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SUBJECT: Report After Action Against the Enemy.

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 October 1944 is submitted:

Period: 1 October 1944.

Disposition at beginning of period: Regt in Div reserve. 3rd Bn attached to Task Force POLK as Task Force reserve vicinity of HETTANGE GRANDE (851910) conducting training in assault of fortified positions on MAGINOT LINE Fortifications. 1st and 2nd Bns conducting training in demolitions, assault group and tank-Inf near bivouac areas 4 miles NE of city of LUXEMBOURG. Regtl CP near SENNINGEN at (921173). 1st Bn relieved 3rd Bn as TF POLK reserve closing into assembly area HETTANGE GRANDE at 1010. 3rd Bn closed into assembly area NE of LUXEMBOURG at 1230.

2 October - 4 October 1944.

Training continued. Reconnaissance for counter-attack plan completed.

5 October 1944.

Regt conducted attack problem under Div control, 1st Bn defending, 2nd and 3rd Bns attacking. Problem ceased at 1630 and Bns moved into assembly areas vic of HASSEL (896068) Regtl CP located at SYREN (905082).

6 October 1944.

Regtl CP opened at DALHEIM (933057) at 0800. Reconnaissance begun preparatory to relieving the 331st Inf on the right Div sector of MOSELLE RIVER line. Relief to be completed prior to 2400 7 October. 1st Bn to relieve right Bn of 331st Inf and 2nd Bn the left Bn. Bn, Co, and platoon commanders contacted commanders of 331st Inf, reconnoitered areas and routes, and arranged for guides to effect relief the following day. Regtl sector: W Bank of MOSELLE RIVER from AHN (inclusive) (0515) S. to point opposite RETTEL (978949). Mission: Drive enemy E. of and patrol vigorously to the MOSELLE RIVER and prevent enemy crossing to W. bank in Regtl sector. Co C, 774th Tank Bn attached to Regt at 1200.

7 October 1944.

Co I, reinforced, attached to 2nd Bn. 1 platoon Co C, 774th Tank Bn attached to 1st Bn and 1 platoon to 2d Bn. Co C, 774th Tank Bn (-2

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platoons) in Regtl reserve. 1st Bn sector N. along W. bank of MOSELLE RIVER from right boundary to (020070). The boundary between Bns: W. from that point through BOUS (9807). 2nd Bn sector extended N. from (020070) to left Regtl boundary. 3rd Bn (-1 rifle co) in Regtl reserve. CP 3rd Bn closed into WALFRANGE (950055) at 1200 and 3rd Bn completed relief of 3rd Bn 331st Inf at 1522, area vic of WALFRANGE. K Co motorized. 1st Bn marched at 0800 and completed relief of 2nd Bn 331st Inf at 2218. 2nd Bn marched at 0800 and completed relief of 1st Bn 331st Inf by 2130. Relief of some outposts completed after darkness and by infiltration because positions were under enemy observation and fire. Front line Co's from N. to S. in 2nd Bn sector were G, F, and I Co. 1st Bn, N. to S. was C and A. Regt supported by arty gpmt under command of CO 323d FA, consisting of 323d FA Bn; Cn Co, Co B, 774th Tank Bn; Co C, 802d TD Bn (direct support of 2nd Bn); 908th FA Bn; Co B, 802d TD Bn (direct support of 1st Bn); 689th FA Bn (med) in general support. In addition Co C, 774th Tank Bn was employed on secondary mission with arty.

8 October 1944.

Rcn of area continued. OP's and outposts manned.

9 October 1944.

Reserve Bn completed rcn and plan for counterattack. Small enemy patrols active on W. bank of river. Our ambush patrols active. Rcn by Bn and Sep Co's carried on in connection with Div Defense Plan. Enemy arty active and our own arty and mortars active firing on enemy troops, bldgs containing enemy, and other targets of opportunity spotted by Inf and Arty OP's.

10 October 1944.

At 2130 an enemy patrol of undetermined strength entered I Co area at (017130), the patrol was driven off in the fire fight that followed.

11 October - 12 October 1944.

Enemy active on E. bank of river especially at NENNIG area where enemy column of 25 vehicles were brought under arty fire. Enemy appears careless both in exposing themselves and vehicles in daylight and fires and lighted vehicles at night.

13 October 1944 and 14 October 1944.

E Co relieved G Co and L Co relieved I Co in 2nd Bn sector. L Co attached to 2nd Bn. I Co relieved A Co in 1st Bn sector on 13 October. Inf OP's adjusted arty fire on enemy personnel and installations spotted across river. Ambushes set up by Cos and I & R Plat to trap enemy patrols operating on our side of the river, with negative results. 81st FA Bn (med) replaced 689th FA Bn in arty groupment supporting regiment.

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15 October 1944.

The two platoons of tanks attached to 1st and 2nd Bns reverted to Co control and Co C, 774th Tank Bn assembled vicinity of DALHEIM, to be employed in secondary mission. At 0930 a nine man enemy patrol entered A Co sector in vicinity of (Q006967). The patrol was engaged by our outpost and a patrol of A Co attempted to surround the enemy; the enemy withdrew and contact could not be regained.

16 October 1944 and 17 October 1944.

An ambush set up by the I & R Platoon encountered an enemy patrol vicinity of (Q007976) as they were moving into position at 161900. The I & R Platoon brought fire on the enemy and enemy withdrew. Marked increase in enemy arty fire on 16th October which lessened on 17th October. Five deserters of enemy 10 man patrol were picked up. The five men had volunteered for patrol duty in order to get on W. side of river to desert.

18 October 1944.

Enemy parachutists were reported to have landed in Div rear area. Motorized patrol of 7 jeeps under officer command formed on Div order at 172040 to proceed to FRISANGE (8803). Patrol was taken from 3rd Bn, 4 536 radios and 2 284 radios given patrol to facilitate communications. Patrol leader and Regtl S-3 reported to Div CP to receive orders. Patrol given mission of proceeding from FRISANGE to NOERTZANGE (785025), contact police chief there who had information of enemy parachutists landing vic MONDER-CONZE (735052), set up CP there and patrol roads between NOERTZANGE and BELVAUX (690028), prevent enemy from moving S. of main road between patrol points. At 180052 patrol moved out from FRISANGE on mission. No parachutists found. Patrol gathered what information it could as to the rumor and was ordered to return to Regtl Area at 181030. Patrol returned at 181245.

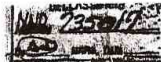
19 October 1944.

K Co relieved L Co at 1845. F Co relieved G Co at 1845, composition of outposts and OPs remained the same. Two men from K Co outpost missing.

20 October 1944.

Regiment took part in demonstration of river crossing at PALZEM (0107) prepared by Div Hq for purpose of testing enemy reaction. Co B 308th Engr Bn moved assault boats to BOUS (980072) on afternoon of 19th as part of demonstration. One platoon of tanks also moved to BOUS on October 19th to be available for rapid employment in the event of enemy action and also as part of the demonstration. The 81mm mortars and HMGs of 3rd Bn were put in position to lay fire on PALZEM. The hv wpns of the 1st and 2nd Bn in outpost within range of PALZEM also were employed in demonstration. The arty gpmt supporting Regt fired concen-

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tration from 0700 to 0715, followed by 81mm mortar and MGs. No foot troops were used in the demonstration. No shifting of enemy reserves was noted, enemy reaction slow in returning arty fire. A six man patrol entered B Co's area in vicinity of (U975958) at 0730. They were engaged by a B Co outpost and the enemy patrol leader killed.

21 October 1944.

Enemy arty activity increased during day. Outpost vic of AHN (LO515) made contact with enemy patrol and inflicted casualties on enemy in fire fight. The 3rd Bn occupied a sector on the river line between 2nd and 1st Bn from (014105) S. to (017064). K Co reverted to control of 3rd Bn and reinforced by 1 sec HMGs and 1 section 81mm mortars occupied the sector.

22 October 1944.

1 sec tanks fired direct fire mission on pillboxes at (015088) camouflaged as haystacks, 38 rounds were fired with no damage believed to have been done pillboxes, tanks received no return fire. No enemy patrol action.

23 October 1944 and 24 October 1944.

Sector quiet during the period.

25 October 1944.

The 32nd Cav relieved 1st Bn in its sector from (978949) N. along W. bank of MOSELLE RIVER to point just S. of WINTRANGE (0001) at 1000. Boundary between 32nd Cav and 330th Inf a line from (0001) W. through S. edge of ELVANGE (972019) to (940019). 1st Bn's sector was extended N. along river line to (013080) and the 1st Bn completed relief of that part of 3rd Bn S. of that point at 1000. The 2nd Bn completed relief of the 3rd Bn in the 3rd Bn area N. of STADTEREDIMUS at 2000. The boundary between the 1st and 2nd Bn; a line from (013080) W. on main road to BOUS (982072), BOUS inclusive to 2nd Bn. The 3rd Bn (-1 platoon of K Co not relieved at that time) moved by motor at 1300 to vic of FLAXWEILER (995195) preparatory to relieving elements of 329th Inf on following day. 3rd Bn to occupy the left sector of the Regt from (053154) N. along MOSELLE RIVER to (100235). The boundary between 330th Inf and 329th Inf on our left; from (100235) S.W. along RR to BETZDORF (0022). One sec tanks Co C, 774th Tank Bn fired 170 rounds HE at targets in PALZEM (015083) beginning at 0730. Building used by enemy as OP was damaged and other buildings used by enemy set fire. No counterbattery fire received by tanks.

26 October 1944.

Cn Co moved from GOSTINGEN to position near WECKER (030227) closing in new position at 1040; Cn Co attached to 323rd FA Bn for fire missions.

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3rd Platoon of K Co moved to join 3rd Bn at 0800. The I & R platoon moved CP from BURMERANGE to BOUS at 1230. Mission of I & R platoon: Establish CP and ambush enemy patrols; patrol forward areas, clear and apprehend suspicious civilians. The 3rd Bn completed the relief of the 329th Inf in its sector at 1330. The eight trucks assigned to motorize one Co of 3rd Bn were transferred to 1st Bn to motorize one company. The 1st Bn, employed 1 rifle company, reinforced, on the river line. 2nd Bn outposted river line with 3 rifle companies (-1 $\frac{1}{2}$ squads), reinforced, and the 3rd Bn with 2 rifle companies (✓) reinforced. A carrying party of 10 men carrying rations to a platoon of L Co in GREVENMACHER was ambushed by an enemy patrol as they returned to the Co CP at 2015, two of our men were killed and three missing. A patrol sent out to intercept enemy patrol as it withdrew did not contact the enemy.

27 October 1944.

Sector quiet - no change.

28 October 1944.

One platoon of motorized company dispatched to woods vic of WALDERED-IMUS (948066) at 1700 to search out 4 man enemy patrol who were seen there by a civilian. The patrol could not be located. 1st Bn apprehended an enemy agent who had been brought across the river by 4 German soldiers who remained on this side of the river. An ambush was laid to trap the enemy soldiers as they attempted to return to GERMANY under cover of darkness. The ambush contacted two enemy groups and succeeded in killing one and it is believed wounded others. One of our men was killed by MG fire from across the river. A German Major of the 17th SS Pz Gren Div crossed river and surrendered to 1st Bn outpost.

29 October 1944 and 30 October 1944.

Sector quiet, no contact with enemy during period.

31 October 1944.

The 3rd Bn pushed strong patrols to high ground at (059184) vic of MACHTUM with view of setting up new outposts; the operation drew enemy fire from concealed positions on both sides of the river. The patrols were withdrawn as the ground was untenable.

General Comment:

The river line in Regtl sector is some 19 miles in length, heavily wooded with deep valleys and draws extending the whole length. Observation is excellent from both sides of the river. The enemy was aggressive in his patrolling on our side of the river and succeeded in inflicting some casualties on us. Our troops made extensive use of booby traps

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around outpost positions and the enemy suffered casualties as a result. Our troops were also successful in ambushing enemy patrols sent across river. Enemy vehicle and anti-personnel mine fields were found to be extensive in the BASE-KONTZ area (993958) where we had three vehicles damaged by mines. We suffered casualties in clearing mines in fields that had been booby trapped. Enemy arty and mortars were active throughout period but apparently not much effort was made on part of the enemy to adjust their mortar fire when they had observation. Arty fire, enemy and our own, was principally harassing and interdictory.

Total casualties for month: 10 KIA
13 WIA
6 MIA

Total PWs for month: 15.

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