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SUBJECT: Action Against Enemy, Reports After.

TO : Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.  
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1. In compliance with par 10 (C3), AR 345-105, the following "Action Against Enemy, Reports After/After Action Report" is submitted covering the period 1 - 31 October 1944.

2. a. The 83d Infantry Division, from positions along the west side of the MOSELLE RIVER from BOLLENDORF to RICHMONT, patrolled vigorously to the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS and prevented enemy crossing thereof.

## (1) Atchd Units:

802d TD Bn (T)  
774th Tk Bn  
453d AAA Bn (AW)  
807th TD Bn (T) (to 11 Oct)  
241st FA Bn (105 How) (to 11 Oct)  
689th FA Bn (155 How) (to 11 Oct)  
Task Force POLK (to 11 Oct)  
81st FA Bn (from 13 Oct)  
32d Cav Squadron (from 19 Oct)  
174th FA Bn (155 Gun) (SP) (from 25 Oct)

## (2) Supporting Troops:

206th Engr (C) Bn (from 3 to 12 Oct)  
1 Co, 807th TD Bn (T) (11 Oct only)  
241st FA Bn (105 How) (11 Oct only)  
689th FA Bn (155 How) (11 Oct only)  
202d Engr (C) Bn (from 13 Oct)  
9th Armd Div Arty (from 24 Oct)  
73d Armd FA Bn (from 25 Oct)  
3d Armd FA Bn (from 26 Oct)

b. Dispositions of troops at close of period are shown on Item Number 267, G-2, G-3 Journal, 30 October 1944.

3. For general summary and daily record of operations see Inclosure 1 (attached).

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4. Personnel:

a. Casualties:	19 Officers	952 Enlisted Men
b. Replacements	22 Officers	28 Enlisted Men
c. Returnees:	23 Officers	535 Enlisted Men
d. Prisoners Taken:	177	

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ROBT C. MACON,  
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Commanding.

## 5 Inclosures:

Incl #1 - General Summary and Daily Record of Operations.  
Incl #2 - G-2, G-3 Journal w/supporting papers.  
Incl #3 - G-2 Intelligence Summary for October, 1944.  
Incl #4 - G-1 Journal.  
Incl #5 - G-4 Journal.

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INCLOSURE #1

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On 1 October the 83d Division, with Task Force POLK attached, occupied the sector along the SAUER - MOSELLE RIVERS from BOLLENDORF (P0140) on the North to UCKANGE (L8579) on the South. The 329th Infantry occupied the North sector from BOLLENDORF to MERTERT (L0923). The 331st Infantry was in the center from MERTERT to HAUTE KONTZ (U9795), and Task Force POLK was on the South from HAUTE KONTZ to UCKANGE. The 330th Infantry was in Division Reserve in the vicinity of SENNINGEN (P9217). One Battalion of the Division Reserve rotated on training in attack of pillboxes and permanent fortifications in the MAGINOT LINE Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE (U8591).

On 2 October the French Group Lorraine, consisting of the 1st and 2d Regiments of Paris, was attached to the Division. The 1st Regiment of Paris continued to be attached to Task Force POLK on the South. Headquarters Group Lorraine and the 2d Regiment of Paris were stationed at ANGERVILLERS (U7798) and placed on a training status. A comprehensive training program was instituted under a group of instructors from the Division.

On 6 October the 329th Infantry captured GREVENMACHER (L0620) in spite of heavy small arms and artillery fire and extensive minefields. This town was one of the few remaining strongly held enemy positions West of the MOSELLE RIVER.

On 7 October the 329th Infantry captured ECHTERNACH with the exception of a few houses on West side of the SAUER RIVER near the bridge. This town was in the Northern portion of the Division front on the West bank of the SAUER RIVER. The formidable defenses of the SIEGFRIED LINE, consisting of extensive pillboxes, dragons' teeth and tank ditches, lay opposite. Since the town lies on a good road net into GERMANY the area was found to be a very sensitive spot in the German defensive scheme.

On 8 October the 331st Infantry was relieved by the 330th Infantry and was placed in Division Reserve in the vicinity SENNINGEN. One Battalion of the Division Reserve continued on a rotational basis in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE.

On 11 October the Division was detached from the XX Corps, Third Army, and assigned in place to the VIII Corps, Ninth Army. Task Force POLK and Group Lorraine were detached from the Division and remained with XX Corps. The Division and Army boundary shifted North to STENAY (P1502), LONGUYON (U4596), AUMETZ (U7092) to First Army, SIERCK (Q0094), SAARBURG (L1412) to Third Army, TRIER (L2229) to First Army.

On 15 October a platoon of Company A, 774th Tank Battalion fired at pillboxes in the SIEGFRIED LINE in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH. The Germans again reacted quickly at this sensitive point, this time with approximately 500 rounds of artillery.

During the night of 17-18 October the Division received a report of German paratroopers landing in the rear areas in the vicinity of an important steel installation at DIFFERDANGE (P6604). Patrols were dispatched to the area but no enemy activity was found.

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On 19 October the 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron was attached to the Division. On 25 October the squadron was placed in the line from the South boundary of the Division at SIERCK North to WINTRANGE (P9901).

On 20 October the Division made simultaneous demonstrations of river crossings at ECHTERNACH, WASSERBILLIG, and PALZEN. The Demonstration was by fire only with artillery, mortar, and machine gun fires, which, together with smoke, were coordinated. As usual the enemy defenses in the ECHTERNACH area reacted quickly while the Germans across the MOSELLE RIVER in the vicinity of PALZEN were sluggish in reacting.

On 22 October the Division and the VIII Corps passed from Ninth Army to First Army control.

During the night of 27-28 October the city of LUXEMBOURG received seventeen rounds from a German railway gun of 280mm caliber. No damage was done to military installations.

On the last day of the month the Division (reinforced) continued patrolling. The 32d Cavalry Squadron had the South sector from SIERCK to WINTRANGE. The 330th Infantry had the center sector from WINTRANGE to MERTERT, while the 329th Infantry continued to hold the North sector from MERTERT to BOLLENDORF. 331st Infantry in Division Reserve.

In general the month of October was a quiet one.

Tactically, the Division concentrated on reducing the few remaining pockets west of the RIVERS. This was done gradually and every effort was made to conserve manpower and keep losses to an absolute minimum. Great stress was laid on ambush patrols and the punishment of all German patrols which infiltrated into the sector. The fact was established that the communications and supporting fires of the enemy were most efficient along the sector opposite the SIEGFRIED LINE.

From the training standpoint, a great deal was accomplished.

A total of eight (8) battalions completed rotation on a 4 to 5 day training status in the MAGINOT training area at HETTANGE GRANDE, since arrival of the Division, 21 September 1944. During this training troops carried on instruction in small unit training, the organization and use of demolition teams, flame throwers, and the coordination of supporting weapons, machine guns, TDs, and tanks in the attack of pillboxes and fortified areas.

Units were rotated in reserve to allow a maximum of small unit training with special emphasis on the tactics and technique of the platoon coordinated with supporting weapons. Replacements fired weapons with which armed.

Training of the Infantry-Tank Team was emphasized.

Tests of following units were conducted by the Division: AT units of infantry regiments, heavy weapons units and rifle platoon of infantry regiments. Mine Detection platoons. In addition, junior officers were



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tested in Map Reading and Command Post Exercises for regimental and battalion staffs were conducted.

The training of the Artillery was continuous. As a result of the extended front, additional fire direction centers were trained and used daily.

Maximum use was made of the TDs and the tanks on their secondary mission, in supporting front line units. Excellent training was accomplished by all survey details.

From a supply standpoint, great strides were made in replacement and maintenance of equipment with special emphasis on Ordnance. Constant inspections and repairs by the services increased the combat efficiency of both vehicles and weapons.

#### DAILY RECORD OF OPERATIONS

1 October 1944

On the first day of October, the 83d Division occupied defensive positions on the MOSELLE-SAUER Rivers with the right boundary at UCKANGE (L8579) and the left boundary at BOLLENDORF (P0140). Task Force POLK held the sector UCKANGE to HAUTE KONTZ (U9795), the 331st Infantry from HAUTE KONTZ to MERTERT (L0923), and the 329th Infantry from MERTERT to BOLLENDORF.

The 5th Armored Division was on the left (North) flank, and the 90th Infantry Division was on the right (South) flank of the Division.

The 329th Infantry continued its attack toward GREVENMACHER (L068207). This regiment encountered mines, road blocks, small arms, and artillery fire, and at 1735 troops were approaching the outskirts of GREVENMACHER. The towns of OBERDONVEN (L035178) and NIEDERDONVEN (L040163) were captured.

The 330th Infantry continued in Division Reserve in the vicinity of SENNINGEN (P9217). The 1st Battalion replaced the 3d Battalion in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE.

The 1st Battalion, 331st Infantry, prepared for an attack on WORMELDANGE (L0413). The remainder of the regiment continued patrolling.

Task Force POLK continued vigorous patrolling in its sector. It maintained contact with the 90th Infantry Division at UCKANGE.

Defensive Plan "A" was issued. This plan was to become effective in case of a hostile counter-thrust in the Division sector.

At this time the Division Command Post was located at LUXEMBOURG (P849118).

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The 329th Infantry, with the 83d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop attached, maintained contact with 5th Armored Division at BOLLENDORF. On the right of the 329th Infantry, the 1st Battalion maintained contact with 331st Infantry at CANACH. Attacking through mines and roadblocks, under heavy small arms and artillery fire the afternoon of 1 October, A Company, 329th Infantry, supported by artillery, reached the outskirts of GREVENMACHER and during night of 1-2 October occupied and held the high ground overlooking the town. L and I Companies engaged the enemy southwest of ECHTERNACH.

The 330th Infantry, in reserve, continued training.

The 331st Infantry maintained active defense in its sector along the river line. Patrol from the 1st Battalion made a determined effort to enter WORMELDANGE (LO39135) but the effort was unsuccessful because of heavy fire from the town and from high ground at (LO45146). Our patrols fired on a 3-man enemy patrol swimming back to enemy territory, and killed all three.

Task Force POLK, with the 1st Regiment de PARIS and the 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry attached, continued to patrol vigorously the MOSELLE River line in the assigned zone. Troop B, 43d Squadron occupied GAVISSE (U950940).

Groupe Lorraine, consisting of the 1st Regiment de PARIS (assigned to Task Force POLK) and the newly arrived 2d Regiment de PARIS was attached to the Division. The Groupe was attached to Task Force POLK and, less the 1st Regiment de PARIS, was moved to ANGEVILLERS and placed on a training status. A group of officers of the Division was placed in charge of the training.

3 October 1944

On the North the 8th Infantry Division relieved the 5th Armored Division.

The 329th Infantry patrolled in its regimental zone from BOLLENDORF (LO140) to vicinity MERTERT (LO923) and maintained contact with the 8th Division on the left flank.

The 330th Infantry continued to train while in Division Reserve. Small unit training was stressed.

The 1st Battalion, 331st Infantry sent patrols into the northwestern edge of WORMELDANGE (LO39135). These patrols found Germans in the town. Patrols also made their way into the southern part of OBERWORMELDANGE (LO675). An enemy patrol endeavored to emplace machine guns and mortars vicinity STADTEREDIMUS (LO12082) during the night but was driven off.

Task Force POLK continued to patrol in its zone from HAUTE KONTZ to UCKANGE. The 1st Regiment de PARIS, repulsed the attempt of a 3-man patrol to cross the MOSELLE River.

4 October 1944

329th Infantry patrolled aggressively in the regimental zone from BOLLENDORF to

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MERTERT. A patrol sent to GREVENMACHER withdrew before strong enemy fire. I Company successfully engaged a 20-man patrol at ECHTERNACH. A platoon from G Company drove back an enemy patrol attempting to infiltrate southeast of ECHTERNACH.

The 331st Infantry and Task Force POLK continued active patrolling.

The 330th Infantry continued in Division Reserve. Preparations were made for a regimental attack problem on 5 October following which the regiment was to relieve the 331st Infantry. The 1st Battalion left the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE, went into a bivouac prior to acting as the opposition for the regimental problem the following day.

5 October 1944

The 329th Infantry contacted the 8th Infantry Division on the left and 331st Infantry on the right. I Company encountered enemy patrols in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH and forced them to withdraw. The 1st and 3d Battalions continued to outpost the regimental sector.

A regimental attack problem was held by the 330th Infantry as the culmination of its training in Division Reserve. Following the exercise the regiment went into assembly areas prior to relief of 331st Infantry.

In the 331st Infantry C Company was attacked by an enemy patrol which was dispersed. Several casualties were inflicted. Patrol of the 331st Infantry engaged an enemy patrol at HENEN (LO212). Approximately 15 of the enemy were wounded. The 2d Battalion was subjected to heavy artillery fire. The Regiment captured 20 prisoners of war during the period.

Vigorous patrolling by Task Force POLK along the MOSELLE River was continued.

6 October 1944

A new permanent boundary between the 83d Infantry Division and the 90th Infantry Division was placed in effect at 1200, 6 October at ELETANGE (U8776).

In the 329th Infantry sector, Company C captured GREVENMACHER, the night of 5-6 October. The capture culminated an attack which started the evening of 2d October. Heavy mine fields were encountered across the narrow avenues of approach into the town. These avenues of approach and the town itself were dominated by enemy observation and artillery and mortar fire from East of the MOSELLE River. Artillery and fighter bombers were used to excellent advantage to support the attack of the Infantry.

The 330th Infantry, from assembly positions, completed reconnaissance for relief of the 331st Infantry.

Patrolling continued in the sector of the 331st Infantry.

Task Force POLK relieved all elements of the 90th Infantry Division to the new boundary by 0900. Troop A, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron, captured UCKANGE (U8079)

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and RICHMONT (U8676). A patrol of Troop B, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron repulsed a twelve-man enemy patrol in the vicinity of SENTZICH (U9392).

7 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector, the 3d Battalion launched an attack supported by tanks and artillery and captured the town of ECHTERNACH (L0535) at 1815.

The 330th Infantry marched from assembly areas and relieved the 331st Infantry. The relief of the 331st Infantry began at 0800, and was completed at 2218. The 2d Battalion received approximately 12 rounds of mortar fire in the vicinity of BASSE KONTZ after midnight, 7 October.

The 1st Battalion, 331st Infantry captured WORMELDANGE at 0300. Patrols reported that no enemy were left in AHN. A 10-man German patrol trying to escape by boat across the MOSELLE River in the vicinity of WORMELDANGE was badly punished. The Regiment was placed in Division Reserve.

In Task Force POLK sector, Troop B, 43d Cavalry Squadron sent out a patrol which encountered an enemy patrol in SENTZICH at 1000. The enemy withdrew when fired upon.

The 1st Regiment de PARIS repulsed a four-man enemy patrol attempting to cross the MOSELLE River at KOECKING (U9090) at 0100, and dispersed another patrol after it had crossed the river at GARCHIE (U887898) at 0230. French Troops working near KOECKING captured four prisoners.

8 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector, the 3d Battalion captured five prisoners in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH.

The 330th Infantry continued patrolling its sector. Enemy mortar fire was received by outposts in the vicinity of WORMELDANGE.

The 331st Infantry closed in Division Reserve, vicinity SENNINGEN at 1100. The 3d Battalion closed in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE at 1100. This was the third battalion of the Division to undergo training on the MAGINOT fortifications.

9 October 1944

The 329th Infantry continued patrolling. Two prisoners were taken.

The 330th Infantry continued to outpost its sector. Special attention was paid to ambushing enemy patrols.

The 331st Infantry continued in Division Reserve. An intensive training program for small units, including the firing of weapons by replacements, was instituted. The 3d Battalion continued to train on the MAGINOT fortifications.

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Task Force POLK continued to patrol its sector. Contact was maintained with the 90th Infantry Division on the South.

The Division issued a counterattack plan for use of the Division Reserve in the sector of the 8th Infantry Division on the North in case of an enemy penetration in that area.

A technical study of bridges and fords over the MOSELLE River in the Division sector was completed by the Division Engineers and forwarded to Headquarters XX Corps.

10 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector Company B forced back an enemy patrol attempting to cross the MOSELLE River East of NIEDERDONVEN (L060165). Considerable artillery was fired on known enemy troop locations.

The 330th Infantry further organized observation posts and outposts and directed artillery and mortar fire on targets of opportunity.

The 331st Infantry continued training in Division Reserve. Stress was laid on small unit training.

Task Force POLK continued patrolling. Troop B, 43d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron contacted and dispersed a three-man patrol in the vicinity of GAVISSE (U9493). The 1st Regiment de PARIS forced an enemy patrol of approximately 20 men in the vicinity of KOECHING (U9090) to withdraw at 0230, 10 October. One prisoner was captured.

General GEORGE C. MARSHALL, Lieutenant General PATTON and Lieutenant General HANDY visited the Division Command Post at 1715 and departed at 1735.

11 October 1944

The 329th Infantry and 330th Infantry continued patrolling. Enemy activity was light.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued training.

Task Force POLK continued patrolling aggressively from SIERCK LES BAINS to the South in the Division zone. Troop B sent three patrols out to the river under cover of darkness. No enemy activity was seen.

At 2400 83d Division was relieved from XX Corps, Third Army and assigned to Ninth Army. The same order transferred following organizations with 83d Division: 453d Anti-Aircraft Battalion, 802d Tank Destroyer Battalion (towed) and the 774th Tank Battalion. Task Force POLK and GROUPE TACTIQUE LORRAINE were relieved from attachment to Division, and placed under control of XX Corps.

The boundary between the Third and Ninth Armies moved North to STENAY, LONGOYON, AMETZ, SIERCK LES BAINS, TRIER.

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A letter of instructions from VIII Corps placed the boundary between 83d Division and Third U.S. Army on the South of STENAY - AUMETZ all inclusive to 83d Division. SIERCK, SAARBURG, inclusive to Third Army; TRIER inclusive to 83d Division. The Division was ordered to continue its present mission.

The 329th Infantry continued to patrol in its sector from BOLLENDORF to MERTERT. Company K attacked and repulsed a force of 15-30 Germans who had crossed the MOSELLE River into ECHTERNACH.

The 330th Infantry continued patrolling and outposting its sector. Artillery and mortars were fired at targets of opportunity.

The 331st Infantry in Division Reserve continued combat training. The 1st Battalion replaced the 3d Battalion in the MAGNOT Training Area near HETTANGE GRANDE at 1430. The 2d Battalion continued training in small unit problems.

13 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry, an enemy patrol, estimated to be 30 Germans, crossed the SAUER RIVER in the vicinity of CIRST (L1131), and was forced to withdraw. A platoon of tanks from Company A, 774th Tank Battalion, attached to the regiment moved to the vicinity of ECHTERNACH for employment in direct fire mission on pillboxes across the river. Company C relieved Company A at GREVENMACHIER. Company B engaged an enemy patrol estimated to be 10-15 Germans, in vicinity of MACHTUM (L0518) at 1700. The patrol was forced to withdraw.

The 330th Infantry continued patrolling. Companies were rotated to provide maximum time for training.

The 331st Infantry remained in Division Reserve, East of LUXEMBOURG. The 1st Battalion conducted training in assault of fortified positions in the MAGNOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE.

14 October 1944

There was little activity in the Division sector. Patrolling was continuous. The 1st Battalion, 331st Infantry, in training at HETTANGE GRANDE, was shelled by enemy 150mm artillery at 1515. No losses were sustained.

15 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry, Company I was held in regimental reserve at RODENBOURG. The 1st Battalion brought mortar and artillery fire on enemy installations in MACHTUM area, with three casualties certain. In the 2d Battalion area, East of GIVENIG (L097-284), an enemy patrol of five men was driven off by artillery fire. One platoon of Company A, 774th Tank Battalion, with the 3d Battalion, fired direct fire missions at pillboxes in the SIEGFRIED LINE across the SAUER River from ECHTERNACH. The fire was effective. The enemy reacted immediately with approximately 500 rounds of artillery. No casualties were suffered. This area continued to be very sensitive to the Germans as it constituted the South shoulder of a salient leading into the American lines.

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In the 330th Infantry area, Company B outpost contacted a 10-man enemy patrol. An attempt was made to trap the patrol during a fire fight, but without success. Two squads from Company B searched woods at (Q006867) for enemy observation posts and possible places of hiding but none were found. Two vehicles were damaged by mines. The enemy immediately covered the vehicles with fire to prevent their removal.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued intensive training.

16 October 1944

The 329th Infantry continued aggressive patrolling and captured 8 prisoners of war.

The 330th Infantry continued its mission in the assigned sector from NIEDERDONVEN to SIERCK LES BAINS. The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon contacted and dispersed an enemy patrol in the vicinity of SCHENGEN (Q008977). The German patrol was covered by artillery fire which fell immediately when flares were discharged.

The 331st Infantry replaced the 1st Battalion with the 2d Battalion in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE. Training of the regiment continued.

17 October 1944

The 329th Infantry continued to patrol and to observe to the MOSELLE River line. In the area of Company A, an enemy force estimated at 20 men infiltrated under the cover of darkness into MUNSCHER. An attack by a reinforced Company of the 329th Infantry supported by tanks and artillery was launched at 1530. The enemy were driven from the town. Company L made an attack on the small enemy pocket of a few buildings just West of the bridge in ECHTERNACH. The enemy pocket was reduced but not entirely eliminated, as the remaining buildings and high ground across the river commanded excellent fields of fire covering our approach to the enemy positions.

In the 330th Infantry, outposts and observations posts were manned and scheduled training was continued. Ambush patrols were prepared for the coming night. The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon entered SCHENGEN (Q008977). Enemy artillery lessened and no enemy patrols were reported during the day.

The 331st Infantry continued training in Division Reserve.

During the early evening a report of enemy paratroopers landing in the rear areas was received. It was thought the mission of the paratroopers was to attack an important steel plant at DIFFERDANGE (P6604). Motorized patrols from the 330th and 331st Infantries were dispatched to investigate. One company (reinforced) of 331st Infantry was motorized and dispatched without delay to guard and protect the plant at DIFFERDANGE.

18 October 1944

The Division issued orders for a Demonstration, principally by artillery fire, of a river crossing at 0730, 20 October at ECHTERNACH, WASSERBILLIG and PALZEM to test the reaction of the enemy.

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The 329th and 330th Infantry continued patrolling.

The 331st Infantry continued training in Division Reserve.

No enemy was found in the DIFFERDANGE area and all troops had returned by 0930.

19 October 1944

The 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron was attached to Division (see item 193, G-2, G-3 Journal, 17 October 1944) and closed in vicinity BRIDEL (P8118) at 0900, 19 October. The Squadron had only just arrived from the beaches and was without combat experience.

The 329th Infantry perfected preparations for demonstration of river crossings at ECHTERNACH and WASSERBILLIG on 20 October.

The 330th Infantry continued patrolling and outposting its sector. Plans and reconnaissance progressed for the river crossing demonstration.

The 331st Infantry continued training in Division Reserve. The 2d Battalion at HETTANGE GRANDE in the MAGINOT Training Area received ten rounds of 105mm artillery fire. Five casualties were suffered.

20 October 1944

At 0730 simultaneous demonstrations of a river crossing were staged at ECHTERNACH, WASSERBILLIG and PALZEM. The demonstration consisted of artillery, mortar and machine gun fire coordinated with smoke and lasted for approximately 30 minutes. The fires were placed on known enemy installations while smoke was used to conceal the proposed place of crossing. The reaction at ECHTERNACH was fast, at WASSERBILLIG less so and at PALZEM it was much delayed. The enemy reacted with automatic weapons, mortar and artillery fire. Apparently the communications of the enemy and supporting fires were best coordinated in the vicinity of ECHTERNACH.

Other than the demonstration activity in the Division sector was negligible.

The 331st Infantry continued in Division Reserve. The Division conducted a Command Post Exercise for Regimental and Battalion Staffs.

21 October 1944

The 329th Infantry continued outposting and patrolling its sector. A patrol of the 83d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, attached to the Regiment, met and forced a German patrol of five men to withdraw near the Division North boundary.

In the 330th Infantry sector enemy artillery became more active. An outpost at AHN (L0515) engaged an enemy patrol of eight men at 2200 and forced them to withdraw, with the aid of hand grenades and rifle fire. During the day the Germans attempted to broadcast propaganda to our troops, using a loudspeaker. The effort was broken up by the artillery.

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The 331st Infantry continued training with the 2d Battalion remaining in the MAGINOT Training Area.

22 October 1944

The 329th Infantry continued patrolling with little happening. Plans were made to send the 3d Battalion to the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE the following day.

The 330th Infantry used a section of tanks to fire at suspected pillboxes across the MOSELLE River in the vicinity of PALZEN. Two pillboxes camouflaged as haystacks were uncovered. Enemy artillery was light and no enemy patrols were contacted during the day.

The 331st Infantry continued in Division Reserve.

The 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron continued maintenance of equipment. Radio sets were installed and preparations made for future employment.

23 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector patrolling continued. Outposts of Company E dispersed a patrol of six enemy at 0830. A German patrol of approximately 25 which attacked an outpost was repulsed.

The 3d Battalion, less Company L, left as a garrison in ECHTERNACH, closed in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE at 1220 to undergo a course of instruction in attack of pillboxes and permanent fortifications. A platoon of Company A, 774th Tank Battalion and a platoon of Company A, 308th Engineer Battalion accompanied the battalion for training.

The 330th Infantry had little enemy activity in its sector.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued training. The 2d Battalion returned from HETTANGE GRANDE and closed in the vicinity of LUXEMBOURG at 1600. Motors were made available to the 1st Battalion and the battalion placed in reserve for the 329th Infantry as a replacement for the 3d Battalion at HETTANGE GRANDE. Training of small units continued.

24 October 1944

Patrols of the 329th Infantry encountered a twelve man enemy patrol in the vicinity of (L099314) at 1100. Considerable rifle and machine gun fire was exchanged. The enemy patrol withdrew only after being placed under mortar fire. Three enemy were wounded.

The 330th Infantry sector was quiet except in the vicinity of STADTBREDIMUS where enemy artillery and mortar fire increased. Plans were made to employ tanks in direct fire on PALZEN the following day.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued training.

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The 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron was placed in line and relieved elements of the 330th Infantry between SIERCK and WINTRANGE by 1200.

The Division readjusted the front as follows: 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron from SIERCK to WINTRANGE, 330th Infantry from WINTRANGE to MERTERT, the 329th Infantry from MERTERT to BOLLENDORF.

The 329th Infantry suffered seven casualties from mines in the vicinity of GREVENMACHER. Patrolling continued.

In the 330th Infantry sector elements of the 1st Battalion were relieved by the 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron. Starting at 0730 a platoon of tanks placed 100 rounds of High Explosive into PALZEM by direct fire. A church steeple used as an outpost and a building used by the enemy were demolished. No counterbattery fire was received.

The 331st Infantry remained in Division Reserve. Members of the Division Staff conducted a Command Post Exercise for Regimental and Battalion Staffs.

The Division issued a new plan for use in case of hostile enemy thrust in the Division sector. The new plan employed the newly attached Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron on the South flank.

26 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector the 1st Battalion moved to the North flank, after being relieved by the 330th Infantry, incident to the boundary readjustment. Company I was relieved in ECHTERNACH by the 1st Battalion and prepared to rejoin the 3d Battalion at HETTANGE GRANDE.

The 330th Infantry sector remained generally quiet during the day.

The 331st Infantry, in Division Reserve, continued training.

A patrol of the 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron engaged an enemy patrol entering GRANDRAN at 2055. The Squadron received five casualties from enemy mortar and artillery fire, falling in the vicinity of BASSE KONTZ. Sporadic fire continued until 1600.

At 0730 the Division Artillery fired 24 rounds of 155mm into the GERMAN city of TRIER (L2029) in an effort to damage railway installations.

27 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector the 83d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop was relieved from attachment to the regiment and reverted to Division Reserve North of the city of LUXEMBURG. Company I rejoined the 3d Battalion in the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE.

In the 330th Infantry sector a carrying party delivering rations to Company I in GREVENMACHER was ambushed at 2015 by an enemy patrol. Five casualties resulted.

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During the day 30 rounds of enemy artillery fell in STADTBREDIMUS (L0108).

The 331st Infantry continued in Division reserve. Reconnaissance was made of the 329th Infantry sector in preparation for relief of that regiment the following day.

The 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron intensified its patrols. Three observation posts on BASSE KONTZ received enemy mortar throughout the day. An enemy force estimated at 120 forced the personnel of an observation post at 00096 to withdraw.

28 October 1944

During the night of 27-28 October the city of LUXEMBOURG and adjacent area received 17 rounds of 280mm shell fired from a German railway gun east of the MOSELLE RIVER. Several civilians were injured but no military installations were damaged. The 329th Infantry outposted its sector with only one contact being made with an enemy patrol.

In the 330th Infantry sector an enemy patrol ran into booby traps and trap flares and were fired upon.

The 331st Infantry completed reconnaissance for relief of the 329th Infantry.

29 October 1944

The 329th Infantry continued active patrolling. An ambush patrol contacted enemy in the vicinity of L005024 and dispersed them. Another enemy patrol at L007018 was dispersed.

In the 330th Infantry sector supporting artillery silenced enemy machine guns in the vicinity of BESCH (L0102). Patrolling continued.

The 331st Infantry in Division reserve continued training.

The 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron continued patrolling and made contact with Task Force POLK on the south.

The Commanding General, Third Army, visited the Division Command Post following a visit to Headquarters Twelfth Army Group. Following the visit plans for relief of the 329th Infantry by the 331st Infantry were cancelled.

30 October 1944

In the 329th Infantry sector the 3d Battalion returned from the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE in preparation for relief of the 2d Battalion. Infantry supported by artillery and mortar fire dispersed a 15 man enemy patrol in the vicinity of GIVENIGS (L1227). Another patrol of 4 was sighted in the vicinity of L013393 which immediately withdrew. Two Belgians used as laborers by the Germans were captured.

The 330th Infantry maintained the same outposts and positions. The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon arranged an ambush in the vicinity of STADTBREDIMUS (L0108) for the night 30-31 October.

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The 331st Infantry in Division Reserve carried on training.

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The 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron engaged a 15 man enemy patrol in the vicinity of BASSE KONTZ (Q0096) at 0530, killing one and capturing one. Clearance of mine fields on the Eastern slopes of HILL LE STROMBERG (Q0096) continued.

A counterattack plan was issued which contemplated use of the 9th Armored Division (- Combat Command B) with the Division Reserve to destroy possible enemy forces engaged in offensive action in the sector and to restore present front line positions.

31 October 1944

On the last day of October, the Division held positions on the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS as follows:

32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron from the Army Boundary on the South of SIERCK LES BAINS to WINTRANGE; the 330th Infantry from WINTRANGE to MERTERT; the 329th Infantry from MERTERT to the 8th Infantry Division boundary on the North of BOLLENDORF.

In the 329th Infantry sector, the 3d Battalion relieved the 2d Battalion, which moved to the MAGINOT Training Area at HETTANGE GRANDE. A 50-man patrol in the vicinity of (L025374) was driven off by infantry support by artillery.

In the 330th Infantry sector, no contact was made with the enemy. Enemy artillery and mortar fire was light. Plans were completed for a heavy weapons Proficiency Test to be held the following day.

The 331st Infantry continued in Division Reserve.

The 32d Cavalry Reconnaissance Squadron drove off a 3-man patrol in the vicinity of (U0096). The enemy was active throughout the day with mortar and artillery fire.

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