2 July 1945

Main detachment Corps Hq left Weimar for Dillenburg

10 July 1945

Main detachment Corps Hq left Dillenburg for Camp Twenty Grand (LeHavre)

12 July 1945

Advance Party sailed from Le Havre

19 July 1945

Advance Party arrived in U. S.

22 July 1945

Main Detachment sailed for U. S.

31 July 1945

Main Detachment arrived in U. S.

31 August 1945

General Wyche arrived at Camp Bowie, Texas.

13 June 45 - Arrived in Paris and made arrangements with
Wednesday General Crawford to fly with him to Frankfurt
and then use his plane to VIII Corps Headquar-
ters at Weimar.

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14 June 45 - Arrived Weimar Airfield at 1200
Thursday

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15 June 45 - Spent day at Corps Headquarters
Friday

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16 June 45 - Visited Buchenwald with Colonel Reeves in
Saturday morning

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17 June 45 - Left Weimar at 1300 for Franzenbad, Czechoslo-
Sunday vakia to bring Colonel Thomas to Corps.
Division had farewell party for Colonel Thomas
in the evening.

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18 June 45 - Left Franzenbad at 0830. Arrived in Weimar
Monday at 1200. On the way stopped at 30th Div Hq
in Possneck. In office all afternoon.

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19 June 45 - In office all day.
Tuesday

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20 June 45 - General Haislip, Seventh Army Commander,
Wednesday arrived in morning. General Wyche and Gen-
eral Haislip visited 6th Armored Division
CP in afternoon.

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21 June 45 - General Wyche and General Haislip visited
Thursday Buchenwald and 102nd Division CP in morning.
General Haislip left by plane in afternoon.
Attended party at Elephant Haus in evening.

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22 June 45 - In office all morning. Went to 5th Evac
Friday Hospital in afternoon for eye refraction.

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23 June 45 - Went to Jena to have eyeglasses made at Zeiss
Saturday Plant. Attended stage show at Weimar Music
Hall in evening with General Staff as guests.

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24 June 45 - Visited 76th Division CP for lunch.
Sunday

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16 May 45 - Visited 315th Inf and toured Battalions.
Wednesday Members of General Staff and General Winn were guests at supper.

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17 May 45 - General vistied General Anderson at XVI
Thursday Corps Hdqtrs. in morning. General and Colonel Thomas were guests of Col. Munford for supper and D.P. performance.

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18 May 45 -
Friday

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19 May 45 - Buffet lunch at 1230 for regimental and battalion
Saturday commanders. Heard song dedicated to Gen. Wyche at 1930 - "One More River to Cross".

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20 May 45 - After saying goodbye to commanders lined up with
Sunday colors, Gen. Wyche left Division CP for Paderborn. Departed from Paderborn in B-26 at 1100 for Weisbaden. Arrived at Weisbaden at 1230, had lunch with the Twelfth Army Group staff and left in B-26 for Paris. Arrived in Paris at1600. At Hotel Ritz 21 May.

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21 May 45 - At Hotel Ritz. Spent day touring Paris.

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22 May 45 - Morning spent in getting orders and money changed.
Tuesday Left hotel at 1300 for airport. General Hodges and General Walker, CG XX Corps, in party. Took off at 1545.

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23 May 45 - Arrived in New York at 1515. Party given for
Wednesday Gen. Wyche, Gen. Middleton & aides on 8th floor of Waldorf-Astoria. Saw stage show, "Bloomer Girl."

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24 May 45 - Took off from La Guardia Field at 0830 and arrived
Thursday Atlanta 1430. Parade to Georgian Terrace, reception, dinner with daughter. General left for Pinehurst with daughter for 15-day leave.

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\- FIFTEEN DAY LEAVE -

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11 June 45 - Gen. Wyche arrived in Washington 1000. Had lunch
Monday with General Greer and visited General Handy.

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12 June 45 - Took off from Municipal Airport at 1100 in C-54.
Tuesday Stopped at Newfoundland and Azores.

4 May 45 - General went to clr. station in morning to
Friday have denture adjusted. Spent remainder of day in C.P..

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5 May 45 - General Wyche visited Col. Schriver at his
Saturday C.P.. In the afternoon, General began his exercise period by taking a long walk.

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6 May 45 - General talked to men returning to U. S. on
Sunday rotation. Spent the rest of the day in the C.P..

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7 May 45 - Went to Ordnance in afternoon to inspect
Monday installation. Entertained Jascha Heifetz in the afternoon.

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8 May 45 - Visited three Inf. Regts. and moved C.P. to
Tuesday Neheim. VE Day. Decorated members of 2nd Bn. 315th Inf. in afternoon.

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9 May 45 - In office most of day. Walked about C.P. area
Wednesday in afternoon.

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10 May 45 - Tour of Tank D.P. Camps in and around Arnsberg
Thursday

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11 May 45 - Clearing station in the morning. 314th Inf.
Saturday for supper and D.P. show.

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12 May 45 - Tour of Eng. D.P. Camps.
Friday

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13 May 45 - Div. Arty. in afternoon. Tour of D.P. Camps.
Sunday

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14 May 45 - General talked to men going to States on ro-
Monday tation. In afternoon visited 313th Inf. Bns. with Col. Van Bibber, ad returned to Div. C.P at 1730.

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15 May 45 - At 0600 General left C.P. in Neheim for Rheda
Tuesday where first contingent of 1670 Russian PW's was being sent back to Russia by way of Madgensburg. Div. was advised that 3000 Russians per day would be shipped out. Gen. returned to C.P. by way of Corps C.P.,Beckum.

30 Apr 45 - In the morning, after purchasing six
Monday bottles of Champagne for his friends in Holland, the General left Reims and returned to the Division CP. Drove up through the Meurthe River valley, had lunch at Givet, went to Namur and then on to Liege to Simpelveld where we arrived at about 1800. After having dinner, we got into the car and went up to see our former host in Hoensbroek, Dr. Rheinman but found that he had departed for northern Holland to work with the Red Cross. Then went over to the Heiligers sister-in-laws place in Divdershoffen where a jolly time was had by all. Returned to Simpleveld about midnight and went to bed

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1 May 45 - In the morning, the General and party left
Tuesday simpleveld at 0900, arriving at Dusseldorf at 1230 where we had lunch with General Maloney of the 94th Division who was in the Park Hotel atDudseldorf. After lunch, continued on to the Division CP where about 1620, we had arrived. Found the div cp had moved from Gerthe to Recklingenhausen.

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2 May 45 - In the morning, the General was informed that
Wednesday he was to attend a meeting of Corps and Div Commanders at the Army CP in Braimschwag at ~~1000~~ 1100, on Thursday morning. In the afternoon, the General left the Div CP at 1400, arriving at General Broms Hq of the XVI Corps Arty at Zelzeuder at 1700 where the General spent the night.

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3 May 45 - Left General Browns Headquarters at 0825
for the Army CP in Braunschwag, arriving there at 0950. After the meeting, during which General Wyche was formally presented with the Legion of Merit, everone had lunch with General Simpson and then returned to the respective CP's. In the evening, we received word from Corps that we might expect the Assistant Secretary of War, Patterson, in the Division Area sometime tomorrow. Arrangements were made for General Wahl to meet and guide him around the Ruhr area. Instructions were also issued by ~~RCT~~ General Wyche that upon moving to the next CP, pro-

26 Apr 45 - The General left for Paris this morning
Thursday at 0900. Left by car. Arrived at Simple-
veld, Holland at 1230. Had lunch with the
Heiligers and then drove on to Reims by way
of Liege and Soisson; arriving at Reims at
1900. After eating supper, we went to a
French movie to see the French version of
the American movie "Hurricane".

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27 Apr 45 - In the morning, the General continued on to
Friday Paris and arrived there at 1130. Went to
Hqrs Comm Zone where he met General Kimball.
Then went over to the George V Hotel and got
established were we got established in a
luxiourious suite of rooms. After having
lunch, went over to the officers clothing
store and Army Shopping service where the
General ordered two pair of nail clippers
similar to a pair he had purchased in Paris
during the last war. At 1800, the General
had dinner with General Kimball and Colonel
Batson. After dinner, wewent to the Folies
Bergere. After the Folies, returned to the
hotel and retired to bed.

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28 Apr 45 - In the morning, after shopping around, the
Saturday General took his aide, orderly and driver
along for a ride through the Boys-de-Balogne,
and Napoleons tomb. In the afternoon, Gen
Wyche went out with Gemeral Kimball to
visit one of his friends in a hospital near
Paris. When he came back, he saw General
Lee and some other friends who were stationed
in Paris. In the evening, we had dinner at
1730 and then at 1815, left for the opera.
The opera was presented in the old Paris
Opera House where the phamtom used tohang
out. After seeing the performance of the
Damnation of Foust, the General returned to
his Hotel room and retired to bed.

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29 Apr 45 - In the morning, the General took his party
Sunday on to Versaille. After driving through the
town and seeing the Paris Palace of Versaille
he returnd to the hotel for lunch. At 1400,
the General left for Reims arriving there at
about 1730. Here he had dinnerwith General
Bull,and stayed for the night.

22 Apr 45 - The General remained at the Div CP in the
<u>Sunday</u> morning, reviewing military government procedures. In the Afternoon, the General presented Colonel Schriver with the British DSO and Sgt Robinson, of the 313th Inf with the Military Medal and Pvt Thomas with the same decoration. At 1615, the General addressed the Div Chaplains, stressing the importance of making the men understand the necessity of non-fraternization with the Boche.

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23 Apr 45 - In the morning, the General met Colonel Van
<u>Monday</u> Bibber who conducted him through his DP Camps, containing approximately 1700 DP's and a few PW's. He also came to the conclusion that he would make his long deferred trip to Paris

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24 Apr 45 - In the morning, after the daily staff brief-
<u>Tuesday</u> ing , the General met Col Van Bibber at one of his DP camps east of Dortmund. This camp was build in coneetion with the large airport there and could accomodate some 6 - 8,000 people. However, Col VanBibber planned to bring about 3000 people into it, some 1500 of which were already there. The camp was being operated by German labor two Wermacht doctors were in charge of the hospital there. On the way back to the Div CP the General stopped at the 1st Bn CP to congratulate Col Hilton, who was recently promoted. In the afternoon, the General went to Col Robinson's CP where Col Robinson and Col Cone took the General to their large DP camp which contained some 17000 DP's. This camp had been a former German AA Camp and had been cleaned up and put in very fine condition. After inspecting this camp, the General was conducted down into the Ruhr River area by Col Cone to a rather large mansion owned by one German Doctor Voegler. After driving around the area, the General returned to the Div CP. In the evening, G-2 brought into the General's office a German Artillery Brig General whom the Gen interViewed.

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25 Apr 45 -
<u>Wednesday</u>

17 Apr 45 - out that her chief duty under the Nazi had
<u>Tuesday</u> been to perform abortions on pregnant Russian women in order that they would lose the minimum amount of working time. After inspecting these camps, the General returned to the CP.

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18 Apr 45 - The General had lunch with General Anderson
<u>Wednesday</u> at the XVI Corps Hq where he found that our boundry was being extended west to the original western boundry of Weshphalia. This gave us jurisdiction over the town of Gladback and Bottrup and considerably more area in the NW which was , however, comparatively thinly populated. After leaving Corps Hq the Gen went to the CP of the 813th TD Bn who were located in the mid-western part of their military government sector and then returned to the Div CP.

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19 Apr 45 - The General visited all the Regimental CP's
<u>Thursday</u> and the DP camp being operated by the 313th Infantry just east of Dortmund.

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20 Apr 45 - The General drove up to the CP of the 18th
<u>Friday</u> AAA Group in Ludingshausen where he saw Col Mumford, Commanding the area in the Div sector North of the Lippe River.. He also called on the Rcn Troop which was working ov under Col Mumford and patrolling the roads in his area. The area being occupied and governed by the Div covers approximately 1000 square miles and constitutes about a population of three (3) million people. It is 34 miles long and 28 miles wide. The general left Ludingshausen late in the afternoon and returned to the Div CP by way of Haltern - Recklinghausen - Herne.

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21 Apr 45 - At 0930, the General was taken to another of
<u>Saturday</u> the Engineer DP Camps, this one occupied by approximately 800 Italians. The internees were in formation and the general inspected them in ranks. The General was then conducted on a tour of the camp by an italian Captain who was acting as Camp leader. Returned to the Div CP for lunch and then in the afternoon, visited Colonel Schriver at his CP.

14 Apr 45 - In the morning, the Gen attended the demon-
Saturday stration of recoilless weapons, held north of Herne. The weapons consisted of the 57mm 75mm and 4.2 inch mortar which operate on th recoilless princ ple. The General then made the remark that this type of weapon should have been developed a long time ago and woul would have been developed if funds had been made available to the armed forces for peace time research. The General spent the afternoon in his office, first having a meeting over the larger area assigned to us. The remainder of the afternoon was spent in doin administrative work. At 1730, there was a meeting of regimental commanders, TD Comdrs Engr Officer, Rcn Troop Comdr, Arty Comdr, the General Staff and MG officer at which plans were discussed for the occupation, administration and organization of the greatly enlarged area. The Division area generally speaking, will cover the western half of the German province of Westphall.

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15 Apr 45 - The General visited the 315th Regimental CP
Suday in the middle of the morning and after a short talk with Colonel Schriver, returned to the Div CP. The remainder of the day was spent at the Div CP.

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16 Apr 45 - At 1100, General Anderson presented General
Monday Wyche with the Oak Leaf Cluster to the Bronze Star for his part in the Rhine crossing. After lunch, the General visited one of the DP Camps operated by the Engineers, in which were housed some 3000 Russians, Frenchmen, Poles and Chezcs. He then returned to the Div CP.

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17 Apr 45 - In the morning, the Gen went to the CP of the
Tuesday 315th Inf. From there, Colonel Schriver took the General on a tour of inspection of three of his DP Camps, two of which were adjacent to large factories in Bochum and operated by German mine owners. These people were mostly Russian Slave lobor with a few French PW's. The General visited one DP at which there was a Russian Girl about 25 years old who had been trained as a doctor. In the course of the donversation, it was brought

10 Apr 45 - 1400, Div CP was moved from      to Katernberg, Germany. In the afternoon, the Gen
Tuesday   visited the 313th and followed their leading elements into Bochum. Concluded the day with a visit to the PW cage at itsnew location.

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11 Apr 45 - The General visited the 315th CP in the morning and followed up their advance group as
Wednesday   they advanced into Essen. The General particularly noted the wrecked appearance of the city. In the afternoon, the General spent most of his time at the office reviewing military government problems.

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12 Apr 45 - In the morning, the General visited the CP
Thursday   of the 313th Infantry and then visited the estate of the great Mr. Krupp, owner of the Krupp Works, south of essen. The name of his estate was called "Auf dem Hugel" (On the Hill). On the way back, toured Essen and visited the ruined Krupp works. In the afternoon, went down to the 314th Inf and decorate S/Sgt Ramsdail with the DSC. While decorating the Sgt, the General remarked "I would trade all my ribbons for your DSC. Sgt Ramsdail said he would not make the trade. Returned to the CP and then the Gen went to the Arty CP where he continued his conference with General Pendleton, Gen Brown, the XVI Corps FA Officer and Gen      , Arty Brigade Commander. Gen Pendleton and Gen Winn had lunch with General Wyche. This evening, General Wyche was decorated with the Legion of Merit and entertained the General Staff at his office. The afternoon was concluded by Col Sponholz telling of some of the woes of the Military Government Office.

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13 Apr 45 - In the morning, visited XVI Corps Hq at Recklinghausen. Gen Wyche visited with General anderson and discussed further plans for occupying of the Ruhr. In the afternoon, Div CP was moved from Katernberg to Gerthe, in the vicinity of Bochum. The General visited the 313th, and 315th CP's. These two regiments just relieved elements of the 35thDiv after having been relieved by the 17th A/B Div who took over the right sector of our front. Ret to Div CP 1730.

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4 April 45 - The General spent the mornig at the
Wednesday office discussing and preparing for the possible crossing of the Ruhr in our zone. At 1210, Colonel Sponholz brought to the office the followingofficials: Mr MacCloy, Asst Sec of War, Maj Gen Craig, Brig Gen McSherrey, Brig Gen Borden, Col Kraege, G-5, Ninth Army, Col Cunningham, G-5 XVI Corps, Col Gerhardt, Col Black, G-5 SHAEF, Lt Col Turner, Maj Oulie and Lt Douglas; all military Government officials who were touring the Ruhr Area. After a short cOnference with Gen Wyche, the party departed. After lunch the Gen visited the CP's of the three regiments and discussed the topic of talking to the men who had just returned from furlough in the US. The Gen also visited a displaced persons camp in the morning and saw several hundred Russians, Poles, Checks and Italians who had been forced into slave labor by the Germans. The Camp was located near Walsum.

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5 Apr 45 -
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6 Apr 45 - Div CP moved at 1400. Took over 35th Div
Friday area along Rhein-Herne Canal.

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7 Apr 45 - Troops jumped-off across Rhein-Herne
Saturday Canal. Gen Held conf in the evening.

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8 Apr 45 -
Sunday

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9 Apr 45 - In the morning, the Gen visited the three
Monday regimental CP's and inspected the bridge across the Rhein-Herne Canal. In the afternoon, Gen Simpson and Gen Anderson visited our Div CP and discussed plans of the present operations. After dinner, the General visited the PW cage.

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10 Apr 45 - In the morning, the General visted the
Tuesday three regimental CP's. Gen anderson came to the CP at approximately 1130 and discussed plans for the current operation. At

1 April 45 - turned to Div CP. At 1600, a unit
Sunday commanders meeting was held at the
General's office at which also was
present the Ass't Div and Arty Commander
Plans were discussed for pushing south
deeper into the Ruhr. The General ad-
journed the meeting with a bottle of
scotch.

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2 April 45 - In the morning, the General went to the
Monday rear echelon which had just moved into
the town of Hamborn, in the court house
there. After inspecting their installa-
tion he returned to the Div CP and spent
the rest of the day studying the mili-
tary government problem in the Ruhr.

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3 April 45 - The General spent the early part of the
Tuesday morning at the office studying the mili-
tary government problem in the Ruhr. At
0930, went over to Col Sponholz' office
and discussed the matter further. At
1100, the General went up to the QM
SALES store and returned to Div CP at
1145. At 1230, Major Dor, chief liaison
officer to the 9th Army from the first
french Army and Captain Borrel, French
Liaison officer to the XVI Corps arrived
for lunch. At 1320, General Wyche, Gen
Wahl and Gen Winn along with Major Dor
and Capt Borrel left for the rear echelon
where a decoration ceremonywas to be held
to present some 29 French medals to mem-
bers of the Division. After the ceremony
Gen Wyche returned to the Div CP with Maj
Dor who presented the medals. At 1500
the Gen left Marxloh for Krefeld to
visit Gen Maloney, CG of the 94th Div.
Arrived there about 1615 and returned to
the Div CP at 1830. In the evening, a
staff meeting was held to discuss plans
for establishing a bridgehead over the
Ruhr. A telegram was received from Col
Thomas from Riems to the effect that
he was having motor trouble and was hav-
ing a new motor put in. He was expected
back about the 4th of April.

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28 Mar 45 - <u>Wednesday</u> Upon returning to the CP, the Gen found Gen Anderson at the Opr truck. Gen Anderson stayed only for a short time. In the afternoon, the Gen visited the 313th at Alden. There, he discovered that the 313th was making rapid progress and its bns were closing in on the final objective. The R Bn was riding on tanks. The Gen also inspected a floating treadway bridge at Hangerskath which was erected by the 304th Eng Returned to the Div CP in time for dinner.

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29 Mar 45 - <u>Thursday</u> In the morning, visited CP of the 314th, 315th and 313th regiments. The 313th and 315th obtained their objectives and were engaged in handling civilian problems. The The 314th still meeting moderate resistance In the afternoon at 1300, Gen visited Corps where he had lunch with Gen's Simpson, Anderson, Baade(35th Div Comdr) and Gen Hobbs (Corps Arty Comdr). After lunch, the Army Commander presented the DSM to Gen Wyche, Gen Hobbs and Gen Baade. The Gen then returned to Div CP. Regimental CP's were in 313th at Hamborn, 314th at Waldteich and 315th at Holten, just south of there.

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30 Mar 45 - <u>Friday</u> The Gen visited the three regimental CP's in the morning and spent the rest of the day at the office discussing military government problems.

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31 Mar 45 - <u>Saturday</u> In the morning the Gen visited the 314th and 315th CP's and also visited the 35th Div CP. The 315th was in process of relieving the 320th Inf of the 35th Div. In the afternoon the Gen visited the Regimental CP of the 313 and from there went to their OP from where he could see the Rhein Herne Canal. The Gen also visited an ~~xx~~ OP of the 314th Inf located in a coal mine which involved climbing of several hundred steps. From here, the Gen observed the adjusting fire of some 240's, firing into suspected targets on the otherside lf the canal.

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1 Apr 45 - Spent the morning in conference with G-3 and Gen Wahl, discussing the possible plans for pushing south into the heart of the Ruhr. Then went to Corps at 1100 and had lunch wit Gen Anderson and General Gerheardt. Then re-

26 Mar 45 - Monday — through the advance CP to the 79th Div CP. Div CP moved from Rheim across the Rhine to the vicinity just North of Dinslake. In the evening, the Gen visited the three regimental CP's and returned to the Div CP.

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27 Mar 45 - Tuesday — The Gen was up at 4:00 AM and, after eating an early breakfast went over to operations and awaited reports from the regiments as to their progress. Throughout the day the regiments advanced generally south, to arrive at nightfall at the line of the Neue Emscher Canal. The 313th managed to secure a bridgehead on the extreme right of the div sector by nightfall and the 304th Engrs had a bridge across the canal by 0300 the following morning. During the course of the day, the Gen visited a coal mine at Wehofen in the 315th sector. There, 7000 German civilians had taken refuge in the underground shafts of the coal mine. The refugees had been without food or water, medical attention etc for three days. After witnessing this scene of utter devastation, the only remark the general had to make was, "This is the price they have to pay for Heil-ing Hitler." The General further commented on operations in the Ruhr Valley; saying that we had to take into account the importance of the civilian problem that the advancing armies were encountering. Location of CP's: 315th at Averbrouch, 313th at Overbruch, 314th south of Dorf and Div CP at Dinslaken.

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28 Mar 45 - Wednesday — The General visited the CP of the 314th Inf He went out with Col Robinson to view the AA positions (8-88's) that the Germans left behind in their retreat. The General then, after inspecting the position, went on to the 315th CP after which he proceded to the OP of the 1st Bn of that Regiment. From the OP, the General watched the Battalion jump-off in the Direction of the Autobahn in the vicinity of Biefang. The front lines at the time were 200 yards away. Shelling ensued while at the Gen was at the OP and he was forced to remain at the OP until the shelling ceased. The General's jeep was damaged slightly when a piece of ~~scherp-~~ ~~nel~~ penetrated at the side of it. The Gen watched the troops as they ran towards their objectives as soon as the artillery barrage had lifted. Returned to the CP for Lunch.

24 Mar 45 - went across the Rhine to cease Wesel. At
Saturday 0200, the 30th Div proceded across preceded
by a one hour artillery preparation. At
0500, both regiments were across the river a
and by 0600 it was decided to send the 314th
across. tAt 0900, General Eisenhower, visited
the Div CP with General Simpson, the Ninth
Army Commander and Gen Anderson, XVI Corps
Commander and congratulated the General on
the successful crossing lf theRhine. The
General spent the rest of the day at the CP
watching the developments of the crossing.

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25 March 45 - The morning was spent at the CP watching
Sunday the developments of the FLASHPOINT operation
At 0845, Lt Crooks went to Corps to make a
reconnaissance of the route to Buderich
where Winston Churchill was to come in the
afternoon to inspect the bridgesite. Return
ed to the Div CP at 1000., and gave the de-
tails of the meeting to General Wyche. The
General left the Div CP at 1220, arriving
at Buderich 1250 where he met Mr Churchill,
Field Marshal Brooke, Field Marshal Mont-
gomery, General Eisenhower, General Bradley
General Simpson, General Anderson and Gen
Hobbs. After inspecting the bridgesite, the
entire party rode arcoss the Rhine in an
LCM and returned after a few minutes. Lt
Crooks missed the Rhine boat ride when he
took a wrong turn going down the stairs
and wound up in the wine cellar instead of
the landing stage. After returning to the
Division CP, the General learned that a
Task Force of the 35th Div was to be passed
through the 315gh Inf. He then went to Corps
at 1600 to discuss the scheme of maneuver
with Gen Anderson. The Gen then returned to
Div CP. Col Miltonberger, Asst Div Comdr
of the 35th and Comdr of the Task Force which
was to pass through the 315th arrived at
our Div CP at 1730. After being oriented
he proceded across the river to the 315thCP.

Viscount Allenbrooke

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26 Mar 45 - The morning was spent at the office where
Monday the Gen saw General Baade lf the 35th Div and
later General Anderson, Corps Commander.
The 35th Div went in on the left of the 79th
between the 79th and 30th Divisions. After
lunch General Wyche crossed the Rhine on a
Bridge North of Rheinberg. The General made
a reconnaissance through the 30th Div sector

21 Mar 45 - Wednesday being held. Field Marshal Montgomery addressed the meeting which ended at 1200. After lunch, General Simpson had a short meeting in his quarters of Div Comdrs after which the Gen returned to Div Hq CP.

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22 Mar 45 - Thursday General Wyche visited the regimental CP's of the 313th, 314th and 315th Infantries after which he returned to the Div CP. In the afternoon, the Gen went to the CP of the 291st Inf in Budberg where he met Col Robertson who was to hold the sector along the Rhine in the vicinity of Orsoy where the 79th was to cross. The General plan was for the Div tl cross two regiments abreast in assault and storm boats just north of Orsoy with a heavy pontoon bridge to be put-in at Milchplatz at the earliest possible moment. The 313th was on the left or north and the 315th was on the south. The 30th Div was to cross on the 79th Division's left, in the vicinity of Budrich and make the main effort o f the XVI Corps. Colonel Robertson took the general up to an OP in Orsoy where he saw the right position of the sector and then up to Budberg-Eversal where the General saw the left sector and the bridge site. After inspecting the crossing sites and the TD positions which were to go in along the dike about 100 yards from the river. The Gen then returned tl the Div CP.

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23 Mar 45 - Friday The Gen visited the regimental cp's of the 313th and 315th Infantry and then visited the battalion CP's of these two regiments which were to make the assault crossing of the Rhine on the following day. The battalions were to go across in the order of 2nd, 1st and 3rd. In the afternoon, the General went to Corps for a unit commanders meeting and returned to the Div CP at 1700. In the evening, the Gen held a meeting of his gen staff which also included the Div Arty Comdr Prov Marshal and Chem Officer. Plans were reviewed once again in preparation for the FLASHPOINT operation the next day.

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24 Mar 45 - Saturday The General was up at 0200 in the morning to watch the developments of the FLASHPOINT operation. At 0100, the British Commandos

16 Mar 45 - Engr Group, who are supporting the 30th
<u>Friday</u> Inf Div in the next Operation FLASHPOINT. The Gen then returned to Sittard where he visited CP of the 1148 Engr Group which is supporting the 79th Div in the coming operation FLASHPOINT. The General then returned to the Div CP. At 1930 in the evening the Gen had a meeting of unit commanders and attached unit commanders in which the next operation was discussed. Meeting adjourned 2215.

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17 Mar 45 - Attended the 313th and 315th dress re-
<u>Saturday</u> hersal for the operation FLASHPOINT at 0400, location: Maeseyck. Arrived at XVI Corps at Nieukirk in Germany for lunch wih General Anderson. In the afternoon, continued on reconnaissance to the forward division assembly area, vicinity of Linfort. Returned to the CP at 1730.

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18 Mar 45 - Saturday morning visited the Heilegers in
<u>Sunday</u> Simpleveldt and the 717th Tank Bn also at Simpleveldt. Had lunch at the CP. Saturday afternoon the General witnessed a demonstration of loading of light tank (wide tread, mounting 75mm guns), 90 mm tank destroyers and medium tanks in the naval craft in preparation of the next operation. The demonstration was held at Massbracht. The General returned to the CP for dinner

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19 Mar 45 -
<u>Monday</u>

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20 Mar 45 - The Div CP was moved at 0930 from Hoens-
<u>Tuesday</u> broek, Holland to Rheim, Germany; arriving there at 1330. On the way to the new CP, Gen Wyche stopped at the rear echelon in St Hubert, had lunch there, and then went on to the new CP location in Rheim, near Repelen. The Gen then went to Corps which was located in Lintfort. After a short conference with General Anderson, the Gen returned to Div CP.

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21 Mar 45 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 1015 for Ninth
<u>Wednesday</u> Army Hqrs in Munchen-Gladback where a meeting of all Div and Corps Commanders was

13 Mar 45 - In the morning the General was at the
Tuesday Office attending to administrative affairs. He left the CP at 1100 hours to go to Army at Munchen-Gladbach, Germany. Here, the General was decorated with the Legion of Honor (grade of officer) and the Quoix de Guerre with Palm. General Wahl, Colonel Thomas and Col Robinson, Commanding officer of the 314th Inf were also decorated at the ceremony. The General spoke with General Simpson, the Army Commander, for a short time and left for this CP in Hoensbroek. General Wyche attended the 4:30 PM briefing upon his return. (Medals presented by General Koeltz)

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14 Mar 45 - The Gen spent up to 0900 at the office.
Wednesday At 0900, went to watch the 313th practice river crossing south of Maeseyck. He also visited the 315th site at an area just N of Maeseyck. He then returned to the Div CP for lunch. In the afternoon he left the Div CP at 1430 for Corps, located at Nieukerk, Germany. The Gen, with Col Gloriod and Gen Anderson, had a short conference after which time the Gen returned to the Div CP. Arrived Div CP 1930.

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15 Mar 45 - Gen Wyche spent the morning at the office
Thursday attending administrative work. Had early lunch and left for Corps, located in Nieukirck arriving there at 1400. General Simpson presented the Corps Commander with the Bronze Star. General Anderson then had a meeting of the Division Commanders in the presence of the Army Commander. Left Corps at 1600 and returned to Div CP.

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16 Mar 45 - In the morning the General Went to the
Friday clearing company to have some work done on his teeth. The clearing company is located in Heerlheide. Also visited the Div quartermaster in the same town. In the afternoon, the General visited training sites near wessem on the Maas River where the Navy was engaged in giving instructions in the loading and unloading of LVT's and LCVP's. The Gen visited the CP's of the Navy installations and the CP of the 202nd

8 Mar 45 - returned to the Div CP at 1800. The 717th
Thursday Tank Battalion assigned to the 79th Div as of this date. Distance from Orath, Germany to New Div CP in Hoensbroek, Holland is approx. 33 miles.

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9 Mar 45 -
Friday

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10 Mar 45 - The General, with General Winn, Colonel
Saturday Gloriod, Col Van Allen and Colonel Davis of the 1148 Engr Group left the Div CP at 1200 to attend a Div Comdrs meeting being held at Corps at 1500, during which time, plans wer discussed for the crossing of the Rhine. The General returned to the Div CP at 1900. Upon returning to Div, found Mr and Mrs Heileger, our former host at Simpleveld, had arrived for dinner.

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11 Mar 45 - The General spent most of the morning at the
Sunday War Room. In the afternoon, the General wen on a Reconnaissance of the area to be used in training for river crossing in the vicinity of Maesyck. He also went up to the 30th Div training area where the British LCM's and LCT's were being used. After inspecting our training sites along the Maas River, he returned to the Div CP.

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12 Mar 45 - This morning, visited the three Infantry
Monday Regiments, located as follows: 313th at Jabeek; 314th at Amstenrade; 315th at Brunsum, all in Holland. In the afternoon he visited the CP's of the Arty Bns; 312th at Eigleshoven; 311th in Scherpenseal; 310th at Waubach; 904th at Nieuwenhagen; all in Holland.

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5 Mar 45 - found that the comdg General of the 102nd (General
Monday Keating), was out. He then prodeded to the Div Arty of the 102nd where he was welcomed by Colonel Watkins and lunched with him. He then returned to the Div CP.

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6 Mar 45 - One month ago today the Div was withdrawn from the
Tuesday line along the Moder River in the vicinity of Haguenau in Alsace. The Div has been out of the lines one month, with the exception of the 314th Infantry and th Div Arty which was in the line in the vicinity of Heins berg for a period of about 14 Days. The General went to the 313th Infantry at Suchteln at 1450 hours, where he presented 8 silver star medals and 11 Bronze Star medals to members of the 313th Infantry. Also decorated with the Silver Star was his aide, 1st Lt. Harold Roberts, for gallantry in action in the vicinity of Lessay. The ceremony was held in a pouring rain, and at the end of the ceremony at 1600 hours, the General returned to the Div CP. He learned that on 8 March at 0800 hours, we were to be attached to the XVI Corps for operations.

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7 Mar 45 - General Wyche left the Div CP at 1115 hours for the
Wednesday XIII Corps CP in Viersen. He arrived there at 1145, had lunch with General Gillem and returned to the Div CP at 1400. He then went to the CP of the 304th Engrs in Herrath, the 304th Medics in Ostrech and the CP of the Div Arty in Andhover, thereafter, returning to the Div CP. In the evening, a meeting was held with G-2 and G-3 during which time plans were discussed for movement of the Division to a new area in the vicinity of Gangelt, Geilenkirchen and Heerlen.

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8 Mar 45 - Ganeral Wyche left the Div CP in Orath, Germany at
Thursday 0800 (with Col's Gloriod and Van Allen) for the XVI Corps Hq to which the Div was not attached. Arrived there at 0855. Talked with Gen Andersen and the C/S of that Div and then went to the new XVI Corps Hq which was moving to Neiukirck. On the way, stopped at Venlo, Holland where he saw Maj Gen Porter, CG of the 75th Div. Talked with him for a few minutes and then went on to Nieukirck. After talking with Gen Anderson again, proceded on to the new Div CP in Hoesbrock, Holland, about 5 miles south of Sittard. At 1600, the General went up to the 30 Div CP in Echet, where he talked with Gen Hobbs. He then

2 Mar 45 - Friday

The General left Div CP in Simpelveld, Holland and went to the XIII Corps CP in Baal, Germany. Arrived there at 0810. General Wyche spoke with General Gillem for a short while and then went to the 102nd Infantry Division CP at Vierson, Germany. Here the General met General Busby, General Keating and General Foxx. General Gillem, Corps Commander, was also present at the meeting. Had lunch at Corps CP in Baal and then returned to new Div CP in Orath, German Distance from Simpleveld to Orath, new CP area, 25mi.

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3 Mar 45 - Saturday

In the morning, the General went to XIII Corps at Rath where he had a short conference with General Gillem. On the way back to Div CP, he stopped in at Div Arty to see General Winn and then came back to the Div CP. In the afternoon, at 1330, the General went to the 313th CP located in Hilderath and then went to the 315th located in Kipshoven. After a short discussion with the Regimental commander, the General proceded to the 314th Inf CP located in Holton add shortly thereafter, the General returned to Div CP.

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4 Mar 45 - Sunday

In the morning, the General went to XIII Corps CP at Rath and saw Gen Gillem. Stopped in at Div Arty, Visited the 904th in Flassenberg and then the 312th FA in Grambschaus and then proceded to the 311th FA in . General Will accompanied us on the tour of inspection. In the afternoon, visited the 761st Tank Battalion in Schweinberg. Visited the 779th Ord. at a brick factory. Visited the QM located near the outskirts of Erklenz and then continued on to the 310th FA in Beckrath. Returned to Division CP and shortly thereafter, went to the 813th TD Battalion in Golkrath. Today, the 313th Inf with a company (Co A) of the 761st Tank Bn was ordered to clean out the area in the vicinity of Dulken. The 315th Infantry made a reconnaissance of routes leading to the vicinity of Reinhousen with the intention of assisting the 2nd Armored Division and securing objective #21 in the same vicinity.

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5 Mar 45 - Monday

This morning, the General went to Corps Hq and secured details in regard to the area that the Division was to be responsible for insofar as Military govt is concerned. After leaving Corps, he went to the CP of the 102nd Division, which was also in Viersen;

27 Feb 45 - Tuesday

The Gen attended the 0830 briefing at G-3. After the briefing, the Gen conferred with ColonelVan Bibber in the General's office. After lunch, there was a meeting held at the general's office at 1300. Attending were; Gen Wyche, Colonel Thomas, Col Kreger and Col Sponholz. After the meeting, at 1500, the General went to XIII Corps in Kerkrade where he met Gen's ~~Gillon~~ Gilbert and Anderson but found they were at the advance CP in Baesweiller. He drove up there and discovered that the 84th Division in theXIII Corps attack had advanced to Waldneil. The Gen then visited the 5th Armored Div CP and after talking with Gen the CG, he returned to theDiv CP (1730).

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28 Feb 45 - Wednesday

The General attended the 0830 briefing at G-3. At 0945, the General left Div CP for Corps, in Sittard where he visited with General Anderson. From Corps Headquarters, theGen proceded to the 314th located in Bocket, Germany. On the way back the General stopped to cut some cabbages in Germany Returned to Div CP. The afternoon was spent going over papers and administration at the office. He attended the 1630 orientation gathering at the G-2-3 office. In the evening, the General attended a formal social affair given ~~xxx~~ by the hostess Mrs Heiligers, at which movies were shown.

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1 Mar 45 - Thursday

The General attended the usual 0830 briefing at G-3 and then left for the XVI Copps Hqrs in Sittard Here he visited with GeneralAnderson and then left to inspect the bridge across the Roer River at Orsbach. Enroute, he stopped at the 314th in Bocket and also at Div Arty and later went to the 35th Div CP at Wassenburg. Here the General had lunch with his classmates, General Baade. Returned to the Div CP, stopping off at Div Arty again on the way back. Had a flat tire on the way back about 6 km sw of Sittard. At about 2030, word was rec'd that we were to send a liaison officer to the XIII Corps, intimating that the Div would change from XVI to XIII Corps. At 0100, theC/S was informed that the Div was assigned to the XIII Corps and would move to the vicinity of Wegberg, about 8 mi SW of Munchin-Gladbach.

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22 Feb 45 - Corps Commander, General Anderson, and from there,
Thursday returned to the Div CP.

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23 Feb 45 - The Gen left the office at 0820 to go to the 314th
Friday On the way back to the Div CP, he stopped at the CP of the 761st Tank Battalion and then returned to the office for lunch. The 314th Infantry jumped off this morning at0330. In the evening, they were on all of their objectives which were along the line of the Roer River in their zone. This marked the re-entry of the Div in combat since coming out of the lines on the 6th of February.

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24 Feb 45 - In the morning, Capt Krayer left the Div CP in Sim-
Saturday pleveld for Brumath to see General Dalquist, CG of the 36th Division, with respect to the transfer of some 13 officers and 75EM. The Enlisted men transferred were in confinement and the Gen dispatched capt Krayer as his personalrepresentative to apologize to Gen Dalquist. At 1000, the General left for a tour of the units which were located as far west as Maastrich, north to Heinsburg and east to Herleen. The General had lunch at quartermaster company and then returned to the Div about 1500. The General attended the 1630 briefing at G-3.

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25 Feb 45 - The General attended the 0830 briefing at G-3 and
Sunday spent the rest of the morning at the Div CP. In theafternoon, the General went to the 314th CP wher he saw Colonel Robinson and ten PW'S who had been captured by the 3rd Battalion. He then made a tour of the 3 Bn CP's of the 314th and then returned to the Div CP.

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26 Feb 45 - The General attended the 0830 briefing atG-3 and
Monday spent the rest of the morning at the office. In the afternoon, at 1350, he went to Army Hq. On the way, hestopped at the CP of the 313th in Cadier where he saw Col Van Bibber who had just been promoted to the grade of full Colonel. Hethen went on to Army to see Gen Simpson. However, upon arrival, the Gen foundGen Simpson in conference with Field Marshal Montgomery so theGen talked with the C/S of Armyfor a few minutes and then returned to the Div CP. On the way back, he stopped at the 315th CP in Gulpen and then after leaving the 315th, hedrove to Aachen where he saw the siegfried line defenses around the city.

18 Feb 45 - At 1900, a secret conference was held discussing
Sunday the results o f the visit to Corps and Army. The meeting attended by the General Staff, Col Enderton and Maj Sponho lz. Meeting adjourned 2100. Division plus attachments due to close by midnight tonight.

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19 Feb 45 - The General left the Div CP at 1130 to have lunch
Monday and a conference with General Simpson, Army Comdr. at the 9th Army Hors in Maastrich. Returned to the Div CP at 1500 and spent the remainder of the day at the Div CP. The entire division closed 0200 this date.

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20 Feb 45 - A meeting of unit commanders was held at the Gen's
Tuesday office at 090 0 hours in which was discussed the plans for the forthcoming operation. After lunch the general went on a reconnaissance of the new assembly area, east of Maastrich and passed through the town of simpleveld which was to be the new CP area, and then went on to Gangelt, where he saw Gen Baadee. The Gen then went on up to the town of Bocket which was to be used as a CP area for the 314th and then went to the 79th Div Arty where they relieved one CT of the 35th Div. Returned to Div CP for dinner.

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21 Feb 45 - The General spent the entire day at the office. In
Wednesday the morning, C olonel Thomas and Gen Wahl discussed the case of an d interviewed Major DeArmond. In the afternoon, a good friend of the general's, Sam Eaton, came to see the General. In the evening, a social gatheri ng was held at the Leva residence in which Gen Wyche, Gen Wahl, Col Thomas and aides were guests of the Leva family.

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22 Feb 45 - Div CP moved from s' Herr Nerelderen at 0800 to
Thursday Simpleveld, about 7km south of Herrleen, a total distance of approximately 30 miles. Arrived at the new CP area at 0930. The Gen then went to the CP of the XII I Corps where he saw Gen ~~Guillon~~, CG of the XIII Corps. Returned to the Div CP in Simpleveld at noon . In the afternoon, the Gen went to the XVI Corps Hqrs in Sittard and then to the CP of Div Arty. and the 314th in Bocket where the 314th was to relieve the 137th Infantry of the 35th Div at night. Relief to be completed by midnight. The Gen Then went back to Sittard where he met the

14 Feb 45 - The Division was alerted to be prepared to send out
Wednesday billetting parties to Tongres, in the ninth Army area.

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15 Feb 45 - Forward elements of the Div CP, consisting of G-1,
Thursday G-3, Maj Sponholz and billetting parties left old CP area in Pont-A -Mousson, for the new area in s'Herr N elderen at 1330. It was decided that Col Dohrmann , Gen Wahl and Gen Wyche would leave the following morning and the Chief of Staff would stay behind until the last elements of the division had left for the new area.

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16 Feb 45 - The Division today came under the control of the
Friday 9th Army and XVI Corps. The Gen left the old Div CP area, accompanied by Gen Wahl, at Pont A Mousson at 0700 hours and proceded to new Div CP area in s' Herr Nelderen, arriving there at 1330. After checking-in with the advance party, the General went to Corps Headquarters in Sittard and reported to the Corps C ommander, General Anderson. He then went to Army Headquarters and reported to the Army Commander, General Simpson but upon arrival, discovered the army commander was resting in bed. He then returned to the Div CP. Capt Krayer departed with remainding Div CP personnel enroute to new CP area in s' Herr Nelderen at 0825; arriving at new area app roximately 1845. Distance: 187 miles.

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17 Feb 45 - The General, in the morning, visited the three regi-
Saturday mental cp's. At 1100 the General went to see the Army Co mmander and returned to the Div CP for lunch In the afternoon, the General went to Tongres to see the first trains pull in which arrived at 1100, carring the 2nd and 3rd B ns of the 314th Infantry. The Div CP was moved in two echelons. The first echelon arriving Friday dnd closing Friday. The 2n echelon closed saturday night. Colonel Thomas arrived wit h the 2nd Echelon.

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18 Feb 45 - Gen Wyche and Col Thomas left the Div CP for Corps
Sunday Hq at 1 100 at Sittard and stayed for lunch with the Corps Commander. General Winn was also present. General Wahl visited the CG of the 8th Armored Div, had lun ch there and returned to the D iv CP later in the afternoon. Gen Wyche and Col Thomas returned to the D iv CP at 1730. The 761st Tank Bn came under our con trol today.

10 Feb 45 - civilians. After leaving the 315th CP the Gen
Saturday returned to the Div CP. In the evening a very successful Division party was held. The only flies in the ointment being the presence of several suspected collaborated. As a matter of fact, about 90% of the party consisted of collaboraters all of which proved to be very pleasant. Later it was discovered that the term "collaborater" was applied by the people who did not have one franc to rub anginst another to the people who did have one franc to rub against another. However, all in all, a fine time was had by everyone present

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11 Feb 45 - Sunday was an exceedingly quiet day. The morning
Sunday being spent in drinking tomatto jmice. In the afternoon, the General drove up ~~to~~ the Metz and inspected Fort Driant and while there, went to see the Cathedral.

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12 Feb 45 - In the morning, the General went to the 313th CP to
Monday inspect the battalions in their training progress. He found all the battalions of the 313th were well billetted, both in the town of Pagny and Vandieres He also found that General DeGaulle had entrained there last night at about 2300 with one platoon from the 313th acting as guard at the RR station. Gen DeGaulle had apparently been to 7th Army Hq where he decorated Gen Patch with several French awards. He talked briefly to the men about the importance of patrolling and of the accurate reporting of information they gained while on patrols. Col Van Bibber left for Paris at 1030 on a short leave. After inspecting the 313th, the Gen then returned to the Div CP where he had lunch and then went to the 314th and, guided by Col Davis, went around to that regiment's battalions. Returned to the Div CP at about 1700.

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13 Feb 45 - The General spent the entire day at the office suffer-
Tuesday ing from an acute attack of direa. Colonel Thomas made a tour of some of the units.

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6 Feb 45 - Col Van Bibber at his CP in Pogny sur Moselle and Col
Tuesday   Davis at the 314th CP in Jezining. Returned to Div CP at 1800.

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7 Feb 45 - Inthe morning, the Gen finished his tour of the biv-
Wednesday  ouac areas visiting the 315th in Faulx and the installations of theQM, Medics, Ordnance, Rcn Troop and Engr inthe Town of Pont-A-Mousson. The C/S Arrived from the old CP in Schwindratzheim about 1430 and the Gen spent the rest of the afternoon orienting hin and the rest of the staff.

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8 Feb 45 - The Gen spent the morning at the office. an orienta-
Thursday  tion meeting was held at 1130 with the G/S. In the afternoon the Gen stayed at the office while the C/S and Gen Wahl visited the units except for a short period when the General went over to the medical Bn to have a tooth pulled.

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9 Feb 45 - In the morning the General stayed in the office and
Friday  the usual 1100 orientation consultaion was held. After lunch, he visited the Rcn Troop, Engr Bn., QM Battalion and Ordnance Officer all in the town of Pont-A-Mousson. He then returned to the Div CP.

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10 Feb 45 - In the morning at 0830, the Genleft for the 313th
Saturday  Infantry in Pagny. There, he met Colonel Van Bibber and talked with him about training and then went down to the 314th CP in Jezianville where he talked to Colonel Robinson on the same subject and with partic-ular reference to the scouting and patroling and fighting in towns. He also emphasized the fact that the regiments should stress the use of the 57mm more as an anti-tank weapon. In the afternoon, went to the 315th CP in Faulx where he saw ColonelSchriver. Here, he also met General Wahl and then discussed training along the same lines that he had used with the other two regiments. The General pointed-out that they should be particularly maticulous in sal-vaging all army equipment that they could find around the area. Considerable equipment had apparently been left by the previous division in the area (8th Armd Division), particularly clothing. Some civilians made their appearance in public almost completely out-fitted in G-I clothing; most popular article being the "beanie" which was particularly favored by the kids. Numerous raincoats have also been seen on

4 Feb 45 - (Contd) our reliefand move. Shortly after the meeting was adjourned, General Dalquist, CG 36th Div, ~~arrivd~~ at Div CP to discuss relief of the 315th and 314th regiments by his units. Staff meeting was held after supper and plans were made for General Wahl with the staff to procede to new area early in the morning and prepare to receive the division in its new area. General Wyche met General Brooks on the road during the morning while visiting regimental CP's.

Sunday

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5 Feb 45 - The General left Div CP at 0845 for the rear echel on in LeHoube, 10 miles west of Saverne in the Vosges Mts. After talking with the section chiefs and aquainting Col Kreger with the plans for the movement of the Div to Pont A Mousson, he left the rear echelon for 7th Army Hqrs in Luneville. After driving in drizzling rain to the vicinity of Blamont, we had the misfortune to get a flat tire near Domerve. However, it happened just opposite the only service station in France sothe tire was repaired on the spot and then the General Drove on to Luneville, arriving there at 1230. Had lunch with Gen Patch, talked over the general situation with him and confirmed the instructions that we had received previously that the 79th Div would be relieved by extending the left and right boundries of the 101st AB and 36th Infantry Divisions respectively commencing on the night of Feb 5, 1945, and to be completed by daylight 6 Feb. The Div is instructed to move to Pont A Mousson, to go into Army reserve, to train and to rehabilitate itself for an expected two week period. After his discussion with the Army Commander, Gen Wyche left Army Hqrs at 1420 hours and arrived Div CP 1700. Today marked the beginning of a new era in sleeping comfort for the Div Commander due to the untiring efforts of the junior aide in securing a box spring and innerspring matress. However, the Gen was hered to remark "if you hear me yodleing during the middle of the night it will be because he is suffering from high altitude and thinking I'm in the Alps.

Monday

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6 Feb 45 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0845 (Schwindratzheim) and proceded to new CP area in Pont A Mousson. He stopped at the 101st AB CP in Hochfelden to say goodbye to Gen Taylor and found that he was out visiting his units. He then stopped at 14th Armored CP in Detwiller and saw Gen Smith and then proceded on to Corps where he had lunch with General Brooks. After lunch he went on to Pont-A-Mousson and arrived there at 1500 hours. General Wahl met him and took him around to see some of the regiments and Bn areas west of the Moselle River. There he saw

Tuesday

2 Feb 45 - Visited 313th CP and then proceded to Col Gooding's
Friday CP. returned to Div CP 1030. Went to 101st CP to see General Taylor. Upon arrival at Gen Taylor's CP, found him to be out. The Gen talked with the C/S and G-3 of the 101st and then returned to Div CP for lunch. Upon return to Div CP, the Gen had a short conference with G-2 and G-3 before lunch. The gen then visited the 314th and 315th CP, the 2nd Bn of the 314th and the 313 rest camp at Waulk Chateau before returning to the Div CP. Stopped momentarily at the 36th Div CP but Gen Dalquist was out visiting units. While at the 36th Div CP word was rec'd that they were preparing to attack Rohrwiller and Herrlisheim tonight beginning 1900. A short staff meeting was held after supper. General Devers, accompanied by General Brooks, visited CP at 1300 and stayed for a short period of time. General Devers Stated,"the 79th Division is the only old division under his command which still had power for offensive action".

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3 Feb 45 - Left Div CP early in the morning and after stopping at
Saturday the 36th Div CP proceded to visit CP's of the three Inf regiments and all artillery battalions. Returned to Div CP for lunch. After lunch, the General went to the clearing station in Hochfelden to have a dental examination. After the examination, visited the ward and stayed to see a moving picture being shown the patients Returned to Division CP at 1630. Invited to Division Artillery for stake dinner. Returned from there at 203

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4 Feb 45 - Left Div CP 0930 and proceded to 315th CP (accompanied
Sunday by General Wahl and General Winn, respectively) where General Wyche presented Colonel Donaldson with the DSC Colonel Donaldson is the first officer in the Division to receive the DSC. From there, General Wyche made a tour of the Regimental CP's returning to Div CP shortly before lunch. Word was received that the Division to be relieved and moved to a rest area beginning 5 Feb 45 General Taylor, 101st AB Div., visited Div CP for purpose of coordinating relief of 313th by 506th. A ceremony was held at 1430 at the General's office at which time the General presented an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star to Col Robinson and a silver star to Colonel Schriver and Captain Beaver. The General then decorated Colonel Thomas, Col Sievers, Col Dohrmann, Col Gloriod, Col O'Riordan, Col Charles and Col Maples with the Bronze Star for meritorious service. After the ceremony, a short meeting was held giving the regimental commanders and those present the basic instructions on

29 Jan 45 - thereafter, he returned to the Div CP. The General
<u>Monday</u> stayed at Div CP during the afternoon, going over plans for patrols and raids with members of the General Staff. Usual staff conference held after supper.

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30 Jan 45 - Left Div CPearly in the morning again and stopped in
<u>Tuesday</u> at the 36th Division CP where the General talked with General Dalquist and then went on to the 315th CP wher he saw Col Schriver and Col Robinson. From there, he proceded to the 3rd Bn of the 315th and visited and visited some of the front-line positions. From the 315th he continued his tour, stopping for a few moments at the 314th CP and then finally on to the 313th CP After a short stop at the 313th, the General returned to the Div CP for lunch. Colonel Thomas, Gen Wahl, Col Dohrman and Col Oriordan, respectively, left the Div CP shortly after lunch, making a tour of the regiments and rear installations. General Wyche remained at the CP the remainder of the Day. General Brooks arrived at the CP approximately 1400. Stayed for only a short time. Usual conference held after supper in the evening. Patrols and raids scheduled for tonight.

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31 Jan 45 - The Gen left early in the morning and started for the
<u>Wednesday</u> 101st AB CP but met General Taylor on the road. Stopped and talked to him for a short time and then headed for the 313th CP, stopping at General Dalquists Hqrs first. Arrived at the 313th shortly after 1000 and after talking to Col Sagmoen about the raids and the preparation for stronger raids tonight, the General went to Waulk Chateau to see how they were making out in preparing the chateau for a battalion rest camp. From there, went to Col Porter's CP in the NE corner of Haguenau. Returned to Div CP at noon. At 1245, rec'd a new Corps OI giving plans for the 36th Div attack on Oberhoffen. Also rec'd word that the French had occupied Gambsheim this morning. In the afternoon, the Gen visited the 314th and 315th CP's (Accompanied by Col Gloriod). Returned to Div CP, stopping at 36th Div CP on the way. 315th raid scheduled for tonight. Mission is tocapture PW's. Usual staff conference held during the evening.

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1 Feb 45 - The General went to Corps for conference with Corps
<u>Thursday</u> commander (was accompanied by C/S) in the morning. During the course of the day, visited the three regimental CP's. 313th planned a raid to jump-off at 2100. Staff conference held during the evening and then the General left Div CP at 2200 to procede to the 313th CP where he awaited results and progress of raid. Ret Div CP 2400. Raid was successful; 5 PW's taken.

26 Jan 45 -It was decided to defer the relief of the 242nd by the
Friday 314th for 24 hours in order to give the 314th some rest
before going back into the line. In the afternoon, the
General visited the CPs of the 1st and 2nd and 3rd Bns
of the 313th Infantry. He then went along the line of
Col Porter's battalion where the MLR was right around
the stream in Haguenau and looked through the loop holes
and decided to come up at the first opportunity and sh
shoot a few Germans. Also inspected the TD locations
in the town and went to the 2nd Bn with Col Gooding who
showed the General up to their OP in the west edge of
the town. From this position, the general could see
the disposition of Col Goodings troops. The General
then returned to the Div CP at about 1900.

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27 Jan 45 -The General left Div CP and went to Weitbruch early in
Saturday the afternoon where he saw Col Schriver and then he pro
ceded on up to the 1st and 2nd Bns of the 315 th in Mar
ienthal. The Gen then went on up to the 313th CP in
Karthausen and talked to Col Van Bibber about pla ns
for a raid across the River in Haguenau to get identi-
fication.

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28 Jan 45 -At 1000 the Corps Chief of Staff called and directed us
Sunday to make a complete investigation of the loss of the
2nd Battalion of the 314th. The Gen left the Div CP at
approx. 1000 and went to the 315th CP where he talked
with Col Schriver about the conduction of patrols and
raiding parties across the river to determine the stren
gth and identification of the enemy. He then went up
to Marienthal to the CP of the 2nd Bn of the 315th where
he met Col Holton. Col Holton took the Gen up to Co.
"E" on the line and from there went to the reserve
platoon which was housed in the outskirts of Bischwiller
Company "E" was operating on the plan of having two
platoons in the line for 48 hours and one platoon in re
serve for 24 hours whereby the one platoon in reserve
could get some rest and also get cleaned-up and have
a hot meal out of the line. The General then returned
to the Division Command Post. At 1215 in the afternoon
the General and C/S went to the 36th Division CP where
they discussed plans for an operation to restore the
old OPL.

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29 Jan 45 -Left Div CP early in the morning and went to the 36th
Monday Div CP and talked with Gen Dalquist. From there, went
to the 315th CP where the Gen talked to Col Schriver
regarding the patrols and raids. The General then went
to the 313th CP where he met Col Van Bibber and shortly

22 Jan 45 - Spent the morning at Div CP discussing present sit-
<u>Monday</u> uation with staff. In the afternoon, the general visited the 242nd Infantry and 314th CP's in Wheitbruch. Returned to Div CP at about 1800.

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23 Jan 45 - In the morning, the General visited the CP of the
<u>Tuesday</u> 36th Division in Mommenheim where he talked with Gen Dalquist concerning plans for the Defense of our sector. In the afternoon he made a reconnaissance of the Haguenau switch position which was to be organized as ~~of~~ a new defensive line.

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24 Jan 45 - The Gen, in the morning, visited the 314th in Weit-
<u>Wednesday</u> bruch and then went up to the 3rd Bn CP in Bischwiller where he met Col Purvis who took him to the OP overlooking Camp Oberhoffer which displayed signs of activity. After staying at the OP for a few minutes he returned to the Division CP. In the afternoon, he visited the Battalions of the 315th in Hochstett and then returned to the Div CP. At 2030 in the evening, word was received that the kraut were crossing the river west of Schweighausen in the area of the 2nd Bn of the 222nd and also near Kaltenhaus near the area of the 242nd. At 1230, activity subsided. About this time an O.I. was received from Corps to the effect that we would be relieved by the 101st Airborne Division. This, however, was later canceled. The kraut renewed their activity at 0100 and continued on through the night.

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25 Jan 45 -General gottup at 0445 to get the situation on the
<u>Thursday</u> progress of the attack in the Schweighausen area and spent the morning at the CP. In the afternoon, he went to the Hq of Gen Wahl in Kellendorf where he foun that the 3rd Bn of the 314th was running into strong resistance in the woods West of Schweighausen. By late afternoon, the 1st Bn of the 314th was fighting in Schweighausen and the 2nd Bn of the 222nd was coming up the Left flank to the town. During the day, an opr instruction was received from Corps to the effect that the 101st Airborne would relieve elements on our front. General Taylor, CG of the 101st Airborne, came into the Div CP in the morning and discussed plans for the relief of the 222nd. After supper, the Gen went back to T/F Wahl Hq and found that things had quieted down considerably with everyone buttoned-up for the night and orders issued to resume the attack in the morning. General Patch visited the CP early in the afternoon.

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17 Jan 45 - The day was spent operating out of General WWahl's Hq at Surbourg and visiting the different units under his command. Late in the afternoon, the Gen went to Corps, returning approximately 2000. A G/S meeting was held upon the general's return.
Wednesday

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18 Jan 45 - Today was spent operating out of General Wahl's Hq at Surbourg and visiting his different units. The General ate early supper and proceded to Corps for Conference with Corps Commander. Returned from Corps at approximately 2000. Upon his return, a general staff conference was held.
Thursday

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19 Jan 45 - A counterattack of the 14th Armored Division plus elements of the 315th was launched on Rittershoffen. The attack was only partially successful. The Gen spent part of the day at Gen Wahl's Hq and returned to Div CP in the middle of the afternoon. Plans for a possible withdrawal completed this evening. General Greer sailed from Marseilles at 0930 today.
Friday

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20 Jan 45 - Not much activity during the day but at noon, word was received that withdrawal plan wasto go into effect that night. Division CP was moved to Schwindratzheim beginning at 1500; closing in new area at 1800. During the night, division withdrew to new positions along the Moder river. (2nd Bn of 314th surrounded in Drusenheim)
Saturday

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21 Jan 45 - General left Div CP at 1000 and visited all elements under his command. Returned to Div CP and spent the rest of the day discussing troop disposition with the staff.
Sunday

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TASK FORCE WAHL: 222nd Inf (-2 Bn)
315th Inf (-1 Bn)
3rd Bn (313th)

TASK FORCE LINDEN: 242nd Inf
232nd Inf
Co A, 781st Tk Bn
33rd FA Gp Supporting
311 FA Sup 242 Inf
Co B, 813th (-1 Plat) Sup 242
314th minus 1st Bn.

FORAGE CCA 14th Armored
68 AIB
48 Tk Bn
500 AFA
Co. "C", 121 A Eng
Tr "C" 94th Rcn Sq
Co "C", 813th TD plus
1 Plat Co A
827th TD (Colored)

14 Jan 45 - Gen Wyche arrived at T/F Wahl Hq at the customary
Sunday hour of 0800 and found that the condition was fairly stable there. Early in the afternoon, the two Bns of the 313th which had been fighting in the Vosges Mountains, had returned and went into bivouac in the vicinity of Hoffen. The Corps Comdr visited T/F Wahl Hq in the afternoon and impressed the Gen and Gen Smith with the necessity of cleaning-up Rittershoffen and Hatten at the earliest possible moment. However, this was not as easy as it might appear since two panzer and a paratroop division had already been identified. The armor continued its attack and by night fall had cut the road leading north out of Hatten and destroyed one self-propelled gun. During the previous night, the Germans had used flame throwing tanks in an effort to dislodging our infantry in Rittershoffen. However, outside of buring a couple of buildings, no ground was lost. During the night Haguenau received its usual shelling with the 280mm German railroad gun.

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15 Jan 45 - Left Div CP early in the morning and proceded to T/F
Monday Wahl Hq where the Gen spent the morning contacting the various unit commanders of the 14th armored and T/F Wahl. Returned to Div CP for lunch and then again after lunch went back to T/F Wahl Hq in Surburg. Visited the 3 Bn CP of the 313th and then proceded back to T/F Wahl's Hq just in time to receive the news that the Germans had launched an attack against our forces in Hatten, tem minutes prior to their attack time of our forces. We counter-attacked later in the evening securing all lost ground plus some additional. Shortly after dark the Germans had been badly beaten and forced to withdraw from previous positions. Everything was buttoned-up for the night at approximately 2200.

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16 Jan 45 - Left Div CP 0810 and proceded to Gen Wahl's Hq in Sur
Tuesday burg and then discussed plans for the comming operation with Generals Wahl, Smith, Col Schriver, and Col Hudelsten from time to time throughout the day. The afternoon was spent in the same manner: making plans for the attack the following morning. The 12th Armored Div jumped-off during the night and made some progress in the southern part of our sector but had very little success in the vicinity of Rohrwiller. Preparations made for possible German counterattack expected tonight

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11 Jan45 - (Cont'd) tively unchanged. Gen Wyche spent the day
Thursday visiting Gen Wahl at his Task Force Hq in Surburg, Col Luongo, CO 222nd, in Soultz, Col Caum, CO 242nd in Niederbetschdorf and Col Schriver who was also in Niederbetschdorf preparing to move his CP to Oberbetchdorf. In view of the slow progress, the Gen asked the Corps commander for more troops to restore the position and it was decided to launch another counterattack with the 14th Armored Div. After supper, the Gen went up to Gen Wahl's Hq where he conferred with Gen Cooper-Smith, CG of the 14th Armored and his staff, organizing the plan of attack for the following morning. It was decided that Col Carlstatt of CCA would attack the town of Rittershoffen and Col Gillespie of CCB would attack Due West arount the Norther flank to take the town of Hatten. Gen Wyche returned to the Div CP at 2300.

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12 Jan 45 - Col Carlstatt attacked at daylight but by 1030, it was
Friday obvious that he would not be able to complete the operation without the aid of CCB which it had been hoped would not have to be committed. At 1130, CCB jumped-off at the line of departure which was, roughly, SW of Leitsweiller and by 1630, had partially enveloped Hatten. In the afternoon, the Gen went to Maj Easson's 3rd Bn Hq in Rittershoffen whose battalion had depleted to approx. 200 men. Col Holten was still cut-off in Hatten with 4 kraut tanks in the town. After a telephone conversation with the Corps Commander, it was decided to renew the attack the following morning with the 14th Armored Division.

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13 Jan 45 - The Gen arrived at T/F Wahl Hq at 0800 and found that
Saturday the krauts had been putting on their customary morning counterattack but no ground had been lost in either Hatten or Rittershoffen. In the afternoon, due to a misunderstanting in orders, one company of the 2nd battalion 315th, withdrew from Hatten. As soon as this mistake became apparent, the company was ordered back in addition to all the armor that was possible to get in the town. Previous to the withdrawal of this company, the 3rd Bn had been considered cut-off in Hatten. Night found three tanks and a company of armored infantry in the town with two companies of the 315th. During the Afternoon, the General went to the CP of the 315th in Oberbetchdorf. On the way, he passed a town which had been just bombed by a German jet-propelled plane. The Gen directed the evacuation of approximately 15 wounded men and the unloading of a burning truck loaded with 35 rounds of 8" How ammo. He then proceded on to Col Schrivers CP in Oberbetchdorf. Upon arrival there, he learned that they too had been bombed but without any casualties. Returned to the CP at 1800.

8 Jan 45 - (Cont'd) Fricke, executive officer of the 242nd. After instructing both regimental commanders to conduct intensive patroling, he returned tothe Div. CP.
Monday

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9 Jan 45 - In the morning, the general again went down to Bischwiller. After stopping at the 314th, he went over to CCB CP but found that Colonel Braumley was up in the vicinity of Rohrweiller where his unit was held-up at the stream about hald a mile on the North side of Rohrweiller where the bridge was out. At Rohrweiller, he met Colonel Braumley and decided to go up to the bridg cite. However, they only got about hald way due to the intense artillery and mortar fire. The Gen then talke with Colonels Robinson and Braumley and ordered the Captain of the engineering company to get the bridge in immediately and instructed Col Braumley to push on to Herrlisheim as soon as the bridge was in. He then returned to the Division CP. When he returned to the CP, the Gen found General Wilson had arrived and stayd for lunch. After lunch, General Brooks, the Corps Commander, arrived with General Devers, Army Group Dommander, and stayed for about half an hour. After they left, General Colling, Commander of the 42nd Div. arrived at our CP. At 1445, the Bridge was in East of Rohrweiller. By night fall, CCB had a battalion of armored infantry in the town of Herrlisheim.
Tuesday

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10 Jan 45 - During the night, the krauts attacked the town of Herrlisheim and the next day it was decided to withdraw from from the town and establish a position with CCB west of the      River. At 0510 in the morning, the kraut attacked the 2d Bn of 242nd in the northern sector and by noon, had made a penetration into Hatten. The 2d and 3rd Bns of 315th counterattacked in an attempt to restore the position. Gen Wyche visited the CP's of CCB and Col Robinson's CP both in Bischweiller and the Hq set-up by T/F Wahl in Surbourg. Gen Wyche called the Corps Commander giving him the situation and in turn, was given CCA of the 14th Armored, under Col Carlstatt, to restore the position at Rittershoffen. Col Carlstatt was to attack on the following morning in conjunction with the 315th to retake the town of Hatten and restore the line which was partially held by the 3d battalion.
Wednesday

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11 Jan 45 -At 0430, the Krauts again attacked the 315th sector in Hatten and enveloped the town of Rittershoffen which was held by the 3rd Bn of the 315th. The 2nd Bn in Hatten was completely cut-off except for radio communication. The attack of CCA of the 14th Armored made little pro gress and by the end of the day, the situation was rela-
Thursday

6 Jan 45 - Linden arrived at our CP 1730, stayed for a short time
Saturday and then proceded to his new CP in Hagenau. General Staff conference held in the evening.

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7 Jan 45 - CCA 14th Armd Div attached to 79th Div and assembly/ing
Sunday in the area between Soultz and Surbourg, closing in their area before dawn. Colonel Karlstatt. General left div CP 0840 to meet Gen Guillaume at town hall in Brumath to coordiante and complete plans for the French attack on Gambsheim. Returned to Div CP after conference. Talked to Gen Brooks suggesting a plan for clean ing-up of area on the west bank of the Rhein, north of Gambsheim . At 1230 hours, received a call from Gen Brooks that CCB of 12th Armored was attached to the Div and that the C.O. was on his way to our CP. Col. Braunley, CO of CCB reported in approximately 1300. Plans were immediately made for his reconnaissance and assembly in the vicinity of Bischwiller. Upon completion of the reconnaissance, he returned to the Division and recommended that the attack using his forces be used from North to South rather than South to North. Plans drawn-up accordingly and preparations were made for the attack to be launched the following morning at 1000, in coordination with the 314th. General Milburn and aide, Captain Griest, visited the CP for a short time during the afternoon. General Milburn is CG of the XXI Corps. Report at dark received from the French stating they had one company in the outskirts of Gambsheim and had taken some prisoners. The attack to be resumed in the morning. (Gen Winn Rep'd 1900)

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8 Jan 45 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0900 and went to the 314th
Monday located in Bischwiller. Upon arriving there, he found that their attack, which was to jump-off upon completion of the bridge, had not as yet started. He then went to the CP of CCB of the 12th Armored, also in Bischwiller, and found that they were also waiting for the completion of the bridge at Rohrweiller. The Gen then proceded to the town of Rohrweiller. On his way he met Col Braumley Comdg Officer of CCB who accompanied him up to the bridg At the bridge he found that the estimated time of completion would be 1000. The bridge was actually completed at 1045. The Gen saw the first tanks of CCB roll across the bridge. While thus engaged at the time the first tanks went over the bridge, the krauts started shelling the bridge and town with mortar and artillery fire. After witnessing the crossing of several tanks across the bridge, the Gen returned to Div CP. In the afternoon, the General called on T/F Wahl at Surbourg and then went to the CP of the 222nd in Soultz where he talked to Colonel Luongo and then proceded to the CP of the 242nd in Niederbetschdorf where he talked to Col

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After spending the greater part of the day at Task Force Linden Headquarters, General Wyche returned to Division CP and at 1700 called the Corps Commander requesting that additional troops be sent to this area. General Brooks suggested that we contact the French in Strasbourg and ask them to take over and attack Gambsheim on the morning of the 7th. General Wyche then called Colonel Meade (Fury 5) and asked him to contact General Guillon, French Division Commander in Strasbourg, and ask him to take over and attack Gambsheim. This call was completed at 1715. At 1725, called Colonel Coleman (Fury 3) and repeated the instructions he had given to Colonel Meade.

General Linden arrived at our CP at 1730. He was given the situation and the instructions that had been issued to Colonel Meade. He was also given instructions to have his force dig-in in place on the most suitable terrain and await further orders; reorganizing and regrouping his troops in the meantime. Colonel Meade called again at 1735 asking if it was possible for General Wyche to meet with the French Division Commander upon which General Wyche sent his regrets and apologies and asked Colonel Meade to be his personal representative.

General Brooks called at 1740 saying he had sent a request to the French (General Guillon) and asking if we had yet had any reply. General Linden left for his CP at 1755.

3 January 44 - Left CP in the middle of morning and visited the
Wednesday 3rd Bn. 313th and from there went to the 315th CP in Soultz. He then completed the circuit by stopping at the 314th CP located in Niederbetchdorf. Returned to Civ CP approximately 1030. At 1100 received call from Corps directing the General to procede there immediately. Left Div CP at 1110 - arrived Corps CP at 1210. Conference held with Corps Commander, had lunch there and then joined by Col Gloriod at 1330 at Corps CP. Left Corps CP approximately 1500 andre-turned to Div CP. Had originally planned to move Div CP back to Mittleschaefelsheim. However, Corps had rescinded original order and ordered us to hold in place. New orders given out to troops. Everybody settled in place by nightfall. Plans made for moving Div CP to Hagenau on Thursday.

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4 Jan 45 - Left Div CP at 0645 to attend conference with Corps
Thursday Commander at Corps CP in Detweiller. Remained at Corps the greater part of the morning and returned to the Div just prior to noon. The Div CP was moved in the Aftern on from Niederbetschdorf to Hagenau. During the movement the Gen toured the positions of the 315th and arrived at new CP at 1445. Gen Linden arrived at our CP approximately the same time and a conference was held drawing-up plans for the employment of his task force. Staff conference was held in the evening.

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5 Jan 45 - Received a call from Corps C/S requesting the Gen to
Friday procede to Corps as soon as possible. Returned to Div CP after conference with Corps CG shortly before noon. Remained in during the afternoon receiving reports from the Div units. 314th moved to Bischwiller where they prepared to attack Rohrwiller the following morning. French affecting relief of troops in and south of Strasbourg. Staff conference held in the evening.

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6 January 45 - Left early in the morning amd proceded to task
Saturday force Linden CP in Strasbourg where the Gen met Gen Linden and then, accompanied by him, went to the 232nd regimental CP (Col ~~McNamara~~ Macnamee). From there, went to the 2nd Bn CP in Kilstett. Returned to Div CP 1130. Left Div CP again after lunch and returned to the 232nd CP in Wantzenau. Then went to the 2nd Bn CP in Killstett where Gen Linden is making his temporary CP. Remained with Gen Linden for approx. one hour and returned to Div CP at 1630. Called Gen Brooks at 1735. General

29 Dec 44 - (Cont'd) the General inspected were well dug-in, well
Friday camoflauged and most of them quite comfortable, being heated by stoves of one description or another. The General returned to the CP at 1800.

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30 Dec 44 - In the morning, the Genwent to Riedseltz where he was
Saturday taken on a tour of the 1st Bn, 315th, positions in t
that area. He then returned to the Div CP. In the afternoon, he went up to the Maginot Line positions where the 36th Engrs were experimenting with machine gun mounts for the pillboxes. After inspecting the mounts and pillboxes, he returned to the Div CP.

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31 Dec 44 - This morning, the Genwent up to the Maginot Line po-
Sunday sitions below Ingolsheim and again inspected the Machine gun mounts which were being built by the 36th Engineers. He also looked at the defensive positions being dug-in around the pillboxes and then returned to the Div CP. In the afternoon, he stayed at the CP while Colonel Thomas inspected the 315th sector of the Maginot Line. After advising with Col Charles, it was decided to send Gen Greer directly to the hospital instead of to the rest camp as originally proposed. Gen Greer to leave on the following morning.

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1 Jan 45 - The Gen left early in the morning to go to Corps CP;
Monday arriving there at 0935. Conferred with General Brooks and then returned to Div CP. Shortly after noon, received a call from Corps that Gen Wyche was to attend a meeting there at 1600. Left Division CP 1530 to attend this meeting. Returned and spent the remainder of the evening in conference with staff - drawing-up plans to carry out secret orders received from Corps.

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2 Jan 45 - The Gen went to Corps for a conference with the Corps
Tuesday commander and returned to Div CP shortly before noon. General Herrand, commander of T/F Herrand, arrived Div CP approximately 0800 to attend a conference with our staff. During conference Gen Wyche was called to Corp for conference with Gen Brooks. General Lindon, CO of task force Lindon, visited Div CP about mid afternoon for a conference with Gen Wyche and C/S. The afternoon was spent in checking and coordinating movement of troops. With drew to Maginot Line night

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27 Dec 44 - The Gen was directed to be at Corps Hq, located at
<u>Wednesday</u> just west of Guenstett, at 1000. Left Div CP but at 0930, upon arriving in Guenstett, he found the bridge was out and had to detour by way of Hagenau; arriving at Corps Hq at 1030. Departed from Corps Hq at 1130 and returned to Div Hq CP for lunch. In the afternoon, the Gen toured the Maginot Line in the Div sector, accompanied by Gen Greer, Gen Wahl, Col Thomas Colonel Gloriod and Col. VanAllen. Returned to the Div CP at 1700.

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28 Dec 44 - At 0900, the Gen went to the CP of the 314th Inf and
<u>Thursday</u> from there to the CP of the 1st Bn, 314th where he met Major Jess and Colonel Purvis, Commanding Officer of the 3rd Bn. Major Jess and Col Purvis took the General on a tour of their defense positions around the town of Neiwiller. Returned to Div CP at 1145. The greater part of the afternoon was spent at Div CP and at 1530, met with the three regimental comdrs, Assistant Division Commander, Div Arty Comdr, G-2 and G-3, Tank and TD Comdr and Colonel Boulton of the 36th Engrs. Colonel Boulton outlined his investigation of the Maginot line and its possibilities as a defensive position. Meeting adjourned at 1700.

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29 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP destined for the 315th CP; ar-
<u>Friday</u> riving there at 0930 where he found that Col Schriver together with Major Hoover had gone back on a reconnaissance of his sector of the Siegfried. The Gen then went up to the 2nd Bn CP of the 315th where he talked with their executive officer who escourted him to the defensive position of the Battalion on the high ground East of Wissembourg in the vicinity of Schweighofen. After inspecting Companies E and F, he went to the 3rd Bn of the 315th where he met Major Eason who conducted him on a tour of his positions north and NE of Schweigen. While in the K Company area, he inspected the town of Oberotterbach and the Siegfried line positions. He then returned to the Div CP for lunch. In the afternoon, he went to the CP of the 313th where he met Col Van Bibber who was just preparing to make a reconnaissance of his sector in the Maginot Line. He then met Colonel Gooding who showed him his dug-in positions N and NE of Oberseebach. After inspecting these positions, he went on to Schleithal where he met Col Porter. Colonel Porter and Capt Farnsworth showed the General the third Battalion land along the edge of the town and then the outposts along the Lauter River. After seeing the positions of the 3rd Bn, he went to the 1st Bn of the 313th where he met Capt McKean and Captain Hilton who showed him their positions North of Siegen . All the

22 Dec 44 - Cont'd. Lauterburg to Wissembourg and the terrain
Friday — between those two points and south to division CP. A Conference was held during the evening to discuss the final details of the plan.

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23 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche spent the greater part of the day at Div
Saturday — CP. At 1000, he went to Div Arty where he discussed the present situation with Gen Wahl, returning to Div CP approximately 1045. At approx. 1500, the Gen visited Corps where he held a secret conference with Gen Brooks and returned to Div CP at 1800. The usual staff conference held after dinner.

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24 Dec 44 - Gen left Div CP to make a tour of the units. Visited
Sunday — the 314th CP in Wissembourg. From there, he went to the 313th CP in Oberseebach and then on to the 2nd Bn CP of the 313th. The Gen the proceded tothe 315th CP in Steinseltz and then on to the new Div CP in Niederbetschdorf. Arrived at Div CP shortly shortly after noon. The Gen remained at Div CP throughout the afternoon. Christmas Eve - Captain Krayer and Lt Crooks together with the assistance of Col Thomas and Col O'Riordan, decorated the Christmas tree. (Gen Wyche stopped at the 35th FA Group where he met one officer and one enlisted man whom he had known when he was in command of the original group.

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25 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0800 to wish each Bn in
Monday — the Division and attached units a Merry Christmas. After visiting all of the Inf Bns and Regimental CP's extending from Wissembourg to Lauterburg - a distance of 16 miles, he visited all of the artillery Bns, Engr Bn., Medical Bn and attached Tank and TD Bn. The trip was completed at 1600 and covered a total distance of 93 (ninety-three) miles. After returning to the Div CP, the Gen had dinner with the customary retinue, consisting of Gen Greer, Chief of Staff, aides and a special attraction in the form of Gen Wahl. After dinner, the Gen Staff came over and stayed for about and hour.

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26 Dec 44 - At 0930, the Gen went to the CP of the 314th Infantry
Tuesday — where he met with Gen Greer, Gen Wahl, Col Robinson and Col Van Bibber and discussed plans for the occupation of our defensive position along the Lauter River. Returned to the CP at 1130. General Royce, air officer for the 6th Army Group, arrived at 1230, stayed for lunch and left at 1330. At 1500, Gen Frederick came in, talked with Gen Wyche for a few minutes and left at 1530. Shortly after Gen Frederick departed, Gen Wyche left for 6th Corps Hq to meet with the Corps Comdrs and Comdrs of the 45 and 14th Div's.
RETURNED TO DIV CP 1730

18 Dec 44 - Cont"d: Captain Krayer rec'd cable notifying him of
Monday becoming a daddy to a newly born baby boy.

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19 Dec 44 - Attack against the Siegfried Line launched 0730. The
Tuesday 2nd Bn of the 313th succeeded in crossing the AT ditch penetrating the defensive wire and occupying enemy fire trenches between the protective wire and pillboxes. Also succeeded in knocking-out a ~~pillbox~~ number of pillboxes in the line. The 314th was unable to make much progress. The 315th put on a demonstration attack to the west of our zone. In the evening, the 2nd Bn. held the AT ditch with 314th on their left against the oter defenses of the Siegfried line. The 315th, not having made much progress during the day. A conference was held for the purpose of deciding what our next action should be. (LAST ATTACK ON SIEGFRIED LINE)

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20 Dec 44 - The greater part of the day was spent in discussing
Wednesday the present situation and deciding when, where and how to attack the Siegfried Line. Late in the afternoon, Gen Wyche talked to the Corps Commander and then left Div CP to visit Corps; presumably to receive instructions regarding future action. Returned from Corps at 1845. After supper a secret conference was held: Gen Greer, Gen Wahl, Col Thomas, G-2 and G-3 attending.

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21 Dec 44 - Most of the morning was spent with the staff, drawing
Thursday up plans for present situation. General Wyche called a meeting of regimental comdrs, their S-3's and Col. Gooding, C.O., 2nd Bn, 313th, for the purpose of obtaining as much information as possible with regard to the Siegfried Line and the pilboxes in the line. At 1330, received a call directing Gen Wyche to be present at a meeting of all Div Comdrs at Corps Hq at 1600. Gen Wyche attended metting and returned to Div CP at 1715. A conference was again held during the evening and draft of plan for next operation were drawn-up.

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22 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left for Corps atapproximately 0830; arriv-
Friday ing there in time to sit-in on the last half of their staff meeting which is held everymorning and then held a short conference with respect to our proposed plan for the defense of the river line. Returned to Div. CP and held conference with the regimental commanders going over their plans and issuing instructions for the relief of the different units. Shortly after lunch, Gen Wyche and Gen Greer made a tour of the area from

16 Dec 44 - (Cont'd) with three other officers arrived at Div CP
Saturday and a few moments later, Brig. Gen. Weems and another officer from the Infantry School, arrived. All five officers stayed for lunch. After lunch, the Gen again went up to the 315th CP in Niederlauterbach and down to the bridgecite where he found that the Corps Engrs were making good progress.on the bridge. He walked across the footbridge and ceramoniously sprinkled the Holy German Reich at 1425. After looking at the position of th town on the German side of the river and a wounded Kraut who was laying in the doorway of the bldg, he came acro and continued on down to Lauterbach. After inspecting the bridge at Lauterbach, he returned to D ivCP

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17 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0900 to visit the 314th
Sunday Regimental Commander in Scheibenhardt. Here, the Gen talked to Colonel Robinson and found that the 1st Bn. had run into what was apparently the outer defenses of the Siegfried Line. The Gen then went up into the forest along the route of the 314th towards Buchelberg. After riding along this route for about a mile, he turned and went over to the 313th CP in Lauterburg whe he met Col Van Bibber and learned that Col Porters 3rd Bn was having a stiff fight about half a mile north of Berg, in what was apparently also the Siegfried Line. He then went on up to the 3rd Bn CP in Berg and talked to the Executive Officer, Capt McKeen, who informed th Gen. that the TD's had knocked-out one concrete pillbox and were developing the positions to their front. One of the biggest obstacles was an anti-tank ditch twenty feet wide and twenty feet deep with perpendicular sides and partly full of water. The plan was to throw wooden laders across this ditch under cover of darkness and go across at night. Three of these ladde and several trees were thrown across the ditch during the night of the 17th. After leaving Berg, the Gen went up to Scheibenhardt along the northern shore of the Lautern river. On the way back, he went up the E route of the 314th where he met Col Teague and was given the situation confronting him 1st Bn. The Gen. then proceded back to Col Robinson's CP and from ther came back to the Div CP.

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18 Dec 44 - The Gen spent the morning at Div CP. Gen Brooks arriv
ed at Div CP at 1400 and departed 1430. After Gen Brooks left, Gen Wyche went up to the 315th and 314th CPs and then back again to the 315th CP where he held a brief conference with the regmtl comdrs. Returned t Div CP at 1715. Usual meeting in the evening.

14 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0830 and went to Selz to
Thursday inspect the bridge. Here, he talked to Col Wood and Gen Greer. He then went over through Niederodder and up to Eberback where he saw ColSchriver and inspected the German Defensive positions in that town. He returned to the Div CP where he found that Gen Patch, Arm Comdr, was expected to arrive at 1400. After Gen Patch left the Div CP at 1500, Gen Wyche went to the regimental CP's of the 313th and 315th in Winzenbach where he found that the 315th was going to attack Niederlauterbach and Scheibenhardt under cover of darkness.

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15 Dec 44 - The Gen left Div CP 0900 and visited the CP's of the
Friday 313th and 315th infantries in Winzenbach. He then went to the 2d Bn of the 315th and found that they were up to the edge of the river in Scheibenhardt and wanted to kno if the Gen would give a pass to Paris to the two first men across the road. After looking at the position of
(Div CP moved to Niederodderh/ the town on the German side of the river and a wounded
at 0930) Kraut who was laying in the doorway of the bldg. he came back across and continued on down to Lauterback. The Gen was ushered into the 313th CP by a courle of shells evidentally fired from across the river, which landed a few yards behind the CP. He then went to the CP of the 1st Bn in Neewweiler. He then went to inspect the bridgsite at Lauterburg and returned to Div CP. Early in the morning the Gen was advised that Col Wood had been evacuated to the 132nd Evacuation Hospital in Mutz ig

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16 Dec 44 -Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0830 and went to the CP of
Saturday the 315th Inf in ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ Niederlauterbach where he learned that the entire regiment was North of the River Lautern in Germany. Patrols had crossed the day before around the 15th, between 1300 and 1345. 2nd Lt John B Tilsen, Co. "F", 315th Inf., was the fir st man in the Division to cross the border, followed by members of hsi platoon. They crossed at Scheibenhardt on a foot bridge. The regiment crossed the night of the 15th and morning of the 16th before daylight. The Gen then left the Regimental CP and went on down the roa d to Scheibenhardt to inspect the bridgesite. However, when he arrived there, he found that no bailey bridge equipment nor Corps engr personnel were at the cite He then went back to regmt CP and tried to loeat e the missing engineers without success and then went back to the Div CP. When he arrived, he discovered that t he Corps Engrs had been located and the bridging equipment was at the bridgecite. The estimated time of completion was 1800. At 1800, Col Robinson, XV Corps AG

12 Dec 44 - The Gen left the Div CP this morning at 0830 to visit
Tuesday the 313th in Schirrheim. He found that the town of sou
ffelheim was clear and occupied by two bns. The Bailey
bridge across the stream there was to be in by 1200. He
then went up to Souffelheim where he saw Gen Greer and
Gen Wahl. Gen Greer gave Gen Wyche the information tha
the 3rd Bn was already a mile and a half north of the
city. The gen then returned to Div CP. After lunch,
the Gen again visited the 313th and found that they had
moved their CP to Souffelheim and went up to the town
where he ~~xxde~~ met Gen Greer. The Gen crossed the bridg
at Souffelheim and went up towards Selz to a point abou
two miles SW of Forstfeld where another bridge had beer
blown. When he visited the bridge at 1500, it was in
and tanks of Col Goodings 2d Bn were going over. This
particular bridge was right in the middle of the Magin-
ot line. While he was up to the 313th, he received
word that the 3rd Bn was fighting in the town of Selz.
he instructed Col Schriver to push the 315th up to an
area about 3 miles W and slightly south of Selz where
he was to go into an assembly area. The Gen then re-
turned to Div CP and learned that we were to push on
beyond Selz. Lauterburg was given as our next objectiv

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13 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0830 and went to Div Arty
Wednesday where he learned from Gen Wahl that Col Kraft was to
be given the 194th Group. Gen Wyche then went up to
Forestfeld where he stopped at 313th CP. Here, the Gen
learned that they had two companies across the river at
Selz and were engaged in a stiff fight; most of the op-
eration apparently coming from tank guns and from the
woods N of the town. He then went up to Kesseldorf
where he told Col Wood about his promotion. He then
stopped at the CP of task force "B" and gave them the
situation. He then went up to the 315th where he learn
ed that Col Schriver had two bns across the stream in
Niederhoffen. The Gen then returned to Div CP. After
lunch, the gen went to the 315th and then to 313th
where he saw Col Wood who had just returned from the
hospital and had assumed command of his regt. He then
went back to the 315th.w At ~~1545~~, Col Schriver's regmt
was to jump-off to take the high ground immediately on
the edge of town where the Krauts were occupying dug-
in positions. The 1st Bn took its objective expedi-
tiously. On the way back to the CP's stopped at 315th
Returned to Div CP approx. 1730.

10 Dec 44 - Gen Wybhe left CP early in the morning and went to the
Sunday 315th CP in Weitbruch and then, accompanied by Col Schriver, went up to Marianthal where the Gen saw the three Bn Comdrs. The Gen urged theBn Comdrs to push steadily forward to their objective. Left 315th and proceded on to 314th CP where the Gen had a short conference with Col Robinson. From there, returned to 315th and learned that the 1st and 2nd Bns had just completed preparations for jumpigg-off to a new attack at 1200. Returned to Div CP at 1215. Upon arrival at Div CP, rec'd word that 315th was on their objective. Left CP after lunch and went to 313th in Bischwiller. Most of the afternoon was spent with Col Wood, following the advance of the 313th and then inspecting the main bridge in Bischwiller. Returned to Div CP about 1600. Usual evening staff conference held after supper

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11 Ded 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP 0900 to visit 313th. He stopped
Monday at the Regmtl CP in Bischwiler and found that they were preparing to displace to Schirrhoffen and also found Col Wood in bed with a recurrence of his kidney trouble After talking to the Regmtl surgeon, Col Wood was sent backto the Clearing Co and Col Van Bibber was put in command of the regmt. The Gen then went forward to their new CP in Souffelheim where he met Col VanBibber and got the situation. At that time (1015) the forward elements of the 313th were approximately 2/3 of the way between Schirrhoffen and Souffelheim where they were engaged with the enemy at a road block. The Gen inspected three german 88's which had been knocked-out and in addition to these guns, the 313th knocked-out two 40mm AA guns. On the way back to div cp, stopped at 315th in Oberhoffer sur Moder and talked to Col Schriver. The Gen learned that the 315th had had a stiff fight in Kaltenhous the night before and had take 29 PWs. After giving instructions to 313th to be prepared to follow the 313th along the Bischwiller - Souffelheim rout, he returned to Div Hq. After lunch, the div cp was moved from Geuderheim to Bischwiller. The gen left at 1400 for the 314th which had just entered the town of Haguenau. The town was found to be clear, the enemy having withdrawn sometime between 0300 and 0400 in the morning. After instructing Col Robinson to recon. routes E through the Foret de Haguenau to Souffelheim for a possible march the following day, the Gen. returned to the Div CP in Bischwiller. When he returned he found that the first bn of the 313th had entered Souffelheim and was fighting in the middle of the city.

7 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP shortly before 0800 and went to
Thursday the rear echelon replmt pool where he made a brief talk to the men leaving on furlough for the US. (66 EM and 2 Off's). The gen then went to the 94th CP in Heordt and talked with their executive officer. Returned to Div CP about 1030. Gen Wyche, accompanied by C/S drove to Corps where a conference of all Div Comdrs was held for the purpose of coordinating and explaining plans for the attack. Returned to the Div CP at 1730. The usual staff conference held after supper.

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8 Dec 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP at approx. 0800 and went to the
Friday 94th Cav CP at Gambsheim where he talked with Col. McCollum with regards to cleaning up the town by executing movement to the N and E. The Gen then returned to the Div CP where he discussed future plans with the regimental comdrs, G-2, G-3, C/S and Div Arty Comdr at a meeting held at 1000. Each regimental comdr outlined his plan for the comming operation. Regimental comdrs stayed for lunch and left immedately thereafter. After lunch the Gen went to the 94th Cav CP again and then returned to new Div cp in Geudertheim. Spent the balance of the afternoon going to the three regimental CPs Went first to 313th, then 315th and 314th. Stopped momentarily at Div Arty CP before returning to Div CP.

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9 Dec 44 - The morning was spent at Div CP following the develop-
Saturday ments of the 313th and 314th regiments. The 313th was able to make rapid movement and captured the larger part of Bischwiller, including the main bridge across the river. 315th ~~made~~ met considerable resistance and were unable to reach their objective but were stopped at the southern edge of Marienthal. 314th jumped-off at 1400 and succeeded in cleaning up the woods to their front and shoving some elements to the outskirts of Hagenau. Gen Smith of the 14th Armored visited the Div CP during early afternoon. Gen Wyche left CP and went to the 315 and then on to the 314th CP's. Returned to Div CP by way of the 315th. Gen Brooks arrived approx. 1500. He complimented Gen Wyche on the Div operations. After Gen Brooks left, the Gen went to 313th CP where he talked to Col Van Bibber. Returned to Div CP approx. 1730. A conference was held immediately after supper and plans for continuing our mission were drawn. (Gen shot at with armour piercing ammunition while at 313th CP).

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4 Dec 44 - Cont'd. where he called the Corps Comdr recommending
Monday that the operation not take place. After lunch, the Gen started out to complete his tour and also visited the three regmtl CP's. Proceded to 314th, 315th and then on to 304th Engrs at Mommenheim. From Mommenheim, he returned to Brumath to stop at the 313th and then went on to the Med Bn. Returned to the Div CP late in the afternoon. Upon return to Div CP, the Gen was told that Gen Brooks, 6th Corps Comdr, had visited the CP. Also that the Div would pass from XV to VI Corps control at 050001 Dec.

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5 Dec 44 - The Gen had planned to visit all regmtl Bns but his
Tuesday plans were changed upon deciding to visit Corps. He left Div CP approx. 0815; Corps located in Saverne, and proceded thereto. After conference with Gen Brooks, Gen Wyche returned to Div CP. Had conference with Gen Greer, Gen Wahl, C/S, G-2 and G-3 with reference to our next operation. Gen Brooks had ordered Gamesheim to be taken prior to the coming operation. Col Langvine, Corps G-2, stopped in to see the C/S. About 1600, the Gen left CP and visited 93rd FA Bn in Weitbruch and the on to 310th in Beitlenheim, returning to Brumath where he sawGen Bear, the Corps Arty Comdr. Returned to Div CP at 1730. Staff conference was held after supper regarding the attack on Gamesheim. Also discussed civilian circulation problem upon approach and entering Germany.

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6 Dec 44 - Meeting of Units Comdrs at 0900 to discuss the forth-
Wednesday coming operation. Meeting adjourned 1000. Gen Brooks arrived at Div CP approx. 1045 and spoke briefly with Gen Wyche regarding the 94th Cav Sq's attack on Gambsheim and also next large operation. Gen Brooks left Div CP before noon. The balance of the morning was spent discussing plans for the attack of Gambsheim. In the afternoon, Gen Smith of the 14th Armd Div stopped in the Div CP to see Gen Wyche and, upon Gen Wyche's recommendation, ordered two companies to assist the 94th in their attack. Gen Smith, accompanied by his G-3 and Col Gloriod, left Div CP for the 94th CP. Gen Wyche left Div CP at 1500 and visited the 311th, 904th and 312th Arty Bns. Returned to Div approx. 1730. During the evening, additional orders rec'd from Corps giving us our D-Day. Plans drawn for our FO to be issued to the troops on the following morning.

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1 Dec 44 - After getting the Gen Situation at the Div CP, Gen Wych
<u>Friday</u> went up to the new CP of the 315th at Uhlungen where he talked with Col Schriver. He discovered that the 315th had the 2d and 3d Bns on the way throuth the town of Schweghausen and were mopping-up the last remaining resistance in the cellars. He returned to the Div CP at 1100. In the afternoon, Gen Haislip visited the Div CP and brought the information that the Germans were withdrawing from the 6th Corps sector to the vicinity of Strasbourg. The Gen spent the remainder of the afternoon at the Div CP.

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2 Dec 44 - In the morning, the Gen visited the 314th CP and talked
<u>Saturday</u> to Col Robinson who informed the Gen that his left flank was weak and that he would like to have the 315th extend their right flank down to contact his left flank. The Gen then went to the 315th CP where he instructed Col Schriver to extend his right flank down to the edge of the woods to contact "F" Co of the 314th. From there the Gen proceded to the 313th where he talked to Col Wood about employment of his regmt on the right. Upon learning that Col Gooding had his 2d Bn CP in Kirchenhausen, he drove there and inspected the terrain to the NE in the direction of Bischwiller and also saw the mountains across the Rhine. On the way back, he stopped at the rear echelon and then proceded back to the DivCP

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3 Dec 44 - The Gen spent the greater part of the morning at Div CP
<u>Sunday</u> discussing the forthcoming change from XV to VI Corps. At 1000 hours, the Gen left for the 94th Cav of the 14th Armored Div which was atchd to us and had its CP in Hoerdt. There, the Gen talked with Major Smith, the executive and looked at the two warehouses filled with foodstuffs which the 7th Army QM was guarding. He then returned to the Div CP at 1215. In the afternoon, the Gen had intentions of making the rounds to the service units but at 1430, Col Dayton arrived to orient the staff on the Siegfried defenses. This cession lasted until 1630 at which time the ACofS G-3 of the VI Corps arrived to give us further details with regard to the change-over to VI Corps. This change to be effective 050001.

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4 Dec 44 - The Gen started out to make a tour of rear elements and
<u>Monday</u> went to QM, Ordnance, both located in Hochfelden. While at Ordnance, received a call from C/S that the Corps Comdr had called regarding an operation involving our right flank; The Gen returned immediately to Div CP

27 Nov 44 - Cont'd. through Artillery channels. At 2230, Capt
Monday Holbrook arrived with the corps order. A meeting of the G/S was held late in the afternoon.

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28 Nov 44 - The attack jumped-off at approx. 1200 hours with the
Tuesday 314th on the right, their CP at Guedertheim, attacking north and generally towards the direction of Haugenau. the 315th on the left with their cp in Walenthiem, also attacking north. Later in the Afternoon, the Gen visited the three inf cps. By nightfall, the two regmts were on their initial objective. The 314th in Birckwald and the 315th in Berstheim.

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29 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 0830 to visit the three
Wednesday Regmtl CP's, stopping first at 314th where he talked to Col Robinson and then at the 315th in Walentheim. While returning from the 315th, he met Gen Greer. After talking with Gen Greer, he went to the advanced CP of the 314th where he saw Col Robinson and Maj Hillier. Here, the Gen got the situation and went up in the OP which was a protestant church in the middle of town. However, due to the heavy fog, visibility was poor and he was not able to observe the advance of the first bn. He then returned to the Div CP at 1200 hours. At about 1330, he went up to the new 315th CP in Berthsheim and then on to Hochfelder to locate the 45th Div but upon arrival at Hochfelder, discovered they had moved to Bouxweiler a few hours previously. He then returned to Div CP. At 1730, the 1st Bn of the 314th rec'd a counterattack in the edge of the woods along their route to the south of Haugenau, supported by two tanks. The situation was well in hand by 2000 hours.

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30 Nov 44 - At 0800, the 1st Bn of the 314th attacked, restored
Thursday their positions and made slight gains towards their objective. The Gen visited the 45th Div in Bouxweiler where he saw Gen Eagles and then returned to Div CP at 1030. In the afternoon, Gen Wyche went up to the CP of the 314th in Kreigsheim. Upon arrival at the 314th he found that Col Robinson was up at the 314th OP in Neidershoffelsheim so continued on up to there where he met Col Robinson and Gen Greer. He heard the firing of the 2d Bn on the left but because of the poor visibility, was unable to see any of the action. After approx. 1/2 hour, he ret to Div CP where he spent the remainder of the afternoon.

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24 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche visited 315th CP in St Louis and proceded
**Friday** along their route to the head of their column. Returned to Div CP in Phalsbourg. Shortly thereafter, left Div CP and went to Saverne where he met Gen Greer and both watched movement of convoys through the Saverne area. Gen Wyche talked to the Col in charge of one Combat Command of the 2d French Armored which was slowing up our movement through Saverne. Returned to Div CP approx noon. Had lunch and then left again and proceded toward Brumath and then on to new Div CP which was located in Brumath. CP was late in closing-in so the evening was spent in setting- up the CP. 314th closed in their area completely. 313th and 5th were unable to cross in thei assigned areas due to some enemy opposition on the roads leading SW from Hagenau. Div closed in with 314th in its asgd areas. 2d Bn was used in blocking roads in the vicinity of Kriegshiem. Plans made for shuffling of units for movement to their proper areas the following morning.

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25 Nov 44 - Rec'd call in the morning that Gen Haislip was to vi-
**Saturday** sit our CP around 1030 or 1100 hours. Gen remained in Div CP expecting arrival of Gen Haislip but received call shortly before noon that Gen Haislip was unable to come. After lunch, the Gen left CP 1415 and proceded to Corps for conference with Gen Haislip, too Col Dohrman with him. Returned to Div CP from Corps at 1815. Short conference was held after dinner in which plans for consolidating present positions.

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26 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche visited PW cage and inspected synogogue whic
**Sunday** had been used as a food storage depot by the Germans. Gen Butler, Ass't Div Comdr of the 45th Div visited CP before noon and talked to Gen Wyche. Preparation made for movement of Div CP to Mittelschaffelsheim. Gen left Div CP 1330 and visited 3 regmtl CP's and then proceded to new Div CP.

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27 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche spent the morning at the CP awaiting further
**Monday** instructions from Corps regarding future operations. During the morning, word was rec'd that Lt Col Jeffries C.O., 813th TD Bn had been killed in action. In the afternoon the Gen visited the 3 regmtl CP. The 314th was in Geudertheim, 313th in Brumath and the 315th in Walenthiem. Upon his return from the units, it was learned that we were to make a limited objective attack tommorow to secure the high ground around the South and West of Hageunau. This report was received by C/S

20 Nov 44 - Cont'd. Barbas approx. 1125. Rec'd word that Gen De-
Monday vers was due to arrive at our CP for lunch. Gen Devers accompanied by Gen Haislip arrived Div CP approx. 12 30. They discussed the present situation. Gen Wyche was congratulated by both generals of the fine work the Div had done in the breakthrough. They departed from Div CP 1330 While they were there, Gen Devers received a message from his Hq that the 1st French Armored had taken Belfort and gone on to the Rhine and were presently approaching Mulhouse. Gen Wyche left CP about 1400 going to the 315th CP in Niederhoff. Returned to Div CP at Fraqelfing. Received word that the Army Condr was on his way to Div CP. However, he did not arrive. At the close of day, units were disposed as follows: 314th in vicinity of Nitting, 315th in the vicinity of Niederhoff. 315th had moved up and went into assembly areas with their motors between Fraqelfing and Niederhoff.

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21 Nov 44 - Plans made for moving Div CP to Hesse. Gen visited el-
Tuesday ements of 314th in the vicinity of Nitting and during the afternoon visited units along their route of advance. The 315th on the right, 314th on the left followed by the 313th. One Bn of the 313th attached to the French. Division was not meeting very much opposition during their advance. Great numbers of prisoners being turned in by FFI. 315th not meeting very much opposition but slowed down by bridges being knocked-out in their route of advance. Div CP moved to Hesse late in the afternoon.

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22 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche was making a tour of the units and was de-
Wednesday tained quite sometime on the road to Arzviller due to condition of road and congested traffic. Stopped at proposed location of Div CP S of Hamartting and then went on to 313th forward CP in Hammarting. From there, went to Div forward elements in Mittlebron and then back to 314th Regmtl CP at Hamartting. Had lunch at 314th CP and then returned to Div CP approx. 1500. 313th crossed in their assembly area south of Hamarting. 314th maintained their positions reinforcing the French outside of Phalsbourg.

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23 Nov 44 - Plans made for moving Div CP in the afternoon: location
Thursday Phalsbourg. Phalsbourg was taken without any opposition. Thanksgiving dinner was celebrated before the Division CP moved to Phalsbourg by a turkey dinner at noon. Div CP moved at 1400 to a school (or college) in Phalsbourg. 314th advanced to Saverne. 315th still working on the southern route repairing bridges and opening supply lines. 313th following 314th.

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16 Nov 44 (contd) - were ordered to send patrols to the Vezouse
Thursday River.

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13 Nov 44 (contd) - Troop have taken over the sector from a unit
Monday of the 44th Division. Tanks and TD's are in position with their respective units. (Lt. Crooks: )Attack jumped off at 0700, with the 314th Infantry on the left and the 315th Infantry on the right crossing the Blatte River at Migneville and Montigny respectively. The General visited the 314th Infantry CP in Vaxainville and the 315th Infantry CP in Reherrey. He then went to the 315th Infantry Advance CP in Montigny, where he talked with Colonel Schriver. As he was leaving the CP his driver (Sgt Frye) was wounded by a shell fragment. The General returned to the Division CP by way of Baccarat where he stopped to see General Buress, the CG of the 100th Division. By nightfall, the 315th Infantry was on the outskirts of Ancerviller, with the 314th Infantry echeloned slightly to the left rear.

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14 Nov 44 - The General spent the entire day in the CP. By Tues-
Tuesday day morning, all resistance had been removed in Ancerviller by the 315th Infantry. Late in the afternoon, the 3d Bn, 315th Inf, took St. Pole. In the meantime plans were coordinated with the commander of the 2d French Armored reconnaissance detachment, Colonel Langlade, who was to pass through the infantry when a breakthrough seemed imminent. By Tuesday night, the leading elements of the 315th Infantry had reached the high ground on the outskirts of Halloville.

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15 Nov 44 - At 1000 on Wednesday morning, the French Reconnaissanc
Wednesday moved out through Halloville towards Nonhigny. Immediately after this, the Division CP moved from Menil Flin to Migneville. General Wyche stopped briefly at the new Division CP and then moved on to Ancerviller where the CP's of the 314th and 315th Infantries were located. He then went forward to Colonel Schriver's advance CP at Halloville, which had been taken earlier in the morning. He returned to the Division CP about 1300.

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16 Nov 44 - The 314th Infantry moved north towards Barbas. The
Thursday 315th Infantry, which had reached the outskirts of Harbouey the previous night, occupied that town. Late in the morning, the Corps Commander stopped at the Division CP and informed General Wyche that he would not send him the 2d French Armored Division to pass through the 79th Division until we had established a bridgehead over the Vezouse River. In the afternoon, General Patch arrived at the Division CP to talk with General Wyche. The 314th and 315th Infantry

10 Nov 44 - Friday — (Afternoon) General Van Duzen arrived at Division CP approximately 1330 and left at 1415. General Wyche, accompanied by Captain Krayer and Lieutenant Hahn, went to the Second French Armored Division CP, where General Wyche held a conference with General LeClerc. Returned to Division CP approximately 1700. After supper, a conference was held with General Greer, the Chief of Staff, G-3, and it was agreed to call a meeting at 0830 Saturday morning.

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11 Nov 44 - Saturday — There was a meeting of regimental commanders, the Division Artillery Commander, and regimental S-3's at 0830, discussing proposed plans of the regiments, and particularly stressing crossing of the La Blatte. River. General Wyche left the Division CP at 1005 and attended an Armistice Day Celebration held by XV Corps and the civilian authorities in Luneville. Returned to the Division CP at 1100. At 1300, the General left the Division CP and went to the 100th Division CP where he saw General Buress, and from there he went to an OP just east of Vaxainville, returning to the Division CP approximately 1700.

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12 Nov 44 - Sunday — 314th and 315th Infantry moved into initial assemblys areas during the night as well as the three light artillery battalions; one gun of the 312th FA Bn moved yesterday afternoon into its initial area and registered. Balance of this battalion to be moved today. General left Div CP at 0930, and visited the 311th, 310th and 904th FA Bns at their forward CP's. Also visited the CP of the 250th FA Bn, which is attached to us. Then proceeded to Corps for a conference with the Corps Commander. Returned to the Division CP approximately 1215. The Div CP was moved during the morning from Luneville to its present position at Mesnil-Flin. The General left the new CP early in the afternoon and visited the 463d AAA Bn CP, the 314th CP, the 312th FA Bn CP and then the 315 Inf CP. Returned to Div CP at 1700. Conference was held in operations truck, going over plans for the jump-off in the morning. D-day, Monday, 13 November 1944; H-hour, 0700.

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13 Nov 44 - Monday — G-3 reported at 0600 that the 1st Bn of the 314th Inf crossed the stream at Montigny. The balance of the 1st Bn now across at Migneville. 315th Infantry in position, prepared to cross LD at 0700. 313th Inf is at its forward assembly area. The Reconnaissance

7 Nov 44 (contd) - the Artillery members and then returned to
<u>Tuesday</u>

the Div CP at approximately 1130. The General left the Div CP at 1345, and went to Co E, 313th Infantry, for a witnessed demonstration of the new booster charge for the anti-tank rifle grenade. From there, he proceeded to Moncel, and watched the Reconnaissance Troop firing their 37-mm guns at a German tank. He returned to the Div CP approximately 1600.

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8 Nov 44 - <u>Wednesday</u>

The General proceeded to the Medical Bn, where he decorated members of the organization with the Bronze Star, then inspected the Clearing Company, and visited the Evacuation Hospital (54th), returning to the Division CP shortly before noon. At 1330, he proceeded to the Signal Co., where ten members were decorated with Bronze Stars. General returned to the Division CP, changed clothes, and made a reconnaissance in the rear of the French Second Armored Division positions, going to two OP's, where he could see the terrain to the Northeast of which our Division would pass. Returned to Division CP, after going through Baccarat, where, by chance, he met General Butler, the Assistant Division Commander of the 45th Division, which at this time is being relieved and moving to a rest area in the vicinity of Charmes. Returned to Division CP approximately 1600.

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9 Nov 44 - <u>Thursday</u>

General Haislip arrived at Division CP at 0850, discussed the coming operation with the General briefly and then proceeded to the 314th Infantry and witnessed a demonstration of bazooka and anti-tank rifle grenade fire by the 2d Bn. From there he proceeded to Company "E", and watched them in an assault of a fortified position. Returned to the Div CP at approximately 1130. General Haislip proceeded directly to his headquarters. Col. McAleer had a conference with the General at 1315. At 1400, regimental commanders with their S-3's and AT Co. Commanders, plus G-3, Chief of Staff and Assistant Division Commander, along with 813th Tank Destroyer Bn Battalion and Company Commanders held a conference concerning Tank Destroyer operation and anti-tank defense. Conference ended at 1615. This was followed by a short conference with regimental commanders and their S-3's on plans for the coming operation. This meeting ended at 1700. Nothing of any note occurred during the evening.

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4 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP at 0945, drove to 315th Inf CP,
Saturday where the Gen presented medals to those officers and enlisted men who had earned medals and had not yet received them. After presentation of medals, Gen Wyche talked to the regiment on their past performance and preparing themselves for the next operation. He then talked to a group of men who had been frequently evacuated for battle fatigue, telling them that they would have another chance to redeem themselves and prove that they were not actually cowards. We returned to the Div CP approximately 1200. In the afternoon, Gen Wyche accompanied by Capt Krayer went walking in the town. They walked to Division Artillery Hq and then took a tour around the town, returning to the Div CP approximately 1430. A dance was held in the Hq Co building, which was the first dance held by Div Hq since leaving England. The general and all members of the staff attended, and a good time was had by all.

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5 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche spent the morning at the Div CP. In the
Sunday afternoon he walked through the town, during which time he observed 15 anti-tank mines outside the Clearing Company. After returning to his quarters, he spent the afternoon attending to administrative details in the office.

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6 Nov 44 - Gen Wyche and Capt Krayer left the Div CP at 1022, and
Monday proceeded to the 314th Infantry in the vicinity of the factory outside Luneville, where a regimental review was held and Gen Wyche presented officers and enlisted men with the decorations they had earned. After the troops had been dismissed the General spoke to a small group of enlisted men who were suspected of cowardice, telling them that they would have an opportunity to prove themselves in the coming operation and that judgment would not be passed at this time. Returned to the Div CP 1130. After lunch, the General went walking in the rain. He visited Division Artillery Hq, early in the afternoon. He rested the remainder of the afternoon and early evening.

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7 Nov 44 - A conference was held with the General Staff and the
Tuesday Division Artillery members at 0800, discussing plans for the coming operation. Immediately following the conference, reconnaissance parties from the 315th Infantry received instructions for their reconnaissance They left the Division CP at 0945. The General proceeded to Division Artillery Hq at 1015, where a ceremony was held and 55 members presented with Silver and Bronze Stars. The General made a short speech to

31 Oct 44 - The Gen left Div CP at 1100 and visited Ordnance, Ser-
Tuesday vice companies of 311 FA and 310th FA Bns. Returned to Div CP 1215. In the afternoon, the Gen agains left Div CPat approx 1400 and proceeded to QM, and service co's of the 904th FA. He later went to see the Signal Co. and then to 44th Div CP in Croismere. On return to the Div CP, stopped at the MP Plat and then the Med Bn where the Gen discussed battle fatigue cases with Major Stabile. Shortly after leaving med Bn, the left rear wheel ofthe sedan fell off and Gen walked from there back to the Div CP and inspected Hq. Co. Mess while passingng through Div CP area. Returned Div CP at 1700.

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2 Nov 44 - The Gen spent all morning at the office reviewing ad-
Thursday ministrative matters. Early inthe afternoone, the Gen walked over to Div Arty where he inspected Hq Btry and sleeping qrs of Div Arty. After that, the gen walked through town and on the way back, stopped at the Hq Co kitchen and inspected their mess. Returned to Div CP at 1430.

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3 Nov 44 - Between 0800 and 0900, the Gen advised with G-2 and 3
Friday at which time he was oriented on the current situation. At 0950, the Gen and Lt Crooks left Div CP for the 313th Inf whrre seven silver and eleven Bronze Stars were presented to members of the regiment. A semi-formal seremony was made up of a composite battalion of one company per Bn. After presentation of medals, the Gen made a short talk to the assembled troops and complimented them for doing their job well. After the ceremony, he went to a theater in Rosiers where he talked to some 45 phsychiatric cases. His theme to them was that by their actions on the battlefield, they were open to the suspicion of cowardice but during this period of rehabilitation they had an opportunity to retrieve their honor and personal pride and that he hoped in the future that their actions would be of such a nature on the battlefield that he would have an opportunity to decorate some of them. He then returned to Div CP. After lunch the Gen inspected the Med Bn where he talked to the mess sgts and looked at the mens quarters which were in an oldFrench barracks of 1874 vendage. Also stopped in to see Col O'Riordan with the flue. After returning to the Div CP at 1430, he went down to the 315th CP at Bayon . On the way back to the Div CP, he stopped at 314th where he talked with Cols Robinson and Davis. Upon returnto Div CP, he found Col Wood awaiting his return. Col. Wood stayed for dinner.

28 Oct44 - (Cont'd) of the Co's. He visited the Co's of 2d, 1st
Saturday and 3rd Bns and found that all of the men were under cover, most of them had been issued their winter clothing and, generally, seemed to be in good condition. After seeing two Co's of 3rd Bn, he returned to the Div CP. The only companies he did not see were "C" and "I" companies of the 313th. In the evening, Gen Greer attended a stag party given by the 313th. The C/S and G/S attended a dance given by Corps. Gen Wyche retired to his qrs.

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29 Oct 44 - Gen left Div late in the morning and went to 314th Reg
Sunday Hq where he picked-up Col Robinson and then visited each company in the regmt with the exception of Service Co. Returned to Div CP approx. 1230. In the afternoon at approx. 1400, the Gen proceded to 315th CP where he was met by Col Schriver and made a tour of all companies in the 315th. Returned to Div CP 1800.

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30 Oct 44 - Gen left CP at 0900 and visited the 304th Engr Bn at
Monday Villacourt. After a tedious ride, he arrived and met Col Van Allen and inspected billets and kitchen of the battalion which was spread through the town. After talking to the men and assuring him that they were all under cover, he returned to the Div CP. On the way bac he stopped in Eivaux where, by a combination of sign language and French, the Gen persuaded the local peasantry to surrender 13 eggs. The Gen then returned to the Div CP. After lunch, Gen Wahl accompanied Gen Wych on a tour of the Arty Bns where were located in the towns of Blainville and Damelvieres. The Arty was found to be very well taken care of, with most of the men either billeted in private homs or school bldgs.

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31 Nov 44 - Gen spent greater part of the morning at the Div CP.
Wednesday at 1100, he went to Corps Hq and on the way back, Lt crooks made an unsuccessful attempt to find the Rcn Troop and after wondering about aimlessly for three blocks, returned to Div CP for lunch. After lunch, a fresh attempt was made, this time the sedan got within 200 yards of the CP where it stuck in the mud and the Gen was forced to walk the rest of the way. Also included in the tour were 313th and 314th service companies, 3rdBn Hq, and Companies "I" and "M" who were billetted in the vicinity of Blainville and also Co. "C which was in Rosieres. Returned to Div CP at 1730.

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26 October 44 - Gen Wyche spent the greater part of the morning in
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the office attending to administrative procedures. At 1100, he and Gen Wahl left Luneville to drive to the QM sales store in Toule. Arriving there at 1230 he found the commissary did not have any of the items which he desired to purchase (trench coat). Leaving the commissary and unsuccessfully trying to locate a restaurant, they came back to Nancy where they had lunch at the Third Army officers mess at the Grand Hotel. While there, he saw an old friend of his, Gen Bond. He left there at 1400 and arrived at the Div CP at 1500. At 1530, the Gen visited the clearing Co to obtain cough medicine and also to visit Major DeBruhl who had been wounded in the chest. He also learned that Colonel Nelson, CO of 324th Inf., 44th Div, had been killed by a mine on the previous day. Returned to Div CP 1600. In the evening, Gen Greer had 3 guests for dinner in the form of rather unattractive nurses from the attached hospital unit.

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27 October 44 - Gen Wyche spent the morning reviewing administra-
**Friday**

tive matters and discussing training schedule with Gen Greer and C/S. The three prepared and discussed notes for meeting to be held at 1330. At 1330, the meeting was held; Gen Greer discussed past operations pointing out errors and deficiencies and then each unit comdr, that is, Div Arty and Regmtl comdrs were called upon for their remarks. Meeting adjourned wit Col Hansen discussing records and plan for inspection of all unit records and correction of any errors; meeting ended 1700. Col Chambers and Cameron, Army Engr section, visited Col. Thomas, reporting that the Army Engr were prepared to fix-up our bivouac areas in any way possible, suggesting unit showers, repari of roads and bldgs etc.

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28 October 44 - After spending the greater part of the morning con-
**Saturday**

ferring with C/S, Gen Greer on the aspects of psychiatry as concerned with cowardice before the enemy, Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 1030. He drove up in the sedan to the CP of the 4th Armd Div at Ramevill-ier where he was to meet Gen Wood. However, he found that Gen Wood was in Lenoncourt attending ceremony of one of his Bns. Gen Wyche then went to Lenoncourt where he met Gen Wood, and then wen on to the Cp of the 313th Inf. After having lunch with Col Wood and his three Bn Comdrs, he embarked on an inspection

23 Oct 44 - strength supported by tanks, was in progress on their
Monday front. However, when the Gen left the 315th CP, the situation was in hand and arty was directing fire on four enemy tanks coming down from the direction of Xousse. On the way back to Div CP, the Gen stopped at the PW cage and interviewed an arty observer officer PW. On arrival at Div CP, the Gen learned that the situation on the 315th front was well on the way to being cleared up. By evening, the 2d and 3rd Bns of the 314th had been relieved by the 114th Infantry of the 44th Div.

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24 Oct 44 - Div CP was moved to rest area in Luneville at 1200.
Tuesday Gen Wyche spent the morning at Div CP completing arrangements for the turn-over of command to the 44th Div. At 1100 Gen Patch arrived, stayed for lunch and talked with Lt Bagley who had been with his son when he was killed. At 1200, Gen Spragins arrived to take over command. Gen Wyche, C/S, G-2 and 3 remained at the 44th Div CP until later in the afternoon to assist the 44th Div in any way they possibly could.

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25 Oct 44 - At 0245 this morning, elements of the 315th Inf were
Wednesday relieved after a total of 128 days of continuous action. During this period there were 5 days when no casualties were suffered and 8 days when no PW's were taken. Today is first day of rest period. All units have been relieved and are either in or moving to their respective rest areas. Gen left div cp at 1115 to make a short tour of Regmtl CP's, instructing regmtl comdrs that first priority was to give the men rest and to see that they had the opportunity to bathe and clean-up before starting training. The 315th CP, the gen notified Col McAleer that Col Schriver would take over command of 315th regmt the following morning. Later, upon arrival at 313th CP, he notified Col schriver of this change in command and directed him to proceed to the 315th the following morning to assume command. He returned to Div cp at 1330. During the remainder of the day, the Gen devoted his time to administrative procedures and discussing with the staff plans for the Div during the break. At approx. 1800, Capt Holbrook reported to the Gen that there would be a delay before the start of the rest operation. Meeting scheduled at Corps for 1000 of the 27th was cancelled and the division was ordered to relax and not initiate any reconnaissance as previously instructed. Length of break before starting next operation is undetermined.

21 Oct 44 - Saturday

Attack for final Corps objective launched at 0635 with 313th on the left, 314th on the right and 315th in the center. 114th Regt of the 44th Div holding southern flank. 44th Rcn between 79th Div and 106th Cav. Gen Wyche went to 314th CP, located at the fort, where they inspected the terrain from the OP and pointed out on the ground extreme left flank of 114th Regt. Returned to Div CP approx. noon. Gen Spragins continued on to his CP. Attack going well with units of 313th, 314th and 315th on their objectives. Gen Wyche visited 313th and 315th CP's also 315th OP where he consulted with regmtl comdr on closing of gaps between units. Stoped at 313th PW cage and interrogated prisoner and then inspected prisoners at Div PW cage. Returned to Div CP at 1700. Staff conference held after supper in which was discussed the consolidating of lines preparatory to turning-over to 44th Div. Gap still exists between right flank of 313th and left flanks of 315th. Plans made for closing this the first thing in the morning.

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22 Oct 44 - Sunday

Gen Wyche spent the morning at Div CP. In the afternoon, he took Gen Spragins to the 313th CP in Emberminil where he talked with Col Wood and Col Shriver. After leaving 313th CP, Gen Spragins left Gen Wyche and went back to the Regmtl CP of the 71st Inf. Gen Wyche walked down to the 315th CP, also in Embermenil and discussed plans for the relief of Col McAleer's Regt with him and Gen's Greer and Dean. Gen Wyche then stopped at the advance CP of the 314th where he talked with Col Robinson. He found the 314th sector to be quiet. All activity was consentrated on the N, or 313 and 315th Sector. After returning to the Div CP, a telephone call was received at approx. 1630 to the effect that Capt Patch, Company Comdr of Co. "C", 315th Inf had been killed in action by an enemy tank. After verifying this report, Gen Wyche called Gen Haislip and then called Gen Spragins who broke the news to Gen Patch. Usual staff conference in the evening.

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23 Oct 44 - Monday

Gen Wyche spent most of the morning at Div CP. Capt Krayer left at 1030 for Epinal where he represented the Gen at Capt Patch's funeral. Gen Dean, ADC of the 44th Div had lunch with Gen Wyche. In the afternoon, the Gen visited the 313th and found everything to be quiet in their sector. At the 315 CP, which he visited at 1415, he found that an attack, estimated at Bn

18 Oct 44 - a guide from the 3d Bn. After detrucking from his
**Wednesday** chainless jeep, the Gen mounted the guides jeep along with his aide. In his usual presence of mind, Lt Crooks inadvertently forgot the map for which he was chastised soundly and then the party chugged-off for the 3rd Bn CP. Among other things that were left behind were the raincoats and half way down to the CP, a gently rain began falling. This drizzle continued intermittently throughout the time the Gen was at the 3d Bn. The Gen then went up to see the positions of "I" and "K" Co's of the 3d Bn. Along the path up the hill were noted old trench systems of World War I and carrying parties loaded with marmite cans filled with chicken. At Co. "I", the Gen met Lt Roberts who gave him the general picture as far as his sector was concerned. The Gen then went up to the edge of the woods in the hope of finding a good OP but unfortunately he was not able to see any. Col Sagmon then took the Gen to the main road where his jeep had been parked and the Gen then returned to the Div CP at 1245. Upon arrival at the CP, he found Gen Dean waiting here to see him. After lunch, a meeting of G/S and unit Comdr was held at which plans were discussed for the coming attack. Each Regmtl Comdr gave his scheme of attack Meeting adjourned at approx. 1500. In the evening, Gen Ott, Corps Arty officer came over with Gen Wahl and discussed the arty expenditures for the coming attack. Gen retired 2100.

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19 Oct 44 - Gen Wyche talked with Col Sagmon by phone early in the
**Thursday** morning and then left Div CP and visited front line Co's of 2d Bn, 315th. Returned to Div CP approx. 1200 At 1400, the Gen toured front line units of 2d and 3d Bns of the 314th and returned to Div CP at 1730. Usual staff meeting after supper.

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20 Oct 44 - In view ofthe possibility that our attack might be
**Friday** postponed on account of shortage of artillery ammunition Gen Wyche went to Corps Hq to discuss the situa- with the Corps Comdr. The decision was to be given by 1630 the same date as to whether the attack would go through as planned. Late in the Afternoon it was found that enough ammunition would be available to enable us to go ahead with the attack. H-Hour to be 0635, saturday morning.

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17 Oct 44 - Tuesday

Gen Wyche received call from Corps Hq directing him to be present at 1000 for conference with visiting officials. Left CP 0945 accompanied by Gen Wahl, C/S and G-2; arrived at corps Hq 1000. Visiting officials were Gen Eisenhower, Gen Devers. Short conference was held and then after having lunch, Gen Eisenhower and Devers departed. Gen Wyche, Gen Haislip and Gen Spragins held short conference. Gen Wyche then returned to Div CP. Gen Wyche met Gen Spragins at Corps at 1530 where he later met Gen Wood and then conducted Gen Spragins on a short tour of our area. Gen Spragins left Div CP at 1715. The usual staff conference was held shortly after supper.

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18 Oct 44 - Wednesday

In a deluge of rain, the Gen left Div CP to pay his respects to the soldiers in the front line co's. of 313th The Gen stopped at Col Woods CP where he picked-up a guide (Lt Col Peterson) CO of 1st Bn, 313th. After being cautioned about keeping a ¼ mi. distance between vehicles, we sallied forth to the 1st Bn CP which was under enemy observation half of the way. After arriving without serious mishap, the Gen inspected the terrain tothe front, especially the RR station on the right flank of the Bn which was occupied by "C" Co. This company was disposed in a very exposed position and could only be reached under the cover of darkness. Spasmotic mortar and arty fire fell during the time the Gen was at the Bn CP. After a mad dash from the Bn CP to the town of Embermenil; he was under enemy observation, the Gen visited "B" and "C" Co's of the same Bn who had positions in the bldgs in the town. The Gen went up to "B" Co. and with field glasses in hand, examined "B-Henry" hill, supposedly heavily fortified by the enemy. After a critical scrutiny of the woods, he observed causticly, "I don't think they have much in ther With this observation, he returned the field glasses to his case and marched North out of town to the right flank of "G" Co which was disposed along the road leading N out of Embermenil. He found the men in good spirits and was surprised to see how dry they were in both clothing and wit. One of the men exclaimed, "This ain't as bad as Tenn yet". Upon inquiry, the Gen found that they were keeping their foxholes dry by stretching shelterhalves over them. This was supplemented by the addition of duck-boards in many of the foxholes. With a cheery word and a wave of the hand, he plowed back through the mud to the battered bldg where the jeep was parked. About a mile down the road, we encountered

14 Oct 44 - Gen Wyche went to Div Arty CP at 0800 to duscuss the
Saturday attack with Gen Wahl which was scheduled for 0900. Returned to Div CP 0845. The Gen then immediately left for div forward CP in Croismare. After getting the situation he drove to 314th CP at Thiebaumenil where he talked with Col Davis and from there he went to the fort, where he met Col Robinson. Col Robinson accompanied the Gen to the 3d Bn CP which was SE of Embermenil in the vicinity of the railroad stat on. After discussing situation with Col Purvis, returned to Div CP. Most of the afternoon was spent at the Div CP.

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15 Oct 44 - Conference was held at 0800 with Gen Greer, Gen Wahl,
Sunday Col Thomas, G-2 and G-3. After the conference, the Gen visited 313th Infantry CP andinspected terrain in their area. While at the OP; it was shelled by the Germans. Returned to the 313th CP and then back to Div CP. Gen Wahl, Wyche, and Greer then went to Corps Hq for Conference with Corps comdr. Returned to Div CP 1230. Gen Wyche visited the 3 Regmtl CP's during late afternoon. The usual conference was held at 0700 in th evening. During the evening, Gen W. F. Dean, Asst Div Comdr of the 44th Div visited our CP notifying us that he had established his CP in the old cavalry barracks in Luneville. While here, Gen Dean received phone call that his div was to begin coming in at 2400 this date.

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16 Oct 44 - In the morning, the Gen went to the 314th to discuss
Monday the situation with Col Robinson. After getting the sitrep there, he went to the Fort de Manonvillier to the CP of the 2d Bn where the Gen talked with Maj Hogoboom with reference to getting details of a [redacted] German counterattack which had developed just prior to daylight that morning. After some questioning, it was doubtful as to whether it had been a counterattack or whether the Germans had merely been confused as to the location of their lines in trying to effect a relief of some of their troops. 50 PWs were taken when we regained our original position on the ridge which "G" Co held. Gen then returned to Div CP.at 1130. In the afternoon, the Gen conferred with officers of the 44th Div with re to the entry of their troops into our line At 1730, Gen Greer, Gen Wahl, Gen Staff and Col Binkley were present at a dinner in honor of Gen Wyche's 57th birthday. The Gen proposed a toast to "The men who are responsible for the success of the div" and "to the men in the foxholes".

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11 Oct 44 - (Cont'd) spected the bridge being constructed at that
<u>Wednesday</u> point. Incidentally, Gen Wyche was the first person to cross the bridge constructed by 304th Engrs at Mar-Lonvillier. Returned to Div CP 1730. Conference held with staff after supper to discuss divisions next move. 315th CT remains in their respective position in the woods with tentative plans for its movement from the woods tomorrow. Top Secret letter received today covering tentative plan for relief of the division.

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12 Oct 44 - Gen Wyche, Col Thomas and Col Gloriod went to XV Corps
<u>Thursday</u> early in the morning to visit Gen Haislip and his staff concerning our movement to the E. It was decided that the division would maintain contact without becoming involved in a major operation and push on to the high ground generally on a N-S line through Embermenil just East of the Foret de Parroy. Gen Wyche returned to Div CP at 1050. In the afternoon, the Gen inspected the bridge over the Vezouse River at Thiebaumenil and then proceded to the uncompleted bridge at Manonviller. Whil at Thiebaumenil, the Gen visited Col Robinson at his CP and then went across the river to the fort at Mannonviller where he met Col Purvis. This fort had been built shortly after the Franco Prussian war and had apparently been abandoned for sometime. It was in ruin and gave evidence of having been occupied recently by a small detachment of Germans. It occupied the most commanding ground in that section but, unfortunately, at the time of the Gen's visit it rained and visibility was "zero". After inspecting the fort, the Gen visited the 313th CP at Neuveviller and then returned to the Div CP at 1730.

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13 Oct 44 - Gen Wyche spent most of the morning at the CP review-
<u>Friday</u> administrative matters. The Gen talked to Pvt. Remar of 314th Inf regarding his court martial case, suspend- the sentence adjudged by the court (Dishonorable Disch) During the afternoon, the Gen made a tour of the Regtl CP's and spent approx a half hour at Col Robinsons OP located in the fort. Returned to Div CP 1745. Usual conference with staff during the evening. 313th and 314th continued patroling, maintaining contact with the enemy. 315th (-) moved out of woods to Div reserve in the area back of 314th sector.

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9 Oct 44 - (Cont'd) imately 1430. Guests were General Marshall,
Monday    C/S, Lt Gen Handy, Chief of Opr., and Lt Gen Devers, 6th Army Group Comdr and two Brig Generals and one Colonel. Gen Wyche gave visitors a brief outline of our past operations in the forest plus the operation now in progress. Visitors departed from CP approx. 1530.

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10 Oct 44 - Gen Wyche left the Div CP at 1000 to visit the 314th CP.
Tuesday    Here the Gen gave Col Robinson the plans for pushing the first and third Bns of the 314th to the edge of the woods. On the way back to Div CP, the Gen stopped at the PW cage and found that the total number of prisoners taken during the day tobe 215 with 22 PWs more being evacuated through medical channels. After lunch, the Gen returned to 314th CP and inquired as to the progress of the 2d Bn which was then pushing forward to the edge of the woods. The Gen then went to the Div forward CP. After getting the situation the Gen visited position 709 and inspected wrecked tanks and emplacements at the cross road there. He then went on forward to the end of that road to the front line companies of the 313th Infantry where he met Col Sagmon, Maj Godwin and Maj DeArmond. They reported that patrols had been east to the edge of the forest and no activity was encountered. Also reported knocked-out tank farther east. The Gen then went to 315th CP on the N flank and from there to 313th CP. After a short talk with Col Wood, the Gen returned to Div CP. It was decided that in as much as Gen Wyche had spent the night at the advance CP, Col Thomas would stay at the advance CP that night and Gen Greer the following night. A meeting of board of Awards and Decorations held in the Generals office at 1900.

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11 Oct 44 - Gen held conference with Arty Comdr, G-2, G-3 and C/S at
Wednesday 0800. Also conferred with Engr Comdr. Rcn Trp was sent out to the east with mission of ascertaining whether Fort de Manonviller was occupied, and also the west. Road running NE through LaNeuveiller and Embermenil was clear. Report received 1330 that no enemy was in the Fort or along this road. CT 3 and CT 4 were given orders to move out and establish a line generally along the ridge just east of the forest. This line was established before dark. Gen Wyche left theCP in the middle of the afternoon to make a tour of the front stopping at the 315th CP first and then continuing to 313th and 314th rear cp's and then on to the 313th advance CP in La Neuvellier Returned to Marainviller and then to Thiebaumenil. In-

8 Oct 44 - (Cont'd) virsion by small arms fire and general activity
Sunday The Tanks and TD's were to pass through Marianviller to the south bank of the river firing at previously selected targets. This feint was scheduled to begin at H - 20. After outlining the situation to them, the Gen went to the Rcn troop CP and gave Capt Beaver the general plan. The Gen then returned to Div CP. In the afternoon Gens Wyche, Greer and Wahl and C/S drove up to the 2d Bn of the 314th where the Gen presented the DSC to Sgt Kelly in an informal ceremony. Sgt Kelly is the first man of this Div to be awarded the DSC in this War. After the presentation, there was a meeting at 1400 at 315th CP in theForet de Parroy. All unit comdrs were present and the plan of attack for the following morning was discussed in detail. H hour tentatively set at 0630. Advanced CP was to move up in the forrest late in the afternoon and begin operation at time of attack. After the meeting, the Gen returned to Div CP.
****Gen Wyche left Div CP with C/S at 0815 to visit Corps Hq where he gave plan for attack to Corps Comdr Returned to Div CP with Gen Patch and Gen Haislip.
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9 Oct 44 - Breakfast was served at 0430. Gen Wyche left Div CP and
Monday proceded to advance CP at 0500; advance CP located in Foret de Parroy. Arriving there 0535, a report stating that all units were ready to attack at 0630 was received. Tank and TD Comdrs recommended attack be postponed until 0650 because of dense fog. Gen Wyche concurred in their recommendation and units jumped-off promptly at 0650; 315 on the left, 2d Bn 314th on the right. 3d and 1st Bns of 314th remained in their present positions containing enemy troops in the SE corner of the forrest. Progress on both extreme flanks was rapid and very little resistance was met. 3d Bn 315th and 2d Bn 314th were unable to advance rapidly due to strong opposition at concentration 709. This opposition was reduced after an enveloping maneuver late in the afternoon. By dark, 315th had reached its objective in the N part of the Div sector. The 313th, which had been in Div reserve, was ordered to pass through the right flank of the 2d Bn, 314th at 0830. 313th arrived on its objective early in the afternoon. By dark all organized enemy resistance had ceased and the Div was occupying its objective. Gen Wyche spent the entire day at the forward CP making one trip forward to the 2d Bn of 314th CP. Gen Wyche remained at forward cp over night and returned to Div rear CP 0700 on the morning of the 10th. Gen Haislip arrived at Div forward CP 0700 informing the Gen that we would receive distinguished visitors. Expected visitors arrived at forward CP approx-

5 Oct 44 - Thursday — Gen Haislip arrived Div CP at 0930 and, accompanied By Gen Wyche, went to 315th CP and then 2d Bn CP of the 314th and then went up to their OP. From there, returned to Div. Gen Wyche, not feeling well, remained in his office the greater part of the afternoon. 315th made slow but steady progress during the day. At night they had flanked the enemy position and Div objective with the first Bn and prepared to complete the maneuver the following day. 313th and 314th remained intheir respective positions.

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6 Oct 44 - Friday — Gen Wyche left Div CP 0800 and went to the CP of 314th. Then went to 2d Bn CP of that Regmt. which was located in Croismare. Fromthere, went to the Foret de Parroy along the 314th supply route which the Engrs had built up to the OP of the 2d Bn. From there, went on foot to the front line company and stopped at cp of Co."B". After getting situation at the Co. B cp, the general returned to the Div CP at 1215. In the evening, a staff meeting was held to determine the future action and it was decided to execute an envelopment from the north of the woods and coordinate with the tanks and TD's. No time was set as yet.

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7 Oct 44 - Saturday — Army Comdr, Gen Patch and Corps Comdr, Gen Haislip arrived Div CP at1125. Had lunch with Gen Wyche and them made a tour of the following units: 315th Regmts CP, 2d Bn 314th CP, "C" Btry 904th FA. Gen Patch talked to a number of officers and enlisted men at each place.While at 315th CP, Gen Patch decorated Col Fisher with the Silver Star and Gen Haislip presented Col Rosen with the Silver star. Gen Patch and Haislip left the company of Gen Wyche at Btry "C", 904th FA and proceded to 106th Cav CP. Gen Wyche returned to 315th CP where a conference was held with Asst Div Comdr, Arty Comdr, Regmts Comdrs and Sep Bn Comdrs on plans and tactics to be used in completing our mission. Plans were completed in an attack set for 0630 on Monday the 9th. Left that CP and returned to Div after stopping off at the First Bn 314th OP. Gen Wahl brought Gen White, Army C/S and Gen Ott, Corps Arty officer to Div CP where a conference was held with Gen Wyche at 1900.

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8 Oct 44 - Sunday — Gen Wyche left Div CP about 0900 to go to the 2d Bn 313 CP at Marainviller. After being oriented on their defensive positions, he gave them the plan for the attack on the following morning. That bn was to create a di-

30 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP at 0800 to visit CP of315th at
Saturday Croin. From there, went up to the Foret de Parroy in the 315th sector and, on the way back to Div CP, stopped at Croin where an artillery concentration had knocked-out one of the 193 div radios. Returned to Div cp at 1200. In the afternoon, it was decided to cross the 314th Inf at Croismare and come up at the southern flank of the Foret de Parroy and pinch out the 313th.

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1 Oct 44 - Gen visited 314th CP and then wen to their OP at Crois-
Sunday mere. Returned to Div CP shortly before noon. Gen Devers, 6th Army Group Comdr, arrived approximately 1300 and discussed present and future plans for the Div. Gen Devers left Div CP shortly after having lunch. 313 and 315th CT's continued their push through the woods while the 314th, attacking at 0615, crossed at the Vezouse River and proceded North into the woods.

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2 Oct 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CPat 0700 to visit 314th CP at Mon-
Monday cel. Then went across the bridge at Croismare and up to the 2d Bn of 314th CP where he got the situation from Col Huff. Inspected the roads in the Foret de Parroy in that sector, then returned to Div CP. In the afternoon, went to the CP of the 315th east of Sionville where the Gen discussed plans with Col McAleer and Col Wilson(106th Cav), with regard to Cav. plan to take the road junction in the northern sector of the forest. Stopped at the CP of the 313th then went around the road to Croismare and back to Div CP

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4 Oct 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP at 0800 to visit the 315th CP.
Wednesday Stopped first at Regmtl CP then went to CPs of first, second and third Bns. First and thrid bns had their CP's in concrete dug-outs which had been used in World War I. He then went up to the 2d Bn, 314th CP where he was told that Col's Robinson and Huff were upto the main supply route at the OP. After conferring with them at the OP, he returned to Div Hqrs. Later in the afternoon, Gen Wyche visited Div Arty.

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27 Sep 44 - Left CP 0815, stopped at Div Arty CP and then proce-
Wednesday ded to new Div CP in Luneville. Then went to OP which was located on top of old French barracks on the E edge of Luneville. Waited for bombing which did not take place due to low ceiling. Returned Div CP 1130. Received word around noon from Corps that bombing ~~did~~ would not take place today. Gen proceded to cp of 314 and from there, proceded to Corps . Returned Div CP 1800. 315th CP moved from Luneville to assembly area in the vicinity of Deuxville. The 2d Bn of 314th moved to edge of wood at 138988. "F" Co of 314th in Croismare, A Co 314th in Marainviller. CP remained at Marainviller. 1st Bn 313th in Chanteheuse. Other two Bn of 313th in woods NE of Monsel: 313th CP unchanged. Div boundry changed per corps order received during the night 27-28th; Ve Zouse River from Marainviller east. Col Thomas' birthday celebrated. Cake furnished by Hq Co, liquid refreshiment by G-4 and QM. Present were CG, Ass't CG, Gen Staff. Hq Comdt, Div QM

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28 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche visited CP of 106th Cav at 1000 and from the
Thursday went to their OP to watch bombing of the Forret de Parroy which was to begin at 1045 and last 1 hr and 5 minutes. At the OP, just N of Luneville, met Gen Haislip and C/S, Col Menoher. The bombing supposedly consisted of 300 planes bombing at intervals of 15 min apart. Unfortunately, none of the bombs landed in the 315th Sector and only a few in the 313th sector. After the bombing, the gen returned to Div CP with Gen Haislip and both had lunch here. Later in the afternoon, Gen visited 313th Inf Regtl CP at Champel about 1 mile N of Chantheaux. At 1620 the 1st Bn of 313th was just on the edge of For~~r~~et de Parroy, with the 315th on the N approx abreast. Colonel Wood was in process of moving up other two bns at that time with minor resistance being encountered. Shortly after the Gen left, Col woods CP was shelled. Returned to Div CP about 1730.

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29 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche visited 313th CP and discussed situation with
Friday Col Wood. While there, received a call from C/S saying that the Army Comdr was on his way to the Div CP. Returned to Div CP in time to meet the Army Comdr, Gen **Patch** and discussed plans with him. 313th and 315th CT's both making very slow progress through the Foret de Parroy. 314th CT still on SE flank of Div awaiting orders to move north.

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23 Sep 44 - Saturday - Cont'd. visited 315th CP and then proceded to theirOP which was located in a 5 story bldg which was originally a French Barracks and had been occupied until recently by German troops. Returned Div CP 1800. Position of units: 314th CT succeeded incrossing Meurthe in strength during the night and early in the morning. 313th CT captured Monsel during early morning and was able to push out of Monsel to the edge of the woods to protect the xxxxdx bridge at Monsel. 315th CT was able to extend their lines out to the eastern eadge of Luneville and consolidate their positions.

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24 Sep 44 - Sunday - Gen Wyche left Div CP 1030 and visited 314th CP where he met Col Huff who had just returned from the Hosp and then the Gen crossed the river and inspected 4 tanksof the 42 Cav which had been knocked out at the edge of Forret de Mondon. Returned to Div CP at 1215. At1400 left Div CP for the Ordnance, QM and Clearing Co. Returned to Div CP 1545. At 1600, GenWyche/was presented with the Silver Star by Gen Greer xxx for gallantry in action on the 25th of July and Gen Wyche, in turn, presented bronze star to 3 regmtl comdrs, Col Van Allen and Capt Beaver with the Bronze Star for exceptional leadership from Lessay to Le Mans.

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25 Sep 44 - Monday - Gen Wyche left Div CP 1000 and want to 314th CP then to 1st Bn Advance CP. From there, proceded to 315th CP and then proceded to Div CP. Upon arrival at Div CP, at 1155, found Gen Haislip going over situation with the C/S. Both Gen Haislip and Aide, Capt Fiella, stayed for lunch and left for their CP at 1345. Gen Wycheleft CP again at 1600 and visited clearing station where he met Col Dohrman and then went to Div QM. Returned 1700

21 Sep 44 - (Cont'd) woods frmm that village. Returned to Div

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22 Sep 44 - Left Div CP at 0830 and visited OP of 314th where the
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Gen observed the progress of 3rd Bn in its crossing of the Meurthe River. At 0930, the 3d Bn had "I" and "K" companies across and an hour later "I" Co had penetrated the German defense line and had worked up to the patch of woods Nroth of the Railroad. "L" Col subsequently made the crossing and by nightfall the whole Bn was across with one plat of TD's and one plat of tanks. 313th in the vicinity of Monsel with the 2d Bn and 3d Bn was counterattacked in the morning between Monsel and Luneville. The line was restored and just before dard, the 2 companies of 2d Bn had worked its way into the woods N of Monsel when they were counter-attacked again. They were thrown back but were able to restore their positions and succeeded to knock out 2 tanks and capturing 15 prisoners. At 1600, Gen Wyche went to the bridgecite at Monsel and inspected the Pon-toon-treadway bridge there. While there, the Gen visited Bn CPs of 313th 2d and 3rd Bns. At that time, 2 companies of the 2d Bn were pushing forward into the woods to the front. He also saw 4 German tanks which had been knocked-out earlier in the day. Returned to Div CP at 1800.

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23 Sep 44 - Left Div CP during early morning and visited CP of 314th
Saturday

then went to their OP afterwhich the Gen went to the bridge crossing at the Meurthe River and inspected the positions in which the Germans had covered the ford and bridge. Saw 12 vehicles and 3 - 105 guns which had been abandoned by the enemy at the ford. Returned to 314th CP and then on to Div CP. Late in the afternoon, Gen

20 Sep 44 - and crossed the river to look at the 4 German tanks
Wednesday which had been knocked-out; one by a bazooka, and captured vehicles which at that time totaled 29, including two 88mm guns. he then went to 314th CP, acrossthe river in the vicinity of Gerberville where he ordered Col Robinson to halt the 3rd Bn at Frambois and send out patrols from there tothe river. He did not want to get the 314th over extended until a more thorough rcn hadbeen made of the woods on the right flank. Returned to Div CP 1300. In the afternoon, Gen Wyche remained at the CP while Col Thomas and Gen Greer were out visiting the units.

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21 Sep 44 - Left Div CP 0730 and went to 314th CP then to 314th OP
Thursday and discussed situation with Col's Robinson and Purvis. The fog in this area was thick and low with zero visibility. 3rd Bn on the lookout for possible crossing of the Meurthe River. On way back to Div CP, stopped at 314th Service Co and inspected captured vehicles. Then proceded on to Gerbevillier and talked with Col McAleer who was moving 315th into assembly area arount that town. Rt 1045, Gen Haislip visited Div CP and departed 1130. Col Allen, Corps G-3 visited Div CP at 1530 to discuss situation with Gen Wyche. Gen Wyche left Div CP 1600 to visit 313th CP in the vicinity of Luneville. Returned to Div CP 1830. Late in the afternoon 315th was ordered to move 2 bns from present position at Gerbervillier to Luneville and take over 313th position aroun that town. 314th and 315th CT's receiving considerable small arms and mortar fire together with some arty fire from edge of woods on far side of Meurthe river. 314th to effect crossing in their section. 313th captured Monsel and wasable to make very slow progress toward th

18 Sep 44 - Cont'd. left. At 1930, foot columns of the 314th was
Monday reported in St Germain. Both routes were reported to b
be still covered by the 106th Cav Gp.

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19 Sep 44 - Div received orders the previous afternoon to move as
Tuesday soon as practicable to the Mortagne River and the Meur-
the. Div CP moved early in the morning; advanced group
leaving area at 0545 and proceded to Einvaux. Remain-
der of CP left old area at 0630 and halted just S of
Einvaux. CT3 on the left and CT 4 on the right had hal
ted last night in the vicinity of Landecourt and Mori-
viller. They continued the advance; 313th at 0700 and
314th at 0800. Both CTs proceded to immediate objec-
tive; the Mortagne River. Little resistance encount-
ered. Were unable to cross river as there were no
bridges and were unable to locate suitable bridgesites
in time to effect crossing. Late in the afternoon, CT3
and CT4 had both located fords where they began crossin
By morning, CT 3 had two bns across and CT 4 had one Bn
across. Div CP completed move to new area in woods E
of Landecourt; total distance covered was 23 miles, and
opened at approx 1600. Plans made for crossing the Mor
tagne and to continue the advance to the objective whic
was the high ground and woods E and S of Louniville.
Gen Wyche met Gen Haislip just after he, Gen Wyche, had
started for the 314th CP. Both Gen's went to the 314th
CP and then went to Corps CP at Charmes. Gen Wyche spe
nt most of the day traveling from Div CP to 3 regmtlCPs
keeping close contact with situation. Div to date has
moved approximately 775 miles since landing on the beach

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20 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche lft Div CP 0830 and visited Div Arty and then
Wednesday went on to the 313th CP in Lamath where he met Col Wood

16 Sep 44 - (Cont'd) 315th generally SW of Charmes; no action in
__Saturday__ their sectors.

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17 Sep 44 - A rather slow day today. Gen arose 0730 and stayed
__Sunday__ in div cp area until midafternoon after which time a few German tanks moved on the NE side of the river from Langley to Essegney and there, were met by 1st Bn of the 314th and their atchd TD's. One MIV tank was knocked-out; three of its crew killed, one wounded and one captured. Remainder of tanks turned and fled. Gen visited 314th CP and their 1st Bn shortly after this action took place. Returned to Div CP.

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18 Sep 44 - Gen visited 314th at about 1030 and inquired as to the
__Monday__ time Bing Crosby was to make his appearance. Then went across the river to see the MIV tank which had been knocked-out the previous day. Here he received a telephone message to the effect that Gen Haislip was on his way to the Div CP. Gen Wyche returned to Div CP and conferred with Gen Haislip as the result of that conference. Gen Wyche wasadvised that the Div was to remain in position, would catch-up on rest and maintenanc and administration and that when orders were received for movement the Corps was to move in columns of div's with the 79th Div trailing to insure the least effort and the maximum rest. (Gen Haislip arrived 1015 - departed 1120) At 1345, Gen Wyche went to corps cp where he advised with Gen Patton, Gen Haislip and Gen Le-Clerce of the 2d Frence Armored, who was informed that the Div would march at once to the Mortagne River N of Gerbeville and be on the W bank of the river by 2400 that night. Gen Wyche issued orders that the div would in 2 columns. CT 4 on the right and CT 3 and5 (MOTORIZED) on the

14 Sept 44 - (Cont'd)Gen Wyche ordered Col Wood to complete the
Thursday occupation of Mirecourt and push 2 Bns west to Rainville. Then the Gen went to CP of the 315th in the vicinity of Doulaincourt and from ther, went to where the 315th had received the surrender of 2 Bns of combat team Wertzel; totaling some 610 men with all their equipment including arms, ammunition and vehicles. The General then went to the outskirts of Chantenois where he saw Gen Greer and Col McAleer at the regmtl OPand was giventheir plan which involved sending the first Bn attacking from the N the town of Houecourt and the 2d Bn attacking the town of Neuveville Sous Chatenois. He then went back to the 313th CP and gave Col Wood the plan for the 315th coordinating and joining up of two regiments on the E-W road between Mirecourt and Chatenois. At 2000, Gen Greer returned to Div CP with the information that the 1st Bn had taken Viocourt and some 300 prisoners; bringing their total PWs for the day to over 1000.

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15 Sep 44 - Left Div CP 0900 and visited 313th CP, located at
Friday Poussay. Then proceded to Ramecourt to see the wreckage of German column in an attempt to break through the 313th Defenses theprevious night. Met Gen Haislip and remained at Ramecourt until 315th Joined with 313th in the vicinity of Ramecourt. Returned to Div CP 1230. Left Div CP again at 1500, drove to Poussay and from there, went to Charmes along route taken by 313th. Visited 314th CP and the 2 bridgesites over the Moselle river. Returned to 314th CP and then from there, came back to Div CP at 1700. CT 4 still maintaining bridgehead at Charmes. CT 3 moved from vicinty of Poussay to Avrainville. CT 5 moved from vicinity of Neufchateau to area around Bouxurulles. Division taking up defensive positions awaiting further orders. Prepared to move generally east.

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16 Sep 44 - At 0900, Gen left Div CP to inspect the route from Mere
Saturday court to Neufchateau and From Coussy to Poussay. Started from Merecourt and went to Neufchateau then to Soulousse and Poussay. Returned to Div CP 1210. After lunch, moved Div CP to the new location in vicinity of Xaronval. At 1400, visited Regimental CPs of 313th, 314th and 315th Infantries and stressed their defensive positions after which the Gen returned to Div CP. Visited Colonel Teague on the East side of the Moselle.

313th Remained in their position generally N or Charmes

12 Sep 44 - (Cont'd) jective in the vicinity of Poussay, making
Tuesday very slow progress. 315th, by the end of the day, managed to work its way into 1/3 of the town of Neufchateau and was to resume attack following morning. It was learned, from a captured map, that the 79th Div had actually marched across the entire front of the 16th German Infantry Division and each CT had become engaged with a regt of this Div; 315th at Neufchateau, 313th at Merecourt and 314th at Charmes.

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13 Sep 44 - Left Div CP 0900 and visited CP of 313th Inf, where
Wednesday the Gen watched the attack on Ambacourt. Returned Div CP at noon. Left Div CP again at 1400 and drove to 314th CP in Charmes and visited the bridge-site of the bailey bridge to be built by Corps and inspected defensive positions of the 1st Bn on the far side of Mosel river. Saw train load of German airplane moters in RR yard at Charmes. Visited the Lorraine monument on top of hill S of the town. Returned to Div CP approx. 1630. 315th began attack on Neufchateau again this morning and by evening, cleaned out the town and advanced about 8 miles to the E. 313th took the town of Ambacourt and continued their attack towards Poussay. 314th Inf completed cleaning out Charmes and established bridgehead across the Mosel River.

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14 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP at 0900 to visit 313th Inf at
Thursday Ambacourt. After getting situation from Col. Sagman, Executive Officer of the 313th, he went down to the hill overlooking Poussay where he talked with Col Wood and was told that one Bn of 313th had reached the town. Returned to Div CP at 1100. After lunch, the Gen again visited Col Wood in the town of Poussay which had been taken and was told that Mirecourt, about 1 Km to the south, had also been taken along with some 160 prisoners, including one major, one Captain and 3 Lts.

10 Sep 44 - marching. One CT was directed to close on the Moselle
<u>Sunday</u>
River by 2000 the following night in the vicinity of Charmes. Gen Wyche returned to Div Hq at 2230.

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11 Sep 44 - Division began their march towards Charmes at 0800 wi
<u>Monday</u>
with CT 4 motorized on the Northern route, followed by Div Hq then CT 3. 315th took Southern route to Neufchateau. 314th reached the high grounds N and W of Charmes by dark. 313th closed into an area in the vicinity of Blemerey and went into position prepared to attack to the SE towards Poussay the following morn ing. 315th, on foot, reached edge of the heavy woods W of Neufchateau and prepared to attack the town which was found to be heavily fortified. The division close into their new CP area just S of Dierville approx. 2000. 314th made plans for attacking Charmes and crossing the Mosel River the following morning. Div traveled approximately 65 miles from old to new CP ara

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12 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP for 314th Inf, NW of Charmes.
<u>Tuesday</u>
After getting the sitrep, went to 3rd Bn CP where it was learned that half an hour prior to his arrival, 2 ME109s had shot down an arty liaison plane about 100 yards from the CP. Both pilots of the plane were wounded; one fataly. After being oriented and observ-ing that there was no opposition in front of the 3d Bn he went down to the Bn Comdr, Maj Koch, and ordered him to get his bn forward and attack the objective which was a hill across the main road to his front. No oppo sition was met by the Bn until they were actually on the objective when they became engaged in hand-to-hand fighting and finally occupied the hill. Then wen to visit the CP of 106th Cav Gp and got their situation. In the meantime, the 1st Bn was working down from the N of the town along the canal and Mosel River and grad ually worked its way up to the outskirts of the town. Returned to Div CP 1230. Gen Haislip arrived Div CP at 1430 - left 1530. While he was here, he ordered Gen Wyche to cross the Mosel River and estabilish a bridgehead. 313th spent the day attacking their objec

9 Sep 44 - Saturday (Cont'd)ber of troops to be in town at one time. Visited CP of Task Force of 35th Div and returned to div CP at 1130. Plans to move Div CP from present location to Chateau on N outskirts of Joinville were made. Div CP began moving at 1300. Gen left CP and visited 314th CP. Returned to Div Hq at its new location. Left Div CP at 1530 and made a tour of outskirts of Joinville. Gen Wyche, Gen Greer and General Staff plus Maj Sponholz Maj Morris and Capt Krayer and Lt Hahn attended reception held by the mayor of Joinville in the hotel DeVille in honor of the liberation of the city. Time: 1800. Returned to Div CP 1830.

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10 Sep 44 - Sunday Gen Wyche left Div CP to visit 313th in the vicinity of East of Joinville. Returned to Div CP at 1100. In the afternoon, the Gen went to the RearEchelon at Wassy. Arrived there 1500 but found that the rear echelon had not yet arrived. However, the Gen addressed a group of 150 former members of the division who had been wounded and were returning to duty and welcomed them back. Returned to Div CP 1600. At 1615, Capt Holbrook returned from Corps with the information that we were alerted for movement to the east on the following morning. Gen Wyche left Div CP at 1630 with Gen Wahl, aColonel Hagin, Deputy C/S, XV Corps (W of Vendeurue) and Colonel O'Riordan; arriving there at 1900. He conferred with Gen Haislip with regard to the proposed move. Advised him of the fact that our TD and most of our tanks were immobilized, due to the maintenance and of the fact that 57 trucks had been sent back to bring up replacement parts for the tanks and TD's and would not return for probably 3 days. It was decided to motorize one CT, using all available trucks in the Corps Artillery with the rest ofthe Div

8 Sep 44 - Gen left old CP (9 mi SE of Reims)for new CP at Join-
**Friday** ville, on the Marne River. Half way between Vertus an
Fere Champenoise at Morains, the Gen stopped the 3rd Army truck column which was to pick up the 314th at daylight (time at this point was 1000). Column comdr said he was given instructions to be at the 314th area by 1300. Gen stopped at the 35th Div CP in the vicini of Brienne-Le-Chateau, to call on Gen ~~Bardy~~ Baade at 1100 an stayed for lunch. Continued on to Joinville and arriv there about 1500 where he conferred with Gen See[r]bee, Asst Div Comdr of 35th Div who was in charge of a Task Force guarding the bridgehead on the Marne. Gen See[r]-bee took him to the Regtl Hq of 320th Inf in a Chateau in the village of Joinville. Here it was decided that we would establish our Div CP Hq. After inspecting the Chateau, went to the Regtl Hq of 315th with C/S at Poissons. Inspected their defensive plans and dispo-sition. He then returned to the temporary div CP NW of the town (total distance covered by the Div this date was 121 miles). Total distance covered by the 315 Inf in 48 hours - 300 miles). During the day, the Div had CT 3 in Belgium, CT 4 in the vicinity of Reims and CT 5 on the Marne river. CT 4 closed in its new loca-tion E of the Marne at approx. 2200. Rear Echelon at Wassy.

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9 Sep 44 - Gen held conference with G-4, Tank Bn Comdr, Represen-
**Saturday** tative from TD Bn and C/S. Made plans for maintenance of all vehicles during period we are to be in position near Joinville. Left CP approx. 1000 and accompanied by Lt Hahn, visited the Mayor of Joinville. Made plan for using local shower house and theaters for our troop Also informed the mayor that we would regulate the num-

5 Sep 44 - (Cont'd) 1030. Gen Wyche visited Rear Echelon, Clear-
**Tuesday**

ing Co. Ordnance and QM during the afternoon returning to div CP at 1600. During the early evening, C/s received call from XIX Corps G-3 informing him that the division would pass to Third Army control and that we should be prepared to move to an area in the vicinity of Reims. Time and routes and all details tobe received later. Unitsalerted approximately 2100.

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6 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP for Corps Hq at 0915. Talked
**Wednesday**

with Gen Corlett with regard to the plans for moving division to vicinity of Reims and Chalons, a distance of approx. 165 miles. Returned to Div CP 1215. Gen Greer left with advance party 0730 for new bivouac area at Chalons. 315th left (entrucked) at 1930 for movement to new area. Engrs to follow at approx 1230 (midnight). Gen Wyche with section of Hq to leave for new bivouac area in the morning of the following day. at 1830, Gen Wyche visited 315th prior to taking off for new area. Arrived Div CP 1900.

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7 Sep 44 - It was decided to move Div CP as early as possible
**Thursday**

this AM (1000). Div to assemble in area 9 miles ~~NE~~ SE of Reims. Gen Wyche left Div CP 0915 and proceded to new CP area where he arrived 1630. Visited 315th CP and 314th CP in their new locations. At 1900, word was received that trucks were available and the 315th CT would move immediately to vicinity of Joinville and take over area now defended by 320th Inf of the 35th Div. Plans were made for moving balance of the div to assembly area in vicinity of Joinville. (Total distan covered was 158 miles)

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2 Sep 44 - Saturday (Cont'd) in its assigned assembly area at . This brought the bulk of the Division to the Belgium border with elements of CT 3 actually in Belgium

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3 Sep 44 - Sunday Gen did not leave CP during morning hours but waited for possible movement orders from corps. General, accompanied by Capt Krayer, left CP early in the afternoon and visited 314th CP, Engrs and 315th CP. While at 315 he received phone call from C/S informing him that Corps Comdr wished to see him at the 30th Div CP. Gen Wyche and C/S, together with Capt Krayer, left Div CP at 1600 and met Corps Comdr and Gen Hobbs at 30th Div CP where instructions were given to remain in present areas and that we were to be transferred to control of the Third US Army. Div to remain in present position until orders are received from Third Army. Returned to Div CP at 1830.

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4 Sep 44 - Monday Gen Wyche left Div CP 0930 to visit the 813th TD Bn, 313th Inf and XIX Corps Hq. Returned to Div CP at1220. At 1500, the general went to the 749th Tank Bn to check on their maintenance, supply and equipment. Returned to Div CP1600. At 1800, went to Corps Hq for dinner with Gen Corlett, General Brooks and Gen Hobbs. After dinner, they discussed plans for the impanding drive to the East. Gen Wyche returned to Div CP with the Corps order at 2115.

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5 Sep 44 - Gen Wyche, Gen Greer, C/S and Capt Krayer left div CP 0830 and went to 2d Armored CP where they joined Gen's Brooks and Hobbs and made a tour of the German column which had been wrecked by the 2d Armored on their advance to the Belgium border. Returned to Div CP appr

31 Aug 44 - Thursday (Cont'd) At 2100, Corps Comdr telephoned Gen Wyche informing him that six truck companies would be available to the Division for motor movement on the following day. Div also ordered to procede to Div objective at the Belgium border - distance of 105 miles. Movement to be completed in 48 hours from midnight.

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1 Sep 44 - Friday Corps order received approximately 0100 motorizing Div and ordering us to move NE towards the Belgium border, giving us an objective in the vicinity of St Amand and Orchies, just N of the Belgium border. Div CT3 on the right, CT 4 on the left and CT 5 following CT 3 on the right. Began moving approx. 0930. Div CP began moving at 1645. Div did not encounter much opposition during move and closed in its initial assembly area just N of the Somme River at 2300. Div CP closed in its new area in the vicinity of Chuignes just south of the Somme at approx. 2400. CT 3 and CT 4 began crossing the Somme with their foot troops to obtain the high ground just N of the Somme at approx..2200. Div prepared to begin advance on the following morning at the earliest possible hours (tentativly 0900). Div CP moved approx. 63 miles.

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2 Sep 44 - Saturday Today the Div crossed the Somme River. Div CP was moved from Chuignes, south of the Somme, to Sameon; via Combles, Haplincourt, Cambraie, Escaudian - a distance of 68 miles, completing the march from the vicinity of Mouy to Sameon in approx. 48 hours and covering a total distance of 131 miles. Movement made on two parallel routes. CT 3 and CT 5 on the E route. CT 4 and Div Hq, 312th FA and 304th Engr Bn on the W route. Move made without any resitance or opposition. Div closed

29 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP 0800 to visite 313th and CCB of
Tuesday the 2d Armored Div relieving the 313th Infantry. Visited the front line Bns and returned to Div CP 1130.

Gen Wyche and Col Thomas went to 30th Div CP at Issou, where they advised with Corps Commander, Gen Corlett, the 30th Div Comdr, Gen Hobbs and 2d Armored Div Comdr Gen Brooks with regard to the advance on the following morning. The 79th and 30th Divs were to remain in place after reaching Corps objective and resume advanc at 0800 on the 30th Aug; 2d Armored on the left, 79th in the center and 30th Div on the right. Gen Wyche and C/S returned to Div CP at approximately 1615. Gen Wyche, Gen Greer and Gen Wahl dined with the count - Comte Claude de Rosanbo. Gen Hobbs called at 2130.

Div passed under control of XIX Corps, commanded by Maj Gen Corlett, at 1200

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30 Aug 44 - Div started move in NE general direction, three combat
Wednesday teams abreast. 314thon the left, 313th in the center and 315th on the right. Div CP started to move following CT 3 at 1230. Advance party, consisting of Gen Wyche, C/S, G-2 and 3, and liaison officer, left old CP 1125 and proceded to new CP area. Gen Corlett met Gen Wyche in the vicinity of Chares, enroute to new CP. New CP opened vicinity of Le Ruel, SW of Hennonville at 2100.

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31 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP 0930 to inspect German ammuni-
Thursday tion dump in the vicinity of Hennonville. Returned to Div CP at 1000. Advance CP moved 1200 to Mouchy Chatel via Henneville, Meru, St Genievieve. Arrived Mouchy Chatel approx. 1500. Distance 15 miles. Gen Wyche visited CP's of the 3 regts and returned to Div CP 200

25 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche visited Gen Greer at the clearing company
Friday
and then visited 313th, 314th and 315th CP's. Returnd to Div CP 1030. Gen Haislip visited Div CP approx. 1100 and left 1130.

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26 Aug 44 - Gen visited Gen Greer at hospital. Also visited 313th
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314th and 315th CP's. Returned Div CP 1200. Visited Corps CP and thento captured German position N of 315 CP. Inspected captured 88mm guns. Returned to Div CP

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27 Aug 44 - Gen visited 313th, 314th and 315th Inf CP's before the
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attack at 1530. Returned Div CP 1600. Div attacked at 1600 to the NE. 315th on the right, 314th in the center and 313th on the left. Div on its objective by nightfall. Gen Hobbs visited Div CP.

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28 Aug 44 - Attackresumed at 0800. 315th on the right. 314th in
Monday
the center and 313th on the left. Gen Wyche visited 313th, 314th and 315th CP's. Returned to Div CP.

Gen I. D. White, CCB Second Armored visited and later Gen Brooks, CG 2d Armored Div visited Div CP. Discussed plans for 2d Armored to take over section now held by 313th Inf. Gen Corlett, XIX Corps Comdr, visited Div CP and discussed plans for the future. Gen Corlett, accompanied by Gen Wyche and Capt Krayer went to 30th Div CP. Div CP moved 1800 to vicinity of St Perre. Gen Wyche made trip to 2d Bn 314th OP then stopped and examined 2 MV tanks on his return to new div CP. Gen Wyche, C/S sleeping in Chateu for first time since entire Div has been in France. Owner of Chateau is Comte Claude De ~~Rosanbo~~ ROSANBAU. XV Corps order received 2000 to resume attack at 0800 in morning, 29 Aug 1944. XIX Corps will assume command either on 29 or 30 August.

23 Aug 44 - (Cont'd) CP of 315th Inf at Limay. From there, pro-
Wednesday ceded to their regimental OP where he inspected the position which had been attacked by the Germans the previous night and morning. Here he saw two of our TD's which were knocked out and still burning. After getting the plan for defense and coordination of that section of the line, went to regmtl OP of 314th where he consulted with Col Robinson and inspected ground in that sector which also had been under attack. One TD had been knocked-out by German tank behind the 314 line. In that particular area, 12 Germans had been killed, 22 wounded and 39 taken prisoner. In the 315 area, a total of 80 casualties was inflicted on the enemy.

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24 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche accompanied by Gen Wahl and Capt Krayer vi-
Thursday sited 315th and 314th CP's going over the defensive positions. Returned to Div CP Approx. 1100 and met Col Wood. Col Wood remained for lunch. Everything generally quiet, execpt for a small attack in front of 313th and 314th during the morning and early afternoon. XV Corps transferred to First Army as of 0600 today. Received Corps order early in the evening stating that we would hold present position. We are to be joined by another Inf Div (30th). Bridgehead enlarged. V Armored div to assemble in the vicinity of Mantes Gassicourt. All regiments on line with one battalion of 315th still on SW side of river in the vicinity of Bonnieres-Sur-Seine. "L" Co of 315th at Corps Hq as guard. Gen Greer taken to clearing station approximately 1500.

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20 Aug 44 - (Cont'd) Seine River in compliance with Corps order
Sunday at 0300. 313th Inf had one Bn across before daylight.
Gen Wyche left CP at 0930 and visited the Div cites
along the river where the units were crossing. Re-
turned to Div CP at 1245. Bridge across river compl-
eted at 1645. Corps Comdr, Gen Haislip visited CP
during General's absence at approximately 1100. The
313th and 314th and 2 Bns of 315th were across the
river by early evening. Div CP to move 0800 tomorrow
morning. Col Schrieber reported for duty with the
division 19 Aug 1944.

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21 Aug 44 - Corps Commander visited old CP at 0900 . Div CP moved
Monday at 0815. Gen Wyche with Gen Wahl visited corps CP at
Magneville at 0930 where they discussed plans for the
defense of the bridgehead. It was indicated by the
Corps Commander that the division would move either E
across the Seine or SE onethe West side of the Seine
after being relieved by elements of the First US Army.
Gen Wyche then proceded to the new Div CP across the
Seine river in the Vicinity of Dennemant and Sandran-
court.

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22 Aug 44 - Gen left Div CP at 1015 and visited 313th, 314th and
Tuesday 315th CP's. Made tour of front line units. Returned
to Div CP 1230. Gen Wyche sent Capt Krayer to inspect
Co. "L" of the 315th Inf which was guarding Corps CP.
Was accompanied by Lt. McIntosh, 3d Bn 315th. Returne
Div CP 1800.

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23 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche visited 314th CP early in the afternoon in
Wednesday the vicinity of Dennemant and then went to the

19 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche and Gen Greer visited front line positions
Saturday

of the 313th and 314th Infantry overlooking the Seine river and Mantes Gassicourt. Returned to Div CP 1100. At approx. 1400, Gen Patton arrived at Div CP. He and Gen Wyche went forward to the outskirts of Mantes Gassicourt to inspect our positions. Gen Patton went from 79th Div CP to XV Corps at about 1530. At 1700, Gen Wyche and Gen Wahl visited the CP's and OP's of the 310thand 311th FA's. Returned Div CP at 1900. At 2130 Div received telephonic instructions from Corps to cross and secure a bridgehead on the Seine River during the night of 19-20 Aug at Mantes Gassicourt. Gen Wyche called Corps and asked to be allowed to select point of crossing to extend the bomb safety line to five miles up stream and 15 miles down stream from point of crossing. He advised Corps that probably only one Bn would be able to get across before daylight. At 200300, one Bn of the 313th had crossed the river via the dam in the vicinity between Mericourt and Rolleboise. 314th Inf started across in assault boats just N of Mantes Gassicourt at daybreak. No resistance encountered. Treadway bridge expected to be in between 14-1600 20 Aug at the ferry site at Resny-Sur-Seine. 315th Inf entrucked from their defensive position in vicinity of Houdan and, by using 50 artillery trucks, moved to an assembly area S of Fontenay-Mauvoisn. Today, Gen wyche walked without the aid of a cane or crutch.

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20 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche, accompanied by Gen Greer and Aides, crossed
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the Seine River at Mantes Gassicourt by means of out board motor raft at 1050. Division began crossing

14 Aug 44 - (Cont'd) 2000 that the Division would be alerted to
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move NE at 0800 the following morning.

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15 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche left old CP area in vicinity of Le Mele Sur
Tuesday
Sarthe at 1200 and moved to new CP area in vicinity of Nogent Le Roi. On the way up, encountered columns of 7th Armored Div and CCA mixing with columns of 313th. After going to head of the tank column in the vicinity of Nogent Le Roi and personally conferring with Col. Rosebaum, commadder of CCA, Gen Wyche organized movements of the 79th Div column and the 7th Armored. CT 3 and 4 and Div Hqrs closed in areas at 2330. CT 5 was ordered to assemble at Chenu-Chene and await passing of the 7th Armored . Distance covered by division this day totaled 71 miles. CT 3 and 4 assembled in areas in the vicinity of Nogent Le Roi.

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16 Aug 44 -Corps order received at 1100 instructing division to
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establish bridgehead in the vicinity of Nogent Le Roi. CT 3 and 5 ordered across the Eure River to establish bridgehead at Nogent Le Roi and Maintenon respectively. and await further orders from Corps. Gen Wyche walked without the aid of a crutch or cane for the first time since confinment to bed. Distance from Paris: 37 miles

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17 Aug 44 - Div occupied defensive position in the vicinity of
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Nogent Le Roi. In the afternoon, Gen Wyche visited XV Corps - returned Div CP approximately 1800.

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18 Aug 44 - At 0630, Div received Corps order to march to the vi-
Friday
cinity of Mantes Gassicourt by way of Houdan. Div CP moved at 1600 to vicinity of Manerville-closed at 2400

10 Aug 44 - Armored Div on theright of Corps. 90th Div following
(Cont'd) 2nd French Armored Div on left flank of Corps.
Div CP moved to vicinity of Chantealoup.

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11 Aug 44 - Gen Haislip visited Div CP at 1115 - 1150. Gen Patton
Friday visited at 1400. Gen Haislip presented Gen Wyche with Bronze star for capture of Le Mans. CP was moved at 1800 to vicinity of Marolles Les Braultes. 314th on the right, 315th on the left. 313th following 315th.

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12 Aug 44 - Div continues its advance toward Alencon. 5th Armor-
Saturday ed on the right, 2d French Armored on the left. 79th Div following 5th Armored, 90th Div following 2nd French Armored. 314th on Div right, 313th (motorized) and 315th on the left. Div CP moved to vicinity of La Mele-Sur-Sarthe at approximately 1900. Corps objective now Argentan.

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13 Aug 44 - Received orders from Corps to temporarily remain at
Sunday present position and be prepared to move either North Northeast or East. 5th Armored and 2nd French armored on outskirts of Argentan. Orders to take Argentan and hold.

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14 Aug 44 - Falaise - Alencon gap closed to 12 miles. Germans
Monday began attempt to break through. German tank column bombed from the air and by our TD's. Unit comdrs meeting held at 1100 at which Col Thomas discussed the general situation and Gen Wyche announced the award of the Bronze Star to the3 regimental commanders and posthumous award to Col. Donaldson of the TK's. Col Thomas visited CP of the 106th Cavalry Group in the afternoon where he advised with Col Wilson concerning the Recon. plan. Information received from Corps at

5 Aug 44 - cont'd. pying the town. Returned to Div CP at 1800.

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6 Aug 44 - Sunday — Gen Haislip visited Div CP at 1600 and conveyed the congratulations of the Army Commander to Gen Wyche for the rapid movement of the Division from Fougeres to Laval. Gen Wyche visited 313th and 314th regimental CP's on the outskirts of Laval. Our troops occupied Laval.

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7 Aug 44 - Monday — 313th - 314th regiments crossed river at Laval and proceded E towards LeMans; 313th leading. Div Hq advance party established CP in rear of 313th early in the afternoon. Gen left CP at 1730 to go to advance CP. Main body of CP moved 1845 to Brulon. 313th stopped for the night in the vicinity of Loue. Seven german prisoners turned over to Gen Wybhe by French resistance group in the vicinity of Brulon.

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8 Aug 44 - Tuesday — Div continued advance towards Lemans 0800; 313th leading, followed by 314th and 315th.

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9 Aug 44 - Wednesday — Div CP moved from area near Brulon to St. Georges du Bois. Div advanced and entered city of Lemans; 315th leading. Entered city approximately 1700. Gen Haislip visited Div CP at 1500.

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10 Aug 44 - Thursday — Div was given mission of occupying LeMans, setting-up to defend Corps area to the South and East of LeMans. 315th Occupied the town. 90th Div instructed to take over the town from 79th Div. Unit comdrs meeting held Div CP. Rec'd orders from Corps stating we would resume the attack changing direction of our course to due North through Alencon. 79th Div following 5th

1 Aug 44 - (cont'd). At 1600, Gen went down the Averanches-Granville highway through Sartilly to theoutskirts of Averanches. Returned Div CP 1800. It is believed that we went under third Army as of today. (Unconfirmed)

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2 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche visited VIII Corps Hq at 1530. Had conference with Gen Middleton and met Gen Patton who arrived 1700. Received verbal statement that we would soon pass under XV Corps and also received order from Army commander to move south, take and hold Fougeres; to be taken prior to dark. Div was moved by shuttling. Advance CP established on main road junction one mile south of Averanches. Div CP again moved late in the evening, establishing at St James. CP strafed by enemy planes at 0200.
<u>Wednesday</u>

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3 Aug 44 - 313th in Fougeres, 314th and 315th advancing towards Fougeres. Div CP moved to area near La Chattlier. Plans made for the defense of Fougeres against possible counter attack. Gen Wyche ordered to bed because of leg getting worse. Gen Haislip, XV Corps Commander visited Div CP 1400 with instructions and defense of future action of division.
<u>Thursday</u>

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4 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche remained in bed nursing leg. All three regts on line in defensive positions. C/S visited three regt CPs and Rcn CP. Gen Oliver, 5th Armd Div Cmdr visited Div CP at 1800.
<u>Friday</u>

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5 Aug 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP to visit in the vicinity of Fougeres. Moved div CP to vicinity NW of Laval. Visited 313th Inf situated 1 mile outside of Laval where our troops were in contact with German delaying forces occu-
<u>Saturday</u>

29 July 1944 - Div continued its pursuit. 314th and 315th on
Saturday line ; 313th in reserve. Div CP officially moved to vicinity of Gefosses during late morning. 6th Armored started through Div area in AM. Our div troops stopped just north of Coutances where they will allow 6th Armored to pass through. Gen returned from hospital 1400. Gen Patton visited Div CP 1630.

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30 July 1944 -
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31 July 44 - Div CP was moved from vicinity of Gefosses to vici-
Monday nity of LaMarguerite and then moved again to area south of Brehol. Gen Middleton visited CP (new). Division followed 6th armored and went into assembly area just prior to midnight in preparation for move early the following morning. Div received orders to revert to Corps reserve.

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1 Aug 44 - CP was moved early in the morning to area just north of
Tuesday St Leger. Division troops assembled in area west of La Haye Pesnel. Div ordered to move to area north of Averanches and be prepared to continue move south on the morning of the second. German airforce active during afternoon and early evening; bombing andstrafing in the vicinity of Averanches. Div ordered to move one Bn at 020600 to protect bridge crossing the La Selune River at 2810. Gen left CP at 0900 and visited as well as inspected the fortification of Granville. Returned to div CP approx. 1200.

25 July 44 - Div CP moved from vicinity of Bolleville to about 1
Tuesday
mile south of La Haye du Puits. Gen Wyche visited corps Hq at 1100 to discuss plans for attack of the following day. Returned div CP 1200. Maj Gen Grow and Brig Gen Teylor, 6th Armd Div visited Div CP and 313th regimental CP. Gen Wyche visited the three regimental CP's in late afternoon. Also went up in artillery liaison plane to inspect new CP and front line areas/

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26 July 44 - 313th Moved to new assembly area (0500) SE of La Haye
Wednesday
du Puits, (Div reserve). VIII Corps attack launched 0530 this date. New objective Countance. Gen visite 314th and 313th Inf CP's at 1100 and returned to Div CP at 1200. Visited Corps Commander in the afternoon where he saw Generals Middleton and Haislip with regard to discussing plans for 79th Div attack on the following morning. Returned to Div CP about 1700.

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27 July 44 - Gen visited each regimental CP, Tahk Bn and TD's and
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after lunch, went to see bridge at Lessay, where the General sprained his leg. Returned to Div CP. Gen went to the hospital during the early evening. 314th crossed the River and began their advance on Countance The 315th in right half of sector, crossed river and BEGAN their march south. 313th in Div reserve.

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28 July 44 - Division engaged in pursuit of enemy with 314th and
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315th abreast; 313th in reserve. Operations plus C/S and Gen Greer moved to temporary CP south of Lessay. Gen remained in hospital.

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22 July 44 - at 0800, General visited 813th TD Bn, 463d AA Bn, 314
Saturday

Inf and 315th Inf. Returned Div CP at 1130. In the afternoon, ~~the~~ at 1500, visited 749th Tank Bn - returned to Division CP 1600. At 1615, visited XV Corps to see Gen Haislip. After leaving XV Corps, visited rear echelon replacement depot and returned Div CP at 1800. At 1930, General Wyche went to PW inclosure to inspect and interrogate 35 German prisoners captured early in the afternoon by Co. "C" of the 315th Infantry who had been entrenched in a wired-in position on the North bank of the Ay river. These prisoners were captured by the use of Bangalor torpedos and surrendered when they were threatened with hand grenades. Most of prisoners were very young; about half of them being between 16 and 18 years old. After questioning the artillery observers and one or two others, General Wyche returned to Div CP.

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24 July 44 - Received word that today was D-Day for the Army. However, D-Day for us would be D plus 1. CP was partly moved at 1330 when we received word that the operation was called off. CP remained in same location. Unit locations same as yesterday. 315th generally along river on western section, 314th along river in 8th Div sector and 313th in reserve North of Biemont. Gen remained in CP all day except for brief visit to Corps Hqrs in late afternoon.

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16 July 1944 - Gen Wyche visited VIII Corps Hq at 1330 - returned
Sunday div CP 1500. At 1700, visited QM and stayed there for dinner. Returned Div CP 2000.

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17 July 1944 - Unit commanders meeting at 1430. After meeting,
Monday Gen Wyche and Capt Krayer visited advanced landing strip.

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18 July 1944 - Gen Wyche flew over the front lines in FA plane
Tuesday in vicinity of Montegardon. Returned Div CP for lunch. After lunch, went to Corps Hq to confer wit Gen Middleton and Gen Strohl. Then visited 314th regimental and Bn CP's, 315th Reg CP and 313th Reg and Bn CP's.

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19 July 44 - Gen Wyche visited 315th Regimental and three Bn CP's.
Wednesday Later visited 8th Div CP and proceded to VIII Corps, Arty Bn CP's and Engr CP. Corps Cmdr held meeting of Div Cmdrs at 1400 - Third Army cmdr was present together with XV Corps Cmdr.

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20 July 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP at 0730 to visit 314th Inf in
Thursday new position back of Ay river where it relieved the 13th (8 Div) Infantry. Also visited Battalion CP's. Returned Div Hq 0900. Held meeting of awards and decorations committee from 1000 - 1200.

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11 July 44 - Gen Wyche and Capt Krayer left Div CP 0730 and visited Corps. Had conference with Gen Middleton. Returned Div CP 0900. Visited 2nd Bn 315th, 313th CP Col Wood at his forward CP and OP and on to front line units of 314th. Returned to Div CP at approx. 1900.
Tuesday

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12 July 44 - Gen Wyche visited Rear Echelon at 1115 and inspected replacement depot. Returned Div CP 1200. Div CP was moved from vicinity of LesFosses to vicinity of Bolleville.
Wednesday

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13 July 44 - Gen Middleton visited Div CP from 0930 tp 1030. At 1300, Gen Wyche visited 315th CP and each of the 315 Bn CP's which were having a short break. Gen Wood, CG IV Armored Division arrived Div CP 1730 - left 1930.
Thursday

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14 July 44 - Gen Wyche left Div CP at 0800 and called on 314th CP located 2 miles above Lessay and then proceded on to 313th Inf CP. While at these CP's, he was given the actual strength reports for each of the two regiments as of July 13th. Returned to Div CP at 1130. Gen Wood arrived Div CP 1145 and stayed for lunch. At about 2000 Gen Wahl took Gen Wyche to position No 55 to see the defensive installations which have been occupied by the Germans. Returned to DivCP 2200.
Friday

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15 July 44 - Gen Wyche visited Clearing Co., Ordnance, QM and Rear Echelon Hqrs. Returned to Div CP approx 1200. In the afternoon, Gen Wyche visited the three regimental CP's. Returned Div CP 1800. Gen Wood, IV Armored Div Cmdr visited Div CP. Gen Wyche was interviewed by correspondents from Newsweek and NY H Trib.
Saturday

9 July 44 - Sunday(Contd) Gen Hugh Gaffey, Deputy Cmdr Third Army visited CP at 1100 and was taken on tour of front lines with Gen Wyche, Gen Wahl and Capt Krayer. Returned Div CP 1530 Gen Gaffey left CP shortly thereafter. Gen Wyche remained in Div CP planning next days operations.

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10 July 44 - Monday - Gen Wyche left Div CP approx. 1000 to visit 315th Inf. He arrived at the advanced CP at 1015 and was given the situation by Lt Col Rosen and then moved up to Col McMahon's CP where he discussed plans for the attack with Col McMahon and the cmdr of the 1st Bn Lt Col Holton. Gen Wyche then inspected positions of the 1st Bn and ordered Col McMahon to attack as soon as possible. Plan agreed upon as for the 2d Bn to attack on the right, 1st Bn in the center and the 3d Bn on the left. The 2d Bn to pinch out the 1st Bn and establish contact with 3d Bn. Gen Wyche then went forward to th front line of Co's "L" & "K"; Co "I" was in reserve. Discussed plan of attack with Maj Donalson, CO, 3d Bn. 1st Bn jumped off from line of departure at 1140. 3d Bn was already some 200 yards to its left front. Enemy Machinegun, mortar and arty pinned-down 3rd Bn at this point and was unable to move. Gen Wyche personally directed a flanking maneuver by "L" Co on theleft to knock out machine gun nests on that flank. Maneuvered a squad around right flank to knock-out an ememy mach ine gun nest some 100 yards down the slope of the hill Gen Wyche went out in front of the front line to bring back a scout who had been wounded from machine gunfire then went back to Bn aid station to direct aid men up to scene of battle. Returned Div CP approx. 1430.

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7 July 44 - issued order for 8th Div to take over part of our sector and launch attack beginning 080700. Attack launched at 1130am. Received report that the 3rd Bn of "Der Feuhers" regiment of Das Reich committed in ememy lines in front of 314th and 315th regts on morning of 7th at 1045 and were greeted by half hour of our artillery concentration preparatory to attack. Gen Middleton visited Div CP during mid-afternoon. Counterattack repelled by 313th early in the evening.

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8 July 44 - Saturday

Left Div CP at 0830 for 314th CP. Advised with Col Robinson in regards to plan for 8th Div passing throu 2nd Bn of 314th and then went to new CP of 314th which was just south of Bolleville and west of La Hay du Puits. Returned to Div CP at 1030. Gen Middleton arrived at Div CP approx. 11:00 and discussed plans for 1st Bn of 314th for going in and mopping-up La Haye du Puits. Visited Col Teague's OP which is on road leading 3/4 miles west our of La Haye du Puits and discussed plans for using tanks, tank destroyers and artillery for reducing La Haye du Puits. Col Teague advised the general that he estimated 150 men well dug-in with machine gun, small arms and probably no anti-tank weapons in the town. The town was ex-tensively mined and booby-traped. Gen Wyche then left Col Teague and proceded to CP of 8th Div north of La Haye du Puits and on southern slope of hill 121.a Here he oriented Gen Pickering on the situation confronting the 8th Div CP approx 1530. RETURNED

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9 July 44 - Sunday

Left Div CP 0730 and went to La Haye du Puits then visited regmtl CP's of 315th, 313th and 314th. From there, visited PW inclosure and the returned Div CP.

4 July 44 - At 0530, Gen Wyche left for 315th CP then proceded
**Tuesday** to 314th CP. He then visited Col McMahon who was with the 3d Bn at the front line. Returned to Col Robinson's CP and from there, up to the front where he talked with Col Robinson and Maj Hillier. Returned Div CP at 1000. General Eisenhower called at Div CP at 1215. Div CP was moved to vicinity of Les Fosses ton at 1630.

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5 July 44 - Visited 315th CP early in the morning then proceded
**Wednesday** on to front lines of same unit. Stopped at advance CP and contacted Colonel McAleer and Major Sauter at their OP. Gen Bradley and General Quesada arrived at Div CP at 1400 to review situation with CG and Staff. Gen Wyche visited forward and rear CP's of 315th. Upon returning to Div CP, The general and staff spent most of the evening planning activities for the 7th.

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6 July 44 - Division Resumed attack at 0600. 313th Comitted at
**Thursday** 1600. Gen Wyche conferred with Gen Middleton at 1300 with regard to Maneuver against German organized positions on our front. Conferred with Col Salisbury and Col Kline of the 9th Tact Air Force with regard to bombing missions for the following day (1500). At 1700, Gen Wyche visited Col Wood at his advanced CP and conferred with Col Safford with regard to arty support for the 313th Infantry.

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7 July 44 - Gen Wyche and Lt Crooks visited 315th CP then went to
**Friday** Col Wood's advanced cp just south of Montgarton. From there, proceded to314th CP and then on to advanced CP of 314th in the vicinity of La Gosselinerie. 1st Bn 314th ordered to move on La Haye du Puits. VIII Corp

1 July 44 - G/S meeting at 0800 - discussed plans for comming
Saturday attack. After meeting, Gen Wyche and Capt Krayer visited Ord, Engrs, QM CP's. At 1500 Gen Wyche Gen Greer and Col Thomas discussed and reviewed award cases with Col Sievers, Maj Yardley and Col Charles. At 1930, Gen Wyche departed for visit to 314th CP. Ret Div CP 2100.

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2 July 44 - At 0830, Gen Wyche and Lt Crooks visited 314th and
Sunday 315th CP's. Presented Silver Star to Col McMahon for Pvt Shelton C. Gore, 315th Med Detch. At 314th CP, presented Silver Star to Col Robinsnn and Post-humous Silver Star for Lt Charles E. Corwin. Return Div CP approx. 1200. At 1700, visited 313th CP. Re turned Div CP 1800. Div CP was moved from vicinity of Fierville to vicinity of LaVauterie. At 2000, Gen Wyche presented Silver Star to Col Wood and Col Van Bibber and Maple Leaf Cluster to Gen Greer. Received C orps order -- D-Day and H-Hour at 1530. D-Day 3 July, H-Hour 0530.

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3 July 44 - Artillery fired preparation beginning 0515 - attack
Monday jumped off 0530 in first phase of operation under VIII Corps. Gen left CP 0500 and went to Arty CP then on to CP of 315th and then 3d Bn 315th CP where he was joined by Col McMahon and proceded up to leading elements of 315th. Returned to 315th CP then went on to 314th CP and later up to forward elements (1st Bn) 314th . Remainder of day was spent along front lines of 314th and 315th regiments. Ret Div CP 1800. Attack launched with 314th and 315th regiments abreast. 314th on Left - 315th on Right. 313th In Div Reserve. Gen Middleton visited 1430-1530.

27 Jun 1944 - Attended ceremony held in Cherbourg for purpose
Tuesday

of turning Cherbourg over to control of Mayor Reyneult, after which General Wyche and Captain Krayer examined the large gun emplacement in the cliff beneath Fort de Roule. Also examined the huge supply base built beneath the Fort. Returned to Division CP 1900. Gen Wyche and Col Charles inspected the clearing company.

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28 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche visited beach defenses at Cherbourg with
Wednesday

Col Teague and Col Purvis and also visited VII and VIII Corps. 79th Div passes under control of VIII Corps. Div CP moved to new area in vicinity of Ste Savieur.

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29 June 1944 - Critique was held with regimental and bn cmdrs
Thursday

discussing past operations. VIII Corps cmdr visited Div CP 1340 - 1445. Gen Wyche left CP at 1600 to visit 3d Bn of 313th Infantry CP on Eastern flank of operation. Returned 1800. At 1945, Gen Wyche and Lt Crooks visited 315th Inf which was in the process of relieving the 357th Infantry located generally along the Ollonda River. Relief to be effective 2400 this date. Returned CP 2000.

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30 June 1944 - Gen Wyche and Gen Wahl inspected the Div front
Friday

from Div Arty OP. Gen Wyche visited Col McMahon at 315th to discuss defensive plans and disposition of regiment after which he visited 1st and 3d Bns of 315th. Inspected Col Huff's Bn of 314. Returned Div CP 1430. Examined hills 121 and 131. Also stopped at QM bivouac. Ret Div CP1900.

23 Jun 1944 - Gen Collins left CP at approximately 2030. Planned
Friday(Contd) operations for following day with Gen Greer and C/S

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24 Jun 1944 - Gen visited 313th and 314th infantries at 0800. Re-
Saturday duced positions at concentration points no. 33 and 45. Visited front line companies onemile outside of Cherbourg. Was under enemy artillery concentration for ½ hour north of position No. 33. Retrieved German machine pistol at position No. 33. Returned to division CP atapprox. 2000. Div CP was moved to vicinity of Hau de Hout.

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25 Jun 1944 - Left Div CP and visited 313th and 314th CP's. Then
Sunday visited OP's of 2d and 3d Bns of 314th. Positions 45 and 46 were taken by 2d Bn of 314th sometime in th afternoon. Gen ordered patrols be sent from 313th into outskirts of Cherbourg. Same patrols entered Cherbourg on night of 24th June - met no resistance. returned to Div CP 1700. Gen Collins arrived Div CP 1715 with information that 4th Div would take over our sector of Cherbourg as soon as we had it policed. Col Wahl promoted to Brigadier General.

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26 Jun 1944 - 313th entered Cherbourg and proceded to clean up the
Monday city in its sector. Slight machine gun sniper fire was encountered from houses. Gen visited CP and OP of 313th and followed leading units of 313th through Cherbourg to the beach. He then proceded to 314th CP. Examined installations 45 and 46. Returned to Div CP approximately 1400. Gen Collins visited Div CP. At approximately 1530 the 314th reported that their sector of Cherbourg was clear of all resistance Cherbourg surrendered, captured Gen Carl Wilhelm von Schlieben

22 Jun 1944 - Geh visited 313th and 314th regimental CP's.
Thursday Left 0800 - returned 1230. At 1300, visited 313th, 314th and 315th CP's with Capt Krayer and Lt Crooks. Both vehicles were knocked out at the 315th Inf by German "screaming mimis". The 313th and 314th Infantries pierced outer ring of defense around Cherbourg and pushed up to the fortress of Montagne de Roule where they were stopped by fire from mutual supporting pillboxes within the fortress. Gen returned to Div CP 2000. (see PRECEDING ADDITIONAL PAGE)

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23 Jun 1944 - Final arrangements made for air bombing. De-
Friday layed 2 hrs from original plan. Movement of troops preparatry to attack to begin at 1030. Gen left CP at 1000 to make tourof front line units. Arrived Right flank 313th and accompanied by Col Wood and small force of infantry and platoon of tanks. Directed attack on fortified positions. Then proceded on to advance CP of 313th regt. Obtained particulars of front line units of 313th and gave order to dig in in present positions forthe night. ~~And~~ Brought Col Van Bibber to the rear for purpose of securing and obtaining ammunition and food for front line units (1st and 3d Bns). Proceded to 314th CP and then on to forward OP of 3rd Bn. Obtained details of situation confronting 314th. Returned to Div CP Approx 1745. Held consultation with staff on air bombing mission to take place at 2100 today and again morning of the 24th. Gen Collins visited Div CPat 2000. Had conference with General Wyche and staff.

June 6th 1944 - "D" Day

Left for Marshalling Area - June 8th 0/ arrived there 1015 same date.

Left for Emb. pt. 0130 June 11th Sunday.
Arrived Emb. pt. (Portland) 0315 Same date
Left Emb pt. aboard LST - US 7. Sunday June 11th - 1630.

Debarked on Utah - France - June 12th 1415. Lt. Cmdr. O'Neill Capt of ship.

Touched coast of France Monday - June 12th 1944 at. 1500 Car 1516.

Proceeded to waterproofing area Lt Col Capt Dyson 1640. Gen went to Co. - Col Gerard + Capt Dyson. 1650.

June 21, 1944 -

Gen talked to Regt Cmdrs & Staff 1830

Gave brief plan

Attachments remain same - tanks 313th Chem Co 3 & 4 "

Get all ammunition possible

TD's now attached to Corps

Assault parties

Have 24 flame throwers - can get 50 more - have 24 refills.

One Co (-) 1 plat of Engrs attached to ea regiment Co Cmdr w/regt cmdr.

Gen Greer - Arrange sure signal between Inf and Arty for lifting of Arty.

Bomb line marked with white phosphorous

Withdraw secretly - leave communications in when you w/draw

Do not stop once you start for pillboxes

Blast pillboxes tonight with T.N.T.

One hour to regain line of depart.

Use mortars with artillery

20 Jun 1944 - At 0800, Div CP was moved to area between Colomby and Hau Diguet. At 1900, Div CP was again moved to vicinity North of La Brique. Gen Wyche visited 313th and 314th CP's. Received information we had arrived at perimeter of defense of Cherbourg - consisting of strongly fortified positions approximately 7km from Cherbourg. Returned to CP Approx 2245. Gen Collins visited Div CP at 1730 and commended division highly. Plans were made for attack of fortified positions

**Tuesday**

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21 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche left at 0730 to visit regmtl CP's with Lt Crooks. Visited 313th and 314th CP's and then went to the 1st, 2nd and 3d battalions of 314th. Then returned to 313th and visited battalion CP's Returned to Div Hq 1300. Gen Collins called and notified Gen Greer there would be meeting of Div Cmdrs sometime xxxxx this afternoon. General Hodges arrived at our CP approximately 1500. Had conference with Gen Wyche. Left CP approx 1530. Meeting of Div Cmdrs called for 1630. Only Gen officers and immediate staff attended. Meeting lasted until 1730. Gen Collins gave plan of attack for advance on cherbourg. Lt Gen Bradley arrived at our CP 1730 - held conference with Corup Cmdr and three Div Cmdrs Gen Eddy(9th Div), Gen Barton(4th Div),xxxxxGen Wyche and Corps Cmdr Gen Collins. Gen Bradley left CP at 1750. Gen Wyche held conference with Col Wahl of FA, Col Wood of 313th, Col Wiggins of 315th, Col Robinson of 314th, Col Van Allen of 304th Engrs and Lt Beaver, Rcn Trp Cmdr from 1830 to 1930 giving them division plan of attack. WC visited Div CP.

**Wednesday**

16 Jun 1944 - Meeting of G/S plus Col Wood and Col Robinson.
**Friday**

C/S, Col Wood, Col Robinson, G-2, G-3 and Capt Krayer visited 9th Div CP and 47th Infantry Regl CP. Baptismal firing for the above mentioned. Gen Middleton visited Div CP at 1100.

PM - VII Corps issued orders to this div. to organize one combat team and hold on four hour alert. CT as organized, was xomposed of 313th plus Co. A of 304 Engineers, Co A, 304 Med Bn, 312th FA Bn. First Platoon 304 Med Bn, Co D, to be held ready to move into 90th Div sector.

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17 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche, Col Dohrman and Capt Krayer visited
**Saturday**

4 Div. Saw Gen Barton and Gen Hodges then proceded to 27th Inf Reg. Talked with Col Teague re capture of Azeville and Ozeville then proceded to Ozeville and Crisbicq. Returned Hq late in aftn. Gen Wyche and Lt Crooks visited new bivouac area.

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18 Jun 1944 - Recd Telephone call from Corps cmdr Gen Collins
**Sunday**

at 0650 asking for one battalion to be mtrzd and sent to Picauville to join 9 Div and asst in repelling counter attack. At 0735 same order was rescinded. 79th was given mission of seizing high ground west of Valognes. Div CP was moved from vicinity of St Mere Eglese to Orglandis.

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19 Jun 1944 - Div launched its initial attack in second phase
**Monday**

of the Cherbourg peninsula with 313th and 315th regiments jumping off at 0500. Gen and Asst Div Cmdr visited regmtl CP's during early part of evening. Progress good.

12 Jun 1944 - Debarked at Utah, France at 1415. Lt Comdr
Monday

O'Neill Capt of Ship. Touched coast of France 1500 this date. D Car 1516. Proceeded to de-waterproofing area and met Captain Tryon.at 1640. Gen Wyche visited VII Corps with Col. Gloriod and Capt Tryon at 1650.

Div Hq left marshalling area 1600 this date - arrived at docks approximately 2030. Boarded ship immediately upon arrival at docks.

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13 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche visited Corps CP accompanied by G-1,
Tuesday

G-2, G-3 and G-4, Capt Krayer and Lt Hauck. Started making arrangements for arrival of division. Established control point at the beach and at SE corner of our division area. Capt Katzen with the 315th detachment of 304th Med Bn arrived this afternoon. Lt Halligan with his Hq Co also arrived. These were first of 79th troops to land in France.

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14 Jun 1944 - Div Hq started arriving at Div CP established
WEDnesday

in new control area. (South of Ste MereEglise)

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15 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche visited West Wall at Azeville and
Thursday

Crisbecq. Was accompanied by Gen Greer, Lt Crooks, Lt Dietz and Col McMahon.

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Wyche left for FA at 1600. Inspected packing of liaison planes. Returned this hq 1830.

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6 Jun 1944 - "D" Day. Staff meeting 0830. Unit comdrs,
Tuesday plus regimental S-2's and S-3's, meeting at 1400.

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7 Jun 1944 - Usual office duties.
Wednesday

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8 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche and Capt Krayer left for Marshalling
Thursday area - arrived there 1015 same date.

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9 Jun 1944 - Div Hq departed from Collipriest 1600.
Friday

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10 Jun 1944 - Div Hq arrived at Marshalling Area 0330.
Saturday

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11 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche and Capt Krayer left for Embarkation
Sunday point at 0130 - arrived embarkation point (Portland) 0315 same date.

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PM - Left embarkation point and boarded LST US 7, 1630 this date.

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Capt Patterson

30 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Meeting of General Staff held
<u>Tuesday</u> in Rec. Hall at 1400 - followed by meeting of Spec. Staff at 1430. C/S and all G/S officers worked in C/S's office until 0100 31 May. General Wyche left officeat midnight.

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31 May 1944 - Usual office duties.
<u>Wednesday</u>

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1 Jun 1944 - General Wyche departed from Pettypool 0800. Hqrs
<u>Thursday</u> departed appoximately 1200.

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2 Jun 1944 - Arrived Collipriest 0330.
<u>Friday</u>

3 Jun 1944 -
<u>Saturday</u>

4 Jun 1944 - Gen Wyche Col Thomas, Col Wahl and Lt Crooks vis-
<u>Sunday</u> ited XIX District - had lunch there - departed 1300. Gen Wyche and Col Wahl made a tour of camps. Col Thomas and Lt Crooks visited Plymouth - VII Corps Hqrs. Gen Wyche had dinner with Col Wahl atFA and returned 2000. Col Thomas and Lt Crooks returned 2200.

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5 Jun 1944 - Staff Meeting 0830. Unit Cmdrs Meeting 1400. Gen
<u>Monday</u>

26 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. General Wyche attempted
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to fly to Artillery but was forced back by weather conditions - returned 0900. General Wyche attended staff meeting, then left for Artillery by car with Lt Crooks at 1230.

PM - Colonel Searcy and Colonel Stanton accompanied the C/S to dinner.

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27 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Colonel Stanton and
Saturday
Colonel Pinney visited C/S 0900. General Wyche returned from Senny Bridge approximatly 2130.

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28 May 1944 - Arrived at office 0915. General Wyche, Col.
Sunday
Thomas and Capt. Krayer left at 0945 for Corps Hqrs - returned 1130.

PM - Returned from lunch 1430. Col. Robinson, CO, Co. "I", and 2 Privates reported to Gen. Wyche as ordered at 1500. Captain Green, VIII Corps visited C/S at 1530. General had tea at 1800 and returned to offte 2030. Had conference with General Middleton at 2200 - left office at 2300.

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29 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. General Collins, Col.
Monday
Anding and Col Partridge, VII Corps arrived Crenage airport 1130. Had lunch at Delemare Cottage. General Middleton arrived 1300.

PM - General Collins, Col Anding, Col Partridge, G/S, Arty officer conferred in war room. G-4 held meeting of al unit supply officers at 1230. Gen Middleton depated 1530.

22 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. (See staff meeting file of
Monday this date). General Wyche accompanied by Capt.
Krayer left for Garswood at 1015. Had lunch at
Marbury.

PM - After dinner General Wyche and Capt Krayer visited Tatton, Mobberly and Devenham. Returned 1600.

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23 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. General Wyche and Lt. Crooks
Tuesday left Div Hqrs at 0845 to see mortar firing range above Leek, area 73. Had lunch with Col. Van Allen. C/S left Div Hq 1015 to visit Marbury.

PM - Gen Wyche ad Lt Crooks saw Col Kraft andthe damaged equipment at his hqrs. Than inspected engineer trainning. Returned 1700.
Division CPX 1430. At 2050 Gen Wyche, Col Wilkes and Capt Krayer left CP area and visited 313th, 314th and 315th Infantries. Returned to CP area approximately 2200.

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24 May 1944 - Returned to Div Hqrs from CPX at 0830. Unit
Wednesday commanders meeting at CG's office 0900 - adjourned 1130. Colonel Wood, Colonel Wiggins and Colonel Van Allen had lunch at Delamere Cottage.

PM - C/S and General Wyche left for Leek at 1430 - returned approximately 1800. Colonel Campenalli called on General Wyche.

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25 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Usual office duties.
Thursday

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17 May 1944 - Departed 1300 for CPX at Cassia Lodge. Returned
<u>Wednesday</u> approximately 0800 18 May.

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18 May 1944 - General Wyche departed from Cassia Lodge for
<u>Thursday</u> Senny Bridge at 0730 - returned 1630.

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19 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830 (See staff record file of
<u>Friday</u> this date). Colonel Wahl called on General Wyche and C/S at 0900.

PM - General Wyche and Lt. Crooks departed approximately 1330 - visited Mobberly, Mottram and Tatte Hall. Returned 1630.

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20 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830 (See staff record file of
<u>Saturday</u> this date).

PM - General Wyche, Colonel Thomas and Lt. Crooks departed for Western Base and Corps Headquarters at approximately 1400. Returned 1700.

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21 May 1944 - Arrived at the office 0930. Colonel Wilkes
<u>Sunday</u> visited General Wyche upon arrival at office. Major Calloway called on C/S at 1115. General Wyche had dinner at Bells of Peover.

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12 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. (See file of this date).
**Friday** PM - C/S left for Leek at 1330 - returned approx. 1700. General Wyche, Colonel Gloriod and Capt. Krayer left for Macclesfield 1330 - returned 1615.

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13 May 1944 - No staff meeting. General Wyche, Colonel Thomas
**Saturday** and Colonel Gloriod departed this hqrs 0700 for Senny Bridge. Returned approximately 1600.

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14 May 1944 - General Wyche and Chief of Staff came to the
Sunday Office at 0900 and left at 1200.
PM - General Wyche and C/S met the master of hounds as introduced by Mrs. Shaw.

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15 May 1944 - Staff Meeting 0830. (See file of this date).
Monday Colonel Paullin, CO 15th Repl Depot visited at this Hqrs 1000. Major Fann and Capt Wong, 749th Tank Bn, visited at 1015.
PM - Major Sponholz, Civil Affairs Officer, visited General Wyche and C/S 1450. At Approx. 1500, the C/S left for Marbury. C/S held meeting with Staff plus JA, IG at 2000 in the C/S office.

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16 May 1944 - No staff meeting. General and C/S left qrs at
Tuesday 0750 to meet Army Commander. Proceded to Ashton in Makersfield then to Northwich. Army and Corps commanders had dinner with Division Commander and staff. Left General's qrs 1330. PM - usual duties at the office.

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8 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. General Wyche and Captain
Monday
Krayer visited Medics and QM rear echelon - returned 1200.

PM - Left 1330 for field problem.

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9 May 1944 - Returned from field problem 0900. At 0940 Gen.
Tuesday
Wyche, Colonel Gloriod and Infantry Battalion Comdrs left this hq to attend a tank demonstration. Colonel Morris, Corps Air Officer, visited Chief of Staff 1200. (No Staff Meeting today)

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10 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Chief of Staff visited
Wednesday
Rcn Troops 1100 and stayed there for lunch. Received word that General Patton's speech, scheduled for Thursday, May 11th, was called off. General Wyche and Col. Gloriod returned from tank demonstration 1900.

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11 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. PW lecture at 0900. General
Thursday
Wyche and General Greer left 0945 for Marbury Hall - returned 1200. Major Calloway visited C/S at 0950.

PM - Unit Comdrs meeting in Rec Hall 1400. General Weyland, Comdr 19th Tact AF, Lt Col Morris, AAF Liaison Officer and Major Stout, Corps Air Liaison Officer visited Gen. Wyche at 1500 and met Staff and Unit Commanders.

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4 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. General Weaver, SOS, arrived
Thursday 0945 for conference with Gen. Wyche. Signal, Ordnance, Accomodations, Transportation, G-4 and AF Liaison Officers accompanied Gen. Weaver.
Officers present from this Hq were Gen. Wyche, Col. Thomas, Colonel O'Riordan, Major Sciotti, Major Iverson and Capt. Kirk. Conference ended 1020.

PM - Unit commanders meeting in CG's office from 1400 to 1500. All commanders visited war room after meeting adjourned.

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5 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. General Middleton visited
Friday this Hq at 0845. Colonel Wahl and Colone Enderton conferred with General Wyche immediately upon departure of Gen. Middleton.

PM - Colonel Wilson and Colonel Gunther, 106th Cavalry, called on C/S. General Wyche and C/S spent most of the afternoon in the war room. Left for dinner 1800 - returned to war room 2000.

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6 May 1944 - Staff meeting 0830.
Saturday PM - General Wyche visited Division Artillery.

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7 May 1944 - Colonel Lewis and Major McLaughlin of 83d Div.
Sunday visited 1000.

PM - Major Cone visited at 1400. Colonel Mitchell visited C/S at 1500. Colonel Koch and Colonel Perry, Army G-2, visited at 1600.

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1 May 1944 - PM: At 1320 Captain Krayer went to Northwich to take in some drycleaning and buy a plug for the general's iron. Returned 1430. Corps JA and ass't visited C/S 1500. General Wyche, Colonel Thomasand Major McFadden visited Davenham Hall 1530 - returned 1630.

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2 May 1944 - Staff Meeting 0830. (See Staff Meeting Record
<u>Tuesday</u> file). General Wyche and C/S visited rear echelon. General Luce, SOS, had conference with General Wyche at 1415. Took over Delemere cottage.

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3 May 1944 - Staff Meeting 0830. (See Staff meeting Record
<u>Wednesday</u> file). At 0930 C/S left for Corps and General Wyche had pictures taken in his office. General Wyche visited Delemere Cottage at 0945. General Wyche visited Garswood Hall at 1015. Advised with Colonel Wood and Colonel Van Bibber. Had lunch at 313th Regtl Hq. Inspected air strip at Garswood and then inspected the new 105 Arty pieces with Colonel Safford. From Garswood - left for Goulborne Park where the General met Colonel Robinson and Colonel Foote. Left Goulborne at approx 1500 for Tatten Park. Conferred with Col. Purvis and inspected platoon problem area. Left Tatten Park 1630 - arrived this hq. approx. 1710.

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28 April 1944 - French indoctrination meeting conducted by
Friday Captain Roudiez began 0800 and continued until 1700. Attended by All G/S officers, unit officers concerned and selected enlisted men. Colonel Wahl arrived Div. Hq. 1100 - conferred with General Wyche - stayed for lunch. General Wyche attended coursefrom 1000 to 1100.

PM - General Wyche attended afternoon indoct. course from 1500 to 1700.

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29 April 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. (See staff meeting record
Saturday file this date). General Wyche and Captain Krayer left for Mobberly Hall at 0930 - stayed there for lunch. Saw their training areas - Alderly Edge. Returned Div. Hqrs. 1530.

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30 April 1944 - Colonel Wahl had conference with General
Sunday Wyche 1000. General Wyche and Captain Krayer went to Cassia Lodge for dinner. General Wych Colonel Thomas and Lt Crooks visited Colonel Peterson at the Tenth Hospital, Manchester. Returned this hqrs ~~1730~~ 2200.

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1 May 1944 - No Staff Meeting. General Wyche, General Greer,
Monday C/S, G-1, 2, 3, 4 and Div. Engr. departed this Hq. 0910 to attend meeting at Corps. Returned approx. 1400. At 1000 Captain Krayer visited Delemere Cottage - returned 1215. Colonel Shupe VIII Corps medical officer on staff visit, reported to C/S 1100.

25 April 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Attendance: All G/S plus
Tuesday AG, IG, JA, SSO, Finance, Div Surg, FA, MP,
Hq Co, CWS, Sig, Ord and Maj Iverson.
General Middleton, Colonel Searcy, Colonel
Evans (Corps G-3) arrived this Hq. 0915. Met
and held conference with CG, Asst CG, Div Arty
Cmdr and G/S. Visitors departed this Hq. 1040
same date. General Wyche, Colonel Wahl, Col-
onel Thomas left 1120 for Army Headquarters an
returned 1630.

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26 April 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Attendance: (See Staff
Wednesday meeting fileof this date). Captain Tailor
of VIII Corps Artillery visited G$_e$neral Wyche.
Captain Roudiez of the French intelligence
team also visited Gen. Wyche. General Wyche
and Captain Krayer walked to the Med Bn - left
1000 and returned 1200.
PM -General Wyche, accompanied by Captain Krayer
and Lt Crooks visited LEEK. Departed 1345 -
returned 1800.

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27 April 1944 - Staff meeting 0830 (See staff file of this
Thursday this date for attendance). General Wyche and
Captain Krayer visited Corps - left 1030 - re-
turned 1215.
PM - Meeting in CG's office. Attendance: CG, AssT
CG, C/S, Colonels Gloriod, Dohrman, Wood, Rob-
inson, Wiggins, Enderton, Van Allen and Captain
Warner. General Wyche met Corps Finance
and Chaplain officers.

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20 April 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Attendance: All G/S plus
Thrsday AG, Div Surg, Sig, SSO, Ass't G-3, MP, Ho
Comdt, IG and Major Iverson.

PM - General Wyche, General Greer, Colonel Thomas,
Colonel Dohrman and Colonel Gloriod ordered
to school by Corps. Departed Division Hqrs.
1330.

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21 April 1944 - At school. (See entry of April 20, above)
Friday

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22 April 1944 - General Wyche, Colonel Thomas and Colonel
Saturday Dohrman returned to Division Headquarters
2230.

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23 April 1944 - Usual duties.
Sunday

PM - Meeting of all G/S plus AG, Ord, and QM in
office of C/S at 1330.

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24 April 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Attendance: All G/S plus
Monday AG, SSO, JA, Hq Comdt, Chap, CWS, Ho Co, Ord,
Sig, IG, Finance, Div Surg, and Maj Iverson.
General Wyche, General Greer and Capt. Krayer
Went to look at a house. C/S left for Goul-
borne as staff visitor.

PM - General Wyche held conference with Colonel
Charles and Chaplain Early. Unit Comdrs
meeting in Rec. Hall at 1430.

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16 April 1944 - Reported to Headquarters, Company "X", 2100.
<u>Sunday</u>

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17 April 1944 - General Wyche, Colonel Thomas, Captain Krayer and driver, Private Loechler, visited Heyeswood, Hartford, Cassia Lodge, Garswood Hall and Goulborne Park. Also stopped at Ordnance Processing Station.
<u>Monday</u>

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18 April 1944 - General Wyche, General Greer, Colonel Thomas and driver, Sergeant Harris visited Mottram Hall and Corps Headquarters. 6002-A arrived 1200.
<u>Tuesday</u>

PM - Visited Leek. Returned 1800 same date.

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19 April 1944 - Staff meeting 0830. Attendance: All G/S plus AG, IG, SIG, Div. Surg, Ord O, SSO, and Ass't G-3. Major Embry of Corps had conference with CG, C/S and G-3. General Wyche, General Greer, Lieutenant Crooks and driver, Private Roberts visited Cassia Lodge.
<u>Wednesday</u>

PM - General Wyche, General Greer, Lts. Crooks and Dietz went to look at house. Also visited Garswood Hall. Saw Colonel Bodie while at Garswood Hall. Gen. Greer called Maj. Bullock re quarters for Colonel Wood. Saw Colonel Safford. Met Colonels Wahl and Enderton. Visited Goulborne Park. Conferred with Cols. Robinson and Foote. Returned Division Hqrs. 1700 same date.

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# V I S I T O R S

| Name | Headquarters | Date of Visit |
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| Major Embry | Corps | 19 April 44 |
| Gen Middleton | Corps | 25 April 44 |
| Capt Roudiez | | 26 April 44 |
| Col Shupe | Corps | 1 May 44 |
| Gen Luce | S.O.S. | 2 May 44 |
| Gen Weaver | S.O.S. | 4 May 44 |
| Gen Middleton | Corps | 5 May 44 |
| Col Wilson<br>Col Gunther ) | Corps | 5 May 44 |
| Col Lewis<br>Maj Mclaughlin ) | 83d Division | 7 May 44 |
| Col Koch<br>Col Perry ) | Army G-2 | 7 May 44 |
| Major Cone | Replacement Pool | 7 May 44 |
| Col Mitchell | | 7 May 44 |
| Col Morris | Corps (Air Officer) | 9 May 44 |
| Maj Calloway | | 11 May 44 |
| Gen Weyland )<br>Col Morris )<br>Maj Stout ) | 19th Tact AF | 11 May 44 |
| Col Paullin | 15th Repl Depot | 15 May 44 |
| Maj Fann )<br>Capt Wong ) | 749th Tank Bn | 15 May 44 |
| Maj Sponholz | Civil Affairs | 15 May 44 |
| Gen Patton | Army | 16 May 44 |
| Gen Middleton | Corps | 16 May 44 |

24 March 1944 - Departed from Camp Phillips 2200.
Friday

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27 March 1944 - Arrived Camp Myles Standish approximately
Monday 0800.

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5 April 1944 - Departed from Camp Myles Standish approximately
Wednesday 1000.

PM - General Wyche Boarded ship.

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6 April 1944 - Troops boarded ship.
Thrusday

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7 April 1944 - Sailed approximately 0300.
Friday

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16 April 1944 - Arrived destination during the night of 15-16.

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Incident occurred July 17
en route from Le Havre to
London by plane. I believe
this message to be written by
either a Major or Lt. Col who
sat across aisle.

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ask me why in England, know
is on leave.(Ishall put quotations in red to save myself the extra fancy typing.)

Folkestone Eng. July 17

Flew here yesterday in a C-47 freight plane. Landed at a field 30 miles from London. Got RR warrant to ride here. Gen. Wyche sat directly across the mail sack isle from me. At Plymouth ( where we stopped to unload mail ) he introduced himself to me- and me to his aide. Then we went to a counter and had a fine visit over a cup of coffee and a sandwich. He's very courteous and a perfect gentleman. Like him very much. He commanded the 79th. Div. and now commands the ~~VIII~~ corps-which means he will probably get another star. Itold him that you and Betty correspond and he told me of her visiting with Mrs W. Red is in Paris and the General thinks he'll be home before long. He gave me a cigarette out of an old can which he has carried for several years. He's about Eddie Schweins build very thoughtful and kind. He thanked the E M who gave us coffee etc. He's tops.

Have the largest 4 room suite in the Hotel Majestic to myself. Like a barn. English homes and Hotels are made with the prime purpose of being as uncomfortable and inconvenient as possible.

The letter of July 18 was an interesti