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The 30th Infantry Division, during the period 1 December 1944 to 12 December 1944, continued to actively defend and patrol Division zone, rehabilitated and rotated troops, conducted small unit training, care, cleaning and maintenance of equipment and maintained contact with adjacent units.

At 010001A December 1944, the Division's troops were disposed as shown on overlay Number 1 and changes by date during period as follows:

01 December 1944

1st Battalion, 120th Infantry was relieved by Troop C, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized at 0042A and moved to an assembly area vicinity ERBERICH (K986538).

Troop C, 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, relieved 1st Battalion 120th Infantry at 0042A and the Squadron assumed defense of the entire Division zone.

02 December 1944

The 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry moved from the Division Rest Area and closed into an assembly area vicinity KOHLSCHIED (K845490) at 0900A.

The 3d Battalion, 120th Infantry moved from vicinity BROICH (K903498) and closed into Division Rest Area in vicinity KERKRADE, (K836534) at 1100A. The 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry moved and closed into an assembly area vicinity BROICH at 1457A.

03 December 1944

The 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry was relieved of attachment to 2d Armored Division at 1900A and moved to an assembly area vicinity KOHLSCHIED (K845490) at 1436A.

04 December 1944

The 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry moved and closed into an assembly area vicinity BROICHWEIDEN (K903498) at 1250A. The 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry moved and closed into the Division Rest Area vicinity KERKRADE (K836534) at 1150A. The 3d Battalion, 120th Infantry moved from the Division Rest Area and closed into an assembly area vicinity ERBERICH (K986538) at 1200A.

The 2d Platoon of Company A, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion was released from attachment to 30th Division Artillery at 1000A and reverted to Battalion control. The 3d Platoon of Company C was attached to Division Artillery at that time for secondary mission.

05 December 1944

There were no changes in dispositions of the Division this date.

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06 December 1944

The 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry moved and closed into the Division Rest Area vicinity KERKRADE at 1050A. The 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry moved from Division Rest Area and closed into an assembly area vicinity BROICHWEIDEN (K903498) at 1050A.

07 December 1944

There were no changes in dispositions of the Division this date.

08 December 1944

The 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry moved from the Division Rest Area and closed into an assembly area (K900495) at 1030A.

09 December 1944

There were no changes in dispositions of the Division this date.

10 December 1944

1st Battalion, 119th Infantry moved and closed into Division Rest Area at 1035A.

120th Infantry supported the attack of the 414th Infantry Regiment by fire on SHOPHOVEN (FO58540) and PIER (FO58523).

11 December 1944

120th Infantry supported the attack of the 104th Infantry Division on its right.

12 December 1944

3d Battalion, 117th Infantry moved and closed into Division Rest Area vicinity (K836534) at 1030A.

1st Battalion, 119th Infantry moved from Division Rest Area and closed into new assembly area vicinity (K834490) at 0930A.

13 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division attacked to the east at 1800A, seized VIEHHOVEN (FO45552) and cleared enemy from a large portion of the Division zone between the INDE and ROER RIVERS.

120th Infantry attached Company C, 743d Tank Battalion and 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, continued to maintain defensive positions and conducted small unit training. At 0240A, Company L moved from vicinity ERBERICH (K986538) and took up a defensive position extending from (FO40540) to (FO46536), from where it protected the left flank of the 3d Battalion, 414th Infantry Regiment in its attack to the northeast against SCHOPHOVEN (FO58540). At 1800A, Company L, attacked to the north, captured VIEHHOVEN and at 2200A had cleared the enemy from a large portion of the Division zone between the INDE and ROER RIVERS. There were no other changes in dispositions of the Division.

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14 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division continued to maintain its defensive positions and carried on rehabilitation of troops, training in weapons and tactics, and cleared the Division's zone of enemy between the INDE and ROER RIVERS.

The Division troops were disposed at 2400A as shown on overlay Number 2.

The 2d Battalion, 117th Infantry, moved from KINZWEILER (K983506), and closed into the Division Rest Area vicinity KERKRADE at 0930A. The 3d Battalion, 117th Infantry, in Division Reserve, moved from Division Rest Area and closed into new assembly area vicinity (K923517).

120th Infantry, attached Company C, 743d Tank Battalion; 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, maintained defensive positions and continued small unit training. Company I relieved Company L in the vicinity of VIEHHOVEN (FO44552) at 1230A and completed clearing enemy from the Division's zone between the INDE and ROER RIVERS.

15-16 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division during the period 15-16 December 1944 continued to maintain an active defense and patrolling of its sector, conducted rehabilitation of troops and small unit training. The only changes in dispositions of the Division during period are as follows:

Company K, 120th Infantry, relieved Company I, 120th Infantry, in the vicinity of VIEHHOVEN (FO44552) at 152010A and assumed responsibility for the defense of the Division's zone between the INDE and ROER RIVERS.

The 2d Battalion, 117th Infantry, moved from the Division Rest Area and closed into an assembly area vicinity (K935505) at 161025A.

The 105th Engineer Combat Battalion moved from vicinity (K923533) and closed into the Division Rest Area at 161100A.

30th Division Artillery, reinforced, during the period 1-16 December 1944 supported the Division in its defense and attack firing close support, interdiction, harassing and counterbattery missions, and rotated its troops to a rest area in vicinity of ST TROND, BELGIUM (K2747). The Division Artillery at 010001A, in addition to its organic battalions, had the 203d and the 70th Field Artillery Battalions, which had been attached to it previous to 010001A. The 203d Field Artillery Battalion was released from attachment to 30th Division Artillery at 140800A December 1944.

The 531st Antiaircraft Artillery Automatic Weapons Battalion during the period 1-16 December 1944 gave antiaircraft protection to the Division Artillery and incidental protection to the entire Division zone.

The 105th Engineer Combat Battalion during the period 1-16 December continued to give normal engineer support to the Division in its defense and attack. During the period the Battalion maintained main supply routes, water points, marked and cleared enemy mine fields, conducted training on mines and demolitions, and rehabilitation of troops.

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The 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion during the period 1-16 December 1944 conducted maintenance and repairs of equipment, schools, tactics, training with the M-10 Tank Destroyer, rotated troops to the division rest area, and assisted the division in defense of its zone. "C" Company during the period 1-11 December 1944 provided antitank protection for the entire division zone. The 2d Platoon of "A" Company was released from attachment to the 30th Division Artillery at 041000A and the 3d Platoon of "C" Company attached at that time for secondary mission. The 3d Platoon of "A" Company relieved the 2d Platoon of "C" Company at 111300A and with the 1st Platoon of "C" Company assumed responsibility for the antitank protection of the division zone. The 2d Platoon of "C" Company, upon relief, moved to an assembly area in the vicinity of (K928532). The battalion was relieved of the responsibility for providing antitank protection for the division zone at 151700A and at 151710A the 3d Platoon of "A" Company and the 1st Platoon of "C" Company moved from direct fire positions to their company assembly areas at (K907503) and (K928532) respectively. During the period 1-16 December the battalion received twelve (12) M-10 Tank Destroyers and by order from Ninth U. S. Army the Battalion was changed to 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion (Self-Propelled, 15 December 1944.

The 743d Tank Battalion during the period 1-16 December assisted the division in defense of its sector, conducted maintenance and repairs of equipment, training and rehabilitation of personnel, and in conjunction with the 7th Armored Group, conducted training with the 4.5 Rocket, using the T34 Launcher, and successfully test fired this weapon on December 9 from a medium tank, and on December 15 from a captured German half-track. "B" Company, during the period 1-4 December, remained attached to the 120th Infantry and supported that unit in defense of its zone. The company was released from attachment to 120th Infantry at 041500A December 1944, and reverted to battalion control. "C" Company was attached to the 120th Infantry at 101400A and released from attachment to that unit at 161430A and reverted to battalion control. During the period 10-16 December "C" Company supported the 120th Infantry in defense of its sector.

7th Armored Group: During the period December 1, 1944, to December 17, 1944, in conjunction with the 743d Tank Battalion, conducted training with the 4.5 Rocket using the T34 Launcher. This weapon was successfully test-fired on 9 December and 15 December mounted on medium tanks and captured German half-tracks. The Group was detached from the 30th Infantry Division at 172050A December 1944.

The 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron remained attached to 120th Infantry during the period 1-17 December. During the period 1-13 December the squadron maintained active defense and patrolling of the entire division zone. "C" Troop relieved the 1st Battalion, 120th Infantry, at 010042A and assumed responsibility for the defense of the entire division zone. During the period 13-17 December the squadron maintained its defensive positions and assisted the attack of the 120th Infantry, by fire, when that unit cleared the division zone of enemy between the INDE and ROER RIVERS. At 172030A the squadron relieved elements of the 120th Infantry in the division zone between the INDE and ROER RIVERS and was attached to 29th Infantry Division, who assumed responsibility for the defense of that sector.

The 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, during the period December 1-16, remained in division reserve in the vicinity of KOHLSCHIED (K855495) and conducted training, care, cleaning and maintenance of equipment.

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17 December 1944

The division was alerted for movement S into V Corps sector 171115A December 1944 and was released from attachment to XIX Corps, Ninth U S Army and attached to V Corps, First U S Army 17 December 1944. The division was relieved of responsibility for defense of its zone at 2030A by the 29th Infantry Division. Leading elements of the division began movement by motor to the south at 1625A to an assembly area vicinity HAUSET, BELGIUM (K826355) and at 2400A the 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, 119th Infantry, and 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion had closed into their assembly area. The remainder of the division was enroute or prepared to move to the south. During the entire move the German Air Force was extremely active bombing and strafing our convoys, causing little damage but with good harrassing effect.

The 117th Regimental Combat Team at 2200A began movement to the south by motor to to an assembly area vicinity HAUSET, BELGIUM (K826355), but the Regiment's orders were changed enroute and it was ordered to continue movement to the south and secure MALMEDY, BELGIUM (K787044). At 2400A the Regiment was enroute to MALMEDY. The Regiment's orders were further changed enroute and one Battalion was ordered to seize and hold STAVELOT.

The 119th Regimental Combat Team at 1630A began movement by motor from vicinity KOHLSCHIED, GERMANY (K842493) to an assembly area vicinity EYNATTEN, BELGIUM (K833338). The 1st Battalion led the Regiment's move with the mission to cover the Division's movement into its assembly area. The Regiment closed into its assembly area at 2200A.

The 120th Infantry continued to maintain defense of the Division's zone and was relieved of that responsibility at 2030A when elements of the 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, relieved Company K in area in Division's zone between INDE and ROER RIVERS. When relief was accomplished the 17th Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, Mechanized, was released from attachment to 120th Infantry and 30th Infantry Division and attached to 29th Infantry Division. The 120th Regimental Combat Team began movement to the south by motor at 2300A from LANGWEILER, GERMANY (K947530) and at 2400A was enroute.

18 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division, less the 117th Regimental Combat Team, 743d Tank Battalion and 3d Platoon, 30th Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized closed into its assembly area vicinity HAUSET, BELGIUM (K826355) at 0605A. At this time the 117th Regimental Combat Team, 743d Tank Battalion, 3d Platoon, 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, with the mission of securing MALMEDY (K787044) and attacking southwest to seize STAVELOT (K716010) were enroute.

At 1000A the Division, less the 117th Regimental Combat Team, 743d Tank Battalion and 3d Platoon, 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, continued movement to the south and at 2400A the Division had closed into its new assembly area vicinity FRANCORCHAMPS, BELGIUM (K738075), established defense of MALMEDY, seized the northwest portion of STAVELOT, attacked to the east and seized STOU MONT (K630027) and HABEMONT (K569985) and stopped the enemy's advance to the west and northwest at STAVELOT, STOU MONT and HABEMONT.

The 117th Infantry, attached 3d Platoon 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Company C, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, closed into an assembly area northwest of

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MALMEDY (K787044) at 0800A. The 1st Battalion continued movement via FRANCORCHAMPS at 0830A to an assembly area N of STAVELOT and attacked S to seize STAVELOT (K716010). The battalion encountered stiff resistance N of STAVELOT, but continued to advance and at 1600A had seized two thirds of the town northwest of the L'ANBIEVE RIVER and occupied defensive positions extending from (K714014) to (K717010) to (K720011). At 0830A the 2d and 3d Battalions began movement from their assembly area and at 1100A the 2d Battalion had occupied defensive positions along the commanding ground between MALMEDY and STAVELOT and the 3d Battalion had established and organized defense of MALMEDY by occupying defensive positions and establishing road blocks south and southeast of the town. Companies "A" and "B" assault gun and mortar platoons, 743d Tank Battalion, attached at 180900A.

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The 119th Infantry attached A Company, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion began movement to the southwest from vicinity EYNATTEN, BELGIUM (K833838) at 1311A by motor via EUPEN (K800273), LIMBOURG (K730260), VERVIERS (K680233), THEUX (K636167) LOUVEIGNE (K572164) to REMOUCHAMPS (K565110), at which point the regiment split and attacked to the southeast in two columns to seize TROIS FONTS (P675988) and block the enemy's drive to the west vicinity STOU MONT. The regiment reached REMOUCHAMPS at approximately 1800A where it split into two columns. One column composed of 1st and 3d Battalions, 3d Battalion leading, drove south and southeast to STOU MONT, BELGIUM (K633026) where the column encountered heavy resistance from tanks and infantry. At 2200A the 3d Battalion established a defensive position east of STOU MONT extending from (K634023) to (K636032). The 1st Battalion reached TARGNON (K613033) at 2022A and established a strong road block at this point and assumed a strong defensive position extending from (K610032) to (K615043). The 2d Battalion moved from REMOUCHAMPS (K565110) east to AYWAILLE (K838103) then south to WERBOMONT (K540000) then east to HABLEMONT (P569984) reaching HABLEMONT at approximately 2200A where it encountered resistance east of the town and established a strong defensive position extending from (P568982) to (P569990).

The 120th RCT closed into an assembly area vicinity HAUSSET, BELGIUM (K826355) at 0430A. The regiment again began movement by motor, to the south at 1026A and closed into an assembly area vicinity MALMEDY, BELGIUM, at 2030A and assumed defensive positions as follows: 1st Battalion (less B Company) (K803052) to (K818057); 2d Battalion (less G Company) (K792059) to (K801064); 3d Battalion (attached B Company) (K760030) to (K790-043). G Company was placed in Division Reserve at 1900A and G Company with D Company 743d Tank Battalion established road blocks at (K717089), (K714070), (K716065) and (K724-064).

19 December 1944.

The 30th Infantry Division continued to maintain defensive positions in vicinity MALMEDY, BELGIUM (K787044), cleared the enemy from STAVELOT (K716010), and held that town against repeated strong enemy attacks from the west, southwest, and east. The division received a strong enemy attack of infantry and armor at STOU MONT, BELGIUM (K633026) and was forced to withdraw to the west but stopped the enemy attack in the vicinity of STOU MONT STATION (K620050), inflicting heavy losses upon the enemy. The division attacked to the southwest from the vicinity of FRANCORCHAMPS, BELGIUM (K738075) to seize La Gleize. All enemy attempts by armor and infantry to drive to the west, northwest and north in the division's sector were stopped.

117th Infantry, attached "C" Company, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion (self-propelled) Companies "A" and "B", assault gun and mortar platoons, 743d Tank Battalion, continued to maintain defensive positions at MALMEDY, BELGIUM (K787044), and on the commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT. The regiment launched an attack to the south at 190830A with 1st Battalion to capture and clean out the southwest portion of STAVELOT,

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and the portion of the town south of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER. The 1st Battalion's attack made slow progress initially and at 190850A a strong enemy counterattack by armor and infantry was repulsed. Advancing slowly, the battalion reduced all enemy resistance in STAVELOT N of L'AMBLEVE RIVER and assumed defensive positions. Repeated strong enemy counterattacks from the W and SW were repulsed through the remainder of the day. At 1930A a squad of men from A Company, 105th Engineer Combat Battalion, led by Capt Rice, blew the bridge at STAVELOT (K71850075). The 2d Battalion continued to maintain defensive positions on the commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT. The regiment was relieved of its mission for the defense of MALMEDY at 190830A when the 3d Battalion, 120th Infantry, relieved the 3d Battalion, 117th Infantry. The battalion, upon being relieved, entrucked and moved to the vicinity of FRANCHORCHAMPS (K738075) from where it attacked to the southwest at 191100A to seize LA GLEIZE, BELGIUM. The battalion stopped and repulsed a strong enemy attack to the north, continued its attack, and at 191600A had seized ROANNE (K677036), COUR (K674056) and RUY (K674058) and established strong defensive positions.

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119th Infantry, attached Co C, 743d Tk Bn, Co A, 823d TD Bn was attacked at 0645A by a strong enemy force of tanks and infantry against the 3d Battalion east of STOU MONT (K630028). The Battalion, after hard fighting during which it suffered heavy losses and the loss of all tank destroyer weapons, withdrew through the 1st Battalion, reorganized, and established a strong road block northwest of STOU MONT at (K620050). By 1500A the 1st Battalion had stopped the enemy 200 yards east of STOU MONT STATION (K620050). 14 enemy tanks and 4 enemy half tracks were destroyed in this action. The 2d Battalion, maintaining defensive positions in the vicinity of HEBBEMONT (P569984), was relieved at 1520A by elements of the 82d Airborne Division and moved to TARGNON (K613033) where it established strong road blocks and assumed defensive positions. The 740th Tank Battalion was attached to the 119th Infantry at 1200A. The Regiment with attachments was attached to XVIII Corps at 1530A. Company C, 743d Tank Battalion was released from attachment at 2100A.

120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion in Division Reserve) attached 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, Company B, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, maintained active defense of its sector. The 3d Battalion relieved the 3d Battalion of the 117th Infantry of its defensive positions south and southeast of MALMEDY, BELGIUM (K878044) and assumed responsibility for the defense of MALMEDY. The Regiment actively patrolled its sector and maintained contact with the 1st Infantry Division.

20 December 1944

Throughout the day 30th Infantry Division, reinforced, maintained and improved defensive positions in the MALMEDY - STAVELOT area, while to the west an attack was launched to take STOU MONT and LA GLEIZE. The 117th Infantry attacked STAVELOT from the northeast and the 119th Infantry attacked STOU MONT from the west under XVIII Corps control. The 119th Infantry with attachments reverted to Division control at 1500A. Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division (Composition: Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Combat Command "B"; 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment; Headquarters 33d Armored Regiment; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 33d Armored Regiment; Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 33d Armored Regiment; Companies A, B, D, E, F, and I, 33d Armored Regiment; 1st Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, Armored Regiment; 1st and 2d Platoons, Company D, 23d Engineer Battalion) assisted 119th Infantry and elements of the 117th Infantry in their attack on LA GLEIZE and STOU MONT and at 1700A was attached to the Division.

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30th Infantry Division, with attachments, detached from V Corps and attached to XVIII Corps at 1300A.

117th Infantry, attached Companies A and B, Assault Gun and Mortar Platoons, 743d Tank Battalion; Company C, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion; Companies E and F, 120th Infantry, maintained its defense of STAVELOT and the high ground northeast there of, and attacked southwest with 3d Battalion at 0800A to seize LA GLEIZE and cut the LA GLEIZE - STAVELOT road at HALTE DE ROANNE-COO (K671020). At 1212A, Company K had entered the northern portion of town and was held up by strong resistance from armored infantry. Task Force "M", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division assisted Company K in its attack and at 1800A Task Force "M" and Company K renewed the attack which was repulsed by strong enemy resistance and they were forced to withdraw to defensive positions north of the town. The 3d Battalion, less Company K, remained in defensive positions in vicinity ROANNE (K676036) and MAULIN (K687045), and Task Force "L", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division attacked south through their positions. Company F, 120th Infantry was attached to 117th Infantry at 0700A and further attached to the 1st Battalion. Company F moved into defensive positions on the northeast flank of the 1st Battalion and assisted that unit in its defense of STAVELOT. During the day repeated attacks by enemy armor and infantry from the southwest and west were repulsed and several enemy attempts to establish a bridgehead at (K718007) over the L'AMBLEVE RIVER were stopped, and a small enemy bridgehead in the vicinity CHALLES (K730010) was driven back across the river. 2d Battalion continued to maintain defensive positions and established an outpost line from (K730011) to (K743008) to (K747010) to (K753012). Task Force "L", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division and Company E, 120th Infantry were attached to 117th Infantry at 2100A and plans were made to attack east from PETIT-COO to join up with the forces at STAVELOT.

119th Infantry, attached Company A, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion; 740th Tank Battalion; Company B (less one Platoon) 105th Engineer Combat Battalion; 197th Field Artillery Battalion; 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, remained attached to XVIII Corps until 1500A at which time it reverted to Division control. The Regiment launched an attack at 1600A to the east with the 1st and 3d Battalions in conjunction with Task Force "J", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, to seize STOUMONT. Stiff resistance was encountered but by 1800A the Regiment had advanced to within 500 yards of the town where it was stopped by heavy resistance from infantry, tanks, and direct fire weapons. At 2100A the 119th Infantry, with attachments, was attached to Task Force "Harrison," 30th Infantry Division.

120th Infantry, less 2d Battalion, attached Company B, 740th Tank Battalion; Company B, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, and 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, less 3d Platoon, continued to occupy defensive positions and road blocks in vicinity MALMEDY and actively patrolled to the south. The 1st Battalion began movement at 1330A and occupied strong defensive positions along the commanding ground extending from (K801030) to (K810034) to (K820030) to (K830025) and maintained contact with the 1st Infantry Division. 2d Battalion in Division Reserve continued to maintain road blocks at (K726068) and (K718089). Company F attached to 117th Infantry at 0700A and assumed defensive positions vicinity (K714023). The 2d Battalion, less, remained in an assembly area vicinity FRANCORCHAMPS (K733077). Company E attached to 117th Infantry at 2100A. 3d Platoon, 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, attached to Regiment at 2100A, making the entire Troop attached.

Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, attached 30th Infantry Division at 1700A. Task Force "J" assisted the 119th Infantry in its attack to seize STOUMONT. Task Force

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"M" assisted 117th Infantry in its attempt to seize LA GLEIZE, and Task Force "L" attacked and established road blocks at (K680015), (K682007), and (K678992). Leading elements of Task Force "L" reached (K681992). Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, less Task Force "L", was attached to Task Force "Harrison" at 2100A. Task Force "L" was attached to 117th Infantry at 2100A. Company K, 117th Infantry was attached to Task Force "M". Composition of Task Forces: Task Force "L" - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Battalion, 33d Armored Regiment; Company B, 33d Armored Regiment; Companies D and E, 33d Armored Regiment, Company E, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment; 1st Platoon, Reconnaissance Company, Armored Regiment; 1st Platoon, Company D, 23d Engineer Battalion. Task Force "M" - Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 33d Armored Regiment; 2d Battalion, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment (less Companies E and F); Company I, 33d Armored Regiment; 2d Platoon, Company D, 23d Engineer Battalion. Task Force "J" - Headquarters 33d Armored Regiment; Companies A and F, 33d Armored Regiment; Company F, 36th Armored Infantry Regiment; Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, Combat Command "B". 2145

At 2100A, Task Force "Harrison" was constituted, consisting of 119th Infantry; Company A, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion; 740th Tank Battalion; Company B (less one Platoon) 105th Engineer Combat Battalion; 197th Field Artillery Battalion; 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion and Combat Command "B" (less Task Force "L"), 3d Armored Division, was given the mission of seizing STOU MONT and continuing west to take LA GLEIZE and make contact with the 117th Infantry.

21 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division, reinforced, continued to maintain and improve defensive positions at STAVELOT (K717010) on the commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT and at MALMEDY (K788045) and attacked to the southeast at 0830A to clear the Division zone north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER and southwest of STAVELOT of enemy. STER (K696008), RENARDMONT (K704010), and PARFONDRAY were captured. At 1040A the Division attacked south and west to seize LA GLEIZE, advanced approximately 1,000 yards against heavy resistance but was unable to seize LA GLEIZE. The Division repulsed strong enemy attacks of infantry and armor west of STOU MONT (K630027) and attacked to the east to seize STOU MONT at 1245A, but the attack was unsuccessful due to stiff enemy resistance.

117th Infantry, with attachments, attacked to the southeast at 0830A with the 3d Battalion (less Company K), advanced approximately 3,000 yards against light to heavy resistance and captured STER (K696008) and RENARDMONT (K704010). Task Force "L", attached Company E, 120th Infantry, continued to maintain road blocks and attacked to the east against heavy resistance and at 1038A captured PARFONDRAY (K705005). The Regiment continued to maintain defensive positions at STAVELOT (K717010) and northeast of STAVELOT, repulsing repeated enemy attempts to cross the L'AMBLEVE RIVER.

Task Force "Harrison" repulsed strong enemy attacks west of STOU MONT (K630027) and attacked to the east and southeast at 1245A to seize STOU MONT, but the attack was unsuccessful due to heavy resistance from enemy infantry, tanks, and direct fire weapons. Task Force "M", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division (attached Company K, 117th Infantry) attacked to the south and west at 1040A to seize LA GLEIZE (K657032), advanced approximately 1,000 yards against stiff resistance, but was unable to seize the town. Company B, 740th Tank Battalion was attached to 120th Infantry 0001A and moved during the night to vicinity MALMEDY. co. K in
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120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion) attached Company B, 740th Tank Battalion;

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Company B, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion; 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized; 291st Engineer Combat Battalion, continued to maintain defensive positions and road blocks vicinity of MALMEDY (K788045), and defensive positions along commanding ground extending from (K801030) to (K810034) to (K820030) to (K830025) and maintained contact with 1st Infantry Division. The Regiment repulsed repeated enemy attacks by armor and infantry, destroying seven (7) enemy tanks. Companies E and F attached to 117th Infantry. The 2d Battalion, less those Companies, in Division Reserve, maintained road blocks in the vicinity FRANCORCHAMPS (K733077).

1st Battalion, 551st Parachute Infantry, reinforced, attached to 30th Infantry Division at 0900A and closed into an assembly area vicinity STER (K750085) at 2015A.

Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division (less Task Force "L") attached to Task Force "Harrison". Task Force "L" attached to 117th Infantry.

22 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division, reinforced, continued to maintain defensive positions at MALMEDY (K788045) and improved its positions in the STAVELOT (K717010) area. The Division attacked to the east and advanced against strong enemy resistance seizing ROUAT (K632030), and STOUMONT (K630027), and advanced approximately 800 yards against heavy resistance in its attack to the west to seize LA GLEIZE (K657032), but was unable to seize the town.

The 117th Infantry (less Company K) with attachments, continued to maintain defensive positions at STAVELOT (K717010) along commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT, at STER (K696008), and RENARDMONT (K704010). Task Force "L" attached Company E, 120th Infantry, continued to maintain road blocks and attacked to the southeast at 220800A to clear enemy from area southwest of STAVELOT, but due to unfavorable terrain and stiff resistance was unable to advance. One Platoon, Company A, attacked to the southeast at 0830A and by 1100A had advanced approximately 400 yards against heavy resistance and assumed defensive positions, improving the 1st Battalion's defensive positions at STAVELOT. Company F, 120th Infantry, detached at 1200A and reattached at 1930A occupied defensive position northwest of STAVELOT. Company E, 120th Infantry, began moving to the west at 1300A and occupied road block at (K682007) at 1600A.

Task Force "Harrison" attacked to the southeast at 1300A with the 3d Battalion, 119th Infantry, and Task Force "J", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, advanced against heavy resistance from infantry and tanks, and at 1430A captured and cleaned out ROUAT (K630027). At 1430A the 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry attacked to seize STOUMONT (K630027), advanced against stiff resistance, and by 1515A the Battalion had seized its objective. Task Force "M", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, attacked to the west at 1430A to seize LA GLEIZE (K657032), advanced approximately 800 yards against stiff resistance from infantry and tanks, but was unable to seize objective.

120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion) with attachments, continued to maintain and improve its defensive positions in its sector and maintained contact with the 1st Infantry Division. The 1st Battalion repulsed an enemy attack by infantry at 1300A. 2d Battalion, less Companies E and F, in Division Reserve, occupied defensive positions extending from (K742043) to (K757047). Companies E and F attached to 117th Infantry.

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1ST 1st Battalion, 551st Parachute Infantry, reinforced, in Division Reserve, prepared defensive positions extending from (K700055) to (K720042) to (K741052).

Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division (less Task Force "L") attached to Task Force "Harrison". Task Force "L" attached to 117th Infantry.

23 December 1944

30th Infantry Division, reinforced, continued to maintain defensive positions at MALMEDY (K788045), improved its defensive positions in the STAVELOT area (K717010); cleaned out a large portion of the woods in vicinity of ARRET DE COO (K682003) north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER, and attacked from the east and west to seize LA GLEIZE (K657030), advancing approximately 1,500 yards east from STOU MONT against heavy resistance from tanks, infantry, mines, and self-propelled guns, but was unable to seize LA GLEIZE. At dark the Division held positions north, east, and west of the town with the L'AMBLEVE RIVER on the south.

117th Infantry (less Company K) with attachments, continued to maintain defensive positions at STAVELOT (K717010) along commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT, at STER (K696008), RERNARDMONT (K704010), and PARFONDRA Y (K705005). The Regiment attacked south at 0830A with Company E, 120th Infantry, and Company L, 117th Infantry, encountering heavy resistance from small arms and automatic weapons, and cleaned out a large portion of the woods in vicinity ARRET DE COO (K682003) north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER. 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry was attached to 117th Infantry at 1830A and Company G, 120th Infantry further attached to 3d Battalion at 1830A. Company F, 120th Infantry, moved at 1545A to defensive positions vicinity ARRET DE COO, reinforcing Company E, 120th Infantry and Company L, 117th Infantry.

Task Force "Harrison" attacked to the east and northeast at 0830A with the 1st and 3d Battalions, 119th Infantry, and Task Force "J", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, and attacked to the west with Task Force "M" and Company K, 117th Infantry, to seize LA GLEIZE (K657030). 1st and 3d Battalions, 119th Infantry, and Task Force "J", advanced approximately 1,500 yards against heavy resistance from enemy infantry, tanks, mines, and self-propelled weapons, but was unable to seize objective due to the unfavorable terrain and heavy enemy resistance, and at 1700A the 1st Battalion occupied defensive positions extending from (K652023) to (K651031), and the 3d Battalion and Task Force "J", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, occupied positions extending from (K651031) to (K651036) to (K657035). Task Force "M", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, and Company K, 117th Infantry, were unable to advance due to stiff enemy resistance and occupied defensive positions extending from (K662035) to (K661028). 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry, in Task Force Reserve, moved to the east and assumed defensive positions extending from (K645029) to (K645033) at 1500A from Borgo

120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion) with attachments continued to maintain active defense of MALMEDY (K788045), patrolled in its sector, and maintained contact with 1st Infantry Division. 2d Battalion, less Companies E and F, relieved from Division Reserve 1830A and the entire Battalion attached 117th Infantry.

1st Battalion, 551st Parachute Infantry Regiment, reinforced, in Division Reserve, continued to dig in defensive positions and prepared plans for counterattack in the Division sector.

517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team, less 1st Battalion and one

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Company attached to 30th Infantry Division at 1000A and closed into an assembly area vicinity XHOFFRAIX (K822029) at 1700A.

Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, less Task Force "L", attached to Task Force "Harrison" and assisted that unit in its attack to seize LA GLEIZE, Task Force "L" attached to 117th Infantry, continued to maintain road blocks and defensive positions in the vicinity of PARRONDRAY (K705005).

24 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division, reinforced, continued to maintain and improve defensive positions in the MALMEDY (K788045 STAVELOT (K717010) area, attacked and cleaned the enemy out of a large portion of the woods in vicinity ARRET DE COO (K682003) and captured LA GLEIZE.

117th Infantry, less Company K, attached 2d Battalion 120th Infantry; Company C, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion; 743d Tank Battalion; Task Force "L", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, continued to maintain defensive positions at STAVELOT (K717010) and along commanding ground northeast STAVELOT. The Regiment attacked to the south at 0900A with 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry (less Company G) attached Company L, 117th Infantry, encountering heavy resistance from infantry and tanks, and cleaned up a large portion of the woods in the vicinity of ARRET DE COO (K682003) north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER. 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry (less Company G) attached Company L, 117th Infantry, attached to Task Force "Harrison" at 1745A. Company K, 117th Infantry, released from attachment Task Force "Harrison" and reverted to Regimental control at 1200A. Task Force "L", Combat Command "B", relieved from attachment at 1400A. Companies C and D, 743d Tank Battalion, attached to 117th Infantry 1650A.

Task Force "Harrison" attacked to the southeast at 0730A with 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry, and Task Force "J", Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division, and captured the town of LA GLEIZE at 1040A. The Battalion and Task Force "J" continued its attack to the south and southeast and assisted 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry, in its attack in vicinity ARRET DE COO north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER. 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry, attacked to the northeast at 0745A and cleared that area south of LA GLEIZE, and north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER of enemy. 3d Battalion, 119th Infantry, attacked to the east at 0815A and assisted the 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry, and Task Force "J" in the capture of LA GLEIZE. The Task Force captured 128 prisoners and released 170 American officers and men who had been captured previously by the enemy. Task Force "Harrison", during the period, captured LA GLEIZE, and cleared its zone north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER of enemy. In clearing the STOUMONT - LA GLEIZE pocket, the Task Force captured or destroyed 39 tanks, 70 half-tracks, 33 large caliber guns, and 30 other vehicles.

The 120th Infantry, less 2d Battalion, with attachments, continued to maintain an active defense of MALMEDY (K788045), defense, patrolling in its sector, and maintained contact with the 1st Infantry Division.

1st Battalion, 551st Parachute Regiment, reinforced, assembled in Division Reserve in vicinity STER (K747084).

517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team (less 1st Battalion) prepared and occupied defensive positions vicinity GDOUMONT (K815055) to add depth to the defense of that sector and prepared plans for counterattack in the Division sector.

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Combat Command "B", 3d Armored Division (less Task Force "L") attached Task Force "Harrison" and assisted that unit in its attack to seize LA GLEIZE. Task Force "L" attached to the 117th Infantry, continued to maintain road blocks and defensive positions in vicinity PARFONDRAY. Combat Command "B" relieved of attachment 30th Infantry Division at 1400A.

25 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division, reinforced, continued to maintain and improve defensive positions in the MALMEDY (K788045), STAVELOT (K717040) area, and maintained defense of the river line north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER from TARGNON (K608034), through STOU MONT (K630028), LA GLEIZE (K657030), to ARRET DE COO (K682004), and reduced all enemy resistance north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER between STAVELOT (K717010) and TROIS PONTS (P674987). The Division maintained blocks at bridges across the L'AMBLEVE RIVER at (K640016), (K663019), (K679010), and (P677990), and maintained contact with the 82d Airborne Division at (K678010) and (P677990). The Division's troops were bombed in the MALMEDY - STAVELOT area by friendly aircraft for the past three (3) days causing considerable loss of personnel and Government property. B-26's bombed on 23 December, B-17's 24 December, and A-20's 25 December.

The 117th Infantry, attached 743d Tank Battalion; Company C, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, continued to maintain defensive positions at STAVELOT (K717010) and along commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT. At 1450A Task Force "Harrison" was dissolved and the 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry (less Company G) attached Company L, 117th Infantry, and 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry were attached to the 117th Infantry, and the Regiment, with those units and Company K, continued the attack and reduced all enemy resistance north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER between STAVELOT (K717010) and TROIS PONTS (P674987).

Task Force "Harrison" (Consisting of: 119th Infantry; Company A, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion; 740th Tank Battalion (less Company B); 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry (less Company G); attached Company L, 117th Infantry) continued to maintain defense of the river line north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER from TARGNON (K608034) through STOU MONT (K630028), LA GLEIZE (K657030), to ARRET DE COO (K682004) and attacked to the south at 1040A with the 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry (less Company G) attached Company L, 117th Infantry, and 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry, to reduce enemy resistance north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER between STAVELOT (K717010) and TROIS PONTS (P674987). Progress of the attack was slow due to thick woods and rough terrain, but by 1450A the Task Force had cleared a large portion of its zone of enemy and was continuing to advance. The Task Force was dissolved at 1450A and the 119th Infantry, less 2d Battalion, reverted to Regimental control; 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry, and 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry (less Company G) were attached to 117th Infantry; Company L, 117th Infantry, reverted to control of the 117th Infantry; and the 740th Tank Battalion (less Company B) and Company A, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion were attached to 119th Infantry.

The 119th Infantry (less 2d Battalion) with attachments continued to maintain defense of the river line north of the L'AMBLEVE RIVER from TARGNON (K608034), through STOU MONT (K630028), LA GLEIZE (K657030), to ARRET DE COO (K688004). The Regiment holds blocks at the following bridges across the L'AMBLEVE RIVER: (K640016), (K663019), (K679010), and (P677990), and contact is maintained with the 82d Airborne Division at the bridges at (K679010) and (P677990).

120th Infantry, less 2d Battalion, Attached Company B, 823d Tank Destroyer Bat-

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talion; Company B, 740th Tank Battalion; 30th Reconnaissance Troop Mechanized; 291st Engineer Combat Battalion, continued to maintain defense of its sector and contact with 1st Infantry Division.

1st Battalion, 551st Parachute Infantry, reinforced, relieved from attachment 30th Infantry Division 0930A.

517th Parachute Infantry Regimental Combat Team (less 1st Battalion and one Company) relieved from attachment 30th Infantry Division 0800A. Sufficient trucks to move the Regimental Combat Team were furnished by the Division and Division Military Police were used to control traffic and mark the route of the Regimental Combat Team to AYWAILLE (K535102).

26 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division, reinforced, continued to maintain defensive positions, area MALMEDY (K788045), STAVELOT (K717040), and vicinity TROIS PONTS (K674987), and maintained contact with the 82d Airborne Division and the 1st Infantry Division. The Division was disposed at 2400A as shown on overlay Number 3.

The 117th Infantry, attached 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry; 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry; 743d Tank Battalion; Company C, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, continued to maintain defensive positions of STAVELOT (K717010) along commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT and north of L'AMBLEVE RIVER between STAVELOT and TROIS PONTS (K674987). 2d Battalion, 119th Infantry, relieved by 2d Battalion 120th Infantry, at 1400A and relieved from attachment to 117th Infantry.

The 119th Infantry, attached 740th Tank Battalion (less Company B); Company A, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, maintained an active defense of its sector and contact with adjacent units and maintained blocks at the following bridges across L'AMBLEVE RIVER (K640016), (K663019), (K679010), and (P677990). 2d Battalion released from attachment to 117th Infantry and placed in Division Reserve at 1400A, moved and closed into an assembly area vicinity STER (K753078) at 1530A.

The 120th Infantry, less 2d Battalion, attached Company B, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion; Company B, 740th Tank Battalion; 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized; 291st Engineer Combat Battalion, continued to maintain defense of MALMEDY (K788045), defense and patrolling of its sector, and contact with 1st Infantry Division.

27 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division continued to maintain defensive positions in its zone and readjusted units within its zone.

The 117th Infantry, attached 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry; 743d Tank Battalion; Company C, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, continued to maintain defensive positions of STAVELOT (K717010) along commanding ground northeast of STAVELOT and north of L'AMBLEVE RIVER between STAVELOT and TROIS PONTS (K674987). 2d Battalion was relieved by 1st Battalion, 119th Infantry, at 2056A and the Battalion moved to an assembly area vicinity (K745027). The 743d Tank Battalion, less Company D (less one Platoon) and Assault Gun Platoon, relieved from attachment at 1500A.

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The 119th Infantry, less 2d Battalion, attached 1 Platoon, Company "D", and mortar Platoon, 743d Tank Battalion; 740th Tank Battalion, less "B" Company, continued to out-post the L'AMBLEVE RIVER and maintain road blocks in its sector until 1500A. At this time the regiment was assigned a new sector. The 1st Battalion relieved the 2d Battalion, 117th Infantry, at 2056A and assumed responsibility for the defense of its sector along the commanding ground Northeast of STAVELOT (K717010), extending from (K734020) to (K754019) to (K760026). The 3d Battalion, placed in division reserve at 1500A, closed into an assembly area vicinity STOUMONT (K630028) at 1700A. The 2d Battalion, division reserve, remained in an assembly area in vicinity STER (K753078). The battalion was released from division reserve at 1500A. The 740th Tank Battalion, less "B" Company, released from attachment at 1500A and reverted to division reserve.

The 120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion), attached 99th Infantry Battalion; 526th Armored Infantry Battalion; 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized; "B" Company, 743d Tank Battalion; "B" Company, 740th Tank Battalion, continued to maintain defense of MALMEDY (K788045), defense and patrolling of its sector, contact with the 1st Inf Div, and at 1600A Company "C", 99th Infantry Battalion, raided the town of HEDOMONT (K795022) to gain enemy information and prisoners. At 1645A the raiders withdrew with 1 enemy prisoner, leaving 14 enemy dead. The 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, was released from attachment at 1500A and reverted to division reserve. "B" Company, 740th Tank Battalion, reverted to battalion control at 1500A. "B" Company, 743d Tank Battalion, attached at 1500A. "B" Company 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, released from attachment at 1500A. The 291st Engineer Combat Battalion was released from attachment to the 120th Infantry and the division at 271200A December 44 and reverted to FIRST ARMY control.

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The 30th Infantry Division continued to maintain and improve defensive positions and readjusted units within its zone.

The 117th Infantry, attached 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry; "D" Company, less 1 Platoon and Assault Gun Platoon, 743d Tank Battalion, continued to maintain defense of STAVELOT vicinity (K717010) and north of L'AMBLEVE RIVER between STAVELOT and TROIS PONTS (K674987). The 2d Battalion relieved the 2d Battalion, 120th Infantry, and Companies "K" and "L", 117th Infantry, at 281145A. Companies "K" and "L" moved to an assembly area vicinity ROANNE (K678036).

The 119th Infantry (less 3d Battalion in division reserve), attached 1 platoon, Company "D", and Mortar Platoon, 743d Tank Battalion, improved its defensive positions along commanding ground northeast STAVELOT, and maintained active patrolling of its sector. The 2d Battalion moved from STER, vicinity (K753078) at 280910A and occupied defensive positions in regimental sector at 281145A relieving elements of 120th Infantry in its zone. The 3d Battalion (division reserve) moved by motor and closed into assembly area vicinity STER (K753078) at 281655A December 1944.

The 120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion), attached 526th Armored Infantry Battalion; 99th Infantry Battalion; "B" Company, 743d Tank Battalion, continued to maintain defense of MALMEDY (K788045), defense and patrolling of its sector, and contact with 1st Infantry Division. 2d Battalion, in division reserve, was relieved by 2d Battalion, 117th Infantry, at 281145A, moved and closed into an assembly area vicinity XHOFFAIX vicinity (K818077) at 281925A, and at close of period were preparing defensive positions and counterattack plans.

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29 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division continued to maintain and improve defensive positions and conducted vigorous patrolling in its zone.

117th Infantry, attached "D" Company (less one platoon) and Assault Gun Platoon, 743d Tank Battalion, maintained active defense in regimental sector. 3d Battalion reorganized its defense in the STER (K753078), PARFONDROY (K705005) area. Aggressive patrolling and reconnaissance was carried on during the period.

119th Infantry (less 3d Battalion, in division reserve), attached 1 platoon, Company "D", and Mortar Platoon, 743d Tank Battalion, continued to improve its defensive positions and maintained active patrolling of its sector. 3d Battalion preparing counter-attack plans with the Commanding Officer, 119th Infantry, and Commanding Officer, 117th Infantry, for counterattack within regimental zone.

120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion, in division reserve), attached 526th Armored Infantry Battalion; 99th Infantry Battalion; "B" Company, 743d Tank Battalion, continued to hold defensive positions in its sector. At 291630A "B" Company, 99th Infantry Battalion, raided the town of STAIMONT, vicinity (K777022). The attack was supported by artillery fire, mortar and machine gun fire from 1st and 3d Battalions, 120th Infantry. The company entered the town against no opposition and returned to present location at 291755A. Active patrolling was constant throughout the period.

At 292400A the division was disposed as shown on Overlay No. 4.

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The 30th Infantry Division continued to maintain and improve defensive positions and conducted vigorous patrolling in its zone.

31 December 1944

The 30th Infantry Division continued to maintain defensive positions at MALMEDY (K788045) and STAVELOT (K717010), and maintain defense of its sector north of L'AMBLEVE RIVER between STAVELOT and TROIS PONTS (K674987). Aggressive patrolling and reconnaissance was carried on throughout the period.

117th Infantry, attached Company "D" (less 1 platoon) and Assault Gun Platoon, 743d Tank Battalion, improved its defensive positions and continued to aggressively patrol its sector. 3d Battalion was in regimental reserve vicinity MOULIN-DU-RUY (K684042).

119th Infantry (less 3d Battalion, in division reserve), attached 1 platoon, Company "D", and Mortar Platoon, 743d Tank Battalion, continued to occupy and improve its defensive positions and maintained active patrolling of its sector throughout the period.

120th Infantry (less 2d Battalion, in division reserve), attached 526th Armored Infantry; 99th Infantry Battalion, and Company "B", 743d Tank Battalion, improved its positions, maintained active defense of its sector and continued to actively patrol its zone.

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For dispositions of all units of the division at 312400A December 44, see Overlay No 5.

The 30th Division Artillery, reinforced, supported the 30th Infantry Division in defense of its sector 17 December 1944. The 70th Field Artillery Battalion was released from attachment at 172050A. The Division Artillery began movement to the south under regimental combat team control at 171800A, and, less 118th Field Artillery Battalion, closed into an assembly area vicinity HAUSET, BELGIUM (K826355) at 180430A. 118th Field Artillery Battalion, attached to 117th Regimental Combat Team, continued movement to the south and closed into present positions in vicinity MALMEDY (K787044) at 180800A, from which it supported that unit's attack to seize STAVELOT. The remainder of the Division Artillery moved from the vicinity of HAUSET, BELGIUM (K826355) to present positions 18 December with the 230th Field Artillery and 197th Field Artillery under Regimental Combat Team control. During the period 18-31 December the division artillery, reinforced, supported the division in its defense and attack by firing close support, interdiction, harassing, and counterbattery missions. The 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion, 105mm Self-propelled, was attached 181100A and given the mission of reinforcing fires of the 197th Field Artillery Battalion. The 119th Regimental Combat Team, (attached 197th and 400th Armored Field Artillery Battalion) was attached to XVIII Corps at 191530A. 941st Field Artillery Battalion (4.5 guns) was attached to Division Artillery 191200A and released from attachment at 201200A. 391st Field Artillery Battalion was attached to Division Artillery at 201200A and placed in general support. It was released from attachment at 241330A. 119th Regimental Combat Team reverted to Division control at 201500A. 18th Field Artillery Battalion was attached at 201200A and placed in general support. It was released from attachment 241330A. 460th Field Artillery Battalion (75mm Pack Howitzers) attached at 231700A and released from attachment 250800A. 76th Field Artillery Battalion attached at 241330A and placed in general support. "A" Company, 86th Chemical Mortar Battalion, was attached to 30th Infantry Division at 252100A December 1944 and further attached to Division Artillery and placed in general support. One platoon, C Company, 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion, was attached to Division Artillery for secondary mission 281000A. Battery "A", 290th Observation Battalion was attached Division Artillery 281000A. During period 28-30 December, there were no change in the division artillery. At 310600A December the 401st Field Artillery Group was attached to Division Artillery and placed in general support.

The 30th Reconnaissance Troop, Mechanized, began movement from vicinity KOHLSCHEID, GERMANY (K842493) at 171600A to the south with the mission of covering the division's move to an assembly area vicinity HAUSET, BELGIUM (K826355) and at 171800A the Troop had closed into the division's assembly area and established road blocks at (K884301), (K853305), (K842296), (K855203), and (K814205). At 174200A the 3d Platoon was given the mission to precede the 117th Infantry and screen that unit's move to MALMEDY, BELGIUM (K787044), and accomplished its mission at 180800A when it closed into an assembly area northwest of MALMEDY. The platoon, under division control, reconnoitered likely avenues of enemy approach to the division zone. The Troop, less the 3d Platoon, continued movement to the south at 181000A, screened the division's move to the vicinity of MALMEDY, and closed into an assembly area vicinity XHOFPRAIX, BELGIUM (K820080) at 181700A. The troop, less the 3d Platoon was attached to the 120th Infantry, at 182150A. During the period 19-20 December the troop, less the 3d Platoon, attached to the 120th Infantry, assisted that unit in defense and patrolling of its sector, and maintained contact with the 1st Infantry Division on the division's left flank. The 3d Platoon, under division control, continued to reconnoiter likely avenues of enemy approach to the division zone, and at 202100A was attached to the 120th Infantry, thus making the entire troop attached

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to the 120th Infantry. During the period 21-27 December, the troop was attached to the 120th Infantry, assisted that unit in defense and patrolling of its sector, reconnoitered roads in the regimental zone and maintained contact between the 120th Infantry and the 16th Infantry of the 1st Infantry Division. The troop was released from attachment to the 120th Infantry and reverted to division reserve at 271500A December 1944. The troop in division reserve remained in assembly area vicinity (K839063), 28 December 1944. During period 29-31 December, the troop moved to assembly area vicinity (K722146) and conducted training in dismounted patrolling.

The 743d Tank Battalion, during the period 17-31 December, moved with and supported the division in its attack and defense. The battalion began movement to the south at 0300A from vicinity LANGWEILER, GERMANY (K947530) to an assembly area vicinity HAUSET, BELGIUM (K826355), but orders were changed enroute and the battalion continued movement to the south and closed into an assembly area vicinity XHOFFRAIX, BELGIUM (K820080), at 180900A. Companies "A" and "B" and Assault Gun and Mortar Platoon were attached to 117th Infantry and assisted that unit in its defense of MALMEDY and its attack and defense of STAVELOT. "C" Company was attached to 119th Infantry and "D" Company placed in division reserve at 181900A. "C" Company assisted the 119th Infantry in its defense of STOUMONT (K630028) on December 19, knocking out six (6) enemy tanks and three (3) enemy half tracks. "C" Company was released from attachment to the 119th Infantry at 192100A and reverted to division reserve. "D" Company was released from division reserve and attached to the 120th Infantry at 200930A moving to a threatened sector vicinity BURNEVILLE (K760048). It was detached from that unit and reverted to division reserve at 211448A. "C" and "D" Companies were relieved from division reserve and attached to 117th Infantry at 241650A, thus making the entire battalion attached to that unit. The battalion remained attached to 117th Infantry until 271500A, at which time the Battalion, less "B" and "D" Companies, Assault Gun and Mortar Platoons, was placed in Division Reserve. "D" Company (less 1 Platoon) and Assault Gun Platoon remained attached to the 117th Infantry. One Platoon of "D" Company and Mortar Platoon were attached to 119th Infantry. "B" Company was attached to 120th Infantry.

The 740th Tank Battalion was attached to the 30th Infantry Division at 191200A and further attached to the 119th Infantry. During the period 19-28 December the battalion supported the division in its attack and defense. The battalion was released of attachment 119th Infantry and attached to Task Force Harrison at 202100A. "B" Company was relieved from attachment to Task Force Harrison and attached to the 120th Infantry at 202140A. The battalion, less "B" Company, released from attachment to Task Force Harrison at 251450A and attached to 119th Infantry. At 271500A the battalion was released from attachment to 119th Infantry and 120th Infantry and placed in division reserve. 28 December, the battalion, in division reserve, remained in assembly area vicinity (K746085) and was relieved of attachment 30th Infantry Division 282400A December 1944.

The 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion began movement to the south from MARIADORF, GERMANY (K917525) at 171650A and closed into new assembly area vicinity HAUSET, BELGIUM at 171845A. "C" Company was attached to 117th Infantry and at 182400A was enroute with that unit to MALMEDY, BELGIUM (K787044) and supported that unit in its attack and defense. "A" Company was attached to 119th Infantry at 181100A and moved with that unit to the vicinity of STOUMONT, BELGIUM (K633026). The Battalion, less "A" and "C" Companies, began movement to the south from HAUSET, BELGIUM and closed into an assembly area vicinity MALMEDY, BELGIUM (K787044) at 181800A. "B" Company was attached to 120th Infantry, at 181800A. During the period 18-31 December, the battalion supported the division in its attack and defense and provided antitank protection to the division zone. Eight (8) guns were lost by "A" Company, 19 December, when positions were overrun by enemy in vicinity STOUMONT. "A" Company released from attachment to 119th Infantry and

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attached to Task Force Harrison at 202100A. On the 21st of December the battalion was given the mission of planning and putting into position the guns of the 110th and 143d Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalions used in secondary role as tank destroyers. The mission was completed at 211800A. "A" Company released from attachment to Task Force Harrison at 251450A and reattached to the 119th Infantry. During the period 17-31 December the battalion destroyed 14 enemy tanks and 13 miscellaneous vehicles. Companies "A", "E", and "C" were released from attachment to the infantry regiments at 271500A and reverted to battalion control. The 110th Antiaircraft Gun Battalion, attached Batteries "B" and "C", 143d Antiaircraft Gun Battalion and Battery "D", 694th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons, Battalion, were attached to 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion for antimechanized defense of the division zone. One platoon, attached to 30th Division Artillery for secondary mission 28 December 1944.

The 105th Engineer Combat Battalion began movement to the south under regimental combat team control at 171630A, and by 182400A had closed into new locations with the regiments. The battalion opened its new CP (K682115) at 181845A. During the period 19-31 December, the battalion continued to give normal engineer support to the division with one company in support of each regiment. During the period the battalion maintained main supply routes, water points, removed enemy minefields, maintained road blocks, prepared bridges for demolition, and guarded and blew bridges across the L'AMELEVE RIVER.

The 291st Engineer Combat Battalion at 210040A was attached to the 30th Infantry Division and reattached to the 120th Infantry. The battalion, during the period 21-27 December, assisted the 120th Infantry in defense of its sector and provided normal engineer support by maintaining road blocks, clearing MALMEDY of Debris, and laying mine fields. The battalion released from attachment to 120th Infantry and 30th Infantry Division at 271200A December 44.

The 531st Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons, Battalion began movement to the south with the Division Artillery and by 182400A had closed into new positions in the MALMEDY - STAVELCT - FRANCORCHAMPS - STOUJONT area. During the period 19-31 December the battalion gave antiaircraft protection to the Division Artillery and incidental protection to the division zone.

The 110th Antiaircraft Gun Battalion attached to 30th Infantry Division 210030A, and during the period 21-31 December, assumed direct fire positions to add depth to the antimechanized defense of the division zone. "D" Battery, 639th Antiaircraft Artillery, Automatic Weapons, Battalion and "B" and "C" Batteries, 143d Antiaircraft Artillery Gun Battalion, attached to the battalion at 241040A. The battalion, with attachments, was attached to the 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion at 271500A. During the period 28-31 December the battalion remained attached to the 823d Tank Destroyer Battalion.

The 143d Antiaircraft Gun Battalion attached to the 30th Infantry Division at 210030A and during the period 21-24 December assumed direct fire positions to add depth to the antimechanized defense of the division zone. The battalion, less "B" and "C" Batteries, released from attachment to the division, and "B" and "C" Batteries attached to 110th Antiaircraft Gun Battalion at 241040A. During the period 24-31 December, "B" and "C" Batteries remained attached to 110th Antiaircraft Gun Battery.