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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 - 30 September 1944.

2. a. 83d Infantry Division, from positions in the vicinity of DINARD and along the North side of the LOIRE River from REDON to AUXIERRE, completed its assigned mission. The Division then moved to positions West of the MOSELLE River and patrolled in its zone from BOLLENDORF South to RICHEMONT.

(1) Atchd Units:

802d TD Bn (T)
 453d AAA Bn (AW)
 774th Tk Bn
 739th FA Bn (8" How)(Until 3 Sep)
 268th FA Bn (8" Gun)(Until 11 Sep)
 751st FA Bn (155 How)(Until 11 Sep)
 473d AAA Bn (AW)(SP)(Until 17 Sep)
 Task Force POLK (from 23 Sep)
 Hq & Hq Tr, 3d Cav Sq
 3d Cav Sq (- Dets)
 43d Cav Sq
 135th Engr (C) Bn
 Dets, 6th Cav Gp
 Dets, 1st Regt of PARIS
 807th TD Bn (T)(from 29 Sep)
 241st FA Bn (105 How)(from 29 Sep)
 689th FA Bn (155 How)(from 29 Sep)

b. Dispositions of troops at close of period are shown on Item Number 252, G-2, G-3 Journal, 30 September.

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

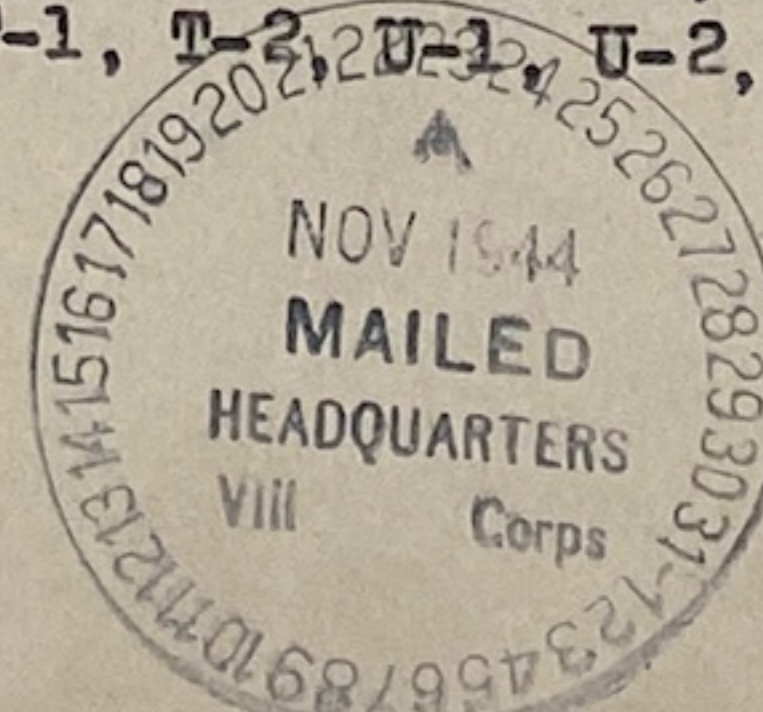
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4. Personnel:

a. Casualties:	36 Officers	658 Enlisted Men
b. Replacements:	12 Officers	82 Enlisted Men
c. Returnees:	26 Officers	956 Enlisted Men
d. Prisoners Taken:	20,971	

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ROBT C. MACON,
Major General, U. S. Army
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 September, 1944 -
Incl #4 - G-1 Journal
Incl #5 - G-4 Journal - *no journal - has papers only*



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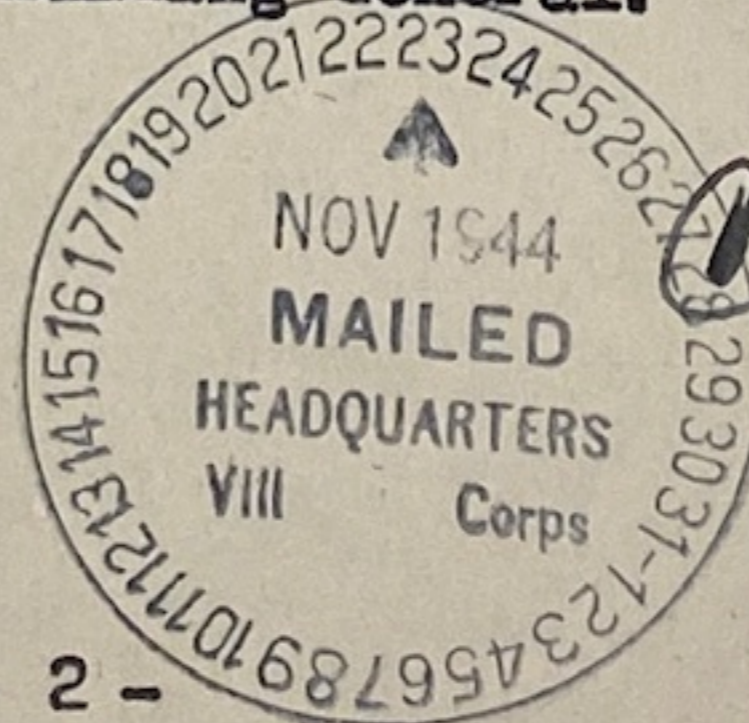
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HEADQUARTERS VIII CORPS, APO 308, U. S. Army, 22 November 1944.

To: Commanding General, First United States Army, APO 230, U. S. Army.

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For the Commanding General:



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Adjutant General

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On 1 September the Division, under VIII Corps control, was executing the mission of protecting the right flank of Third Army north of the LOIRE River from REDON to ORLEANS. The Division had the additional missions of protecting the ST MALO - DINARD area from enemy infiltration from the Channel Islands and of capturing the ILE DE CEZEMERE. In the ST MALO - DINARD area for employment against the ILE DE CEZEMERE were the 330th Infantry (minus 1st and 3d Battalions), 83d Division Artillery (minus 322d and 908th Field Artillery Battalions) and attached artillery. The 3d Battalion, 330th Infantry and Battery C, 323d Field Artillery Battalion, detached from the Division, were operating as part of Task Force "B" in the BREST area where they remained until relieved on 21 September.

On 1 September plans and special training were completed for the amphibious assault on ILE DE CEZEMERE with H-hour set for 1545, 2 September. Negotiations for surrender of the island were not successful and artillery firing was resumed.

The ILE DE CEZEMERE surrendered on the morning of 2 September. Inspection of the fortification revealed that some artillery fire had penetrated the concrete troop shelters. The 2d Battalion, 330th Infantry occupied the island (with one company) and continued to protect the ST MALO - DINARD area.

The Division, part of VIII Corps, passed to control of Ninth US Army on 5 September. The mission of the Division remained unchanged. Patrols discovered only scattered enemy personnel, principally in the vicinity of ELAIN, midway between REDON and NANTES.

On 8 September the Division was relieved of the mission of protecting the ST MALO - DINARD area, and the 2d Battalion, 330th Infantry was moved south to the LOIRE River. Patrolling continued along the LOIRE River. Units were rotated to provide maximum opportunity for training.

On 9 September Free French Forces reported to the 329th Infantry that a German force south of the LOIRE River, estimated strength 20,000, wished to surrender to the Americans. This information was sent to Ninth Army and negotiations for the surrender were begun. On 11 September negotiations were completed and the Germans started marching north to the LOIRE where they were to be taken prisoner by the United States Army. General ELSTER, the German Commander, formally surrendered his forces on 16 September and by 18 September all his troops were north of the LOIRE and under guard.

On 10 September the Division was detached from VIII Corps and placed under direct control of Ninth Army. The mission of the Division remained unchanged.

On 11 September the Division was ordered to extend its area of responsibility east from ORLEANS to AUXIERRE and relieve elements of the 6th Armored Division in that zone. The 83d Reconnaissance Troop was attached to the 329th Infantry and the zone of the 329th Infantry was extended to include AUXIERRE. Contact with the 2d French Armored Division was established.

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On 17 September the Division was relieved along the LOIRE River in the sector REDON to NANTES. The 331st Infantry was assembled and moved to a concentration area in the vicinity of MONTARGIS.

On 21 September the Division was assigned to XX Corps, Third Army, and ordered to move to an assembly area southwest of LUXEMBOURG as soon as relief of the Division along the LOIRE River could be effected and necessary transportation for the movement provided.

The Division started movement by motor to the east on 23 September and the bulk of the Division had closed into LUXEMBOURG area by 25 September.

Instructions from XX Corps assigned the Division the mission of destroying the enemy in the REMICH area, patrolling to the MOSELLE and SAUER Rivers, and preventing an enemy crossing of these rivers. The Division was ordered to relieve elements of the 5th Armored Division, 28th and 90th Infantry Divisions in the zone ECHTERNACH - BERTRANGE. Task Force POLK was attached to the Division for employment in the southern part of the Division zone.

On 25 September the 329th Infantry relieved the 112th Infantry (28th Division) and elements of Combat Command "A" of the 5th Armored Division. On 26 September the 331st Infantry captured BOIS, REMERSCHEN, ASSEL, and continued to drive in the enemy bridgehead in the REMICH area.

Patrols pushed forward to the MOSELLE and SAUER Rivers. Enemy patrols were also very active.

During the night 26-27 September Task Force POLK completed the relief in its zone of elements of the 90th Infantry Division. On 28 September the 331st Infantry captured REMICH and completed the reduction of the enemy bridgehead in that area.

DAILY RECORD OF OPERATIONS

1 September 1944

The Division was engaged in the missions of capturing the ILE DE CEZEMERE and patrolling the LOIRE River line from REDON to ORLEANS. The 3d Battalion, 330th Infantry, and Battery C, 323d Field Artillery Battalion continued operations in the BREST area under Task Force "B".

On September 1 the Command Post of the 83d Infantry Division was at CHATEAUBRIANT (J2108) with an advance Command Post at DINARD.

In the DINARD area the 330th Infantry (-1st and 3d Battalions), supported by artillery and air continued operations against the ILE DE CEZEMERE. Details for the assault were completed and H-hour was set for 1545, 2 September 1944. In preparation for this, artillery fire on the island was increased. Direct fire from 8" guns (2 battalions) was placed on troop shelters and pillboxes

guarding the landing site. Some shelters were destroyed. A party was sent to the ILE DE CEZEMBRE to again demand the surrender of the enemy garrison, but it was not successful. During the night, time fire was placed on the beaches to prevent the enemy from laying mines or constructing additional beach obstacles.

On the LOIRE River the remainder of the Division was disposed as follows: The 331st Infantry from REDON (H6804) to CHAMPTOCE (05783) exclusive; the 329th Infantry with 2nd Battalion, 330th Infantry attached, from CHAMPTOCE inclusive to ORLEANS exclusive. The 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry, was in regimental reserve vicinity CHATEAU LA VALLIERE.

The 774th Tank Battalion (less companies A and B, which were attached to the 329th Infantry and 331st Infantry Regiments, respectively) closed in vicinity of CHATEAU LA VALLIERE in Division Reserve 1830, 1 September. This battalion was attached to the Division 27 August, and was slated to remain with the Division. The unit was equipped with the new 76mm tank gun. An intensive training program was instituted to perfect the training of Infantry-Tank teamwork and to give the new members of the Division the benefit of the battle experiences of the old units and personnel.

2 September 1944

At 0800 white flags were seen on the ILE DE CEZEMBRE (S755180). A detachment was sent to the island at 0930 to accept the surrender of the German garrison and to occupy the island. Prisoners of war totaled 323 officers and men, including a small group of Italians.

Inspection of the island revealed that the flat trajectory fire of the 155mm and 8" guns had penetrated the concrete walls of many of the pillboxes and troop shelters, making them untenable. Many of the weapons on the upper positions of the island had been sheared off by artillery fire and bombing. Bombing had severely damaged the island, destroyed weapons in the open, removed camouflage and exposed troop shelters to view, making it possible to take them under fire with large caliber artillery.

Patrolling continued north of the LOIRE River without incident.

3 September 1944

The Division continued patrolling on the north bank of the LOIRE River from NANTES to ORLEANS. The 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry, relieved the 329th Infantry in area CHAMPTOCE to SAUMUR (see item 72, G-2, G-3 Journal, 3 September 1944). The 329th Infantry, reinforced, (less 1st Battalion in Division Reserve) patrolled from TOURS to ORLEANS. The 83d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop was given a sector to patrol from NANTES to CHAMPTOCE, north of the LOIRE River. The 2d Battalion, 330th Infantry, detailed one reinforced company to occupy the ILE DE CEZEMBRE and policed ST MALO (S785145) and DINARD (S7613).

The 331st Infantry continued its combat mission from REDON to NANTES. Training of units in reserve continued with special emphasis on the Infantry-Tank Team. The 308th Engineer Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 329th Infantry and given mission of repairing crossing over SARTHE River north of ANGERS to facilitate communication to the east.

4. September 1944

Division continued patrolling the LOIRE River but made no contact with the enemy. The 2d Battalion, 330th Infantry, continued occupation of the ST MALO area.

330th Infantry Command Post moved from DINARD area to ANGERS (08279). The 1st Battalion, 330th Infantry, relieved the 2d Battalion of the 329th Infantry in the ANGERS area while the 1st Battalion, 329th Infantry, moved into reserve in the vicinity of VENDOME.

The pilot of one of the Division artillery Liaison planes reported the movement of several cargo ships out of the port of SAINT NAZAIRE. The information was reported to higher headquarters.

5 September 1944

The VIII Corps, including all attached units, passed to control of the Ninth U. S. Army, effective 5 September (see item 172, G-2, G-3 Journal, 7 September 1944).

Units of the Division were regrouped as follows: 331st Infantry from REDON (H6804) to CHAMPTOCE (05783) exclusive; 330th Infantry (-2nd and 3d Battalions) from CHAMPTOCE to SAUMUR (F1855) exclusive; 329th Infantry from SAUMUR to ORLEANS (F6823). The 2nd Battalion 329th Infantry was in process of moving to VENDOME for employment on the east of the regimental sector.

Training in the Infantry-Tank Team continued.

The 308th Engineer Battalion worked on bridge vicinity CHATEAUNEUF-SUR-SARTHE.

6 September 1944

The Division continued mission of protecting the right flank of the Army and patrolled the LOIRE River from REDON to ORLEANS.

The 2d Battalion, 330th Infantry, continued its mission of defending the DINARD-ST MALO areas.

The 331st Infantry captured 240 Russian soldiers who had crossed to the north side of the LOIRE River in the vicinity of NANTES. Another patrol in the 331st Infantry area contacted an enemy patrol and killed five. The remainder withdrew.

7 September 1944

In accordance with instructions from Ninth U. S. Army, the Division alerted the 2d Battalion, 330th Infantry, for movement from the ST MALO Area to rejoin the Division.

On the LOIRE RIVER, patrols of the 2d Battalion, 331st Infantry, engaged an enemy patrol of approximately 30 men at FAY DE BRETAGNE (N878765). Six of the enemy were captured and four were killed.

Free French patriots brought reports of enemy movement South of the LOIRE RIVER.

Units took advantage of the lull in activity to accomplish much training.

8 September 1944

The Division continued patrolling and training.

Ninety-eight prisoners of war were captured along the LOIRE RIVER.

A directive on training was issued by the Division Commander stressing a diminishing need for hedgerow tactics and directed training be modified to cover situations in more open terrain.

Responsibility for the defense of the ST MALO - DINARD area was turned over to the communication zone. The 2d Battalion, 330th Infantry was ordered to rejoin the regiment.

9 September 1944

2d Battalion, 330th Infantry, having been relieved in ST MALO - DINARD area, closed in the vicinity of ANGERS (O 8279) at 2000. Patrolling continued along the LOIRE RIVER and patrol duties were rotated by regimental commanders to provide all units maximum time for training.

FFI sources reported to Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon leader of the 329th Infantry that a German march column under command of Brigadier General ELSTER wished to surrender to an American force under conditions which he desired to stipulate.

Information was reported through channels to Ninth United States Army and negotiations were begun for surrender of these forces.

10 September 1944

83d Infantry Division (less 3d Bn, 330th Inf, and Btry C, 323d FA Bn, executing a mission on the Brittany Peninsula) was detached from VIII Corps to operate under control of Ninth Army from 1200, 10 September 1944. The Ninth Army confirmed mission of the 83d Infantry Division to protect South flank of the Army from REDON to the East. The Third Army in cooperation with Ninth Army, ordered Combat Command "B" of the 6th Armored Division to patrol the area from MEUNG-SUR-LOIRE (F520145) East to AUXIERRE (G9211). The Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon of the 329th Infantry established liaison with 6th Armored Division at MEUNG.

11 September 1944

The Division received instructions from Ninth United States Army to extend patrol activities to AUXIERRE, relieving Combat Command "B", 6th Armored Division in that zone. Division Field Order No 30 was issued (See Item 337, G-2, G-3 Journal, 11 September 1944). Patrols were organized and observation posts were established to protect South flank of Ninth and Third Armies by preventing enemy from entering area from REDON to NANTES and North of the LOIRE RIVER from NANTES to AUXIERRE.

Thirty-one prisoners of war were captured during patrol activities.

The Commanding General, 83d Infantry Division, went to ISSODUN and there met General ELSTER, Commander of the German forces, who wished to surrender. In accordance with instructions of the Commanding General, Ninth Army, terms were presented for the surrender and were accepted by General ELSTER. Details for the movement of the German force North to the LOIRE were arranged, and a liaison officer from Division Headquarters was left with General ELSTER to coordinate the movement of the Germans with the plans for their reception North of the LOIRE.

Combat Command "B" of the 6th Armored Division reported that the area from MEUNG-SUR-LOIRE to AUXIERRE was clear of the enemy.

12 September 1944

The 2d Battalion, 329th Infantry made reconnaissance to new positions on the left flank of the Division from TOURS to AUXIERRE. Liaison was established with 2d French Armored Division on the left flank (See Item 352, G-2, G-3 Journal, 12 September 1944).

330th Infantry relieved the 1st and 3d Battalions of the 329th Infantry in area SAUMUR to TOURS. Patrolling continued along the LOIRE RIVER line. Patrol of A Company, 331st Infantry had a minor skirmish with enemy patrol, resulting in 5 enemy casualties.

13 September 1944

Units of the 83d Infantry Division patrolled from REDON along the North bank of the LOIRE RIVER to BONNY-SUR-LOIRE then East to AUXIERRE. The 331st Infantry took 102 prisoners during the day.

14 September 1944

83d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, under control of the 329th Infantry, organized motorized patrols on the left flank of the Division area and maintained liaison with the 2d French Armored Division.

15 September 1944

83d Division Command Post closed at CHATEAUBRIANT (J2208) at 151800 and opened at VENDOME (FO411) at 151800 (See Item 436, G-2, G-3 Journal, 15 September 1944).

329th Infantry completed occupation of the BLOIS - AUXIERRE sector and began patrolling operations in that zone.

Preparations were made to receive General ELSTER'S forces at BEAUGENCY (F473092) and ORLEANS (S6823).

2d Battalion, 329th Infantry contacted headquarters of a French Parachute Battalion in BRIARE, on a report that 8000 of the enemy desired to surrender. Investigation disclosed these Germans formed one column of General ELSTER'S troops marching north to LOIRE RIVER to surrender. Other reports of marching enemy columns involved the town of JARGEAU and area east of ORLEANS. A check revealed these reports to be false.

16 September 1944

The Commanding General, 83d Infantry Division, accepted the formal surrender of the Commanding General, German forces south of the LOIRE, at BEAUGENCY (F473092) at 1530 in behalf of the Army of the United States (See Item 475, G-2, G-3 Journal, 16 September 1944).

General ELSTER, Commanding General of a conglomerate group of troops from south FRANCE, presented his pistol as a token of surrender to General MACON.

General ELSTER, realizing the hopelessness of ever breaking through the Allied lines at the BELFORT GAP with the troops under his command, having his columns constantly harrassed by FFI attacks and American Air Force bombing, and having lost his confidence in the present German high command, decided to surrender to American forces. Having made this decision, and taking advantage of contact with the Intelligence and Reconnaissance Platoon, 329th Infantry on 9 September

he conferred with American Army representatives on details for the surrender. General ELSTER then marched his troops toward river crossing sites at ORLEANS and BEAUGENCY, and surrendered.

17 September 1944

By order of Ninth United States Army official time was changed from "B" time to "A" time at 0300, 17 September 1944 (See Item 489, G-2, G-3 Journal, 17 September 1944).

Plans were made with the Ninth Army for the relief of the 83d Infantry Division by the 94th Infantry Division. The 83d Division was alerted to assemble in the vicinity of MONTARGIS in preparation for movement to the east and assignment to the Third United States Army.

The 331st Infantry was relieved by elements of the 94th Infantry Division at 0900 and assembled by use of motors in the vicinity of MONTARGIS (X2745).

The 329th Infantry and 330th Infantry continued patrolling in their areas.

General ELSTER'S forces laid down their arms and completed surrender at ORLEANS and BEAUGENCY, after the formal surrender of the 16th. The enemy columns crossed the river and were confined to prisoner of war enclosures by dark. A total of 754 officers and 18,851 enlisted men were taken prisoner.

18 September 1944

331st Infantry closed in assembly area vicinity of MONTARGIS at 182300 (See Item 532, G-2, G-3 Journal, 18 September 1944).

329th Infantry and 330th Infantry (less 3d Battalion) continued patrolling the LOIRE RIVER line without incident.

Large quantities of supplies and equipment captured from the Germans south of the LOIRE RIVER were turned over to the Ninth U. S. Army.

Training continued and maintenance of equipment was carried on.

19 September 1944

Routine patrolling continued in the Division sector. The 94th Infantry Division was on the right flank, the 2d French Armored Division was on the left flank. Training and care of equipment were stressed. Much progress in training the Infantry-Tank team was being accomplished.

The Division Command Post remained in VENDOME.

20 September 1944

Division continued its mission North of the LOIRE RIVER awaiting relief by the 94th Infantry Division

Patrol and security missions were continued and training was carried on in all units.

21 September 1944

Final arrangements were made for the relief of the 83d Infantry Division by the 94th Infantry Division. The division was informed that they would begin movement to the East into the XX Corps zone.

Division issued warning order for concentration in the vicinity of ORLEANS and MONTARGIS within 48 hours, ready for transport to the East by motor or rail (See Item 582, G-2, G-3 Journal, 21 September 1944). Combat Team 331 was assigned an assembly area East of ESCH (F7001), DUCHY OF LUXEMBOURG.

83d Infantry Division was formerly assigned to Third Army and XX Corps, effective this date (See Item 51, G-2, G-3 Journal, 21 September 1944).

22 September 1944

Orders were issued to all units of the Division to assemble immediately in the vicinity of ORLEANS and MONTARGIS. The 94th Infantry Division began relief of 83d Division along the LOIRE RIVER.

The 3d Battalion, 330th Infantry was relieved from Task Force "B" and departed from the DAULAS PENINSULA in the BREST area to rejoin the regiment, moving by rail and motor.

83d Infantry Division Command Post closed at VENDOME (F221630) and opened at BOIGNY (W7341) at 1630.

23 September 1944

The 331st Infantry Regiment departed MONTARGIS at 0600. Arrangements were made to meet representative of XX Corps at ST MIHIEL who would designate further routes and assembly areas in the vicinity of ESCH. 83d Infantry Division received operational instructions from XX Corps giving mission of the Division (See Item 48, G-2, G-3 Journal, 25 September 1944). The Division was given the mission to destroy the enemy in the REMICH area, patrol vigorously East to the line of MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS, and prevent enemy crossing of those rivers in its zone. Task Force POLK composed of the 3d Cavalry Reconnaissance Group, reinforced, was attached to the Division. It was given a sub-sector in the southern portion of the Division sector.

24 September 1944

Field Order No 31 was issued stating the mission of the 83d Infantry Division (See Item 12, G-2, G-3 Journal, 24 September 1944). The 83d Infantry Division, reinforced, (including Task Force POLK) was given the missions to relieve elements of the 90th Infantry Division and elements of the V Corps without delay, maintain contact with V Corps and protect North flank of XX Corps, destroy the enemy in the REMICH area and patrol vigorously to the line MOSELLE - SAUER RIVERS, and prevent enemy river crossings in its sector.

Instructions were received from the Commanding General, XX Corps, outlining relief of 112th Infantry Regiment (28th Infantry Division) and Combat Command "A", 5th Armored Division on northern sector of Corps area (See Item 6, G-2, G-3 Journal, 24 September 1944).

The 329th Infantry closed in an assembly area south of the city of LUXEMBOURG at 1400, 24 September.

Division Command Post closed at BOIGNY in the vicinity of ORLEANS and opened at LUXEMBOURG (P8412) at 1600, 24 September 1944.

25 September 1944

The 329th Infantry relieved the 112th Infantry Regiment at 1200, 25 September and at 1700 relieved elements of Combat Command "A", (5th Armored Division) within its zone. The 3d Battalion, 329th Infantry outposted a radio transmitter station at JUNGLINSTER (P934247). The 330th Infantry closed into its assembly area vicinity LUXEMBOURG at 2100. 331st Infantry moved into its assembly area and effected relief of Task Force POLK. Task Force POLK shifted to the south relieving elements of the 90th Infantry Division. Preparations were made for the reduction of the REMICH Bridgehead. Units of the 331st Infantry launched a limited objective attack and captured GRIEVELDANGE (L005105).

26 September 1944

The division completed movement into assigned positions in its sector. Dispositions at this time: 329th Infantry on Division left, 331st Infantry in center, Task Force POLK on right flank, 330th Infantry in reserve. Task Force POLK completed relief of elements of the 90th Infantry Division in its zone at 2400.

Along the entire Division front, patrols guarded the MOSELLE RIVER line to prevent any possible enemy crossing. The 329th Infantry established contact with Combat Command "A" of the 5th Armored Division on the Division left flank. 308th Engineer Battalion made a thorough reconnaissance of the MAGINOT LINE defenses in order to secure information for an assault training program.

The 2d Battalion, 331st Infantry, sent patrols toward REMICH. During the day, the towns of REMERSCHEN (P998997), ASSEL (P972071), and BOUS (P983072) were occupied. Enemy opposition in these operations was limited to patrols. A counterattack of approximately one platoon, supported by machine gun fire and mortars, developed from the high ground southeast of GRIEVELDANGE (L005105) but was quickly repulsed by our forces.

27 September 1944

Task Force POLK relieved elements of the 90th Infantry Division in its zone during night of 26-27 September. The 329th Infantry captured the towns of OSWEILER (L0632), DICKWEILER (L0932), and MONTACH (L0828).

The 2d Battalion, 331st Infantry, advanced toward REMICH and knocked out machine guns in concrete emplacements by direct tank fire North of the town. Several towns were captured, including WALLENSTEIN (P9903), BECH (L0004), and KLEINMACHER (L0004). The regiment also captured the town of SCHENGEN (Q006977) in preparation for attacks on LENINGEN (L013123), EHREN (L026122) and WORMELDANGE (L039122). During these operations, our forces received artillery fire from East of the MOSELLE RIVER and sustained approximately 30 casualties.

Patrols from Task Force POLK made a reconnaissance in force to vicinity of MANON (U875868) and took 11 prisoners.

28 September 1944

Division continued patrolling mission west of the MOSELLE RIVER.

The 1st and 2d Battalions of the 329th Infantry moved to positions near the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVER line.

83d Cavalry Reconnaissance Troop, on the Division left flank, maintained contact with the 5th Armored Division. The town of REMICH was captured by the 2d Battalion, 331st Infantry by 1210. The 3d Battalion, 331st Infantry captured the high ground northwest of EHREN against heavy enemy machine gun and mortar fire in order to improve defensive positions along the MOSELLE - SAUER RIVER line.

A gap was breached in three road blocks at REMICH and they were prepared for friendly use in case of counter attack.

Considerable counterbattery fire was employed by 83d Division Artillery. Pockets of resistance on west side of MOSELLE RIVER were being searched out and reduced.

The enemy was employing numerous ambush patrols. There was some evidence of enemy armor across the MOSELLE RIVER in the sector of the 90th Division to the South.

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The Division continued patrolling west bank of MOSELLE - SAUER RIVER line and made reconnaissance for preparing defensive positions in depth against any possible enemy counterattack.

Patrols were sent out by the 331st Infantry to WORMELDANGE. The patrol received enemy machine gun and mortar fire, and withdrew. The 331st Infantry occupied HAUTEKONTZ (U9995) and CONTZ (U9695).

Task Force POLK sent out a patrol to verify report enemy tracked vehicles were moving north in vicinity of KOECKING.

Some regrouping of the artillery took place with view of obtaining maximum support along the entire front. Every effort was made by all units to locate enemy artillery positions.

A few prisoners were taken.

30 September 1944

The Division carried on its assigned mission and maintained liaison with V Corps and Combat Command "B", 5th Armored Division, on the left (north) flank at BEFORT (P9638).

1st Battalion, 329th Infantry, captured OBERDONVEN and advanced to within 1500 yards of GREVENMACHER. Some enemy patrols were encountered in the 329th Infantry area.

Company B, 331st Infantry, captured the town of EHNEN against some small arms, mortar, and artillery fire.

Units continued to capture prisoners. Enemy patrol activity increased and counter-measures to punish enemy patrols were taken all along the Division front.

One counterattack by an estimated enemy rifle company was repulsed near WORMELDANGE by 331st Infantry.

Training in attack of fortified position continued.

Task Force POLK attacked the enemy in the vicinity of GAVISSE (U9493). The attack was supported by a platoon of tanks. Casualties were inflicted on the enemy and prisoners were taken.

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