



U.S. 78th Infantry Division

December, 1944

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Infantry
Regiment

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307th
Field
Artillery
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903rd
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60 (H) 36 2 155mm 0	2 C(l) 2* 1 M4 HST 10
x 2	x 2

303rd
Engineer
Battalion

1 I 1 6 1	0 - 0 1 23 Truck Bridge 0	0 C 0 1 Truck 14
x 9	x 1	x 10

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78th
Recon
Troop
(Mech)

1 I 2 3 SCOUT 1	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 3	x 3	x 2

552nd
Anti-Aircraft
Battalion
(attached)

8 H 12 2 40 mm 0	8 I 4 2 .50 cal 0	0 C 0 1 Truck 14
x 4	x 4	x 8

attached on
December 19th

709th
Tank
Battalion
(attached)

5 A 5 5 M-5 11	11 A 8 9 M-4/75 8	14 A 10 10 M-4/76 9	14 H 10 9 M-4/105 8	3 M 12 3 M-21 10	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18
x 3	x 7	x 2	x 1	x 1	x 1

628th
Tank
Destroyer
Battalion
(attached)

15 A 12 6 M-36 9	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 I 4 3 M-20 15	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1

attached on
December 19th

893rd
Tank
Destroyer
Battalion
(attached)

14 A 10 6 M-10 9	2 C(I) 2* 1 M-8 Jeep 18	2 I 4 3 M-20 15	3 A 5 3 M-8 15
x 9	x 3	x 3	x 1

The "Lightning" Division was almost totally inexperienced when the Germans came to call, having been in France for less than one month. One regiment had been involved in the fight in the Hurtgen Forest and the division was on the left flank of the attack towards the Ryr and Urft dams when the Germans struck. The division stayed on the north shoulder of the "bulge" and helped keep the 272nd Volksgrenadier Division tied down, thus denying the Germans the use of this division in their offensive.