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HEADQUARTERS V CORPS  
APO #305, U.S. Army

30 August 1944

SUBJECT: Commendation

TO : Commanding General, 90th Infantry Division.

1. Upon the relief of the 90th Infantry Division from attachment to the V Corps, I desire to express to you, and through you to the officers and men of your command, my personal thanks and appreciation for the excellent manner in which they functioned while under my command.

2. The role played by the 90th Infantry Division in closing the trap around the enemy at Falaise, which resulted in the destruction of such a large portion of the enemy forces, was an exceedingly gratifying one. The attachment of the division, which was then engaged in combat, to another Corps in a different Army was accomplished with minimum confusion.

3. The cooperative manner in which your headquarters and the subordinate elements of your command collaborated with superior and adjacent headquarters was such as to bring credit upon your entire command. It is without reservation that I say that you have a good fighting division. Though initially forseen, I accept its loss to this command with regret. May thanks and best wishes for your continued success go with each and every one of you.

Good luck to all of you,

/s/ Gerow,  
/t/ L.T. GEROW,  
Major General, U.S. Army,  
Commanding.

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SUBJECT: G-1 After Action Report, Month of August 1944.

TO : Commanding General, XX Corps, APO 340, U. S. Army.

1. The following factual data is submitted and constitutes a summation of the operations of the G-1 office for the Month of August 1944.

a. Cumulative for Month:

Repl Rec'd	Dy Fr Former Cas Status	KIA	DOW	WIA	Battle		Captured
					Inj.	MIA	
1002	904	276	91	740	118	426	0

b. Prisoners captured daily:

1 - 0	17 - 447
2 - 74	18 - 198
3 - 298	19 - 740
4 - 165	20 - 5447
5 - 92	21 - 3813
6 - 147	22 - 957
7 - 117	23 - 38
8 - 102	24 - 0
9 - 853 <i>458</i>	25 - 0
10 - 206	26 - 0
11 - 347	27 - 10
12 - 37	28 - 90
13 - 108	29 - 36
14 - 278	30 - 67
15 - 559	31 - 133
16 - 733	<u>16092</u>

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REPORT OF OPERATIONS - NORTHWEST FRANCE

PART IV - MONTH OF AUGUST

REPORT ON SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

i - SUPPLY:

a. Supply operations continued to function smoothly during this period despite the handicap of long hauls from supply bases, which resulted from the rapid advance of our troops.

b. Class I:

(1) Truckhead distribution of rations was made to all units of the Div. and attached troops. Supplies were distributed on the following basis:

"B"	35,499	-	7.0%
"C"	74,793	-	5.0%
"K"	177,518	-	36.0%
"10-1"	254,407	-	50.0%
"D"	1,076	-	2.0%
TOTAL	<u>543,293</u>		<u>100.0%</u>

(2) Gratuitous issue of P X items was made to all units with the ration draw.  
(3) Fresh beef and bread were issued to all units when available.  
(4) Water was fairly abundant and an adequate supply was maintained at all times. Continuous reconnaissance resulted in the establishment of water points close to using units. Water points normally operated under Div control, although on several occasions water points were attached to Combat Teams.

c. Class II:

(1) Clothing and equipment were available throughout this period when requisitioned. Due to the amount of available transportation and the long haul from supply dumps, requisitions were forwarded on a weekly basis.

d. Class III:

(1) Gasoline consumption averaged 5.6 gallons per gas consuming vehicle per day. The average was particularly high during this period as a result of frequent long moves and the long distances required to haul supplies. There was a general shortage of gasoline during the last week of August. The following is a total of all gasoline, oil and lubricants consumed by the Div and Attached troops consisting of a Tank Destroyer, Anti-aircraft, and Artillery Bn:

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**CANCELLED**

BY AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL

*G. O. McLarty, Capt AGP*  
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE *14 April 46*

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Consumed</u>
Gasoline #80 Oct.	Gal.	336,075
Oil, Engine Det. SAE 10	"	210
" " " " 30	"	3,435
" " " " 50	"	180
Oil Eng. Non-Det SAE 30	"	50
Universal Gear Lube #90	"	210
Grease GF #1	Lb.	955
" " 2	"	1,695
" " 3	"	260
" " 4	"	78
Shock Absorber Fluid	Gal.	25

e. Class IV:

- (1) Cleaning and preserving materials were issued automatically on a 15-day basis.
- (2) Stationery and office supplies were issued on a similar basis as needed.

f. Personal Effects:

- (1) Approximately 900 officers and enlisted men's personal effects were processed by the Personal Effects Section of the O D Q M during this period.

g. Remarks:

- (1) A number of forward mobile truckheads were established by the Div QM during this period in order to have Class I and III supplies well forward. These forward truckheads greatly reduced the distances which units had to travel to secure supplies.
- (2) The postal Section, Div Sig Supply and Div Replacements were attached to the Q M during this period. These sections moved with the Q M Co. by shuttling as sufficient transportation to move at one time was not available.

h. Ammunition:

- (1) Ammo expended for the period was 751 tons. The following tabulation, based on ETOUSA unit of fire dated 10 Dec '43, is a breakdown of the above tonnage:

<u>Small Arms</u>	<u>No. of rounds</u>	<u>Percentage U/F</u>
Carbino	13,200	.12
Cal. 30 5/clip	14,787	.92
Cal. 30 8/clip	189,836	2.10
Cal. 30 MG	417,500	9.9
Cal. 45	15,380	.59
Cal. 50	37,125	.61
Rocket AT 2.36"	4,181	6.00

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<u>Mortar</u>	<u>No. of rounds</u>	<u>Percentage U/F</u>
60mm Mortar	583	.10
81mm Mortar	7,635	1.8
57mm AT	2,138	.94
<u>Artillery</u>		
105mm How M3 (all types)	2,130	1.9
105mm How M2 (all types)	14,598	3.07
155mm How M1 (all types)	3,939	4.86

(2) At times during the earlier part of this period it was necessary for the ammunition trains to travel 40-50 miles to Army Motorized ASP's Nos. 5, 6, and 7. Critical items for the month were: Rocket, AT, 2.36", cal. .30, MG, (4-1), 105mm How M2, w/FPD M48A1, and Grenade, hand fragmentation. Shell, 57mm, HE (Br.) and SHELL, 57mm, Sabot, which were continually desired were available in limited quantities only.

## II - ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE:

a. 3rd Echelon maintenance of Motor vehicles was at a minimum due to the excellent roads which we were able to use. Weapons were not used extensively, consequently 3rd Echelon Maintenance was at a minimum. Sixteen (16) vehicles, or .8% of the Division's T/E allowances, were lost due to combat.

## III - EVACUATION:

a. Casualties were evacuated rapidly and efficiently through all echelons. The use of the 1/4 ton truck equipped to carry litters affords a means of transporting casualties to the Bn. Aid Stations that has proven to be of great value in reducing the time element of evacuation.

b. The establishment of a Field Hospital Platoon with Surgical Teams in the immediate vicinity of the Clearing Station provides for the treatment of non-transportable wounded and saves lives.

c. On one occasion, during the period covered by this report, 698 wounded prisoners of war were admitted to the Clearing Station in 24 hours. It was necessary to procure additional ambulances for the evacuation of the litter wounded and all means of transportation including captured enemy vehicles were used to evacuate the walking wounded.

d. Rest centers were established in the rear regimental areas for the treatment of mild exhaustion. If these individuals are not sufficiently improved to return to duty in 36 hours, they are referred to the Division Psychiatrist. It is a distinct advantage to keep these milder cases separated from the more severe cases which are treated by the Division Psychiatrist at the Clearing Station.

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e. Report of casualties for the period 1 Aug. to 31 Aug '44 inclusive:

	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>Exhaustion</u>	<u>*D.O.A.</u>	<u>Total</u>
Division Total	619	374	134	85	6	1218
Evacuated	584	196	109	47	6	942
Returned to Duty	35	178	25	38	0	276
Allied Total	247	79	43	21	10	405
Evacuated	235	54	43	12	10	357
Returned to duty	12	25	2	9	0	48
Civilian Total	68	8	8	0	3	87
Evacuated	64	2	8	0	3	77
Discharged	4	6	0	0	0	10
Prisoners Total	1584	27	49	0	5	1665
Evacuated	1584	27	49	0	5	1665
Grand Total	2518	488	239	106	24	3375

\* Dead on Arrival.

IV - BURIAL:

a. The Graves Registration Section of the O D Q M evacuated the Div dead from Regtl and Bn Collection points to Corps Coll. points. The names of the deceased were sent to the A.G. for record.

V - SALVAGE AND CAPTURED MATERIEL:

a. Huge quantities of enemy materiel were captured or destroyed by the Div. The amount of materiel in the Falaise pocket in particular, was so great that it was necessary to appoint several officers to secure an accurate count. The following is a general summary of enemy supplies and equipment captured or destroyed during this period:

(1) From St. Hilaire to Le Mans:

Tanks MK III & IV	6	
Arty pieces 75mm & over	54	(22 S/P - 32 towed)
Vehicles - all types	165	

(2) From Le Mans to Alencon:

Tanks MK III & IV	18
Arty pieces 75mm & over	19
Vehicles - all types	23

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(3) Falaise Pocket

88mm	75
Self Propelled Weapons	146
Nebelwerfers	24
Tanks MK III & IV	124
Tanks Light	88
Tanks heavy MK V & VI	8
Reconnaissance vehicles	110
General Purpose Vehicles	3200
Towed Arty Light	540
anti-aircraft arty	95
150 & 155 arty pieces	87

(4) 800 carts 1800 destroyed horses, and 1000 horses in good shape were also counted.

(5) Two large ammo dumps were captured during this period: One located 1/2 mile south of Ballon (Map - France GSGS Sheet #8G & H, 435795) contained 175,000 rds. of 75mm ammo., and a small amount of Teller Mines, Bazooka ammo, miscellaneous ammo of all types. One located in the Petite Foret (France GSGS Sheet 8F, 400430) has a great deal of all types of ammo: 150 tons misc. small arms, 160,000 rds 75mm, 133,500 rds 88mm, 23,500 rds 150mm, 21,000 rds 155mm; this ammo totals approx. 7500 tons.

(6) Two complete German Field Hospitals.

(7) German Ord. automotive Parts Depot which contained huge quantities of all types of motors and parts.

(8) Two airfields with 14 enemy planes in repairable condition and a determined amount of aircorps maintenance equipment.

(9) Evacuation of captured materiel was an impossibility due to the of movement and the distance to Ord Coll units.

VI - TRAFFIC:

a. Due primarily to excellent road net, traffic did not present any problem during this period.

VII - SERVICE TROOPS & TRAINS:

a. Service troops and trains were kept well forward and functioned very smoothly throughout the period.

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