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APO 83, c/o Postmaster, New York, N.Y.

22 July 1944

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.
(Through Channels)

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1. In accordance with paragraph 10 (c3) AR 345-105, the following report after action against enemy for the month of June, 1944, is hereby submitted.

2. On 27 June 44 the 330th Infantry regiment relieved those elements of the 101st Airborne Division which were holding the sector along the general line 358819 380815 419818 (Map reference-France, 1/50,000, LaHaye-DuPuits 6 E/5)

3. The activity from the time of relief until 2400 30 June 44 consisted of aggressive patrolling and some exchange of artillery fire.

For the Regimental Commander:

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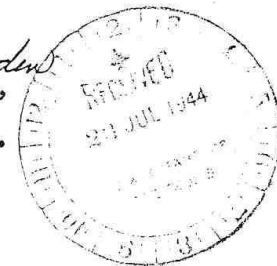
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HEADQUARTERS 83D INF DIV, APO 83, U. S. Army, 22 July 44.

TO: Commanding General, VIII Corps, APO 308, U. S. Army.

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For the Commanding General:

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HEADQUARTERS 330TH INFANTRY
APO 83, U. S. Army

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9 August 1944.

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TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C. (Thru Channels).
In accordance with paragraph 10, (c-3), AR 345-105, the following report after action for the month of July 1944 is submitted.
Period: 1 July through 31 July.

Location 1.8 miles SE of CARENTAN, 375823. Regiment occupying defensive positions.

Action was limited to night patrolling and the exchange of s/a and arty fire.

Casualties very light.

4 July. The Regiment in conjunction with units on the right and left launched an attack at 0500 after a 15 minute arty preparation. 1st and 2nd Bns in the assault. The attack met stiff resistance especially mortar and arty fire which was zeroed in on hedgerows over which the attack had to pass. At 0800 the 2nd Bn was pinned down by mortar and arty fire and were unable to advance. The attack was halted. 1st Bn resumed the attack at 0855. The 2nd Bn received a counterattack and was forced to withdraw to their original O.P.L. The 3rd Bn was committed at 1907 across the 2nd Bn front and were held up at 1937. Very little progress was made during the day.

5. July 1944. Regiment resumed attack at 0900. The 2nd Bn was ordered to assemble and reorganize and be prepared to attack by 1400. 2nd Bn was committed at 1550 to assist 1st Bn whose situation was not good. 3rd Bn was attached to 329th Inf. 1st and 2nd Bns resumed attack at 2030 and reached objective at 2132. Progress slow.

6. July 1944. 3rd Bn heavily shelled at 0100 as it moved into position with 329th. Shelling disorganized the Bn and caused heavy casualties. Co L was cut off from Bn received enemy counterattack in considerable force which was beaten off after inflicting heavy casualties. 3rd Bn by-passed by 329th.

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7 July 1944.

Enemy counterattacked at 0500, attack was repulsed but counterattack delayed Regt from launching its attack at 0800. Regt supported by company of tanks attacked.

Enemy tanks were encountered, two of which were knocked out by AT gun fire. 3rd Bn cut off, communication lines cut, ammo and food delivered in jeeps escorted by light tanks. 1st and 2nd Bn advanced abreast $2\frac{1}{2}$ Kilometers and reached objective relieving pressure on 3rd Bn. This advance was made possible by use of a rolling arty barrage, which chisled a narrow penetration through enemy positions leaving a number of small enemy groups on each flank.

8 July 1944.

Attack was resumed, enemy tanks and assault guns encountered. Our tanks were unable to assist materially in advance, suffering heavy losses. Enemy tanks counterattacked but were stopped by bazooka and sticky grenade teams. Regtl OP attacked by tank. Tank was knocked out. 1st and 2nd Bns Aid Stations captured. Regtl received 320 replacements.

9 July 1944.

An attack scheduled for 0900 started off when scouts moved out at 0830 to get to L.D. Our attack held up by delay in arrival of supporting tanks. Attack never reached L.D. due to enemy tanks located in front of the center of 2nd Bn. Tanks stopped our attack during the morning. At 1345 a plan to reduce the tanks holding up the attack was put into action but the arty concentrations fell 300-400 yards short and accompanying friendly tanks ran into fire and the attack failed. At 1540 C.O. stated he had been relieved of command of Regt by Div C.O. Asst Div C.O. arrived and took over temporary command of Regt. At 1830 a third attack planned by acting Regtl C.O., was launched and the net gain was from 200 to 300 yards with furthestmost elements almost reaching M.L.R. The operation finished at this point with 7 tanks found to oppose us, used as stationary pill boxes firing from hull down positions. During the advance of assault Bns the reserve Bn occupied positions formerly occupied by 1st and 2nd Bns.

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At 2225 the order was given to return under cover of darkness to original positions occupied before the attack.

10 July 1944.

Colonel McLendon officially relieved of command. 3rd Bn arrived in assembly area at 1130 for an attempt to envelope enemy right flank. Crossed the L.D. at 1414 delay being caused by inability of the tanks to get up on time. 3rd Bn advanced 200 yards from L.D. and ran into road blocks covered by fire from tanks. 15 tanks estimated to be in whole area. Little progress made and 3rd Bn ordered to withdraw to original assembly area. Well placed concentrations and time fire causing great damage to Germans who were caught in open for first time.

11 July 1944.

Attack resumed at 1030. Attack supported by dive bombing. Situation improved and 1st and 2nd Bns broke through defense line held by tanks. After supporting tanks and T.D.'s were left behind by the Infantry.

12 July 1944.

Operations consisted of cleaning up LE PORT peninsula, 385762.

13 July 1944.

Regt, (less two reinforced rifle companies garrisoning the LE PORT peninsula) moved into assembly area. Col. Foster assumed command of the Regt.

14 July 1944.

2nd Bn attached to 531st for their support. Regiment, (less 2nd Bn,) was attached to 9th Division and proceeded to LES CHAMPS DE LOSQUE, 395712.

15 - 17 July 1944.

Regt (- 2nd Bn) made coordinated attack against REMILLY SUR LUZON, 381708, with units of 9th Inf Div at 1130. It was necessary for 3rd Bn to make a stream crossing during this operation. Enemy had observation on the stream and 3rd Bn suffered casualties from small arms fire. 24th Cav was attached to Regt and assisted Regt in accomplishing mission successfully.



18 - 24 July 1944.

Regt reverted to 83d Div control on 18th. Slow but steady progress made during period against stubborn resistance. Approximately 225 replacements received during this time.
25 - 28 July 1944.

Regt began attack at 1110 coordinating with 9th Div on left. Attack was preceded by 80 minute bombing preparation by some 1800, dive, medium and heavy bombers. Greatest part of bombing being done in 9th Div sector. Attack made slow progress toward PERIERS - LESSAY road, 365692. Heavy fire from all arms encountered. Flanking fire from MARCHESLEUX, 356719, area being effective against us. 106th Cav protected our right and left flank and maintained contact with 60th Inf on our left. Casualties: 273. The left elements of Regt reached the PERIERS - LESSAY road, 368685, on evening of 26th. Very stiff resistance by enemy covering withdrawal of forces from MARCHESLEUX area, met by Regt at key road junction on PERIERS-LESSAY Road. On 28th July Regt took final objectives and began rapid advance to the south to LEBORY, 389815.

29 - 31 July 1944.

Regt continued to mop up enemy pockets of resistance, which had been by-passed in rapid advance, and to occupy defensive position. 83d Div passed to Corps reserve, and the Regt was alerted for possible movement on short notice.

Total casualties for July 2150.

Total replacements received in July 2681.

For The Regimental Commander:

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