

REPORT OF OPERATIONS - LUXEMBOURG & BELGIUM

PART IV - MONTH OF JANUARY

REPORT ON SUPPLY AND EVACUATION

I - SUPPLY:

a. Supply Operations:

(1) Supply operations continued to function satisfactorily in spite of severe weather conditions prevailing throughout the period. Due to heavy snowfalls and the lack of suitable roads, supply was difficult at times. Cross country operations necessitated the use of ski-sleds towed by M-29 cargo carriers to get supplies forward to the troops. Snow suits were the only major shortage, but they were supplemented by the use of captured German white underwear worn over outer clothing.

b. Class I:

(1) Truckhead distribution was made to all Division units and attached troops. Rations were distributed on the following basis:

"B"	376,644
"C"	18,950
"K"	112,848
"10-1"	52,920
"D" (Not included in total)	<u>2,976</u>
TOTAL	561,362

(2) The Division and attached units received a total of twenty-four days issue of PX rations during the month of January.

(3) Type "C", "K" and "10-1" rations were supplemented by issues of coffee, milk, sugar and heat units.

(4) Water was plentiful and easily accessible to the troops.

c. Class II:

(1) Clothing and equipment were available in sufficient quantities to provide for adequate winter operations.

(2) In an effort to combat frostbite, 6600 pairs of shoe pacs were made available to front line troops. The following list includes major items issued within the Division and attached units:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Drawers, wool	8,581	Gloves, wool OD	8,660
Shirt, wool	8,942	Cap, wool knit	3,708
Trousers, HBT	3,070	Towel, bath	9,327
Socks, wool	42,682	Overshoes, arctic	2,631

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<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>	<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Socks, ski	13,200	Boots, combat	1,593
Mittens, shell T.F.	460	Shoe pacs	6,600
Trousers, field	2,000	Bag, sleeping EM	6,247
Undershirts, wool	6,486	Shovel, Int.	1,140
Trousers, wool	9,162	Can, water 5 gal	1,177
Jacket, HBT	2,490	Lantern, gas	43
Jacket, field M-43	6,548	Case, bag sleepg	6,245
Raincoats	1,832	Carrier, shovel Int	1,241
Sweater, wool	1,482		

d. Class III:

(1) Gasoline consumption averaged 3.6 gals per gas-consuming vehicle per day. The following is a total of all gasoline, oil and lubricants issued to the Division and attached units during the period:

<u>Item</u>	<u>Quantity</u>
Gasoline, 80 Oct.	267,100 gal
Oil, diesel	8,925 "
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #10	2,430 "
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #30	760 "
Oil, Eng, Det. SAE #50	60 "
Universal Gear Lube #90	145 "
Grease, GP #1	375 lb
Grease, GP #2	370 "
Grease, GP #3	0 "
Grease, GP #4	0 "

(2) This is an increase of 22,660 gals of gasoline issued over the preceding period.

(3) Total consumption of gasoline since "D" day is 1,753,630 gals.

e. Class IV:

(1) There were approximately nine tons of cleaning and preserving material issued to the Division during this period; this includes soap, toilet paper, brushes, brooms etc.

(2) Approximately one ton of stationery and office supplies was issued during the month, which was insufficient for the needs of the Division.

f. Personal Effects:

(1) Personal effects of 136 officers and EM were processed during this period.

g. Remarks:

(1) The Division Signal supply section was attached to the QM Co during the period.

(2) The Postal section was attached to the QM Co during part of the period.

(3) During the period there was an increase of 15,029 rations over the previous period.

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h. Ammunition:

(1) American ammunition expended for the period was 2238 tons. The following tabulation, based on ETCUSA, unit of fire, dated 10 Dec '43 is a breakdown of the above tonnage:

<u>Small Arms:</u>	<u>No. of Weapons</u>	<u>Av. Rds Per Wpn</u>	<u>Total Rds</u>	<u>U/F</u>
Carbine	5177	28.2	146,268	1.35
Cal. .30, M1903A4 5/clip	81	233.6	26,163	11.6
Cal. .30, BAR 5/clip	405	3.4	1,377	.51
Cal. .30, 8/clip	6229	73.3	457,188	2.98
Cal. .30, MG	211	2527.1	533,220	12.7
Cal. .45, Pistol	1215	4.19	5,091	2.2
Cal. .45, SMG	282	343.	96,743	12.09
Cal. .50	261	128.8	33,627	.56
Gren. Hand Frag.			6,849	4.8
Rocket AT, 2.36"	558	3.9	2,201	3.2
<u>Mortar:</u>				
60mm Mortar	90	58.9	5,307	.96
81mm Mortar	54	333.0	17,985	4.4
<u>Gun, 57mm:</u>				
57mm	57	2.07	118	.5
<u>Artillery:</u>				
105mm How. M3	18	408.77	7,358	6.81
105mm How. M2	36	1631.7	58,744	13.05
155mm How. M1	12	883.	10,598	11.7

(2) Critical Items: Propelling charge, WB, for 155mm How. M1; HC, smk, and WP, smk for all types artillery were critical during the entire period. Shell HE, for 105 How. M2 was critical for the first half of the period.

II - ORDNANCE MAINTENANCE & SUPPLY:

(1) 3rd Echelon maintenance of motor vehicles was extremely heavy due to inferior roads and very rugged terrain.

(2) Twelve (12) vehicles or .6% of the Division T/E allowance were lost due to enemy action.

(3) Trucks, 1/4 ton, 4x4, C&R were critical during the period. Twenty-seven (27) Carrier, cargo, M29 were requested, but were unavailable.

(4) The following items of spare and replacement parts were critical during the period: Tires, 600x16; tubes, 600x16; hot patches; exhaust pipes for 1/4 ton trks; mechanism, firing for 155mm How. M1; and tire chains of all sizes.

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X III - EVACUATION:

(1) For the second successive month, extremely severe weather caused a great deal of difficulty in the evacuation of casualties. Snow, sleet, and almost continuous freezing weather made all roads and fields nearly impassable for litter bearers and litter jeeps carrying their loads. Deep snows and icy underfooting made evacuation of casualties from the field to the aid stations extremely difficult. To combat this, and increase the efficiency of evacuation from forward elements, a new type litter was constructed by the Division Engineers for use by forward units in the chain of evacuation. The litter is a ski-type litter and is simply constructed by securing four blocks of wood on a pair of skis and inserting the litter stirrups in the blocks of wood. Space for the stirrups to fit into the blocks of wood is provided. In addition, heavy gauge wire or rope is attached to the forward and rear parts of the litter to allow it to be pulled or held from moving forward downhill too rapidly. In spite of the difficulties encountered because of the weather and terrain, the evacuation of casualties continued to function in a satisfactory manner.

(2) Medical supplies were adequate in quantity and were easily obtainable from medical supply units in the rear. No shortages existed and all units needing supplies were furnished them without difficulty.

(3) Report of casualties for the period 1 Jan to 31 Jan 45 inclusive:

	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Disease</u>	<u>Injury</u>	<u>Exhaustion</u>	<u>Total</u>
Division Total	1197	1322	1125	163	3807
Evacuated	1190	1066	1102	121	3479
Returned to duty	7	256	23	42	328
Allies Total	134	205	68	7	414
Evacuated	133	120	63	1	317
Returned to Duty	1	85	5	6	97
Civilian Total	52	9	2	0	63
Evacuated	52	8	2	0	62
Discharged	0	1	0	0	1
Prisoner Total	271	0	0	0	271
Evacuated	271	0	0	0	271
Grand Total	1654	1536	1195	170	4555

IV - BURIAL:

(1) There were 262 American dead and 175 enemy dead evacuated by the Graves Registration section during the period.

V - SALVAGE & CAPTURED MATERIEL:

(1) Approximately 115 tons of salvage were turned in to the Army salvage point by the Div QM.

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(2) The following items were turned in for repair:

Outfit, cooking	1 burner	40
"	" 2 "	25
Typewriters		12
Unit, Fire M-37		60
Lantern, gasoline		44

(3) A large number of enemy armored vehicles and Arty pieces were captured or destroyed during the period, including 36 tanks, 18 S.P. guns, 88 Arty pieces and many misc. vehicles.

VI - TRAFFIC:

(1) The main roads in the Division area required constant maintenance and repair, due to heavy snowfalls. Roads were slippery and hazardous due to the heavy volume of traffic over them.

VII - SERVICE TROOPS & TRAINS:

Service troops and trains continued to function smoothly. At times, lack of bivouac sites and unsuitability of accommodations necessitated long hauls to the forward units.

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