HEADQUARTERS 330TH INFANTRY
AFO 89, U. S. Army

1 October 1944

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against the Enemy.


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 Isolde of OZEMBRE 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 artillery (one 8 cm howitzers and one 8 cm guns) continued. Two more trips to OZEMBRE made in attempt to induce surrender, both trips were unsuccessful. At this time Bn disposed as follows: 1st Bn attached to 329th Inf via CHATEAU LA VALLIERE; 3rd Bn attached to Task Force A in operations against BRESC.

2 September 1944.

At 0900 garrison on OZEMBRE raised a white flag and troops were immediately dispatched in LSVF's to take prisoners off island. 320 men, one German and two Italian officers taken prisoners. 2nd Bn resumed garrison of AVILA - DURAND area and were also ordered to put detachment on OZEMBRE but rough sea prevented them doing this. 3234 FA (-1 Btry) and Co C, 3024 TD Bn were attached to 330th Inf and ordered to vic of CHATEAU LA VALLIERE (464652) and were temporarily attached on arrival to 322 FA pending arrival of 330th Inf in that area.

3 September 1944.

3234 FA (-1 Btry) and Co C, 3024 TD Bn crossed IP for CHATEAU LA VALLIERE at 0830. One rifle Co (-one rifle platoon) plus 1 platoon HEMS and 1 Sec Siam Mortars put on OZEMBRE as garrison. (Garrison was reduced to a platoon on following day). Regt received orders for movement to Andern to relieve 329th Inf in that area.

4 September 1944.

Regt (-3 Bns) moved by motor at 0900 for ANGERS (52773), 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 CLARE (520714) 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 Regt sector; CHAMP TOUX SUR LOIRE (504726) N to SANUR, and responsibility for guarding all captured German stores in regimental sector.
5 September 1944. - 2d September 1944.

Relief of 329th Infantry completed in the morning. 1st Bn assigned sector from ST SEURIN - LAS LINIERES (57577) SE to LOIRE RIVER, then N along W bank of river to LA BORDE (59773). Outposts established along LOIRE between ANGERS and CHAMP TOURS (584726) 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 1 & R Platoons made reconnaissance along N bank of LOIRE RIVER and went as far south as CHEMILLON (96550). No enemy encountered. On 9 September the 2nd Bn was relieved in the DEMARSE - ST MALO area and on the island of OIZON and 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 Regt 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. Regt boundary was extended W along N bank of LOIRE to NANTES (exclusive) and E along N bank of LOIRE to ELONIES (exclusive). 2nd Bn moved by motor to bivouac area via CHATEAU LA VALLIÈRE 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 Regt CF was moved from ANGERS to vic of CHATEAU LA VALLIÈRE (484851). The 323d Pk Bn and Co C, 802d TD Bn also moved to same area. One R Co 2nd Bn with 1 Pint EMs and 1 Sec Slm Mortars attached, assigned sector N bank of LOIRE RIVER opposite TOURS. 2nd Bn (-) in Regt reserve. 1st Bn with A-T Co attached, remained in ANGERS. The 1st Bn was given the mission of outposting and patrolling area NANTES (exclusive) to VARZENNES (272518) and maintaining guard on German Stores in ANGERS. The TD Co was assigned the river line from VARZENNES to TOURS (exclusive). 1 & R Platoons patrolled area from TOURS (exclusive) to ELONIES (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 Gun Platoon closed into bivouac area vic of Regt CF 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 Regt Area to Communication Zone. The 1st Bn (- A Co and A-T Platoon) and 4-9 Co moved from ANGERS to bivouac area vic of CHATEAU LA VALLIÈRE 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 Pk 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 Rcn 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 VALLIÈRE at 2030, 22 Sept after a 350 mile motor march from vic of BRUST. Foot elements moved by rail to CHATEAU DU LOCIN 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 WM Truck Co.
November 1944.

Crested I.P. at CHATEAU LA VALLIERE at 1630 on motor march to LUXEMBOURG. Co B, 305th Engrs joined column at MONTARDIS. First stage of march, 225 miles, to BRIEVE 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 272 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 En 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 En for this training. Co C, 652d TD En were also bivouacked 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, En Staffs and Co C.O.'s for counter-attack plans continued. Co C attached to 322 FA En 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.