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TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

In compliance with paragraph 10, (C 3), AR 345-106, the following report of the period 1 September 1944 through 30 September 1944 is hereby submitted:

1. a. 1 September 1944, Companies A, B, D, and Headquarters 1st Battalion moved to vicinity of Vigneux de Bretagne. Company C remained at Heric in Regimental Reserve. Patrol from Company E circled Lac de Grand Liew south of Loire River. No contact with the enemy.

b. 2 September 1944, Division granted permission to use only motor patrols from Nantes to Champtoce. Battalions completed shift to west with battalions located as follows:

1st Battalion - Vigneux de Bretagne
2nd Battalion - Notre Dame de Lances
3rd Battalion - Blain

83rd Reconnaissance Troop patrolling from Nantes to Champtoce. I & R platoon patrolled from Redon to Blain.

c. 3 September 1944, one company in each Battalion on outpost duty and patrolling. Reserve companies under going training in Tank-Infantry tactics. Six rounds of artillery fired at Company F command post at 2035. No casualties. Enemy patrol fired on by outpost vicinity of N942828. No other contacts.

d. 4, 5, and 6 September 1944, continuous patrolling. Units in reserve areas continued training. Two hundred and fourteen (214) prisoners surrendered to S-2 representative after crossing to north side of Loire River.

e. 7 September 1944, at 0500, strong enemy patrol of thirty forty (30) - (40) men attacked Fay de Bretagne (N8776) in 2nd Battalion area. Attack repulsed with six (6) prisoners taken. Our losses were one (1) killed, one (1) captured and later shot while attempting to escape and one (1) wounded. Between 0200 and 0230, thirty (30) to forty (40) shells believed to be 77mm or 89mm landed east of Blain. Training continued in reserve companies. No other activity.

f. 8 September 1944, continued patrolling and training activity. No contact with the enemy except for eighty-two (82) Russians who surrendered after crossing to north bank of Loire River.

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g. 9 September 1944, continued patrolling activity. Ambush patrol sent out by 2nd Battalion ran into strong enemy patrol. Patrols withdrew at 0600. Units in reserve areas continued training in Tank-Infantry tactics, small unit problems and NCO schools. Fifty-eight (58) prisoners were taken from south of Loire River.

h. 10 September 1944, continued patrolling activity and training in rear areas. 83rd Reconnaissance Troop relieved from attachment at 1200. Nineteen (19) Russian prisoners surrendered.

i. 11 September 1944, continued patrolling and training activities. Patrol from 1st Battalion encountered hostile patrol of eight (8) men which withdrew after exchange of shots. Two (2) Russian prisoners surrendered to 2nd Battalion.

j. 12 September 1944, in the 1st Battalion area, artillery fire was placed on positions observed to be occupied by Germans. Fire forced withdrawal with five (5) enemy casualties. Patrolling and training continued in all Battalion areas.

k. 13 September 1944, continued patrolling and training activity to include photo interpretation for officers. One hundred two (102) Russian prisoners surrendered to FFI, who turned them over to the Regiment. 3rd Battalion fired twelve (12) rounds of 105 mm harassing fire west of Plesse. Patrol from 3rd Battalion ran into enemy patrol, vicinity of 853834 and were forced to withdraw. Four (4) men of the patrol are missing.

l. 14 September 1944, reserve companies continued Tank-Infantry training while front line companies continued patrolling. Advance detachment of 376th Infantry, relieving the 331st Infantry, arrived at the command post. Party consisted of Colonel McClung, Combat Team Commander, Battalion Commanders and Staff, and Artillery Battalion Commander. Party visited all Battalion Command Posts and Regimental forward Command Post. Battalion Commanders of the 376th Infantry remained at our command posts; assistant S-3, 376th Infantry remained at Regimental Command Post. Colonel McClung returned to Command Post of 94th Infantry Division.

m. 15 September 1944, training continued in rear areas while front line companies continued patrolling. Battalion Commanders 376th Infantry continued reconnaissance of our Battalion areas. Company Commanders 376th Infantry all reported to corresponding unit, 331st Infantry by 2300.

n. 16 September 1944, continued patrolling by all Battalions. Reconnaissance made by Company Commanders 376th Infantry. At 1100, leading elements of the 376th Infantry arrived in area and relief begun. No other activity.

o. 17 September 1944, relief of Combat Team 331st Infantry by 376th Infantry Combat Team completed at 0900. Battalions of 331st Infantry moved to rear assembly areas preparatory to movement by truck to Montargis, France.

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p. 18 September 1944, Regiment moved from Heric, France area, crossing the IP at 0600. Order of march, 331st Infantry, 908th Field Artillery Battalion, 473rd AAA Battalion, Companies C and D 308th Medical Battalion, Company B, 802 Tank Destroyer Battalion. Regimental Commander and Staff arrived at Montargis at 1800. Distance traveled 245 miles. Combat Team closed in bivouac vicinity of Paucourt at 2300. Some delay was encountered in Orleans, due to presence in town of General DeGaulle, which caused a minor traffic problem.

q. 19, 20, 21 and 22 September 1944, units conducted training in small unit problems. Cleaning, repair and inspection of arms and vehicles was conducted. On 20 September 1944, warning orders were received to be prepared to move to vicinity of Verdun or Remich on 23 September. On 22 September 1944, advance party proceeded to St. Mihiel to contact XX Corp to get further details on destination and mission.

r. 23 September 1944, the Regiment with following attachments left Montargis area. Head of the column crossed the IP at 0600.

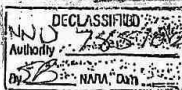
908th Field Artillery Battalion
Company B, 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion
Company C, 308th Engineers
Company C, 308th Medical Battalion

Regiment and attached units closed in bivouac areas south of Leudelange, Luxembourg at 2130 without incident.

s. 24 September 1944, orders were received to clear Remich area of all enemy troops, west of the Moselle River from Basse-Kontz to Ahn (both inclusive), relieving elements of the 43rd Cavalry. The following additional units were attached:

83rd Reconnaissance Troop
Reconnaissance Platoon 802nd Tank Destroyer Battalion

The 323rd and 324th Field Artillery to support the 908th Field Artillery Battalion. The 1st Battalion moved prior to dark to the vicinity of Filsdorf with instructions to send one company on the 25th to occupy the high ground east of Welfrange and when so occupied to move balance of Battalion to the objective. Orders were issued to move the remainder of the Combat Team and attached units toward objectives to the east on the following morning to accomplish its assigned mission. The 1st Battalion moved to Filsdorf and detrucked. Companies C and A pushed on to Welfrange arriving there at 2100. The remainder of the Battalion closed at 2300.

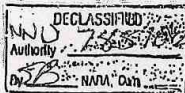


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t. 25 September 1944, the 2nd and 3rd Battalions left their bivouac areas by means of shuttle motor movement between 0700 and 0730. The 2nd Battalion moved to the vicinity of Bumerange, G Company arriving there at 0815, advanced on the Battalion objective at Klemmacher. Patrols from Company F were sent to the south and east. Battalion closed in vicinity of Bumerange at 1330 where Battalion Command Post was established. Companies E and H were in reserve at Elrange les Bumerange. The 3rd Battalion moved to the vicinity of Canach, Companies L and K arriving at 0815. Battalion closed at Canach at 1430 where the command post was established. At 0815, Company I with one (1) platoon of Company K advanced toward Grieveldange and Company L toward Bous. Elements of the 83rd Reconnaissance Troop patrolled to the south as far as Haute-Kontz. Supporting artillery took up positions west and south of Dalheim. By dark, Company I was at Grieveldange with Company L north of Bous. The platoon of Company K was relieved from attached to Company L at 2000. Company G was just south of Klemmacher, Company F had one (1) platoon on outpost duty near Wintrange. Company I, in its attack on Grieveldange, suffered nine (9) casualties; eight (8) wounded and one (1) killed. Enemy resistance was light to our advances, all casualties being sustained by the 3rd Battalion. Some artillery fire was received in the 3rd Battalion area and some by 83rd Reconnaissance Troop. At approximately 2230, a platoon of Company L in Bous was fired on by the occupants of an American Ambulance being driven through the street. The platoon returned the fire and killed one (1) German who was riding the running board. The ambulance disappeared down the road. This vehicle apparently was one that lost direction earlier in the evening and had not again been seen. Company C, 308th Medical Battalion reports one (1) ambulance missing.

u. 26 September 1944, 2nd and 3rd Battalions continued on their missions of the previous day. Activity before noon was principally in Grieveldange, when at 1035, the Germans launched a counter attack to drive Company I out of that portion of the town they occupied. Counter attack force was approximately a platoon and was made from southwest of the town. Attack was supported by machine gun fire from high ground north and east of the town. The attack was repulsed. At 0845, a German five (5) man patrol attempted to enter Wintrange. A section of Company F captured one (1) prisoner, the remainder of the patrol retiring. At 1045, the 83rd Reconnaissance Troop contacted the 3rd Cavalry on the south flank at Fixem. During the afternoon, Company K, less one platoon, moved into and occupied Assel and Company L occupied Bous. Opposition was light. At 1500, Company E moved to Wellenstein with one (1) platoon in Klemmacher, no resistance was encountered. A patrol from Company G was started toward Remich, followed by troops from G and E Companies to secure and occupy the town. One (1) platoon of Company F occupied Remerschen without opposition. By dark, Company G was west and south of the outskirts of Remich. Fire was received from the town, killing two (2) men. At 2025, an enemy patrol approached Company B area in the vicinity of 9605. They were fired on and withdrew. At 2100, 3rd Battalion was instructed to withdraw troops from Bous and Assel, sending one (1) platoon of Company L to Stadtbredimus and the



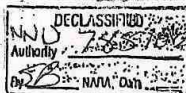
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remainder of the Company to the high ground west of Stadtbredimus. Company K returned to reserve at Canach. 1st Battalion was ordered at the same time to occupy Bous with one platoon and to patrol to Rollingen and Erpeldange. Company E sent patrols to Bech and Klemmacher and found nothing there, but between Remerschen and Wintrange heard sounds of carts and wagons moving along the river bank and sounds of possible bridge construction. Company B, 774 Tank Battalion reported in after dark and was instructed to move two (2) platoons to 3rd Battalion during the night. Total casualties: seven (7). One (1) prisoner.

v. 27 September 1944, the platoon of Company L sent to Stadtbredimus reported village unoccupied. Platoon from Company C, that occupied Bous during the night, had nothing to report. 1st Battalion patrols to Rollingen and Erpeldange reported no enemy encountered or observed. Activity in the 3rd Battalion was centered principally on Company I throughout the day. Artillery and mortar fire fell on their positions and the town of Grieveldange beginning at 0955 and continued until 2200. An estimated one thousand (1000) rounds fell in the area during the period. By noon, Company I occupied the town of Grieveldange and the high ground northeast and southwest of the town and was preparing to continue to move east to secure the high ground between the town and the river. Company K maintained their positions of the previous night. Activity in the 2nd Battalion area centered at Remich. One (1) platoon of Company B, 774 Tank Battalion was attached to 2nd Battalion during the morning. At 1000 hours, Company G patrols were in Remich and at 1500 had one squad in Remich and two squads west of Remich on the outskirts of the town. An enemy pillbox north of Remich was knocked out by direct tank fire. At dark, the situation at Remich remained the same. Company E occupied Schwebsingen with one squad and Company F occupied Schengen with one squad without opposition. This occupation completed by 2245. 83rd Reconnaissance Troop was ordered relieved and attached to the 329th Infantry. Orders issued for relief by 331st Infantry I & R platoon at 0700, 28 September 1944. By 2400, Company I had gained the high ground east of Grieveldange. One platoon of Company L remained at Stadtbredimus. Company K was on the road between Canach and Lenningen, moving on Lenningen and Ehnen. Company L, less one platoon, was at Gostingen moving toward Wormeldange. The command post, 3rd Battalion, was moved to Gostingen. Field Order #21 was issued during the day prescribing method of patrolling and outposting the west bank of the Moselle River within the Regimental zone after all Germans in the area were destroyed. 324th Field Artillery was relieved from support of the 908th Field Artillery. During the 24 hour period closed, there were a total of twenty-five (25) casualties, three (3) killed and twenty-two (22) wounded. Lieutenant Williams, Cannon Company observer with Company I, was killed by a mortar fragment. Lieutenant Peck, Company F, was wounded when he struck the trip wire to a teller mine. Total prisoners for the day, six (6).

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Company H	- 1 WIA	Company G	- 1 KIA
3rd Bn Hq Co	- 2 WIA	" "	- 2 WIA
Company I	- 12 WIA	Company M	- 2 WIA
Company L	- 3 WIA	Cannon Co.	- 2 KIA

Total Casualties - 25

w. 28 September 1944, Companies K and L continued their advance on Lenningen and Wormeldange and by 1200, Company K was preparing to attack Ehnen from positions north of the town. Attached tanks were at Lenningen. Company L had reached road junction (029142), one kilometer northwest of Wormeldange and was making preparations for an attack on Wormeldange. Both companies received artillery, mortar, and machine gun fire throughout the afternoon. In the 2nd Battalion area, Company G had control of Remich and was completing mopping up operations. Cannon Company was ordered moved to Burmerange to support planned action against Kontz by 2nd Battalion. Positions in the 2nd Battalion zone were shifted. Company E was moved to Gandran preparatory to operations against Kontz. Company F had outposts at Schengen, Remerschen, Wintrange, and Schwebsingen with the remainder of the company in reserve at Burmerange. Company G remained at Remich. Company K secured the high ground north of Ehnen and sent patrols to Ehnen to determine enemy forces and disposition. Company L occupied the high ground north of Wormeldange and sent patrols to Wormeldange. 1st Battalion was ordered to move to vicinity of Canach preparatory to relieving the 3rd Battalion. Shortly after midnight, three (3) enemy planes were heard over the areas of 2nd and 3rd Battalions. 331st Infantry I & R platoon relieved 83rd Reconnaissance Troop at 0700. At approximately 2300, both 3rd and 2nd Battalions reported movement of horse drawn wagons and carts south from Stadtbredimus to Remich and thence east. Total casualties for the preceding 24 hours:

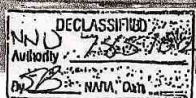
2nd Battalion:	1 KIA;	3 WIA
3rd Battalion:	3 KIA;	24 WIA

Total - 31

Total Prisoners - 8

x. 29 September 1944, the 1st Battalion closed in vicinity of Canach at fifteen (15) minutes after midnight. The 3rd Battalion maintained its positions east of Ehnen, Wormeldange and in Grieveldange. Patrols sent to Oberwormeldange were fired on by machine guns north of Wormeldange. Patrols to Ehnen were unable to break the road block west of the town. The 2nd Battalion began operations against Kontz and Haute Kontz, and by 1600 had occupied Kontz with one platoon of Company F and Haute Kontz with one platoon of Company E. At 1600, the 689 Field Artillery Battalion (Medium) closed in positions south of Welfrange in support of the 908th Field Artillery. Batteries A and B were moved to Canach to more closely support the 1st Battalion. During the mid afternoon, an O.P. at 999987, manned by the I & R platoon was attacked from the rear. One

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man was slightly wounded and one man missing. After dark, relief of 3rd Battalion by the 1st Battalion was begun and completed at 2245, when 3rd Battalion closed in bivouac area around Wellfrange. Disposition of 1st Battalion upon completion of relief was as follows: Command post at Canach, Company C at Grieveldange with two platoons, and one platoon at Stadtbredimus, Company B at Ehnen and Company A at Wormeldange. Total casualties: one wounded and two missing in action. Two prisoners captured. Evacuation of civilians from the following towns was completed.

Klemmacher
Wellenstein
Wintrange
Greiveldange

Bech
Schwebsingen
Remerschen
Gostingen

y. 30 September 1944, at approximately 0100, Company B occupied Ehnen against light small arms, mortar and artillery fire. Company A at the same time attempted to occupy Wormeldange but was repulsed by counterattack. The only other activity in the Battalion area was patrolling and reconnaissance for attack on Wormeldange. During the afternoon, Company C at Grieveldange and Stadtbredimus was relieved by Company I. Company C moved to join Company A at Wormeldange and closed at 2230. Company I sent one platoon to occupy Bous. Platoon closed in Bous and occupied high ground to east at 1030. 2nd Battalion occupied O.P.'s from Remich to Kontz, thence west to Haute Kontz. Cannon Company at Bumerange received counter battery fire at 1130 for fifteen (15) minutes.

Casualties: 1st Battalion - 9 WIA
2nd Battalion - 1 WIA

No prisoners.

Evacuation of Remich, Lenningen and Stadtbredimus was begun and by dark was complete except for two hundred (200) people remaining in Remich yet to be removed.

2. Casualties sustained during the month of September are as follows:

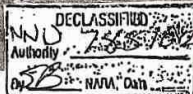
		Officers	EM
KIA	-	2	8
WIA	-	2	71
MIA	-	-	2
NBC	-	1	148

Replacements during the month of September:

Enlisted Men - 3

Returned to duty:

Officers - 4
Enlisted Men - 197



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