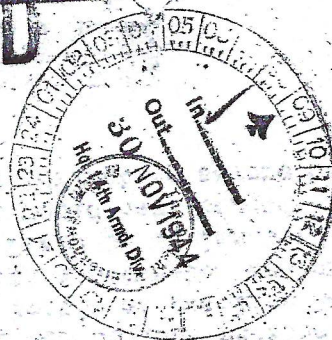


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29 Nov 44

INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

BOOK FILE

No. 8

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

a. First French Army: Resistance in the VOSGES stiffening. Enemy reinforcements reported arriving in the RIMBACH (V 4215) -- OBERBRUCK (V 4112) area. DANNEMARIE (A 5393) occupied. No enemy activity in the MULHOUSE area.

b. Seventh US Army: 16, 716 and parts of the 708 Divs stiffened their resistance on routes out of the VOSGES. In the vicinity N of HAGUENAU light to moderate resistance was being offered by the 256 V.G. Div and 130 Pz Div.

VI Corps: 36th Div - Increasing enemy resistance reported. Highground N and S of FRAIZE--COLMAR road vic of BONHOMME pass still in enemy hands. LIEPVRETTE (V 66) entered but heavy resistance encountered N and E of town. Counterattack S of STE MAR repulsed. 103rd Div - Advance throughout sector slowed due to strong enemy resistance. Roadblocks W of TRIEMBACH (V 6971) protected by SA and MG fire. Estimated 200 enemy holding high ground N of HONWARTH (V 7271). Roadblock vic ITTERSWILLER (V 7978) and enemy vic of BARR offering strong resistance. 14th AD - Two counterattacks vic of GERTWILLER (V 8079) repulsed. Second attack was estimated to contain 2/300 men supported by mortar and Arty fire, forcing a slight withdrawal. Advance toward GERTWILLER still delayed by estimated 300 men. After bypassing enemy vic HEILIGENSTADT (V 7980) leading elements reached BARR. 3rd Div - Sector quiet. KOLLKIRCH (V 7489) cleared. Flat of enemy supported by rocket fire encountered vic of GAMBERSHEIM. 2nd DB - Advance reached LATZENHEIM (V 9177) after bypassing estimated 300 enemy at SCHAEFFERSHEIM (V 9181) and estimated Bn armed with MG's, bazookas and Lt AT guns at ERSTEIN (V 9480).

XV Corps: 79th Div - Advance toward HAGUENAU encountering stiff resistance. BATZENDORF (Q 9720), WINTERSHAUSEN (Q 9721), BERTSHEIM (Q 9521) and BIRCKWALD (R 021) cleared. Leading elements at UHWILLER (Q 9524). 45th Div - Scattered resistance. Estimated Co of Inf and two tanks reported moving to high ground S of WINGEN. Advance reached WIMMENAU (Q 7635). 44th Div - Enemy forced out of TIEFFENBACH (Q 6434) after putting up a stiff fight. WOLFSKIRCHEN (Q 5131) cleared.

c. Third US Army:

XII Corps: Enemy resistance along the sector decreasing indicating a withdrawal.

XX Corps: Advance reached German border near SCHREIERKLING (Q 1978) after meeting light enemy opposition.

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Engineers: Minefields reported at (Q 826286) and (W 013863). Road from (V S to PLOESHEIM (V 9985) mined. Following bridges blown: (V 940835), (V 952876), (V 954876), (V 962880), (V 981886), (V 965834), (Q 826389) and (Q 836286).

b. Armor: Little armored activity reported.

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no enemy aircraft reported in army's zone.

d. Weather: 30 Nov - Low overcast in morning with broken low clouds in afternoon. Showers in morning, no precipitation in afternoon. Visibility 2-3 miles until 0930A, increasing to 6-8 miles after 1000A. Wind NW, 4-8 m.p.h. Warm throughout day, cold at night with minimum temperature 31 degrees Fahrenheit.

1 Dec - Clear at dawn with scattered to broken low clouds after 1100A. No precipitation during day but possibly light rain after 2000A. Visibility 1 mile at dawn increasing to 6 miles by 1000A. Wind SW, 4-8 m.p.h. Continued warmer throughout day, cold at night. Minimum temperature 29 degrees Fahrenheit.

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NOTES ON GERMAN BOOBY TRAPS (Source: SHAEF G-2, Oct 44)

a. It is difficult to ignore the obvious analogy between the layer of booby traps and the fisherman or trapper. Ingenuity, surprise, and skill are the major factors in both instances, and in all cases, it is the unwary or

This also applies to the man who is injured or killed.

On the other hand, there are always those animals who evade the trapper or fisherman - the old trout in the stream who has defied thousands of skilled anglers, and the old and wise animal who, by exercising a counter-ingenuity and his knowledge of past experiences, lives to die of old age.

Certain elementary precautionary measures are necessary in dealing with booby traps. Whenever it is suspected that traps are about, a careful search should be made for disturbed surfaces of the ground and for trip and tension wires, in fact anything in the immediate area that looks unnatural. Traps may be operated by any activity, such as opening a door or window, the movement of loose boards or of any inanimate objects in rooms, and in not only the known methods recently used that are listed, but in any other ways, limited only by man's ingenuity and the equipment which is available for this work.

SUSPECT everything in an area that has been inhabited by the enemy. Nothing in the field should be interfered with simply out of curiosity.

b. Types of Booby Traps.

1. Actuated by Trip or Pull Wires:

(a) Stones: Three picnic blocks with 22 35 pull igniters inserted were covered with stones, and tension wires connected the igniters to a near-hedge. Movement of the boughs caused the charge to detonate, which splintered and scattered stone fragments at high velocity.

(b) On road: Consisting of grenades tied to trees with trip wires strung across the road at such a height that they will be tripped by vehicles. Wireless masts or other parts of vehicles.

(c) Wire cable on road: Both ends of the cable were visible and obvious, not connected to any trap. A thin concealed wire, however, was connected to an igniter and charge, and concealed between the two ends of the wire.

(d) S-Mine attached to telephone line: An enemy patrol came across an artillery OP line and cut it. Some 10 yards apart they buried two S-Mines so that about an inch of a pull igniter was showing above the ground. Each of the loose ends of the telephone wire was attached to one of the S-Mines with a piece of fine cord some 12 inches in length.

(e) In a rubbish heap: A rubbish heap was run over by a three ton truck with the result that a booby trap was exploded. The mines used were of the Italian wooden box type, buried at the bottom of the rubbish heap. It is believed that the mines were exploded by some trip wire arrangement because odd bits of wire were found attached.

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(f) Molotov type trap: This trap was for obvious reasons found in a timber yard. It consisted of a large bottle of gasoline lashed to a board. A small explosive charge of cordite with a detonator and primer was incorporated on the bottle which was to be fired by an igniter, actuated by a trip wire. If the trap had worked, it would have spread flaming gasoline over a reasonably large area, probably inflicting severe burns on personnel and making fire fighting difficult.

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2. Actuated by Pressure:

- (a) Inverted Tellermine: Tellermine have been found inverted with a DZ 35 push igniter inserted in the bottom hole, thus making them anti-personnel.
- (b) Under planks: A set of 6 S-Mines and 1 Tellermine was found under a plank lying on a road. Pressure from either a vehicle or personnel would have exploded the mines.

3. Anti-lifting Devices on Mines:

- (a) Delay igniter: A 30 second delay igniter has been reported fixed to mines presumably directed against personnel who may lift such mines by use of a cable.
- (b) Use of a dummy trip wire: A new type of anti-lifting device has recently been reported. It was found connected to an Italian four-igniter mine, but could equally well be used with almost any other type, particularly any wooden mine.

4. Miscellaneous:

- (a) Wrecked vehicles: Wrecked vehicles have been found with mines laid underneath them. When the vehicles were pushed off the road, the mines exploded.
- (b) Tellermine packing cases: Tellermine have been found in their original packing cases fitted with igniters to prevent the mines from being withdrawn and used.
- (c) Radio sets: Trap consists of radio sets buried by German agents which have two grenades attached to knobs on the wooden cover. The grenades explode when the knobs are pulled.
- (d) Concealed charges in rifles and pistols: A German rifle was recently found that had a small concealed charge in the mechanism. The charge was detonated when the trigger of the rifle was pressed, and was of sufficient power to injure a man severely. Had the rifle been aimed from the shoulder, the result would probably have been fatal. Similar charges have been found in Luger pistols.
- (e) Shoe trees: Shoe trees and Mark I delays.
- (f) Billet and Office Buildings: In certain areas, German troops have been instructed that upon leaving a city, they should set traps inside wardrobes, behind pictures, and in or under chairs likely to be occupied by Allied troops.
- (g) Minefield Markings: A lane marked with tapes and a notice "Mines Cleared" was found by engineers. As "Mines Cleared" is an unusual designation, the land was swept and found to contain both box and Schu mines. Instances have also been reported of the Germans leaving notices bearing the inscription "VERGES SWEEP" along mined roads.
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(i) Moorish hair pencil: A report has been received on the following device. It is made of light metal, probably aluminum, tube and hexagon cap with milled edge. The name, directions for use, etc. are in white lettering on a black background. There is a purple band $2/5$ " wide round the closed end of the tube.

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The wording on the panel is as follows:

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At your local store or post paid \$1.00

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center "DARK BROWN" bottom side "569 W. 181st N.Y."

According to the report, on removing the cap of this tube, a child
lost three fingers.

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INTELLIGENCE SUMMARY

No. 9

BOOK FILE

1. ENEMY OPERATIONS.

Seventh US Army:

VI Corps: 36th Div - Enemy resistance light with scattered mortar, SP, and Arty fire. Snipers defending roadblocks on the LIEPVRE (V 6663) -- NANGIGOUTTE (V 6465) road cleared. Roadblocks defended by SP and SA fire being cleared vic (V 641634) and (V 50452). Estimated 100 enemy cleared from high ground S of ROMBACH (V 6564). 103rd Div - Enemy activity slackened during evening with strong patrol attack on Bn CP repulsed. Small counterattack supported by Arty, mortar, and MG fire repulsed vic ITTERSWILLER (V 7773). Seven MK IV tanks reported seen taking concealed positions along road between (V 737717) (V 748714). 14th AD - Enemy resisting strongly with SA, mortars, Arty and demolitions advance toward EICHHOFFEN (V 781760) and ST PIERRE (V 803759). Tank reported dug-in at (V 804772). Two SP guns at (V 772756). Bridges at (V 805763) and (V 784763) blown. Roadblocks at (V 791791) and (V 805763). 2nd DB - Enemy offering strong resistance in ERSTEI by estimated Inf Bn, and two 88 AT guns. ZELLWILLER occupied. All bridges in zone of advance of 2nd DB destroyed.

XV Corps: 79th Div - Enemy Arty increased during afternoon with NEIDERSCHAEFFOL (R 0019), HARTHAUSEN (Q 9921), and BRUMATH (Q 9814) being shelled. Advance continuing with OHLUNGEN (Q 9723), BATZENDORF (Q 9720) and (R 011208) taken. Enemy counterattack by estimated Inf Co supported by two tanks repulsed vic (R 010210). 45th Div - OFFWILLER taken after overcoming slight opposition. ROTHBACH (Q 8434) cleared after a stiff fight by an enemy Co with supporting armor. Counterattack vic MUHLHAUSEN (Q 8631) routed. Strong counterattack reported at KINDWILLER (Q 8929) and UEBARACH (Q 9227). UHRWILLER (Q 8830) cleared after heavy fighting. PFAFFENNOFFEN (Q 9027) still in enemy hands, contains considerable number of horsedrawn and armored vehicles. 44th Div - Strong enemy resistance encountered throughout the day. Enemy using defended roadblocks. Enemy holds WINGEN (Q 7335) and WIMMENAU (Q 7634).

2. MISCELLANEOUS.

a. Civilian attitude in towns of SARRE Valley:

PRO-NAZI

ADAMSWILLER
BETHWILLER
HERSCHLAND
DIERMERINGEN

50% NAZI

SARREUNION
SIEUVILLER
DRULINGEN
BERGWILLER

PRO-FRENCH

REXINGEN
RAHLING
LORGEN
DOMFESSEL
DURSTEL
ROMSDORFF
VEHERSVILLER
SCHABACH
OTTOVILLER
MAXWILLER

b. OB: Elms of 245 Inf Div (last located 10 Nov in HOLLAND) have been identified on the front of the 45th Inf Div. 25th Pz Div has not been contacted for 2 days on XV Corps front. It is believed that this Div may have returned N to 3d Army front.

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~~the tanks observed in the SELESTAT area. All elms of~~
~~1st Pz Army (1 SS, 2 SS, 9 SS and 12 SS) are non-committed to front of 1st and 9th US Arm~~

c. VOLKSTURM - Some 200 Volksturm troops were brought into DRULINGEN on N flank of 44th Div to man trenches. Some had no uniforms but wore arm bands. Alternate men were armed with rifles.

d. Weather: 1 Dec - Clear at dawn with scattered to broken low clouds after 1100A. No precipitation during day but possibly light rain after 2000A. Visibility 1 mile at dawn increasing to 6 miles by 1000A. Wind SW, 4-8 m.p.h. Continued warmer throughout day, cold at night. Minimum temperature 29 degrees Fahrenheit.

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