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AFTER ACTION REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 1944

1 SEPTEMBER 1944

CT continued mission of the defense of Champtoce-Orleans sector, north of the Loire River. The 2nd Bn sent out reconnaissance patrols several miles south of the Loire between Pont De Ce and Saumur. One patrol went as far as Doue-Le-Fontane. No enemy was found.

2 SEPTEMBER 1944

CT continued mission. Reconnaissance patrols were sent out again by 2nd Bn. This time they went south of the Loire River west of Angers. No enemy was found.

3 SEPTEMBER 1944

CT continued mission of the defense of Champtoce-Orleans sector. The entire 774th Tank Bn was now attached and training program was being carried out with units of the 329th Infantry. In the evening, the 1st Bn, 330th Inf, was released from CT 329 and reverted back to the 330th Regiment. The 1st Bn, 330th Inf, was given the mission of the defense of the Champtoce-Croix Verte sector north of the Loire. The new mission of CT 329 was the defense of Croix Verte-Orleans sector north of the Loire, both cities exclusive. All present attachments were to remain with CT 329.

4 SEPTEMBER 1944

1st Bn, 330th Inf, moved to Angers, bivouacing in the Marine Barracks 2 miles east of the city. 308th Engrs were no longer attached to CT 329. 1st Bn, 329th Inf, occupied the sector which had been held by the 1st Bn, 330th Inf.

5 SEPTEMBER 1944

Regimental CP moved to new location, 3 miles south of Chateau Renault, and 2nd Bn, in CT reserve, moved to the vicinity of Vendome.

6 & 7 SEPTEMBER 1944

CT 329 continued mission of defense of Loire River from Croix Vert to Orleans. The I & R platoon, which was patrolling that sector of the river between Blois and Orleans, sent out patrols south of the Loire and made contact with the FFI.

8 SEPTEMBER 1944

Mission continued. At 2300, the I & R platoon reported that an enemy force of 20,00 men south of the Loire River, wanted to surrender to the American Army.

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9, 10 & 11 SEPTEMBER 1944

Mission continued. After several meetings by Lt Magill and General Macon with the German force of 20,000, south of the Loire River, it was finally decided that the Germans would start marching north on the 12th, planning to arrive at the Loire on the 16th. It was planned that the Germans would move in 3 columns of approximately the same number each; these columns to cross at Mer, Beaugency, and Orleans. They were to be lead by American patrols, to surrender their arms on the south bank of the river, and to be assembled at a PW cage at Beaugency after the crossings, at which point they would then be under Ninth Army control. (A complete story of the surrender is attached). CT 329 was given a new sector; Blois-Orleans-Auxerre, the mission being the same, that is the protection of the sector and the prevention of crossings of the Loire by the enemy. The 83rd Ren Trp was attached to the CT for the purpose of patrolling the Bonny-Auxerre sector. Plans were made for moving CT 329 to its new sector.

12 SEPTEMBER 1944

The Regimental CP moved to a new location 5 miles SW of Orleans. The 2nd Bn, which was given the sector from Orleans to Bonny, was moved in trucks furnished by Division, and closed into their new area at 1900.

13 SEPTEMBER 1944

Continued mission. Preparations were made to receive the 20,000 German prisoners.

14 SEPTEMBER 1944

3rd Bn closed into their new sector; Blois to Orleans, at 1000. 1st Bn, in reserve, closed into an assembly area near Montargis at 1325. These moves were completed so much later than the 2nd Bn, due to the fact that the 1st and 3rd Bns had to move entirely with their own organic transportation. Continued preparations to receive the 20,000 Germans.

15 & 16 SEPTEMBER 1944

Continued mission and continued preparations to receive the 20,000 German prisoners. At this time the dispositions of CT 329 were as follows: the 83rd Ren Trp was patrolling from Bonny to Auxerre, assisted by 2 ren platoons of Co A, 802nd TD Bn. In addition to the routine patrolling of this sector, patrols were sent out to the SE in search of enemy. No enemy was found. The Orleans-Bonny sector was occupied by the 2nd Bn and attached to it were Cn Co, 1 plat Co A, 802nd TD Bn and 1 plat, Co A, 774th Tank Bn. It was known that there was no enemy for a good many miles south of the Loire other than those surrendering, so the companies were held intact rather than being split up into small patrols. 1st Bn, in CT reserve near Montargis, had attached to them for training; Co C, 774th Tank Bn and 1 plat Co A, 802nd TD Bn. 3rd Bn, occupying the Blois-Orleans sector, had 1 company at Mer, 1 company at Beaugency, and 1 company at Orleans, prepared to receive the prisoners. Attached to the 3rd Bn were 2 plats of Co A, 774th Tank Bn, 1 plat at Beaugency and 1 at Orleans. Also attached was 1 plat Co A, 802nd TD Bn.

At 1400, General Elster and his staff crossed the Loire at Beaugency to surrender.



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17 SEPTEMBER 1944

Continued mission. Remainder of German prisoners crossed the Loire River. The total count including the staff and some wounded who preceded the staff, was 19,556.

18, 19 & 20 SEPTEMBER 1944

Continued mission.

21 SEPTEMBER 1944

At 2325 all attachments were released for movement to concentration areas by their organic commanders. The regiment was ordered to concentrate at Orleans and/or Montargis.

22 SEPTEMBER 1944

The 3rd Bn concentrated at Orleans, 2nd Bn concentrated at Chateauneuf and 1st Bn remained in their assembly area near Montargis.

23 SEPTEMBER 1944

March order and march table prepared for movement to St. Mihiel and then to Luxembourg. H-hour was unknown and dependent upon the arrival of non-organic transportation furnished by Division. The trucks finally arrived and the movement started about 1700. This was a CT move, the 322nd FA Bn and Co A, 308th Engrs joining the column at Montargis.

24 SEPTEMBER 1944

At 1630, the entire CT had closed into an assembly area 3 miles south of the city of Luxembourg. This new location was approximately 300 miles NE of the former location, Orleans.

25 SEPTEMBER 1944

329th Inf, now attached to the Third Army, was given the mission of protecting the left flank of the Third Army, of preventing enemy patrols from penetrating our sector and of vigorously patrolling ourselves to the line of the Moselle-Sauer rivers. Our sector extended along these 2 rivers from Ahn, exclusive, to Echternach, inclusive, and the left boundary of the Third Army, also our left boundary, ran along a line from Echternach-Luxembourg, both inclusive. This sector had been occupied partly by the 112th Inf Regt and partly by the CCA of the 5th Armd Div. There were several enemy bridgeheads across the Moselle-Sauer rivers in this sector and enemy patrols extending several KM west of this river line.

At 0800 the move to the new assembly area was started with the non-organic transportation which had been retained from the move of the previous day. This new assembly area was approximately 10 miles NE of the city of Luxembourg.





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By 1200 the Bns had completed their moves and at 1630 the Regtl CP closed into closed into its new location in the town of Junglinster. The 112th Inf Regt was relieved of their responsibility at 1200 and elements of the CCA of the 5th Armd Div were relieved of their responsibility at 1700. The regiment was disposed as follows: 1st Bn on the right, 2nd Bn on the left and 3rd Bn in reserve. It was planned to hold the companies intact so that they could be shifted readily in case of counter-attack by the enemy. Instead of posting a number of small patrols, combat patrols were to be sent out on missions and returned to their units upon completion of the mission. Co A, 802nd TD Bn, was again attached to the CT and moved into the CT sector. Instead of being split up among the Bns, this company was held intact. Co A, 774th Tank Bn also was attached but had not yet reported in. The I & R platoon was given the mission of patrolling our left flank and maintaining contact with the First Army. The 3rd Bn was given the mission of maintaining contact with the 331st on our right at the city of Canach.

26 SEPTEMBER 1944

Combat patrols were sent out by 1st and 2nd Bns. The 2nd Bn moved farther towards the front of their sector. Contact was made with adjacent units. Co A, 774th Tank Bn reported in and moved to the 3rd Bn area. Orders from higher headquarters restricted movement of all personnel other than military.

27 SEPTEMBER 1944

Combat patrols were again sent out. Several skirmishes with enemy patrols were reported. Cn Co, TD's and FA registered in and fired some harassing missions.

28 SEPTEMBER 1944

Left boundary was changed to a line running generally from Bollendorf to Walferdange, and the 83rd Rcn Trp now attached, moved in to occupy and patrol this new sector created by the change in boundary. The I & R platoon was given the new mission of patrolling in the 2nd Bn sector. 1st and 2nd Bns both moved some units closer to the Sauer-Moselle river line. This was accomplished by moving 1 platoon at a time.

29 SEPTEMBER 1944

One rcn platoon of Co A, 802nd TD Bn was attached to the regiment and sent to work with 2nd Bn. R-3 was given the mission of patrolling and protecting the main road leading south from Echternach. All of these rcn activities on the left flank were being coordinated by Lt Col Cook, with headquarters at Consdorf. 2 new attachments were sent to the 322nd FA Bn: Cn Co, 330th Inf; and 1 assault gun plat of 774th Tank Bn. The 241st FA Bn and 323rd FA Bn, both in support, went into position in the CT sector.

30 SEPTEMBER 1944

The 324th FA Bn, in general support, moved into the CT sector and went into position. Cn Co, 330th Inf, as of 1200, reverted back to the 330th Infantry.



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During the morning, enemy patrols in both 1st and 2nd Bns sectors were encountered. At 1400, without meeting resistance, Co B occupied the towns of Oberdonvan and Niederdinvan and set up an OP on a hill to the east of Neiderdinvan. At 1100, Co A started marching towards Grevenmacher, known to be occupied by the enemy. Co A's mission was to attack Grevenmacher and drive the enemy across the river. A platoon of tanks from Co A, 774th Tank Bn, was attached. Progress was slow because of mines and road blocks and by nightfall Co A was still 1500 yards short of their objective. It was planned to resume the advance towards Grevenmacher at dawn.