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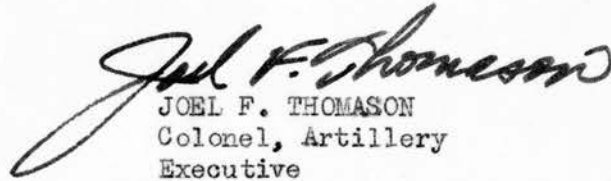
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ATTN: Archives

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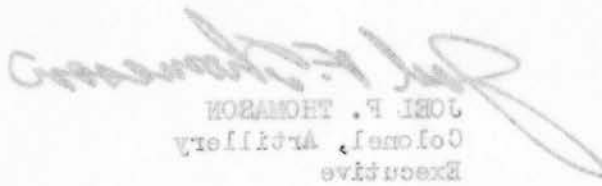
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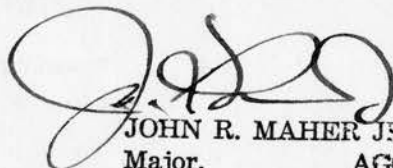
TO: Chief of Military History
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1. An instructor at the Command and General Staff College has an instructional requirement relative to corps command and control of divisions in combat (US Army). He is desirous of making a statement to the effect that blank corps had the greatest number of divisions attached for combat at a given time during World War II operations. The Archives staff has located corps with five divisions attached, but none with six or more divisions. The corps with five divisions are as follows:

V Corps, Nov 44
VII Corps, Nov 44
VIII Corps, Sep 44

2. Is there information available at your office which indicates that more than five divisions were attached to a given corps at a given time during combat operations? If so, request that this information, including identity of the corps, list of the divisions and the date all were attached, be furnished for information to the Command and General Staff College, ATTN: Archives.

FOR THE COMMANDANT:


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DIVISION ATTACHMENTS TO CORPS

1. The following Corps have been identified as commanding six (6) divisions during a campaign or specific phase of a campaign:

a. V Corps (Capture of Roer Dams) (1)^{TH KAN}

	Dates
2d Infantry Division	11 Dec 44 - 28 Apr 45
9th Infantry Division	18 Dec 44 - 17 Feb 45
69th Infantry Division	7 Feb 45 - 28 Apr 45
99th Infantry Division	20 Dec 44 - 20 Feb 45
106th Infantry Division (-)	6 Feb - 10 Mar 45
7th Armored Division	29 Jan - 7 Mar 45

b. VI Corps (Rhineland Campaign 15 Sept 1944 - 21 March 1945) (1)

	Dates
14th Armored Division	5 Dec 44 - 31 Mar 45
36th Infantry Division	18 Jan - 29 Mar 45
42d Infantry Division	24 Dec 44 - 25 Mar 45
45th Infantry Division	31 Dec - 15 Mar 45
101st Airborne Division	26 Jan - 28 Feb 45
103d Infantry Division	16 Jan - 29 Mar 45

c. VII Corps (St. Lo Breakthrough) (1)

	Dates
9th Infantry Division	25 Nov 43 - 26 Oct 44
1st Infantry Division	15 Jul 44 - 16 Dec 44
3d Armored Division	15 Jul - 19 Dec 44
4th Infantry Division	19 Jul - 22 Aug 44
2d Armored Division	18 Jul - 2 Aug 44 (7-13 Aug 44)
30th Infantry Division	15-28 Jul 44 (5-13 Aug 44)

VII Corps also had six divisions under its control during operations in Normandy, June 1944, (4th, 9th, 79th and 90th Infantry Divisions, and 82d and 101st A/B Divisions), and during Ardennes Campaign on 22 December 1944 (8th, 75th, 104th, 83d, 1st Infantry Divisions, 5th Armored Division).

d. VIII Corps (St. Lo Breakthrough) (1)

	Dates
79th Infantry Division	1 Jul - 1 Aug 44
6th Armored Division	25 Jul - 5 Sep 44
8th Infantry Division	1 Jul - 19 Nov 44
90th Infantry Division	19 Jun - 30 Jul 44
4th Armored Division	15 Jul - 13 Aug 44
83d Infantry Division	15 Jul - 1 Aug 44 (3 Aug-10 Sep 44)

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e. XV Corps (Rhineland Campaign, 15 Sept 1944 - 21 March 1945)⁽¹⁾

	<u>Dates</u>
3d Infantry Division	12 Mar-21 Apr(28 Apr-6 May)(8 May) 45
44th Infantry Division	25 Nov 44 - 8 Apr 45
45th Infantry Division	15 Mar - 6 May 45
71st Infantry Division	9 Mar - 22 Mar 45
100th Infantry Division	27 Nov 44 - 22 Mar 45
6th Armored Division	8 Mar - 23 Mar 45

f. XVI Corps (Reduction of Ruhr Pocket)⁽²⁾

	<u>Dates</u>
79th Infantry Division	17 Feb-1 Mar 45 (7 Mar 45)(to end)
8th Armored Division	1-3 Feb 45 (9-12 Apr 45)
95th Infantry Division	9 Apr 45 (to end)
75th Infantry Division	11-22 Dec 44 (1 Mar 45)(to end)
35th Infantry Division	30 Jan 45-13 Apr 45
17th Airborne Division	6-25 Apr 45

2. In addition to the three corps (V, VII and VIII) shown in basic letter paragraph 1, as having five divisions the following corps have also been identified as commanding five divisions in ETO:

a. III Corps⁽²⁾

	<u>Dates</u>
99th Infantry Division	9 Mar 45 (to end)
7th Armored Division	7 Mar - 19 Apr 45
9th Infantry Division	17 Feb-31 Mar 45 (4-14 Apr 45)
28th Infantry Division	28 Mar-7 Apr 45
5th Infantry Division	7-18 Apr 45 (25-29 Apr 45)

b. XVIII Corps⁽²⁾

	<u>Dates</u>
8th Infantry Division	2-26 Apr 45
78th Infantry Division	3-12 Feb 45 (2-19 Apr 45)
97th Infantry Division	10-19 Apr 45
86th Infantry Division	5-19 Apr 45
13th Armored Division	10-21 Apr 45

c. XII Corps⁽¹⁾

4th Armored Division	12 Jan - 4 Apr 45
5th Infantry Division	21 Dec 44 - 28 Mar 45
26th Infantry Division	23 Mar 45 to end
76th Infantry Division	25 Jan 45 - 3 Apr 45
90th Infantry Division	12 Mar 45 to end

d. XX Corps (1)

	Dates
6th Armored Division	23 Mar-24 Mar (28 Mar-17 Apr) 45
11th Armored Division	12 Mar-16 Mar (24 Mar- 1 Apr) 45
65th Infantry Division	1 Mar- 4 Apr (17 Apr to end)
80th Infantry Division	10 Mar to end
94th Infantry Division	6 Jan-29 Mar 45

3. Examination of Pacific Theater records indicates that the I Corps and XIV Corps also had five divisions under their control as shown below. Both Corps were under command of the Sixth Army during operations on Luzon (P.I.).⁽³⁾

a. I Corps

	Dates
33d Infantry Division	Approximately 11-29 June 1945
32d " "	" " " "
37th" "	" " " "
6th " "	" " " "
25th" "	" " " "

b. XIV Corps

	Dates
37th Infantry Division	Approximately 16-21 February 1945
40th " "	" " " "
6th " "	" " " "
11th Airborne Division	" " " "
1st Cavalry Division	" " " "

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SOURCES:

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(i) I Corps

- 8th Armored Division
- 15th Armored Division
- 85th Infantry Division
- 80th Infantry Division
- 84th Infantry Division

Dates
 28 Mar-24 Mar (28 Mar-17 Apr) 48
 12 Mar-18 Mar (24 Mar-1 Apr) 48
 1 Mar-4 Apr (17 Apr to end)
 10 Mar to end
 8 Jan-23 Mar 48

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Dates
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XIV Corps

- 37th Infantry Division
- 40th "
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- 15th Airborne Division
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