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

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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 September 1944 is submitted.

Period: 1 September 1944.

Training for landing operations on Isle of CEZEMBRE by 2nd Bn continued. Date for landing set for 2 September. Island was heavily bombed by heavy, medium, and dive bombers. Shelling by warships and heavy arty (one Bn 8" Howitzers and one Bn 8" guns) continued. Two more trips to CEZEMBRE made in attempt to induce surrender, both trips were unsuccessful. (At this time Bns disposed as follows: 1st Bn attached to 329th Inf vic CHATEAU LA VALLIERE; 3rd Bn attached to Task Force A in operations against BREST)

2 September 1944.

At 0800 garrison on CEZEMBRE raised a white flag and troops were immediately dispatched in LSPV's to take prisoners off island. 320 men, one German and two Italian officers taken prisoner. 2nd Bn resumed garrison of ST MALO - DINARD area and were also ordered to put detachment on CEZEMBRE but rough sea prevented them doing this. 323d FA (- 1 Btry) and Co C, 802d TD Bn were attached to 330th Inf and ordered to vic of CHATEAU LA VALLIERE (484852) and were temporarily attached on arrival to 322 FA pending arrival of 330th Inf in that area.

3 September 1944.

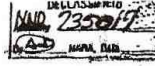
323d FA (- 1 Btry) and Co C, 802d TD Bn crossed IP for CHATEAU LA VALLIERE at 0830. One rifle Co (- one rifle platoon) plus 1 platoon HMGs and 1 Sec 81mm Mortars put on CEZEMBRE as garrison. (Garrison was reduced to a platoon on following day). Regt received warning order for movement to ANGERS to relieve 329th Inf in that area.

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4 September 1944.

Regt (- 3 Bns) moved by motor at 0900 for ANGERS (8279), a move of 122 miles, and closed into assembly area in ANGERS at 1630. 1st Bn was relieved from attachment to 329th Inf and moved from CLERE (530714) to ANGERS closing in at 0830. Contact with 329th Inf was made preparatory to taking over area on 5 September. Mission was defensive, to prevent enemy crossing LOIRE RIVER from S in Regtl sector; CHAMP TOCE SUR LOIRE (584728) W to SAMUR, and responsibility for guarding all captured German stores in regimental sector.

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5 September 1944. - 12 September 1944.

Relief of 329th Infantry completed in the morning. 1st Bn assigned sector from ST SENN DAS LINIERES (57577) SE to LOIRE RIVER, then E along N bank of river to LA BOHALLE (59373). Outposts and patrols established along LOIRE between ANGERS and CHAMP TOCE SUR LOIRE (584728) and Co C, 802d TD Bn established patrols along LOIRE from ANGERS to SAUMUR. Contact patrols were sent out to contact FFI in area. Patrols of the I & R Platoon made reconnaissance along S bank of LOIRE RIVER and went as far south as CHEMILLE (56850). No enemy encountered. On 9 September the 2nd Bn was relieved in the DINARD - ST MALO area and on the Island of CEZEMBRE by one company of the 156th Inf. The 2nd Bn made motor march to bivouac area 7 kilometers W of ANGERS joining the regiment and were ordered into Regtl reserve where they conducted training. Co D, 774th Tank Bn was attached to Regt and joined on Sept 11 for use in Tank - Infantry Training. On 11 September 83d Rcn Trp was attached to 330th Inf for employment in patrolling on river line. Regimental boundary was extended W along N bank of LOIRE to NANTES (exclusive) and E along N bank of LOIRE to BLOIS (exclusive). 2nd Bn moved by motor to bivouac area vic CHATEAU LA VALLIERE on 12 Sept preparatory to Regt relieving 329th Inf in that sector.

13 September - 22 September.

83d Rcn Trp was relieved from attachment on 13 September and the Regtl CP was moved from ANGERS to vic of CHATEAU LA VALLIERE (484851). The 323d FA Bn and Co C, 802d TP Bn also moved to same area. One R Co 2nd Bn with 1 Plat HMGs and 1 Sec 81mm Mortars attached, assigned sector W bank of LOIRE RIVER opposite TOURS. 2nd Bn (-) in Regtl reserve. 1st Bn with A-T Co attached, remained in ANGERS. The 1st Bn was given the mission of outpostting and patrolling area NANTES (exclusive) to VARENNES (272518) and maintaining guard on German Stores in ANGERS. The TD Co was assigned the river line from VARENNES to TOURS (exclusive). I & R Platoon patrolled area from TOURS (exclusive) to BLOIS (exclusive). On 14 September, Co D, 774th Tank Bn (- 1 Platoon) moved from ANGERS to bivouac area vic of 2nd Bn to continue training. The Cannon Co closed into bivouac area vic of Regtl CP on 17 September and Service Co closed into bivouac area vic of 2nd Bn on 18 September. On 19 September orders were received to turn over all German caches in Regtl Area to Communication Zone. The 1st Bn (- A Co and A-T Platoon) and A-T Co moved by motor from ANGERS to bivouac area vic of CHATEAU LA VALLIERE closing in at 1605 22 September and Co A and A-T Platoon joined Bn on 23 September. During period no enemy was contacted. Normal training plus emphasized training in Tank - Infantry operations and attack of fortified positions was conducted during period.

22 September - 23 September 1944.

On September 22 the 323d FA Bn, Co C, 802d TD Bn (- patrol elements of 10 jeeps and personnel), and Co D, 774th Tank Bn reverted to unit control and departed to rejoin at MONTARGIS. The Rifle Co of the 2nd Bn was withdrawn from TOURS to bivouac area of Bn. 3rd Bn relieved of attachment to Task Force B and organic motor elements closed into bivouac area vic CHATEAU LA VALLIERE at 2030, 22 Sept after a 350 mile motor march from vic of BREST. Foot elements moved by rail to CHATEAU DU LOIR and by truck to bivouac area closing in at 0800 23 September. Regt alerted to move to vic of LUXEMBOURG, hour of departure based on arrival of QM Truck Cos.

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crossed I.P. at CHATEAU LA VALLIERE at 1630 on motor march to LUXEMBOURG. Co B, 308th Engrs joined column at MONTARGIS. First stage of march, 233 miles, to BRIENE LA CHATEAU, made in 11½ hours. Here trucks were gassed up and 4 hour rest halt made. Regt resumed march at 0815 25 Sept and head of column reached assembly area 4 miles NE of LUXEMBOURG (921173) at 1800, tail of Regt closed at 2030. Total distance traveled 372 miles. Regiment in Division reserve.

25 September - 26 September 1944.

Regt spent day on maintenance and setting up in bivouac area. On 26 Sept, 3rd Bn was moved from bivouac area vic of LUXEMBOURG to HETTANGE GRANDE (851910) and were attached to task force POLK as Task Force reserve and to conduct training in assaulting fortified positions against pill boxes and emplacements in MAGINOT LINE in this area. 1 Platoon of A-T Co was attached to 3rd Bn for this training. Co C, 802d TD Bn were also bivouaced in the same area for direct fire training on fortifications. Regt conducted reconnaissance of routes and areas of 329th and 331st Combat teams and for counter-attack plans.

27 September - 30 September 1944.

Reconnaissance by I & R Platoon, Bn Staffs and Co C.O.'s for counter-attack plans continued. Cn Co attached to 322 FA Bn for fire missions and departed at 0800, 29 September, rejoined Regt in former bivouac area at 1030, 30 September. Tank and Infantry training with Co C, 774th Tank Bn conducted, demolition and training in attack of fortified position stressed in this phase.

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