 Odn Army Tps RE placed under comd 43 Div forthwith from 10 AGRE
(.) THIRD (.) one coy 7 Army Tps RE reverts parent unit forthwith
from 10 AGRE

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

23. 11. 50

TO :- Gds Armd Div (3) 43 Div (4)
8 Armd Bde (1) 69 Bde (2) Traffic Control (30)
1 Airborne Corps DL & QMG

0/21 (.) SECRET (.) Concentration areas between R MAAS and R WAAL allotted as follows (.) Gds Armd Div br 671604 - line of rly to rly junc 701620 - line of rly to 718594 - line of rd to cross rds 703590 - rd junc 692592 - canal 677581 - line of canal to br 671604 (.) 69 Bde Gp (.) NW Bde area NORTH of R MAAS SOUTH of rd 620547 - 635544 and WEST of rd 635544 - 627533 (.) Remainder area bounded on NORTH by R WAAL and on WEST by rly from br 704631 to 706612 thence to rly 722623 (.) Adm units 43 Div 8 Armd Bde and fighting elts 52 Div (.) X-rds 623556 thence line of rd to br 672604 thence line of canal to br 677583 to incl ZANDBERG 6455 thence line of rd to cross rds 623556 (.) Rd area incl AA Gp 7 Mod Regt 4 Svy Regt (.) Br 672604 thence line of canal to R WAAL - line of river to rly br 704632 - line of rly to br 672604 (.) Bridging train (.) X-rds 707585 thence line of rd to rly at 717587 thence line of rly to 723560 thence line of track to rd junc 716559 thence line of rd to X-rds 707585 (.) Airfield Construction Gp (.) X-rds 702584 - X-rds 707585 - excl line of rd to X-rds 710578 - incl line of rd to X-rds 700577 (.) EMC (.) Rd junc 615585 - 632601 - X-rds 645597 - rd junc 632574 - rd junc 615585 (.) Medical Area (.) Rd junc 683603 - X-rds 693593 - rd junc 688588 - X-rds 679599 (.) Seaborne tail (.) EAST of rly area MARIENBOOM 7259 (.) Any units unallotted will concentrate area MOLENHOEK 6354 - OVERASSELT 6553

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SDR to: Gds Armd Div

43 Inf Div

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8 Armd Bde

69 Bde

1 Airborne Corps

By LO to: TQPS

By hand: DL & QMG

23.22.40....A

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- 43 Div Gds Armd Div 69 Bde Airborne Corps 82 Div
Rear 30 Corps

0/28 (.) SECRET (.) Traffic Control (.) Hq 30 Corps will continue to control traffic to NORTH side of GRAVE bridge which remains dispersal point (.) Gds Armd Div will control traffic over main NIJMEGEN road bridge allowing essential traffic of 1 Airborne Corps and 43 Div to pass after timely application in case of convoys of more than 10 vehicles (.) 43 Div will control their axis from incl NIJMEGEN rly bridge to NORTH and will issue timings on application to small blocks of essential traffic only

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23. 2242...A

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- 43 Div Gds Armd Div 69 Bde 82 US Airborne Div Airborne Corps
Tac Second Army Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps DA & QMG
AQMG DDST DDMS DDOS DDME SCAO Traffic Office

0/29, (.) SECRET (.) ref 30 Corps Op Instr No.25 para 4(c) (.) for quote
two Bns unquote read quote two coys unquote (.) all informed

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

24.18.50...A

To :- 1 Cdn AGRE

10 AGRE

CE

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 475 (.) SECRET (.) following changes of comd effective forthwith
(.) FIRST (.) 15 GHQ Tps Engrs and 8 GHQ Tps Engrs come under comd
10 AGRE from under comd 1 Cdn AGRE (.) SECOND (.) 1 Cdn AGRE with
under comd 2 Cdn A Tps Engrs come under comd HQ SECOND ARMY TPS from
under comd 30 Corps (.) THREE (.) 1 Mech Eqpt Pl come under comd
30 Corps from under comd 1 Cdn AGRE

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242255A

From: Main 30 Corps

To: Rear 30 Corps

0/32 (.) SECRET (.) Personal for Commander from BGS (.) Have had full and successful discussion with Commander 43 Div (.) Am in close contact with Generals BROWNING and THOMAS (.) Everything proceeding according to your plan

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EMERGENCY OPS
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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 43 Div

Info: Tac Second Army Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps
Main British Airborne Corps 50 (N) Div Rear 30 Corps

0/31 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 25 Sep (.) ONE (.)
Guards Armd Div (.) A (.) 32 Gds Bde continue with present tasks
positioning one regimental group in area four miles SW of GRAVE if
possible (.) B (.) Continue with present task of protecting EAST flank
of bridgehead over R. WAAL extending this by relieving 43 Div of
responsibility for incl ELST when captured (.) C (.) Continue present
recco tasks incl tasks EAST and WEST from GRAVE SOUTH of R. MAAS until
relieved by arrival 52 Div recco (.) TWO (.) 43 Div (.) A (.)
Prepare to establish bridgehead over NEDERRIJN in area WEST of RENKUM
as soon as possible (.) B (.) Continue present recco task WEST between
NEDERRIJN and WAAL (.) C (.) Protect EAST flank of 30 Corps from excl
ELST after capture to NEDERRIJN in area 6976

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EMERGENCY OPS to ALL
less 8 Corps 12 Corps
and Rear 30 Corps.
IMMEDIATE to 8 Corps 12 Corps
Rear 30 Corps

2518504

From: Main 30 Corps

To: Main Second Army

0/39 (.) TOPSEC (.) Personal C of S from DGS (.) Our adm
situation is at the moment adequate (.) However owing continual
cutting of main axis delay in re-opening and passage of troops of
other formations we are now getting definitely low in arm POL and
subs (.) after tonight's programme we may be down to 50 rpg (.)
Consider most important road be reopened and kept clear and
essential our traffic be given absolute priority over 8 and 12
Corps until adm situation improves

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EMERGENCY OPS

B. G. Prasad
Luck Gil

25...1125...A

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div

Info:- 43 Div Main Airborne Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps Tac Second Army
Main Second Army

O/41 (.) TOPSEC (.) ref 30 Corps Op instr No 26 para 8 (.) Gds Armd Div
will adv EAST 26 Sop capture HAALDEREN and secure the line of the RIJN
WETTERING LANGE (.) Gds Armd Div will also back up recco WEST from GRAVE
towards OSS and HERTOGENBOSCH with one regtl gp

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IMMEDIATE TO ALL

1835A
26.....A

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

To :- 43 Inf Div 10 AGRE

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 468 (.) SECRET (.) 1 Cdn Army Tps RE revert from under comd 43
Inf Div to under comd 10 AGRE forthwith

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From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 43 Div

Info:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps
Airborne Corps 50 Div Rear 30 Corps

O/52 (.) SECRET (.) tasks of formations 27 Sep (.) continue with tasks
already given

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only Chief of

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

27.....A 0930A

To :- 10 AGRE

Info :- Traffic Office 30 Corps Adm Post
DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 497 (.) SECRET (.) 1 Cdn Army Tps Engrs will move from area
30 Corps to area FIRST CDN ARMY coming under comd FIRST CDN ARMY
on arrival (.) locns to be notified by FIRST CDN ARMY and moves
to be arranged mutually between Q(M) SECOND ARMY and Q(M) FIRST
CDN ARMY

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27.15.50.4

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 43 Div 30 Corps Tps IE 10 AGRE 11 AGRE

Info:- 1 Airborne Corps Rear 30 Corps

0/56 (.) SECRET (.) responsibility for rd maintenance in Corps area will be as follows (.) ONE (.) Gds Armd Div (.) area EAST of bdy with 43 Div and NORTH of R WAAL (.) TWO (.) 43 Div (.) area WEST of bdy with Gds Armd Div and NORTH of line of rly running WEST from REET 7068 (.) THREE (.) 30 Corps Tps RE (.) area WEST of bdy between Gds Armd Div and 43 Div SOUTH of rly running WEST from REET and NORTH of R WAAL (.) FOUR (.) 10 AGRE (.) brs and booms over R WAAL (.) FIVE (.) 11 AGRE (.) area SOUTH of excl R WAAL

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27.12.65.A

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 43 Div

Info:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps
Airborne Corps 50 Div Rear 30 Corps

0/57 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of formations 28 Aug (.) ONE (.) 43 Div (.)
continue with present tasks NORTH of R WAAL including display of
considerable activity in area of 30 Corps WEST flank between
WAAL and NEDERRIJN (.) TWO (.) Gds Armd Div (.) A (.) with tps NORTH of
R WAAL continue present tasks (.) B (.) concentrate 32 Bde in general
area 5850 maintaining detts as at present at HEESCH and OSS and continue
recco WEST between incl rd GRAVE - HERTOGENBOSCH and R MAAS

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8 Corps, 12 Corps,
Rear 30 Corps

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

27.1930.....A

To :- Royals 8 Armd Bde

Info :- 12 Corps Airborne Corps
DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 505 (.) SECRET (.) Royals less sqn under comd 82 US Airborne
Div revert to under comd 12 Corps forthwith remaining present
locns

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

27.1950A

To :- 8 Armd Bde CRE 30 Corps Tps

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 503 (.) SECRET (.) Pl 210 Fd Coy reverts to under comd 30 Corps

Tps RE from under comd 8 Armd Bde forthwith

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DAQMC(Main)

13 Armd Bde

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Main HQ 30 Corps

100 AA Bde

Info:- DA & QMG Rear 30 Corps

DA & QMG Airborne Corps

107 HAA Regt and 21 AA Searchlight Bty are moving from HILVERDEN to NEWBURN and come under command of 30 Corps on arrival

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28 0700A

FROM:- G Main 30 Corps

TO:- All Branches Main 30 Corps

Info:- Rear 30 Corps

O/GO (.) SECRET (.) Main HQ 30 Corps moves 1100
hrs today (.) route and location to be notified later

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

281355A

From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: Main Second Army

Info: Tac Second Army 8 Corps

0/62 (.) SECRET (.) Request date at which 50 (N) Div will revert
to command 30 Corps (.) Require release if possible in following
order of priority 61 Recce Regt Div HQ Ddc Gps

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interception

PRIORITY:

Immediate
1st Signal Bn

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

28.¹⁵⁴⁵ A

TO :- Gds Armd Div 43 Div 8 Armd Bde 69 Inf Bde

Info :- Airborne Corps Di. & QMG

0/63 (.) SECRET (.) In future it is probable that a smoke screen over the NIJMEGEN bridges will be laid at dawn and dusk each day

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to be intercepted

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Distn: CCRA CE CSO

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

27.1730...A

To :- 100 AA Bde

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 515 (.) SECRET (.) following placed under comd 100 AA Bde
forthwith (.) FIRST (.) 107 HAA Regt (.) SECOND (.) 112 Pnr
Coy (SMOKE) less dets under comd 8 and 12 Corps

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DAQMG(Main)
Tech Offr CW

28 1750 A

From: Main 30 Corps

To: 43 Div 30 Corps Tps RE

Info: Rear 30 Corps

C/64 (.) SECRET (.) Ref C/56 of 271830A (.) 43 Div relieved of
task given in para TWO this responsibility will now be assumed by

CRE Corps Tps

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

28,.....A

To :- CE

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps
DDST Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 517 (.) SECRET (.) HQ 106 Br Coy reverts forthwith to
under comd SECOND ARMY Tps (24 Tpt Coln) from under comd 30
Corps

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23.2045...A

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 43 Div 8 Armd Bde CRE 30 Corps Tps
OC Corps Sigs Rear 30 Corps

HR/341 (.) SECRET (.) TEMPEST V aircraft will be seen flying this
theatre ops wof first light 29 Sep (.) silhouette AL 114 in AP
1430A (.) 100 AA Bde and 106 AA Bde already informed (.) all infnd

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to interception.

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OC Def Sqn

W. Pearson
Capt

28. 2235 A

From:- Main 30 Corps

To:- Gds Armd Div 43 Div

Info:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 8 Corps 12 Corps
Airborne Corps 50 Div Rear 30 Corps

0/69 (.) TOPSEC (.) Tasks of fans 29 Sep (.) ONE (.) Gds Armd Div
continue present tasks (.) TWO (.) 43 Div (.) A (.) continue with
present tasks incl close defence NIJMEGEN bridgehead (.) B (.) hold
in reserve in area OOSTERHOUT 6866 one battle gp consisting one
inf bn and strong olts two armd regts not to be used without reference
to this HQ (.) liaison will be made by this battle gp with 69 Bde and
5 Gds Armd Bde

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loss IMMEDIATE to
8 Corps, 12 Corps
and Rear 30 Corps.

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

29...1035A

To :- CE

10M/28

Info :- DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 502 (.) SECRET (.) HQ 85 Cdn Br Coy placed under comd

12 Corps from 30 Corps forthwith

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

29...11³⁰...A

TO :- Gds Armd Div 43 Div

69 Inf Bde

Info :- 8 Armd Bde

292/G (.) SECRET (.) Svy urgently need copies of GERMAN 1/25000
maps of GERMANY none of which have been found in captured map
depots (.) Any captured will be forwarded with⁵⁰¹ delay to Svy Main
Second Army carefully parcelled flat or rolled (.) should NOT
be folded unless unavoidable

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to be intercepted

IMPORTANT to all

John A. Bloch Capt

Distn: CCRA CE

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

29..1135⁵...A

TO :→ Gds Armd Div 43 Inf Div 8 Armd Bde
69 Inf Bde CRE 30 Corps Tps OC 30 Corps Sigs
Royals Rear 30 Corps

258/G (.) RESTRICTED (.) Pending further instructions
personnel returning to UK to attend courses will adopt following
procedure (.) Report Air Booking Office 66 Rue Ravenstien
BRUSSELS with authority endorsed quote travel by air if possible
unquote (.) planes land area SWINDON (.) rly warrent required
SWINDON area to course location (.) entraining station to be
left blank (.) further instruction expected from Army Group

ANY MEANS excl W/T

Priority.....*IMBATT*

John Blalock Capt

Distn: GSI CCRA CE CSO

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

29.....A ¹²⁰⁰

To :- 10 AGRE

11 AGRE

Info :- SECOND ARMY

DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 531 (.) SECRET (.) following changes of comd take place 2359 hrs
30 Sep (.) FIRST (.) 8 GHQ Tps Engrs and 15 GHQ Tps Engrs placed
under comd 11 AGRE from under comd 10 AGRE (.) SECOND (.) 10 AGRE
with under comd 6 Army Tps Engrs and 7 Army Tps Engrs from under
comd 11 AGRE and with under comd comd 59 Mech Eqpt Pl comes under
comd SECOND ARMY TPS

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

1204
29.....A

To :- 100 AA Bde Tech Offr GN

Info :- DA & GHD Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 517 (.) SEURST (.) ref SD 515 of 271730 (.) delete para
second (.) insert 112 Pnr Coy (SMOKE) less deta under comd
8, 12 and 30 Corps

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SIGNAL MESSAGE

29 1805 A

From: 'G' 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div 43 Div All Branches Rear 30 Corps

SECRET (.)

0/74 (.) /A line to 43 Div will be through in about 2
hours (.) This line makes use of existing civilian lines
and is NOT secure (.) No mention of future ops must be
made on this line

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All Branches Main 30 Corps

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :- Gds Armd Div 43 Div

Info :- Tac Second Army Main Second Army 8 Corps
12 Corps Airborne Corps 50 Div
Rear 30 Corps

O/77 (.) **SECRET** (.) Tasks of Formations 30 Sep (.) 43 Div and
Gds Armd Div continue with present tasks

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less IMMEDIATE to
8 Corps, 12 Corps
& Rear 30 Corps

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FROM :- Main 30 Corps
 TO :- Gds Armd Div 43 Div 50 Div
 Info :- Airborne Corps Rear 30 Corps

0/79 (.) TOPSEC (.) ONE (.) Following are provisional conc
 areas of formations for future operations (.) A (.) Gds Armd Div (.)
 All excl rd junc 589577 - rd junc 658600 - 658617 - canal at
 672617 - thence line of canal to bridge 676583 - thence line of rd
 to rd junc 654536 - river 653525 (.) B (.) 50 (N) Div (.) Area
 between MAAS and WAAL EAST of line all excl rd 710630 to cross roads
 701619 - bridge 671605 - thence canal to bridge 676583 - thence all
 incl line of rd to junction 654536 - river at 653525 (.) C (.) 43
 Div (.) Area between MAAS and WAAL NORTH of line all incl rd from
 junc 589577 - rd junc 658600 - due NORTH to 658617 - due EAST to
 canal 672617 - thence canal to bridge 671605 - thence all incl line
 of rd to cross roads 701619 - to river at 710630 (.) TWO (.) Certain
 30 Corps installations and troops of Airborne Corps are in these
 areas and will not be moved (.) THREE (.) Movement 30 Sep (.) A (.)
 43 Div will move all troops at present SOUTH of WAAL into area
 allotted to them except those engaged on tactical tasks (.) Those
 troops of 50 (N) Div and 8 Armd Bde^{now}/under comd 43 Div and SOUTH of
 WAAL will be moved into 50 (N) Div area (.) B (.) 43 Div will move
 to SOUTH of WAAL into appropriate conc area all non-essential troops
 of 69 Bde and 5 Gds Armd Bde now NORTH of river WAAL (.) C (.) Gds Armd
 Div will move into area allotted to them all their troops at present
 between MAAS and WAAL

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From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

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To :- GDE 30 Corps Troops

Info :- DA & GDE Regt HQ 30 Corps

SD 547 (.) SECRET (.) 26 SD Sec HQ placed under comd GDE

30 Corps Tps forthwith

in GDEHQ if liable to interception

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DAHQ(Main)

From :- Main HQ 30 Corps

30.....A

To :- 100 AA Bde CCRA

Info :- 8 Corps 12 Corps DA & QMG Rear HQ 30 Corps

SD 561 (.) SECRET (.) following changes of comd take place forthwith (.)
FIRST (.) from 30 Corps to 100 AA Bde one tp 344 SL Bty (.) SECOND
(.) from 12 Corps to 100 AA Bde HQ and one tp 344 SL Bty (.) THIRD
(.) from 100 AA Bde to 30 Corps one tp 557 SL Bty (.) FOURTH (.)
from 100 AA Bde to 8 Corps one tp 474 SL Bty (.) FIFTH moves
as necessary under mutual arrangements Corps

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From: Main 30 Corps

To: Gds Armd Div	11 Armd Div	43 Inf Div
50 (N) Div	1 Br Airborne Div	82 US Airborne Div
101 US Airborne Div	8 Armd Bde	15/19 H
Airborne Corps	8 Corps	12 Corps
Tac Second Army	Main Second Army	Traffic Office
DA & QMG	AQMG	DDST
DDMS	DDOS	DDME
APM	SCAO	Royals

0/81 (.) SECRET (.) List of codonames issued with 275/G of 16 Sop
is cancelled forthwith (.) Until issue of further lists NO place
codonames will be used

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9/11/51
G. J. C. P.
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FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :- Tac Second Army Main Second Army First Cdn Army
1 Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps 2 Cdn Corps
XV US Corps XIX US Corps DA & QMG

0/532 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep 1300 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.)
Fwd patrols 2 HCR on rd just NW and SE of ARRAS but not in town (.)
Leading armour at 4033 (.) 11 Armd Div (.) Patrols Inns of Court
at 3096 and 2892 (.) Leading elts 29 Armd Dde area 2562 (.) 8
Armd Dde (.) Leading elts area 0870 (.) Opposition very slight
but some fighting going on in ALBERT and BAPAUME (.) Main HQ 30
Corps moves 1400 hrs to area 3796 (.) all infm

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to be intercepted

EMERGENCY OPS to Tac & Main
Second Army
First Cdn Army
12 Corps
XV US Corps
IMMEDIATE to remainder

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FROM:- G Main 30 Corps

TO:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army First Cdn Army
1 Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps 2 Cdn Corps XV US Corps
XIX US Corps DA & CMG

0/537 (.) / Sitrep 012300B (.) Further rapid progress was made
SECRET (.)

throughout day by Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div against ineffectual and disorganised resistance (.) pockets of enemy in ALBERT BAPAUME and DOULLENS fought with some determination but in general enemy fought poorly and did not seem to know what was happening (.) Between 3000 and 4000 PW incl one Corps Comd and C of S estimated taken during day considerable quantity MT HT and other material destroyed by arty and armour (.) approx 12 FD sites reported captured (.) by 1700 hrs all objectives given to 11 Arm'd Div and Guards Arm'd Div in my 0/521 had been captured (.) FFI in ARRAS and in villages again gave valuable assistance in dealing with small pockets of enemy (.) After capture of objective Guards Arm'd Div sent 2 I G to DOUAI which was reported clear at 2030 hrs (.) Arm'd cars of Inns of Court and HCR reached LENS HOUDAN 3118 PERNES 2222 and ST POL 1611 during evening (.) 8 Arm'd Dde met serious resistance in area DOULLENS which was however finally cleared up 2000 hrs (.) 50 Div relieved Guards Arm'd Div and 11 Arm'd Div protection of SOMME bridges with 69 Dde and 151 Dde respectively (.) One bn 151 Dde relieved Guards Arm'd in ALBERT (.) 231 Dde assembled in area NE of AMIENS preparing to relieve Guards Arm'd Div in ARRAS (.) Last light dispositions (.) 11 Arm'd Div HQ 345080 (.) 29 Arm'd Dde general area 3510 to 3814 (.) 159 Dde 3406 to 3105 (.) 8 Arm'd Dde general area IVERGNY 1996 with one unit DOULLENS HQ 8 Arm'd Dde 198955 (.) Guards Arm'd Div HQ 462023 (.) 5 Guards Arm'd Dde on objective given my 0/521 (.) 32 Guards Dde on southern outskirts of ARRAS (.) 2 I G in DOUAI (.) all informed

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EMERGENCY OPS -

Tac & Main Army
First Cdn Army
12 Corps
XV US Corps

IMMEDIATE remainder

Pol... May

FROM :- Main 30 Corps

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TO :- Tac Second Army Main Second Army First Cdn Army
1 Corps 8 Corps 12 Corps
2 Cdn Corps XV US Corps XIX US Corps
DA & QMG

0/553 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep 022200B (.) during day Gds Armd Div and 11 Armd Div adv as far as line CARVIN - DOUAI beyond which 30 Corps was not allowed to adv today (.) Very slight resistance was encountered and the enemy appeared to present no obstacle to further progress (.) Numerous small engagements in area of 30 Corps advance of 1 Sep continued in many cases conducted by FFI with assistance of our troops (.) Straggling enemy were captured in considerable numbers but difficult to estimate in any case over 1000 (.) Dispositions 30 Corps now as follows (.) 11 Armd Div HQ 5318 (.) 159 Bde LOOS 4918 GRENAY 4517 (.) 29 Armd Bde CARVIN 5121 WINGLES 5321 HARNES 5716 (.) Gds Armd Div HQ 6505 (.) 5 Gds Armd Bde VITRY EN ARTOIS 6102 DOUAI 6907 (.) 32 Gds Bde CUINCY 6708 ESQUERCHIN 6408 (.) 50 (N) Div HQ 2486 (.) 8 Armd Bde area SOUIS 1794 SUS ST LEGER 2295 (.) 151 Bde DOULLENS - BEAUVAL 1481 (.) 231 Bde ARRAS (.) 69 Bde area BEAUMETZ 3795 - VAILLY 4295 (.) All movements and preparations completed for Operation SABOT (.) All informed

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EMERGENCY OPS to Tac & Main Army
First Cdn Army
12 Corps
XV US Corps

IMMEDIATE to remainder.

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To:- Tac Second Army Main Second Army First Cdn Army 1 Corps
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0/565 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep 032559B (.) during day Gds Armd Div right and 11 Armd Div left advanced from areas DOUAI and LENS distances of approx 70 and 60 miles respectively (.) during the early part of the day resistance was encountered in SECLIN 6827 PONT A MARCO 7424 and a number of A Tk guns were destroyed (.) throughout the day odd pockets of enemy were encountered in the area SOUTH of LILLE and ROUBAIX (.) most of these appeared to be attempting to withdraw SOUTH as best they could (.) by midday it became clear that enemy in the LILLE area were fairly numerous and 50 Div were ordered to screen exits of these places on the SOUTH and SE (.) these pockets of enemy delayed the advance of 11 Armd Div to some extent and consequently also that of 50 (N) Div (.) by last light Gds Armd Div had portions of 2 Recce WG and 2 IG across the river at BRUSSELS and elements just WEST of MECHELIN (.) leading tps 11 Armd Div were just NORTH of ASSCHE 5102 and just SOUTH of ALOST 4066 leaguered for the night (.) 50 (N) Div had 69 Bde in ARRAS 8 Armd Bde in area SOUTH of LILLE with patrols in the town itself 151 Bde 5720 - 5321 61 Recce 6326 (.) all informed.

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0/570 (.). SECRET (.). SITREP as at 1200B (.). Gds Armd Div (.).
No change in situation (.). 5 Gds Armd Bde in Northern district of
BRUSSELS near CHATEAU ROYALE with 1 Armd Cdn Gds responsible for
Western approaches to town (.). 32 Gds Bde on high ground EAST of town
blocking EAST and SE approaches (.). 231 Bde area NE of HAL (.).
11 Armd Div continued advance on ANTWERP (.). 3 R Tks reached 6693 in
face of moderate opposition (.). FFY immediately behind them (.).
23 H in area just out of MECHELIN which is heavily mined (.). 15/19 H
TERMONDE (.). 159 Bde less one Bn area WOLVERTHEN 5967 (.). 1 Hereford
area ALOST (.). 50 (N) Div HQ near TOURNAI (.). 69 Bde have one Bn
in TOURNAI remainder ASNOEUL (244 (.). No other news available yet (.).
Throughout morning odd pockets of enemy incl tks and SP guns impinged
on 30 Corps axis but they were obviously lost and were easily dealt with
(.). Main Hq 30 Corps now est 624598 (.). All informed

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0/579 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 042300B (.) A (.) 50 (N) Div (.)

During day 50 (N) Div carried out ^{re-}arrangements in their dispositions and continued mopping up in the area of the Corps left rear boundary (.) Dispositions now (.) Div HQ 858318 (.) 69 Bde less one Bn ALOST with det at TERMONDE 7 GH TOURNAI (.) SRY with coy 12 KRRC at RENAIX 8031 (.) 8 Armd Bde less 13/18 H and SRY plus 8 DLI canal 9036 to rly 7331 Bde HQ 8130 (.) 151 Bde less 8 DLI plus 13/18 H in area rly 7331 to cross-rds HULLUCH 5721 have been mopping up pockets of enemy between DIAMOND route and LA BASSEE canal (.) Area not clear yet and giving certain amount of trouble (.) 151 Bde HQ GONDECOURT 6326 (.) FFI report RUBAIX in their hands (.) B (.) Guards Armd Div (.) Force consisting of Mot Gren Gds Armd Gren Gds and Sqn HCR left BRUSSELS 1300 hrs and by 1500 hrs in face of some opposition HCR held bridges at LOUVAIN which were OK (.) Remainder of force arrived in area 1800 hrs (.) 231 Bde now in BRUSSELS guard SOUTH and WEST exits with one bn in centre of town (.) Remainder 5 Gds Armd Bde LAEKEN (.) 32 Gds Bde on high ground EAST of BRUSSELS guarding Eastern approaches HQ Guards Armd Div 626548 (.) C (.) 11 Armd Div (.) In ANTWERP sporadic but disorganised resistance continued during afternoon (.) By 1800 hrs 3 R Tks had reached North end of docks area which at first sight appears little damaged further damage now thought unlikely (.) 8 RB in centre of town (.) 23 H and FFY with KSLI on SE and SOUTH edge of town (.) D (.) At all places liberated during day and particularly in BRUSSELS our troops received overwhelming and tumultuous welcome from civilian population (.) Armee Blanche rendered valuable assistance by rounding up stray dots of enemy on L of C and interfering with enemy demolition scheme

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O/584(.) SECRET (.) Sitrop as at 1200 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.) 5 Gds
Armd Bde (.) bridges 847585 and 852575 in our hands but others blown
(.) still some enemy in town EAST of river (.) 32 Gds Bde (.)
continusing to mop up area EAST of BRUSSELS in particular round EVERE
airfield 6758 (.) 231 Bde no change (.) 11 Armd Div (.) 29 Armd Bde
no change (.) 159 Bde (.) one bn 231 Bde under comd for clearing,
ANTWERP (.) RE recce now taking place to assess damage to docks (.)
HQ 11 Armd Div 660878 (.) 50 Div no change (.) all informed

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0/594 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1200 hrs (.)

Advance by Gds and 11 Armd Divs towards line of ALBERT CANAL

began (.) By 1200 hrs no details had been received (.)

50 (N) Div (.) 231 Bde began move from BRUSSELS to take over
responsibility of ANTWERP (.) 151 Bde began move to take over
BRUSSELS (.) All Informed

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Q/602 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 2359 hrs (.) Gds Arm'd Div (.) at first light began advance from area BRUSSELS - LOUVAIN to seize bridges over ALBERT CANAL (.) bridges over the canal were found demolished and at the **bridges** sites organised resistance in fair strength was encountered (.) a bridgehead was established at 234571 and is held by two coys 1 WG (.) a class 40 bridge at this site was due for completion 2359 hrs (.) 11 Arm'd Div (.) one bn crossed canal in area 6998 but it was found impossible to start bridging until late in the evening because of enemy mortaring and shelling and the pressure of enemy tanks on the NORTH bank of the canal (.) numerous attacks by inf and tanks against the bn holding the bridgehead were repelled in spite of the fact that it had not been possible to get A Tk guns across the canal (.) it is anticipated that one class 40 bridge in area 6998 will be completed by first light 7 Sep (.) 50 Div (.) 231 Bde took over occupation of ANTWERP from 11 Arm'd Div (.) 151 Bde moved into BRUSSELS (.) considerable casualties were inflicted on enemy trying to escape in area EYNE 1060 (.) approx 450 PW taken in Div sector (.) last light locns (.) HQ Gds Arm'd Div 139740 5 Gds Arm'd Bde area 1277 - 1579 32 Gds Bde 1670 - 1973 (.) HQ 11 Arm'd Div 660879 29 Arm'd Bde immediately SOUTH of ANTWERP (.) 159 Bde on NORTH outskirts of ANTWERP (.) HQ 50 Div 396574 (.) 231 Bde in ANTWERP 151 Bde BRUSSELS area 69 Bde ALCST with one bn at TERMONDE 4576 (.) all informed

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Sitrep as at 1400 hrs (.)

0/605 (.) SECRET (.) / 11 Armd Div (.) During night further attempts to enlarge bridgehead and to complete bridge were unsuccessful (.) Opposition on Northern edge of ANTWERP appears to be stiffening (.) 231 Bde in ANTWERP came under comd 7 Armd Div at 0600 hrs but have not yet established communications or contact with them (.) Gds Armd Div (.) Class 40 bridge at DEERINGEN 2475 was completed by 0100 hrs (.) 2 Recce WG and 1 WG passed over during the night and by 1200 hrs 2 Recce WG were in contact with strong enemy position area HECHTEL 3483 (.) 2 IG and 5 IG now crossing bridge (.) Bridgehead only extends 500 yds each side of bridge and being engaged by enemy tanks inf and arty (.) Resistance in canal area quite strong (.) 2 HCR made contact with Cavalry of 2 US Armd Div (.) 50 Div (.) Owing difficulties encountered by 11 Armd Div 50 Div less 151 and 231 Bdes have been directed to area WESTERLOO 0381 - HERSSELT 0077 in order to gain a bridgehead in area GHEEL 0889 (.) Corps HQ established area 132716 at 1530 hrs (.) all infm

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0/615 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrop as at 2300 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.)
32 Gds Bde (.) 2 Recce WG and 1 WG area HECHTEREN 3576 with elts
HECHTEL 3483 in contact with enemy (.) 2 IG and 3 IG extending
brhd DEERINGEN 2475 with patrols towards DEVERLOO 2380 (.) one coy
R NETHERLANDS Bde protecting brhd (.) 5 Gds Armd Bde (.) 5 Coldm
Gds now crossing br DEERLINGEN on foot (.) 1 Armd Coldm Gds will
cross first light (.) 11 Armd Div (.) no change (.) 50 Div (.) 69
Bde area TONGERLOO 0282 8 Armd Bde area AERSCHOT 9669 (.) Div HQ
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0628 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 1400 hrs (.) GUARDS ARMD DIV (.)
Little progress made in area NORTH of ALBERT Canal (.) 2 Recce WG & 1 WG
still held up SOUTH and SE of HECHTEL 3483 (.) 1 Armd Coldm Gds and
5 Coldm Gds have reached area BEVERLOO and are meeting opposition (.)
2 Armd IG and 3 IG area 2873 (.) 8 Armd Bde now crossing at BEERINGEN
to move NW to assist 50 (N) Div (.) 50 (N) DIV (.) 69 Bde (.) 6 GH
and 7 GH across canal area 0485 and having some difficulty in expanding
bridgehead (.) Bridging not yet begun (.) 151 Bde doing recce to EAST
and 61 Recce Regt to WEST along canal to make enemy believe further
crossings to be attempted (.) Div HQ 074721 (.) 11 ARMD DIV (.)
29 Armd Bde moving to Corps reserve area DIEST 1260 (.) One armd regt
to cross at BEERINGEN this evening to hold bridgehead for Gds Armd Div
(.) Remainder Div still ANTWERP area (.) All informed

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0/633 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep 2300 hrs (.) little further progress was made during afternoon in face of determined resistance (.) 11 Armad Div NTR (.) 29 Armad Bde now in general area DIEST protecting Corps right flank (.) 50 (N) Div (.) 8 Armad Bde less SMX crossed over br at HEERINGEN during afternoon and by last light 4/7 DG were half-way through OOSTHAM where opposition was found to be increasing (.) 5 EY now crossing canal to join 6 and 7 GH class 40 br under construction this area (.) 8 DLI across canal at 0784 where class 9 br being constructed (.) HQ 50 Div 063748 (.) Gds Armad Div (.) little progress made on rd to HECHTEL 3494 (.) Welsh Gds Gp just short of there were unsuccessfully counter-attacked this evening (.) Irish Gds Gp now area HELGHTEREN 3676 (.) Netherlands Bde protecting brhead HEERINGEN (.) Coldm Gds Gp made progress on left in face of considerable opposition and by last light had reached WEST outskirts of BOURG LEOPOLD 2733 which was found strongly held (.) Gren Gds Gp crossing br now (.) patrols to HASSELT and BILSEN 4355 reported both places clear (.) additional class 40 br under construction 500 yds SOUTH of present br at HEERINGEN (.) all informed.

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0/643 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1200 hrs (.) 11 Armd Div less
29 Armd Bde started moving 0900 hrs from ANTWERP to concentrate area
MELDERT 1069 (.) 29 Armd Bde crossed BEERLINGEN bridge 23 H now area
cross roads 2773 (.) FF Yco relieved IG Gp HECHTEREN 3575 (.)
Netherlands Bde (now under comd 29 Armd Bde) with 3 R Tks in area
BEERLINGEN responsible protection bridges (.) Guards Armd Div (.)
8 Armd Bde less one Rgt now under comd in area OOSTHAM 2182
DEVERLOO 2379 where enemy in woods giving trouble and preventing
advance (.) Cross roads HECHTEL still held by enemy W.G. Gp just
SOUTH of HECHTEL being joined by IG Gp (.) Gren Gds Gp moving area
GEMEENTEDOSCH 3182 (.) CG Gp 1000 yds WEST DOURG LEOPOLD (.) During
night and throughout morning enemy have constantly attempted
infiltration into area held by our tps particularly SE from OOSTHAM
area and along bank of CANAL NW near HECHTEREN and WEST across road
HECHTEL - HECHTEREN (.) 50 (N) Div (.) 231 Bde now moving from
ANTWERP to rejoin Div (.) 69 Bde now complete across canal area 0406
and slightly enlarged bridgehead class 40 bridge not yet complete (.)
151 Bde have two bns across canal area 0784 where class 9 bridge now
operating (.) resistance at both bridgeheads has been determined (.)
Inns of Court patrol to 3964 report canal EAST from HASSELT and
WINTERSLAG CITE 4166 strongly held by enemy

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0/649 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 2300 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.) during the afternoon and evening there was fierce fighting by WG Group for the HECHTEL crossroads which at last light was held by neither side (.) IG Group moved from area HECHTEREN to area 3282 and Gren Gds Group moved from area 2774 to 3081 (.) CG Group remained WEST of BOURG LEOPOLD which is very strongly held by the enemy (.) there were continuous attempts at infiltration by packets of enemy towards HECHTEREN from the SW and onto the rd HECHTEL - HECHTEREN which can still only be used by tanks (.) considerable numbers of enemy remain in the woods inside the OCSTHAM HECHTEL HECHTEREN BEERINGEN triangle (.) 8 Armd Bde (.) no further progress was made in the OCSTHAM area and the brigade withdrew to a concentration area 2379 (.) 11 Armd Div (.) 29 Armd Bde no change (.) remainder of division completed concentration in area LUMEN 2168 less 1 Hereford with F F Yoo at HECHTEREN and 3 Mon in area 2273 (.) 50 (N) Div (.) 69 Bde no change (.) 151 Bde (.) 6 DLI advanced to area 0786 with sqn 61 Rocco Regt to 078876 (.) 231 Bde concentrated in area 9675 (.) everywhere the enemy fought tenaciously and showed every intention of sealing off both bridgeheads (.) All informed

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0/681 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1200 hrs (.) 50 (N) Div (.)
69 Bde assumed responsibility for protection of whole 50 Div
bridgehead (.) 151 Bde started advance towards GHEEL and 6 DLI
leading reached general line 0737 - 0837. (.) Enemy fought fiercely
particularly on EAST (.) During night arty fire broke CL 9 bridge
which now repaired (.) 11 Armd Div (.) FF Yeound Herefords moved
NORTH from HEELCHTEREN cleared woods EAST of main road as far as area
3579 at least 250 PW taken (.) 23 H and 4 KSLI moved EAST reaching
area 3676 and meeting opposition (.) 3 R Tks and 3 Mon moving EAST
from DEERINGEN cleared woods to area 3076 (.) HQ 29 Armd Bde 264731
159 Inf Bde 266733 (.) Gds Armd Div (.) IG Gp advancing NORTH reached
341850 (.) Gren Gds Gp held up by bad going at stream 330060 enemy
inf and tks in area (.) WG Gp area cross roads HECHTEL (.) Coldn Gds
Gp following Gren Gds Gp (.) HQ 5 Gds Armd Bde 263766 (.) 8 Armd
Bde has withdrawn from area OOSTHAM 2082 and now disposed 4/7 DG area
3182 13/18 H area 2880 One coy 12 KRRC CORSEPEL 2579 (.) R Netherlands
Bde area 2278 - NEVERLOO 2380 - Slagheap 2477 protecting bridge from
NORTH (.) Bde HQ 239765

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0/656 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 2300 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.) During afternoon
Gren Gds Gp captured VLAMMER 3437 and two sqns HQR advanced towards bridge 3696
(.) This was found by them to be intact but strongly held (.) Gren Gds Gp
meanwhile continued advance and became violently engaged with enemy area cross
roads 3594 at about 2000 hrs (.) Five 88ms one SP gun two tks and soft tpt
knocked out this area (.) Meanwhile IG Gp advancing on right of Gren Gds Gp
found bridge 340945 blown and taking advantage of confusion on their left turned
WEST and at last light seized bridge 3696 intact (.) Two sqns and one coy now
across (.) Coldm Gds Gp now area 3539 (.) 3 Armd Bde found BOURG LEOPOLD still
held and now screening 4/7 DG RIGHT 13/18 H LEFT from 3383 to 2430 (.) R
Netherlands Bde no change (.) 11 Armd Div (.) 23 H and 8 RB continued to
advance from HELOCHTEREN and reached area 3877 against considerable opposition
(.) 8 RB claim 200 enemy killed (.) 3 R Tks and 3 Hon moved up to area
HELOCHTEREN cross roads (.) 2 FT Yeo and 1 Hereford made slight progress to area
3683 (.) 15/19 H and 4 KSLI operated in area SW of HELOCHTEREN to 2978 where they
were engaged in some fierce fighting inflicting heavy casualties and destroying
at least three SP guns (.) During day Div took at least 450 PW (.) 50 Div (.)
The bridgehead was further expanded and leading troops 6 DLI entered GHEEL 0838
(.) Two enemy counter attacks were dispersed and heavy casualties inflicted on
the enemy (.) Some tanks of SRY operating under cond 50 Div reached ^{the} railway
NORTH of GHEEL (.) Today by hard fighting enemy resistance in this sector was
seriously weakened and considerable casualties inflicted including at least
700 PW (.) all informed

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O/661(.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 1500 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.) Brhd over ESCAUT canal was consolidated and five coys inf and two sqns tks are now across (.) patrol 2 HCR crossed Dutch frontier and reached VALKENSWAARD/(.) CG gp moved up to area cross rds 3494 (.) WG gp continues to clear HECHTEL area and are making steady progress (.)

8 Armd Bde began to clear BOURG LEOPOLD from WEST and by 1400 hrs report WEST and centre of the town clear (.) 11 Armd Div (.) patrols of Inns of Court reached ESCAUT canal between LILLE ST HUBERT 4294 and BOCHOLT 4988 (.) all hrs in this sector are blown (.) enemy resistance SOUTH of the ESCAUT canal has weakened considerably during the morning but they appear to be holding far bank of the canal in some strength (.)

23 H entered PEER 4184 which is now clear of enemy and one sqn continued to PETIT BROGEL 4088 (.) 3 RTR and 3 Mon continue to mop up SOUTH of HELCHTEREN (.) 15/19 H now in area 3978 with one sqn directed on BREE 5084 (.) 50 Div (.) many small scale counter attacks were launched against units in the GHEEL brhd but all were repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy (.) about five enemy tks appeared to be operating in this area and at least one was KO (.) all informed

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0/663 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 2300 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.) HECHTEL area
 now approximately three quarters clear and will be finally mopped up
 tomorrow morning (.) 8 Armd Bde and Belgian Bde completed clearing of
 BOURG LEOPOLD taking only a few PW (.) patrols along rd NW from BOURG
 LEOPOLD made no contact (.) 11 Armd Div (.) last light posns (.) 15/19 H
 and 4 KSLI area 3978 with one sqn in observation on outskirts of BREE
 5084 (.) FF Yeo and 2 Herefords in PEER (.) 23 H and 8 RB in PETIT BORDEL
 (.) 3 RTR and 3 Mon in area HELCHTEREN cross rds which is now clear of
 enemy (.) 50 Div (.) numerous and persistent/counter attacks in the brhd
 continued and were repulsed with hy loss to the enemy and moderate cas
 to own tps (.) one party of enemy which crossed ALBERT CANAL in area 0186
 was disposed of by 61 Recce Regt (.) during a day of extremely bitter
 fighting severe cas were inflicted on the enemy in this sector and only
 about 60 PW taken (.) today enemy resistance SOUTH of the MEUSE - ESCAUT
 canal was noticeably weaker and the bulk of his forces appear to have
 withdrawn to the NORTH of the canal (.) in the HECHTEL area however
 resistance is still stubborn and the enemy force in this area estimated
 at 400 has to be reduced house by house (.) many enemy have been killed
 and approx 200 PW taken (.) all informed

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0/ 673 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 1200 hrs (.) No major change in dispositions 30 Corps (.) 50 (N) Div (.) Continued counter attacks and infiltration against GHEEL bridgehead have produced some bitter fighting but no success for the enemy who have suffered heavy casualties (.) Class 9 bridge has now been repaired but is being shelled intermittently (.) Guards Armd Div (.) Welch Guards Gp continued clearing the HECHTEL cross-
rds and have now driven the enemy EAST from there towards 11 Armd Div stops (.) Fighting has been hard and determined (.) NORTH of MEUSE - ESCAUT canal no contact has been made with enemy and patrols have been as far NORTH as VALKENSWAARD 4208 (.) All reports however indicate considerable activity EINDHOVEN area (.) 11 Armd Div (.) Patrols EAST to MEUSE - ESCAUT canal have reported BREE 5185 and OPITTER 5482 clear of enemy (.) There appear to be no enemy WEST of the canal NORTH of this area though the EAST bank is held in some strength particularly at sites of blown bridges

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Q. 664 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 2300 hrs (.) Guards Arm'd Div (.)

WG Gp completed clearing HECHTEL cross-rds taking over 400 PW and killing or wounding 150 (.) HQ Guards Arm'd Div 357901 (.) 11 Arm'd Div (.)

Further patrols Inns of Court EAST and NE to MEUSE - ESCOUT CANAL reported no change (.) HQ 11 Arm'd Div 386242 (.)

50 (N) Div (.) Further enemy counter attack on 7 GH area 0687 during afternoon successfully repelled (.) Relief of 151 and 69 Bdes by 15 (S) Div now complete except for rear parties (.) Bdes concentrating in general area VEENLE 0878 (.) All informed

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0/676 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 1200 hrs (.) Guards Armd Div NTR
(.) 11 Armd Div (.) Fighting patrol to EXEL 3606 report no contact (.)
Considerable enemy activity area OPPITER 5402 TONGERLOO 5503 (.)
50 (N) Div (.) 69 Dde in process of relieving 231 Dde in DEERINGEN
area (.) On relief 231 Dde concentrate area 2270 (.) 151 Dde moving
to concentration area 1975 (.) All informed

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0/679 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2300 hrs (.) Enemy
manning NORTH bank of HEUSE - ESCAUT canal particularly
active area EAST of BREE 5185 and tending to thicken up
round Gds Armd Div brhead (.) Gds Armd Div (.) 32 Gds
Bde assumed responsibility brhead over canal (.) Otherwise
no change (.) HQ 5 Gds Armd Bde 352924 32 Gds Bde 353942
(.) 11 Armd Div (.) patrols to HASSELT 3162 reported town
and area SOUTH of canal clear but some enemy in GENCK 4265
and WINTERSLAG 4367 (.) Inns of Court also claim six 88 mm
knocked out and considerable number of enemy killed on far
side of canal area TONGERLOO 5583 (.) 50 Div (.) Relief
of 231 Bde by 69 Bde in DEERINGEN brhead now complete (.)
231 Bde working NORTH and NW from DEERINGEN found OOSTHAM 2181
and surrounding woods free of enemy and reported rd to
BOURG LEOPOLD clear (.) 151 Bde com area PAEL 2075 (.)
HQ 50 Div 185740 69 Bde 220750 151 Bde 195753 231 Bde
257766 8 Armd Bde 262782 (.) All informed

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O/ (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1200 hrs (.) Enemy was generally more aggressive to NORTH and NE of MEUSE - ESCAUT canal (.) Gds Armd Div (.) During morning enemy counter attack on bridgehead in area 3698 by about 150 inf was successfully repelled and four of their six supporting tanks were knocked out (.) 11 Armd Div (.) Fighting patrols to EAST and NE continued to harass enemy on both sides of canal from BREE 5085 to NEERPELT 3995 (.) 50 Div (.) Patrols report no contact with enemy as far NORTH as area 1987 (.) all informed

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0/684 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 2300 hrs (.) Guards Arm'd Div (.)

NTR since this morning's counter attack in which 3 Mk IV tks and

3 SP guns were KO and 1 Mk IV captured intact (.) 11 Arm'd Div (.)

Inns of Court continued to patrol line of ESCAUT Canal between LILLE

ST HUBERT 4394 and TONGLEROO 5503 (.) Enemy patrols tended to be

more aggressive operating on WEST of Canal (.) 43 Div (.) 130 Bde

concentrated area 1475 - 1574 - 1374 (.) Tac HQ 43 Div established at

349780 (.) 50 (N) Div (.) 231 Bde has cleared area NORTH of rd

BOURG LEOPOLD - OOSTHAM 1981 up to BAELLEN 2089 between Canal and main

rd BOURG LEOPOLD - BAELLEN (.) Otherwise NTR (.) All informed

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O/tgt(.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 1200 hrs (.) Guards Arm'd Div
 (.) 231 Bde Gp under command from 150730B relieving 32 Gds Bde in
 bridgehead over MEUSE - ESCAUT canal (.) Relief now two-thirds complete
 (.) Otherwise no change and no enemy activity (.) 11 Arm'd Div (.)
 No change (.) 50 (N) Div (.) R. Netherlands Bde under command from
 151000B (.) 43 Div (.) Div less 130 Bde moving^{up} to Corps conc area
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0/693 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 2300 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.)
Completion relief of 32 Gds Bde by 231 Bde expected by 2400 hrs
(.) Small scale counter attack during afternoon against bridgehead
by approx 60 infantry dispersed by arty fire (.) 11 Armd Div NTR
(.) 43 Div (.) Div less 129 Bde Gp 43 Recce Regt 8 Mx A Tk
Regt and Adm Gp now concentrated in area NORTH and EAST of DIEST
(.) Balance of Div still moving into concentration area (.)
50 Div (.) 69 Bde now concentrated in area WEST of ALBERT CANAL
NORTH of BEERLINGEN (.) 151 Bde in area 1976 - 2176 - 1872 (.)
231 Bde relieving 32 Gds Bde.) all informed

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0/603 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1400 hrs (.) 11 Armd Div (.)
 Div passed to command 8 Corps at 1200 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.)
 No change (.) 50 Div (.) 151 Bde and 61 Recce Regt area LOMMEL
 3195 (.) 43 Div (.) Div completed conc area EAST of DIEST (.)
 HQ 43 Div 250725 (.) All informed

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0/702 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 2359 hrs (.) General situation
 no change (.) 30 Corps now conc as follows (.) Gds Armd Div (.)
 5 Gds Armd Bde area 3493-3794-3793-3491 (.) 32 Gds Bde area
 HASSELT 3792 - HEESACKER 3991 - HOEVIN 3790 (.) 231 Bde with 15/19 H
 area 3497-3698-3695 (.) HQ Gds Armd Div 357901 (.) 50 (N) Div (.)
 69 Bde area OOSTRAM 2081 HEPPEN 2481 BEERINGEN 2375 (.) 61 Rocce Regt
 and 151 Bde less one bn area LOMMEL 3195 KATTEBOSCH 3092 (.) One bn 151
 Bde with 231 Bde (.) HQ 50 (N) Div 274828 (.) 43 Div (.) 43 Rocce
 Regt HET VINNE 1171 (.) 129 Bde area MELLAER 1869 SCHALBROE 2067 -
 1767 (.) 130 Bde area DEURNE 1574 - DE ELAIN 1273 (.) 214 Bde area
 GROENLAEREN 2170 - 1669 - 1670 (.) 8 Armd Bde regts at 3283, 2981,
 2479 (.) HQ 43 Div 250726 (.) Royals 3478 (.) Main & Rear 30 Corps
 347798 (.) All informed

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 0/705 (.) ~~SECRET~~ ^{SECRET at 1200H 15} (.) Cds Armd Div (.) During night enemy was rather more aggressive and a number infiltrated into bridgehead area NORTH of MEUSE ESCAUT Canal (.) They reached canal at one point but were dispersed by arty fire (.) All now quiet apart from some shelling area of bridge 3596 (.) Class 40 bridge now complete just EAST of main bridge 3596 (.) 231 Bde now reverted to command 50 Div (.) HQ Cds Armd Div 361950 (.) 43 Div (.) Leading tps now moving across ALBERT Canal to transit area SOUTH of cross rds 3483 (.) 50 Div (.) 231 Bde now under command (.) HQ 50 Div 353898 (.) Tac HQ 30 Corps FACTORY 3695 (.) All informed

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0/710 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2300 hrs (.)
43 Div (.) 130 Bde moved to area SE of HECHTEL 3483 (.)
otherwise no change (.) Gds Armd Div (.) at 1435 hrs
Gds Armd Div with IG Gp leading adv NORTH on rd from br
3596 and reached area 3802 (.) here they were held up
by enemy in HOEK 3903 and HEUVEL 3803 (.) at 1800 hrs
barrage by medium arty was repeated and by last light
IG Gp were firmly established in VALKENSWAARD 4108 (.)
enemy fought tenaciously on axis of adv but arty fire
and close air sp enabled div to overwhelm resistance (.)
50 Div (.) 2 Devon and 1 Dorset of 231 Bde adv in rear
of Gds Armd Div clearing woods to flanks and by last
light had reached 3803 - 3700 - 3501 (.) otherwise no
change (.) all informed

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0/713 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep 1300 hrs (.) at about 0300 hrs the enemy put in a strong counter attack against the brhd over MEUSE - ESCAUT Canal at 3696 from NE.(.) the attack which was supported by approx 20 mortars and 12 guns was dispersed after stiff fighting (.) at 0600 hrs Gds Armd Div resumed the advance from VALKENSWAARD (.) 5 Gds Bde leading were held up by an enemy strong point at AALST and leaving the IG group to contain the enemy here the main body bypassed EINDHOVEN to the WEST and made contact with elts 101 AB Div in this area (.) by 1300 hrs leading tps had reached the br at ZON which was blown (.) 32 Gds Bde moving EAST from VALKENSWAARD are held up by a strong enemy position in area 4308 (.) during the morning the enemy attacked in the NEERVELT area 3995 and a small number succeeded in crossing the canal but are being dealt with (.) one bn 50 Div took over VALKENSWAARD from Gds Armd Div (.) 50 Div passed temporarily under operational command 8 Corps thus leaving 30 Corps for the first time since Aug 1943 (.) all informed

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0/718 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2200 hrs (.) 43 Div (.)
 129 and 214 Bdes moved up and now conc areas 3778 and 3381 (.)
 Gds Armd Div (.) there was stiff fighting during afternoon in
 area NORTH of AALST 4213 during which nature of ground proved serious
 obstacle to deployment (.) by about 1700 hrs resistance was overcome
 and by 1830 hrs leading tps IG Gp had established contact with tps
 of 101 US Airborne Div in area NORTH of EINDHOVEN (.) cl 40 br
 being built over canal area 4425 estimated time of completion 0500
 hrs (.) Grun Gds Gp area 4220 (.) on subsidiary axis WG Gp met
 considerable resistance area 4408 (.) this was finally overcome and
 by last light they were just SOUTH of GELDROP 4816 which is held by
 enemy (.) Coldn Gds Gp area NORTH and SOUTH of VALKENSWAARD 4108
 (.) HQ Gds Armd Div 399055 (.) All informed

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O/TAL(.) SECRET (.) Sitrep 1400 hrs (.) During the night a Class 40 bridge was completed at ZON 4425 and at 0600 hrs 5 Gds Armd Bde continued the advance with 2 HCR leading (.) Progress was rapid against negligible opposition and contact was made with 82 Airborne Division at GRAVE 6253 about 0830 hrs (.) By 1400 hrs leading patrols of 2 HCR had reached R WAAL and 5 Gds Armd Bde were concentrated in area 5 kms SOUTH of NIJMEGEN (.) Comd 30 Corps had made contact with Comd Airborne Corps in area 7059 (.) In NIJMEGEN the br was still intact and prepared for demolition but held by the enemy though the leads had apparently been out (.) Fierce fighting has been going on in NIJMEGEN (.) A concerted attack by Gds Armd Div and part of 82 Airborne Div is being put in at 1500 hrs to capture the br (.) No contact has yet been established with 1 Airborne Div and situation at ARNHEM is not known (.) 101 Airborne Div (.) Dispositions as follows (.) 501 Regt area VEGHEL 4737 (.) One Bn 502 Regt BT OEDENRODE 4232 (.) 506 Regt in EINDHOVEN with det at ZON 4425 (.) 327 GliderRegt and Airborne Arty area 4127 (.) 502 Regt less one Bn area BEST 3726 (.) Casualties light estimated 500 - 700 (.) In contact with strong enemy forces at BEST where situation strained (.) Enemy in fair strength at SCHIJNDEL 4038 and HELMOND 5522 (.) 15/19 H now under command 101 Airborne Div in EINDHOVEN area (.) All informed

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0738(.) SECRET(.) Sitrep as at 202330A(.) ONE(.) Build up(.)

During night 19/20 serious bombing area EINDHOVEN caused some delay and confusion among echelons (.). At about 0800 hrs enemy attacks in area ZON with some tanks SP guns and number inf from area HELMOND further delayed progress (.). 502 RCT assisted by 15/19 H 44 R Tks and SRY re-opened main axis of advance about 1100 hrs and thereafter traffic flow continued steadily (.). Guards Armd Div less adn gp now all come NORTH R. MAAS and leading Bde 43 Div moving up to area GRAVE during night (.). TWO (.). At 1400 hrs 504 RCT in assault boats crossed R. WAAL at about 689643 in face of considerable though erratic opposition advanced rapidly EAST along NORTH bank and by 1800 hrs had seized Northern approaches of bridges (.). Throughout day Gren Gds Gp with Bn 505 RCT continued pressing towards bridges from SOUTH (.). Stiff street fighting occurred but progress though slow was steady (.). At about 1900 hrs resistance was finally overcome and some tanks and inf Gren Gds Gp crossed bridge and joined 504 RCT on NORTH bank (.). 3 IG followed across (.). Sporadic fighting continues in town (.). Dispositions now 504 RCT 6065 - 7264 with 3 IG and elts Gren Gds round NORTH end of br (.). Remainder Gren Gds Armd IG and one Bn 505 RCT in NIJMEGEN and guarding SOUTH end of br (.). CG Gp area 7254 two Bns 505 RCT areas MOOK GROESBECK (.). In this area enemy was active and operated all day from SOUTH and SE but had little success (.). Welch Gds area GRAVE and br 6760 (.). 503 RCT from SE edge of NIJMEGEN to GROESBECK (.). 130 Bde approaching GRAVE 214 Bde over start line (.). Main HQ 30 Corps 7155 HQ Airborne Corps 725010 Main Gds Armd Div 706586 (.). All informed

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0/745 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 1400 hrs (.) contact est with rep 1

Airborne Div who reports 1 Para Bde control NORTH end of rd br (.)

remainder of Div concentrated area WEST of ARNHEM

(.) also control rly br 7076

which has one span blown easily repairable (.) successful supply drop

to main body yesterday (.) now hold supplies two days (.) supply posn

1 Para Bde not known (.) enemy control SOUTH end rd br which is intact

(.) Gds Armd Div (.) brhd over R WAAL consolidated and 5 Gds Armd Bde

began crossing (.) much mopping up remained to be done in area immediate

NORTH of br and by 1200 hrs only slight progress had been made in adv towards

ARNHEM (.) 43 Div (.) 129 Bde relieved WG Gp in area GRAVE - NEERBOSCH (.)

214 Bde completed concentration NORTH of R MAAS (.) move of remainder of

Div continued throughout night and morning (.) all informed

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O/7 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 2300 hrs (.) Guards Arm
Div (.) little progress was made in the attempt to adv
from the brhead over R WAIL at NIJMEGEN (.) enemy resistance
incl 88 mm in the area SOUTH of ELST (7070) was stubborn and
the fact that the rd leading to ARNHEM is a causeway prevented
deployment of tanks (.) last light posns as follows (.)
5 Gds Arm Bde Gp area immediately NORTH of NIJMEGEN rd br
with leading tps 4000 yds beyond br (.) OC Gp in sp 82 Airborne
Div area GROESBEEK 7654 MOOK 7251 HEUMEN 7053 (.) 43 Div
(.) at 1400 hrs 214 Bde crossed R WAIL by the rly br but
were unable to use the rds because of the presence of traffic
of Gds Arm Div (.) enemy activity in MOOK area much reduced
(.) last light posns as follows (.) 214 Bde immediately
NW of NIJMEGEN brs (.) 130 Bde one bn GRAVE one bn each and
NIJMEGEN rd br (.) 214 Bde moving up (.) movement of Corps
up the corridor continued well during the day and it is
anticipated that by midnight 43 Div less 43 Recce Regt will
be complete NORTH of R WALS (.) all informed

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0/13 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 1200 hrs (.) Gds Arm Div (.)

Patrols 2 HCR working round WEST flank in morning mist reached R NEDERRIJN in area 6876 and made contact with Polish Para Bde which is dug in in area 6775 6774 (.) Contact has also been made with Staff Offr 1 Airborne Div in this area (.) 43 Div (.) 214 Bde attempted to follow 2 HCR but without help of morning mist found considerable enemy opposition in area 6866 and made little progress (.) Co-ord attack now being put in (.) 129 Bde arrived first light in area GRAVE and started to move across R WAAL advancing on main road NIMEJEN - ELST 7070 - ARNHEM and reached 67 Northing (.) RN Bde relieved 130 Bde responsibility for GRAVE br and come under comd 69 Bde of which two bns now NORTH of R MAAS (.) 101 Airborne Div pass to comd Airborne Corps 1200 hrs (.) Constant pecking at main axis during morning in area ST OEDENRODE - VEGHEL - UDEN (.)

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0/20 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2300 hrs (.) During afternoon enemy force estimated up to 30 tks and two bns inf op in area VEGHEL 4837 - UDEN 5343 cut Corps axis and caused temporary suspension all traffic (.) On request 101 US Airborne Div for assistance 32 Gds Bde Gp was despatched to clear up situation (.) By last light Gren Gds Gp in contact with enemy inf on rd area 5140 (.) Enemy also reported vicinity VEGHEL (.) Coldm Gds Gp and HQ 32 Gds Bde reached area SOUTH of GRAVE (.) Remainder Div no change (.) 43 Div (.) 214 Bde attack on OOSTERHOUT was completely successful (.) One bn inf with one sqn 8 Armd Bde passed through and meeting practically no opposition made contact with Polish Para Bde towards last light on SOUTH bank R NEDERRIJN area 6876 (.) This force includes DUKWS carrying amn sups and med stores for relief 1 Airborne Div (.) 129 Bde advancing NORTH up main NIJMEGEN ARNHEM road made little further progress against strong opposition and owing difficulty deployment (.) By last light was halted on line of 675 Northing (.) 69 Bde less one bn relieved 130 Bde of responsibility for protection of NIJMEGEN bridges (.) all informed

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0/23 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1400 hrs (.) Attempts to pass
 subs across river to 1 Airborne Div during night failed owing to
 unsuitability of ground for DUKWS (.) Second bn 43 Div reached
 area DRIEL 6875 (.) SOUTH bank of river under enemy fire (.)
 Gds Armd Div (.) 32 Gds Bde began ops to clear Corps axis SW
 from UDEN 5342 in conjunction with 101 US Airborne Div op NE from
 VEGHEL (.) Contact made with enemy tks and inf in area VOLKEL
 5640 and astride rd in area 5140 (.) At 1400 hrs Corps axis was
 not yet clear (.) all infm

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0/25 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 2200 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.) 32
Gds Bde continued operations to clear the axis and leading elements
linked up with 44 R Tks operating NE from VEGHEL about 1530 hrs (.)
The road was then re-opened for traffic which is flowing steadily
through subject to occasional interruptions from shelling and small
arms fire (.) On NORTH bank of R WAAL WG Gp pushed NE to area 7265 (.)
43 Div (.) 214 Bde began attack on ELST from WEST at 1700 hrs and at
2200 hrs were fighting in the Western outskirts of the village (.) 5
DCLI still in area 6875 (.) 130 Bde continued move up to R WAAL and by
last light were disposed as follows (.) 7 Hamps 645753 to 662744 4
Dorset 6672 5 Dorset 6975 (.) 129 Bde made no further progress (.)
Last light locations 4 Wilts 6966 5 Wilts 7067 7168 4 Som LI 6767
(.) 43 Recce Regt screening left flank about 55 Grid (.) Opposition
to 214 Bde and 129 Bde was stubborn throughout the day but the move of
130 Bde was almost unopposed (.) 82 Airborne Div on their left/cleared
area in bend of river EAST of NIJMEGEN to line 760600 ERLEKOM 7862 (.)
SRV operating in this sector crossed German frontier EAST of DEEK 7560
these being the first British troops to enter Germany in this war (.)
69 Bde (.) 61 Recce Regt patrolling between R MAAS and R WAAL found
area clear as far WEST as Easting grid 50 except for a few enemy in
DRUTEN 5368 (.) At 1600 hrs R Netherlands Bde passed to command 1
Airborne Corps who at this hour assumed responsibility for bridges at
GRAVE and 6760 (.) all info

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0/29 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep at 1400 hrs (.) 43 Div (.) during night
about 250 Poles and a few supplies were ferried across to 1 Airborne
Div (.) 214 Bde continued attack on ELST and by 1400 hrs had reached
village and control main NORTH - SOUTH rd (.) opposition was stiff (.)
Gds Armd Div (.) 32 gds Bde continued to operate with 101 Airborne Div
EAST of main axis otherwise NTR (.) traffic continued to flow well
along axis in spite of spasmodic shelling in ST OEDENRODE area (.)
enemy air was unusually active in the area of NIJMEGEN bridges one
direct hit being scored on the rd bridge but causing only minor damage
(.) traffic continues uninterrupted (.) all informed

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0/33 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 2300 hrs (.) Guards Arm'd Div (.)

At 1600 hrs WG Gp began attack on BELLEL 7367 which appears to be strongly hold (.) By last light line of fwd tps had reached 730665 to 720695 against fairly stiff opposition (.) 32 Gds Bde continued to operate in area SE of main axis (.) 69 Bde passed to command Guards Arm'd Div (.) 43 Div (.) 214 Bde continued attack on ELST and by last light 7 Som LI on right had reached the station 705702 and 1 Wore left had reached 702708 (.) Opposition consisting mainly of infantry with MGs was stubborn (.) 129 Bde made limited advances and by last light bns were disposed in areas 6967 6968 7166 (.) 130 Bde no change (.)

At approx 1700 hrs the main axis was cut by enemy infantry and a few tanks about 4 miles SOUTH of VEGHEL and all traffic ceased (.) It is unlikely that the road will be re-opened before morning (.) 82 Airborne Div with under command R. Netherlands Bde assumed responsibility for protection of bridges at NIJMEGEN GRAVE and NEERBOSCH (.) HQ 43 Div now 664678 (.) All informed

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0/42 (.) SECRET (.) SITREP as at 2230 hrs (.) 43 Div (.)

During afternoon 214 Bde continued operations against ELST and by 1800 hrs the village was in their hands enemy apparently withdrawing towards ELDEN 7375 (.) Last span in rly bridge at ARNHEM was blown by enemy (.) At 2100 hrs operations for withdrawal of 1 Airborne Div began (.) Gds Armd Div (.) 69 Bde finally removed enemy from DEMMEL 7366 and are now established in the village (.) Patrol HCR made contact with 29 Armd Bde at ST ANTHONIS 7238 (.) Main axis still out in area SOUTH of VEGHEL no traffic now for over 24 hours (.) all informed

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0/38 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1200 hrs (.) 43 Div (.) during night after some difficulty owing to loss of assault boats three coys 4 Dorset crossed NEDERLIJN at 6876 (.) approx 3 tons and two DUKW loads of supplies for 1 Airborne Div were also taken across (.) contact between 4 Dorset and 1 Airborne Div was established about 0900 hrs but contact was never very firm (.) 214 Bde continued to make slow progress in ELST which is having to be cleared house by house (.) Gds Armd Div (.) 69 Bde continued operations towards DEMMEL 7367 meeting stubborn opposition (.) the main axis remained closed by onery action between VEGHEL and ST OEDENRODE (.) all informed

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0/44 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1300 hrs (.) 43 Div (.)
Operations for withdrawal of 1 Airborne Div continued to 0600 hrs when
enemy fire made further crossing impossible (.) Latest count shows
approx 1850 of 1 Airborne Div incl wounded and 70 of Polish Para Bde
evacuated (.) Approx 200 of 4 Dorset still believed on NORTH bank (.)
All figures subject confirmation (.) Gds Armd Div (.) Enemy activity
during night area OSS HEESCH (.) Former now clear but still some enemy
at latter (.) Otherwise no change (.) Fwd traffic now using subsidiary
route EINDHOVEN - GEMERT 5730 - UDEN 5342 (.) All informed

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12 Corps Airborne Corps XIX US Corps 2 Cdn Corps
DA & QMG

O/500 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2230 hrs (.) Gds Armd Div (.) during
afternoon attack was made to widen brhd NE of NIJMEGEN (.) 69 Bde met
fairly stiff opposition and reached canal at 746698 but EAST of BEMMEL
7367 were only able to advance about 1000 yds (.) WG Gp of 5 Gds Armd
Bde reached canal at 722715 without opposition (.) during night and
morning increased numbers of enemy were reported in area HEESCH 4851 (.)
during afternoon part of Gren Gds Gp moved to deal with these and after
some fighting recaptured HEESCH and took at least 150 PW (.) dets Gren
Gds Gp at NISTELRODE 4947 and UDEN 5342 (.) Coldm Gds Gp area 5750 with
det at OSS 4754 where all now quiet (.) HQ 32 Gds Bde 581507 (.) 43 Div
(.) two bns 129 Bde relieved 1 Wores and 7 Som LI of 214 Bde in ELST area
(.) 214 Bde less one bn conc area 6668 (.) otherwise NTR (.) continuous
enemy air activity over NIJMEGEN area during afternoon and early night
several attacks being made on the bridges (.) one direct hit was scored
on the rd bridge which is still open to one way traffic (.) all informed

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To: Tac Second Army
8 Corps
XIX US Corps

Main Second Army
12 Corps
Airborne Corps

First Cdn Army
2 Cdn Corps
DA & QMG

0/54 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1400 hrs (.) During night several
bombing attacks were made on NIJMEGENrd bridge (.) One hit was made
reducing traffic to single line (.) Guards Armd Div (.) One Bn
69 Bde put in fresh attack EAST from area BEMMEL 7367 meeting continued
opposition and by 1200 hrs fwd tps had reached 748678 (.) 32 Gds Bde
now hold OSS 4754 and HEESCH 4851 (.) Enemy less active in this area
(.) 43 Div (.) During night about 200 enemy crossed to SOUTH bank
of NEDERWIJN in area WAGENINGEN 5776 (.) Some of these occupied
RANDWIJK 6075 and attempted to push SOUTH and SE (.) They are being
held by olts of 130 Bde and 8 Armd Bde until 214 Bde can attack to
clear village (.) All informed

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0/59 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2200 hrs (.) 43 Div (.) Enemy
who had crossed NEDERRIJN during night were cleared from RANDWIJK
6075 by two bns of 214 Bde (.) otherwise no change (.) Gds Armd
Div (.) 69 Bde made slow progress EAST of BEMMEL 7367 against
determined enemy fighting in close country (.) Fwd troops reached
744671 and 745604 (.) 32 Gds Bde (.) Gren Gp repelled fresh enemy
attempt to reach cross roads at HEESCH 4851 killing 60 and taking
80 PW (.) all informed

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69 inf Bde 2 HCR SHY 44 R Tks Tac Second Army
Main Second Army First Cdn Army 1 Corps 8 Corps
12 Corps 2 Cdn Corps Airborne Corps Rear 30 Corps

O/63 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 281200A (.) NTR (.)

Main HQ 30 Corps moved 1100 hrs to 6258 (.) All infm

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0/67(.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2230 hrs (.) 43 Div (.) Using
Div RE relieved Airborne Corps of responsibility for close defence of
NIJMEGEN bridges otherwise NTR (.) Leons (.) Div HQ 663679 (.)
129 Bde (.) 4 Som LI 7071 4 Wilts 7070 5 Wilts 7074 (.) 130 Bde (.)
Bde HQ 669714 7 Hamps 6575 4 Dorsets 6672 5 Dorsets 6975 (.) 214 Bde
(.) Bde HQ 662679 7 Som LI 6074 1 Worcs 6268 5 DOLI 6269 (.)
8 Armd Bde (.) Bde HQ 13/18 H 4/7 DG area 6766 SRY 7258 12 KRRC 5573
and 5771 (.) 69 Bde (.) Bde HQ 694673 (.) 5 EY 7367 6 GH 7467
7 GH 7469 (.) Gds Armd Div (.) Leons (.) Div HQ 706566 HQ 5 Gds Armd
Bde 691669 HQ 32 Gds Bde 585505 Gren Gds Gp 4750 - 4850 Coldn Gds Gp
5657 IG Gp 6965 1 WG 699690 2 WG 697675 (.) Otherwise NTR (.)

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0/73 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1200 hrs (.) During the early morning both the railway and road bridges at NIJMEGEN were put out of action by explosions the cause of which has not yet been accurately determined (.) otherwise NTR (.) all infm

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12 Corps
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0/78 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2230 hrs (.) 5 Gds Armd
Bde and 69 Inf Bde now under comd 43 Div (.) NIJMEGEN rd bridge
reopened for single line traffic at 1945 hrs (.) all informed

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12 Corps
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O/S2 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 1200 hrs (.) 43 Div (.) 6 HLI passed
to comd from 157 Bde at 1200 hrs otherwise NTR (.) all informed

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	Airborne Corps	DA & QMG		

0/84 (.) SECRET (.) Sitrep as at 2200 hrs (.) 43 Div (.) 69 Bde (.)
relief of 5 E Yorks in DEMMEL 7367 by 6 HLI now complete (.) 5 E Yorks
area 7165 (.) Gds Armd Div (.) 2 Armd Recce WG moving SOUTH of R WAAL
this evening to area 6357 (.) 32 Gds Bde (.) Gren Gp area 2 miles SW
GRAVE (.) Coldm Gp area NW and SE HEUMEN 7053 (.) HQ 32 Gds Bde 692592
(.) HQ Gds Armd Div 665621 (.) all informed

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