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SECTION I - Summary of daily operations and action (S-3)

MOIVRONS 1 November 44

Mission: To attack 011300 November 44 and destroy hostile forces South of SEILLE RIVER in ABAUCOURT and LETRICOURT area.

Morning of 1 November 44 spent in preparing for attack. The Arty fired preparatory barrage preceding attack. At 011300A November 44 319th Inf (Reinf) attacked with two Bns abreast, 2d Bn on the right. 2d Bn (Reinf) with one Plat medium Tks and two Plats light Tks. 3d Bn Reinf with one Plat light Tks and two Plats medium Tks. Visibility at jump off very limited. At 1532, F Co, one Plat plus one Plat medium Tks, meeting light opposition, entered LETRICOURT and began mopping up town. One Plat F Co occupied high ground to East of LETRICOURT. G Co moved on objective, high ground to NW of town at 1422. I Co occupied objective (U925337) at 1400. L Co plus one Plat light Tks entered town of ABAUCOURT at 1410 and began mopping up town, requested counter Btry fire in large draw to NE of ABAUCOURT. Request complied with and enemy Arty at that point silenced. One Plat G Co plus one Plat light Tks attacked town of LETRICOURT from North. Mission completed as of 1630 and position consolidated. Arty and TDs supported the Bns throughout the attack. Engrs sent eight patrols to river to investigate possible crossings. 3d Bn began withdrawal to original position at 1730 leaving one outpost at U914339. 2d Bn withdrew at 1800 leaving two outposts, U941321 and U941310. 3d Bn closed in original positions at 1945, 2d Bn at 2015. All attachments released to occupy original positions. 1st Bn moved back to original position and closed at 2120. Result of action: 148 enemy killed, 162 PWs. Enemy equipment destroyed: 2 HMGs, 15 LMGs, 1 AT R, 5 Bazookas, 1 Mortar ASP, 4 M Pistols, 130 Rs, 7 80mm Mortars, 2 AT Gs.

MOIVRONS 2 - 4 November 44.

Mission: To hold present bridgehead.

Bns continued to improve positions and engage in tactical training.

MOIVRONS 5 November 44

Mission: To hold present bridgehead.

1st Bn relieved 3d Bn and closed in area at 1540 with A on the right, C in Res. 3d Bn closed in Regtl Res at 1705. 2d Bn continued to improve present positions and to conduct tactical training.

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MOIVRONS 6 November 44

Mission: To hold present bridgehead.

Continued tactical training and improving positions.

MOIVRONS 7 November 44

Mission: To prepare for attack 080600 A November 44

1st Bn moved under cover of darkness Vic ARRAYE ET HAN. 2d Bn occupied LETRICOURT with E Co (Reinf) and ABAUCOURT with G Co (Reinf) and established strong points on high ground running between LETRICOURT and ABAUCOURT from Res Co, F Co.

MOIVRONS 8 November 44

Mission: To secure salient South of SEILLE RIVER between ABAUCOURT and LETRICOURT and establish bridgehead East of AULNOIS SUR SEILLE.

1st Bn 319th Inf plus Co D, 702d Tk Bn, plus one squad Engrs, attacked AULNOIS SUR SEILLE at 080600A November 44. Supporting Arty fired preparatory barrage 0500 to 0600 and then fired in Spt of Atk. The Atk jumped off at 0600 with B Co on the left, A on the right and Co C in Res. Co D, 702d Tk Bn remained Vic 934280 until treadway Br could be built Vic 954295. 2d Bn remained in present position and supported Atk by fire. 3d Bn remained in Regtl Res Vic JEANDELINCOURT. B Co entered AULNOIS at 0725 and began mopping up operations. A Co was abreast of B Co and 500 yards to the East of AULNOIS at 0830. A Co held up by MG and mortar fire from high ground to NE of AULNOIS. B Co completed mopping up town and began consolidating positions at 1145. A Co maintained present position. Br at 954295 completed at 1430 and Tks progressed to 1st Bn. A and B Cos plus Tks in a coordinated Atk supported by Arty fire moved on GRAINCOURT. 2d Bn supported Atk by fire. At 1610 2d Bn ordered to send Res Co, F Co, to reinforce 1st Bn. C Co, 1st Bn, moved into AULNOIS. Co C 702d Tk Bn relieved Co D 702d Tk Bn at 1700 and Co D Tks returned to JEANDELINCOURT to wait further orders. 1st Bn reinforced by Co C 702d Tk Bn continued the Atk with B Co on the left, C Co in the center and A Co on the right. Met heavy enemy resistance in GRAINCOURT. Received counter-attack from enemy in GRAINCOURT on center company. Atk beaten off and 1st Bn organized and consolidated positions for the night. F Co 319th Inf occupied AULNOIS. 2d Bn, F Co, remained in present positions, 3d Bn remained in Regtl Res.

MOIVRONS 9 November 44

Mission: No change.

905th FA Bn reinforced by Cn Co 319th Inf and Co A, 808th TD Bn fired preparatory barrage 0600-0630 and then fired in Spt of Atk. 1st Bn Reinf with F Co and Co C, 702d Tk Bn continued Atk to complete the establishment of the bridgehead by mopping up GRAINCOURT and pushing to the East with C and A Cos. At 0615 1st Bn completed bridgehead organizing and consolidating line 954320 - 963320 - 269316 - 972304 with B Co on the left, Co C in the center, A Co on the right, and F Co in AULNOIS. Co C, 305th Engr Bn proceeded to build treadway Br at AULNOIS. Received orders to continue Adv and seize Southern half of DELME RIDGE. At 0945 3d Bn ordered to proceed East of river and take right sector of

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Regtl Zone of Adv. At 1055, 2d Bn less F Co, ordered to assemble Cos and proceed to AULNOIS by Br when completed by Engrs. Atk for DELME RIDGE jumped off at 1100 with two Bns abreast, 1st Bn Reinf by one Plat Tks on the left, and 3d Bn Reinf by one Plat Tks on the right. 2d Bn less F Co in Res Vic AULNOIS. F Co occupied ground from NW edge CRAINCOURT West to SEILLE RIVER to protect left flank of Regt. At 1130, 1st Bn captured intact Br at 965328 and proceeded to cross stream. Br mined, Mine Plat AT Co, 319th Inf, removed mines from Br. 3d Bn crossed line 987325-991320 at 1140 and continued to Adv. At 1504 1st Bn crossed line 965334-980327. At 1545 B Co at West edge of LIOCOURT, A Co at West edge of ALAINCOURT, and ed Bn at 993335. At 1615 Regtl fwd CP moved to CRAINCOURT. At 1630 L Co in PUZLEUX and K Co at base of DELME RIDGE with both Cos advancing. At 1730, 3d Bn was on objective organizing and consolidating position. At 1830, 1st Bn reached objective and began consolidating position, 2d Bn less F Co closed in Regtl Res position Vic AULNOIS at 1835.

CRAINCOURT - ALAINCOURT 10 November 44

Mission: To pursue hostile forces.

2d Bn moved from Vic AULNOIS to relieve 1st Bn. 1st Bn reverted to Regtl Res. 319th Inf attacked with two Bns abreast. 2d Bn Reinf by Co C, 702d Tk Bn, less one Plat, advanced on left; 3d Bn Reinf by one Plat Co C 702d Tk Bn, advanced on right; 1st Bn Regtl Res. Atk jumped off 100900A Nov. At 1030, 2d Bn advanced 300 yards into BOIS DE BACOURT received heavy MG and mortar fire. At 1030 3d Bn with three Cos abreast siezed XOCOURT and advanced to 005353 - 010340 - 013332. Bns reorganized and continued Adv with 3d Bn entering BOIS DE TINCERY at 1255. At 1335, 2d Bn leading Elms 300 yards from East edge BOIS DE BACOURT and continued Adv. At 1350, K and I Cos reached East edge of BOIS DE TINCERY and L Co advanced 200 yards East of stream RAU DE LANPE. At 1455, F and G Cos cleared woods and made preparations to Atk Hill 328. At 1500, K Co occupied Hill 326, I Co extended K Co line to South and L Co prepared to Atk TINCERY. 3d Bn held up by enemy fire from Hill 328. 2d Bn attacked and seized Hill 328 at 1610 with F Co on the right and G on the left and began consolidating position. Ordered to hold for the night. L Co siezed TINCERY and advanced 200 yards to East of town. 3d Bn ordered to consolidate positions and hold for the night. 3d Bn tied in with G Co 137th Inf at 035343. 1st Bn remained in Regtl Res with A and B Cos occupying position on DELME RIDGE. At 1235, 319th Inf recieved orders to continue Adv at 110800A November 44.

ALAINCOURT - BACOURT 11 November 44

Mission: 319th Inf continues Adv to the NE.

319th Inf Adv jumped off at 110800A November with two Bns abreast. At 0900 3d Bn with I Co on the left and L Co on the right were atop HOCHBERG HILL and sweeping woods. K Co in Res Vic Hill 326. 2d Bn placed 15 minute Arty concentration on BACOURT commencing at 0915 and advanced on town at 0920. Tks to Spt Atk of BACOURT from SW. E Co swung around left flank of G Co and made Atk on town. F and G Cos Spt E Co in Atk by fire from Hill 328. Tks slowed down by mine field vic 025364. At 0945, E Co was in BACOURT and at 0955 they outposted town. At 1015, 3d Bn advanced I Co on East nose of HOCHBERG HILL, L Co on SE nose. At 1035, 1st Bn ordered to move from Res positions Vic DELME RIDGE to East sector BOIS DE TINCERY. At 1245, I Co entered PREVOCOURT and at 1300 L Co began mopping up HANOCOURT. At 1510, leading Elms of 2d Bn reached NIED RIVER and

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began preparation of positions on high ground West of river. At 1500, 1st Bn closed in new area. 3d Bn completed mopping up of PREVOUCOURT and HANOCOURT and moved East to line ST JEAN FARM to HANOCOURT with I on the left, L on the right and K in Res. Bns consolidated positions for the night.

BACOURT 12 November 44

Mission: To continue Atk to the NE.

319th planned to cross NIED RIVER at FREMERY following CCA 4th Arm. Due to changes in Armad plans, 319th Inf decided to force crossing of NIED RIVER on foot bridge Vic. FREMERY. Order of crossing: 3d Bn, 1st Bn, 2 Plats Co A 808th TD Bn, 2 Plats AT Co, and 2 squads Co B 633d AAA Bn to Spt crossing and establish bridgehead from Vic HOCHBERG. Cn Co and 905th FA Bn to Spt Adv by fire. 2d Bn to Spt Atk by fire from present position. At 1625, 3d Bn had 2 Cos across NIED RIVER and had taken FREMERY and moved NE toward high ground, met little resistance. 1st Bn crossed behind 3d Bn and Adv N on LUCY. 1st Bn 318th Inf crossed into 319th Inf zone to assist in seizure of LUCY. At 1700 1st Bn 318th Inf entered LUCY. Spt units of 319th Inf ordered to withdraw to original positions held before Atk. At 1810, 3d Bn ordered to consolidate and hold for the night. Position 083369 - 087266 - 086364. 1st Bn entered LUCY at 1850. Bns held in position for the night to continue Adv 13 November 44.

BACOURT - LUCY 13 November 44

Mission: To continue Adv to NE.

At 0700, 3d Bn ordered to sweep BOIS DE LUCY. At 0830 3d Bn had swept to East sector of woods and 1st Bn had advanced 300 yards into BOIS DE BARRON. At 0910 3d Bn had cleared BOIS DE LUCY and had assembled the Bn in the NE sector of the woods. Co C 248th C Engr Bn to build Br at 061382. At 1030, 3d Bn was ordered to Adv and seize CHICOURT. At 1230 1st Bn reached NE sector of BOIS DE BARRON with two Cos. At 1325, 3d Bn was in CHICOURT and mopping up. At 1440 the town was completely cleared. 2d Bn ordered to move from BACOURT to cross Br at 061382 and move to FREMERY. 2d Bn Trs cleared Br at 1500. Regtl Fwd CP moved to LUCY at 1615. 2d Bn closed in FREMERY at 1645 and sent F Co to outpost line 093374 - 103373. 1st Bn outposted East sector of BOIS DE BARRON with two Plats and withdrew the remainder of the Bn to LESSE, closing at 1600. Regtl Rear CP closed in new CP at 1715. 2d Bn sent 3d patrols through BOIS DE CHICOURT and finding no enemy withdrew F Co into Bn position. All Bns held positions for the night.

LUCY 14 - 15 November 44

Mission: To continue Adv.

At 110840A November 44, 2d Bn began to Adv through BOIS DE CHICOURT and at 1240 advanced to 120383. At 1112, 2d Bn reached the East edge of the woods. C Co 1st Bn came in on the left of 2d Bn, B Co advanced on the left of C Co and moved independently. I & R Plat patrolled to the front of 2d Bn sector for possible river crossings. At 1345, 1st Bn reached objective, high ground East of BRULANGE - DESTRY Road. 2d Bn reached objective, high ground East of BRULANGE-DESTRY Road, after continuing to Adv East from East edge of BOIS DE CHICOURT and meeting little resistance starting at 1400. At 1550 1st Bn ordered to put one Co

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across river in BRULANGE. At 1615 2d Bn had put E Co across ROTTE RIVER in SUISSE via foot bridge Vic town. At 1635 information received concerning enemy armor Atk from Vic 200433-187433-186428 in direction of LANDROFF. A task force of 6th Armr at BRULANGE sent to Spt Elms of 6th Armr in LANDROFF. At 1650 E and G Cos were in SUISSE. At 1950 1st Bn had A Co in BRULANGE. At 1950, H Co moved into SUISSE. 2d Bn received counter-attack at 1950 and repulsed it. 3d Bn remained Vic of CHICOURT. Bns consolidated positions for the night receiving harrassing Arty.

At 150300A November 14, a German Atk developed Vic LANDROFF and Division requested 2d Bn 319th Inf send a Co to Reinf 6th Armr Elms in LANDROFF. E Co 2d Bn 319th Inf closed in LANDROFF at 0430 and enemy Atk was stopped. 3d Bn moved according to plan at 0800 and cleared CHICOURT at 0845 to proceed to LANDROFF. 2d Bn moved remainder of troops to LANDROFF. A German counter-attack developed from high ground generally NW of LANDROFF. 1st Bn moved into position East of BRULANGE and 2d Bn held a line from SUISSE to LANDROFF. 1st Bn Reinf by Co C, 702d Tks attacked ridge to NW of LANDROFF. At 1720, 1st Bn reached objective and began consolidating positions on the ridge with A Co on the left, B Co on the right and C Co in Res in SUISSE. 2d Bn held positions: F Co West of LANDROFF and tied in with B Co, G Co to North of town and E Co to East of town. 3d Bn in Res position in DESTRY.

LUCY 16 November 14

Mission: To continue the Adv.

The 319th Inf planned a coordinated Atk with CCA 6th Armr. 3d Bn moved to assembly area from DESTRY, Vic NE edge BOIS DE BRULANGE and closed in this area at 0915. 1st Bn Reinf by one Plat Co C, 702d Tk Bn launched Atk from present position and moved off ridge to NE at 1012. 2d Bn held up Atk pending movement of the armor. At 1145, 1st Bn C Co on the left and B Co on the right reached line 160445-172437 and established contact with the 318th Inf on the left. The armor moved into position and fired on EINCHEVILLE. At 1210, G Co jumped off to sweep North edge BOIS DE ZANTE, one Plat Co C, 702d Tk Bn Adv on the right of G Co, E Co on the right flank. Elms of the armor Adv on CHEMERY. E and G Co advanced rapidly meeting little resistance and reached base of Hill 309 at 1330. Here heavy SA fire held up Adv. Co B prepared to follow Armor in EINCHEVILLE. At 1348, A Co moved from reserve position to RJ 307.3 and C Co moved on CHEMERY to relieve Elms of the 318th Inf in the town. At 1450, 3d Bn alerted to move to LANDROFF. At 1500, F Co moved NE to sweep BOIS DE EINCHEVILLE and occupy BOUSTROFF. At 1715, F Co 100 yards from North edge of woods. At 1745, 2d Bn had one Plat G Co in VILLER and 2 Plats in position on high ground west of VILLER. E Co on high ground 135437, F Co had two Plats in BOUSTROFF and one Plat on high ground SW of town. One Plat C Co 702d Tk Bn to reinforce left flank of 2d Bn. 1st Bn less A Co plus one Plat Co C 702d Tk Bn occupied ADELANGE and outposted high ground to West contacting C Co. C Co occupied CHEMERY contacting 318th Inf and outposted to the East contacting A Co. B Co occupied EINCHEVILLE. 3d Bn moved to LANDROFF and outposted town. Armor held up for night vic LANDROFF. VILLER and BOUSTROFF.

JARDIN DE MANY 17 - 18 November 14

Mission: To make a reconnaissance in force of high ground to the SE of VILLERS and to sweep to the South and SW of town and to investigate HANFRICH; to seize and hold high ground 190460-205455-225445.

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3d Bn 319th Inf ordered to send a Reinf Co to sweep through BOIS DE ZANTE and continue down ridge SE of VILLERS, sweep woods just South of Villers and then sweep LE HAUT BOIS and continue into HARPRICH. At 1255, I Co moved out of LANDROFF on mission. At 1410, I Co had advanced to 1000 yards South of VILLERS on ridge and had met no resistance. At 1500, I Co had swept wood just South of VILLERS and found no enemy. At 1520, I Co displaced to sweep LE HAUT BOIS. As the Co advanced into woods they received automatic fire from high ground in the woods and 20mm fire from Vic HARPRICH. I Co called for Arty on HARPRICH and high ground in woods. Arty fired mission. I Co withdrew from woods due to darkness, reorganized and planned to withdraw to high ground just South of VILLERS, consolidate positions and planned to tie in on their left Bn their left flank with ground just South of VILLERS consolidate positions and planned to withdraw to LANDROFF. At 2100, I Co closed in LANDROFF. The 1st and 2d Bns improved positions.

At 181045A November 14, 3d Bn 319th Inf reinforced by Co C 702d Tk Bn advanced from LANDROFF to assembly area BOIS DE WINCHEVILLE. At 1200 L Co jumped off and advanced on woods at 195446. Arty and mortar placed on LE GRAND BISCHWALD and the town of VAHL LES FAULQUEMONT in Spt of the Adv. At 1230, I and K Cos jumped off and advanced NE of BOUSTROFF. At 1250, L Co reached 1st objective; I and K Cos made preparations to Atk Hill 291 after a smoke barrage. At 1315, I and K Cos were on Hill 291. K Co held position and I Co sent a Plat to relieve and hold L Cos position. L Co then started Adv through LE GRAND BISCHWALD woods with K Co protecting the left flank. L Co reached Hill 271.1 and sent a Plat to seize and hold high ground at 220445. I Co then sent a Plat to relieve and hold the ground that the Plat from L Co occupied. At 1715, 3d Bn occupied high ground and consolidated position with K Co on the left with contact with 1st Bn, L Co in the center and one Plat I Co on the right. The remainder of I Co in town of VILLERS. 2d Bn received orders to move troops to VILLERS and closed in the town at 1715. 1st Bn relieved A Co with B Co, and A Co reverted to Bn Res Vic WINCHEVILLE. One Plat A Co filled gap between B and K Cos. The Regt consolidated positions for the night and conducted vigorous patrolling to the front and flanks.

LANDROFF 19 November 44

Mission: To hold present bridgehead.

319th Inf continued improvement of present position. Regtl CP moved to LANDROFF and closed at 1130. Conducted vigorous night patrolling to the front and flanks of the Regimental Zone.

LANDROFF 20 November 44

Mission: To gain contact with enemy.

319th Inf advanced with two Bns, 3d Bn on the right, 1st Bn on the left, to extend MLK to high ground running generally 176467-183470-204473-229468. At 1200, L Co jumped off and advanced through woods. I Co moved out on the right of L Co. At 1320, L Co reached objective and I Co was approaching their objective, met no resistance. At 1230, 1st Bn jumped off with B Co on the left and A Co on the right. At 1350, B Co achieved objective, Hill 296.6, and A Co moved on hill 201469. At 1410, 1st and 3d Bns held objective and reorganized and prepared to continue advance as per order to seize and occupy VAHL LES

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FAULQUEMONT, GUESSLING HEMERING, HEMERING and cross river and sieze and occupy PONT PIERRE. At 1455, B Co reached South edge of VAHL LES FAULQUEMONT and A Co swung right of town to seize high ground to the North. At 1530, 3d Bn jumped off in advance on GUESSLING-HEMERING, L on the left, I on the right. At 1540, 1st Bn had siezed town and were advancing to high ground to the North. A Co sent strong combat patrol to investigate possible river crossing and to enter town of PONTPIERRE to determine if enemy was present. At 1610, 3d Bn occupied GUESSLING-HEMERING and pushed on to high ground to the North and NE. L Co sent strong combat patrol to PONTPIERRE. At 1650, 1st Bn occupied PONTPIERRE and were moving remainder of Bn into town. Main Br from South side of river to town reported blown. Bns consolidate positions with 1st Bn in PONTPIERRE.

VILLER 21 November 44

Mission: Hold present position.

319th Inf (Reinf) continued to improve positions. At 1400, Regt CP moved to VILLER and opened at 1430. At 1640, 319th Inf received orders to occupy, organize and defend MGR 183534-191498-217485. At 1650, 1st Bn ordered to move from PONTPIERRE and outpost MGR from 183534-191498 and hold remainder of 1st Bn in VAHL LES FAULQUEMONT. 1st Bn to move out immediately. At 1705, 3d Bn given new order and told to extend line to the West on high ground and tied in with 1st Bn at 191498. Arrangements made between 1st Bn 319th and 318th Inf not to effect relief of 318th Inf until daylight 22 November 44. 3d Bn extended left flank. 1st Bn closed in FAULQUEMONT at 212300 November 44. 2d Bn remained in her position in VILLER. Bns held positions for the night.

FAULQUEMONT 22 November 44

Mission: To hold present line.

1st Bn 319th Inf relieved Elms of 318th Inf on position and outposted their sector with A Co and one Plat B Co. 3d Bn outposted their sector with K Co and placed one squad in East edge of HEMERING. At 1445, Regt CP opened at FAULQUEMONT. At 1910, received an order from Division to assemble Regt and attachments less outpost of 1st Bn in FAULQUEMONT early 23 November 44 and to be prepared to move on one hour notice. Orders issued verbally to Bns, Special Units and attachments to initiate move to FAULQUEMONT from present positions early morning of the 23 November 44.

FAULQUEMONT 23 - 24 November 44

Mission: To outpost, occupy and hold line 172547-190546-197533.

3d Bn moved to FAULQUEMONT. A Co and one Plat and one squad B Co remained on present position. C Co outposted line 172547-183533. 2d and 3d Bn remained Vic FAULQUEMONT.

At 240531A November 44, 2d Bn moved out of FAULQUEMONT to complete mission of holding high ground North of REDLACH and North of TRITTELING and relieve C Co 319th Inf. At 0730, F Co had passed through REFLACH and approached objective, G Co had reached TRITTELING, E Co and 2d Bn Pwd CP went to COLIENHOLTZ FARM. G Co on high ground North of TRITTELING at 0800, F Co ran into enemy fire from Vic Hill 400. F Co advanced on Hill 400 with Spt from Tks but received fire from pillbox located to left front. C Co relieved at 0800 and returned to FAULQUEMONT. E Co and 2d Bn Pwd CP moved into REDLACH at 1230. At 1603, one

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Plat Co B, 610th TD Bn (SP) Reinf 2d Bn. Enemy strong point in F Co sector not reduced as of 1630. At 1600, the 317th Inf relieved A Co, 319th Inf, and A Co returned to FAULQUEMONT. 2d Bn established contact with 317th Inf at GOLDENHORN FARM. At 2400, the pill box in F Co area had not been reduced. 1st and 3d Bns remained Vic FAULQUEMONT.

REDLACH 25 November 44.

Mission: To continue Adv.

3d Bn moved off at 0715 to get in position to jump off with 2d Bn. At 0800 the 2d Bn and 3d Bn jumped off with 2d Bn on the left. 2d Bn met heavy resistance from Hill 400. Pill box at Hill 400 knocked out and 2d Bn continued Adv through BOIS DE STOCKEN. 3d Bn advanced I Co to 190952 and L Co in LAUDREFANG. At 0915, 2d Bn advanced to BAMBIDERSTROFF-LAUDREFANG Rd and F Co moved to occupy and mop up Hill 400. At 1030, 2d Bn prepared to Atk EINSSELLINGER RIDGE and 3d Bn prepared to Atk Hill 371 from which heavy enemy fire had temporarily halted 3d Bn Adv. By 1115, 2d Bn had advanced beyond EINSSELLINGER RIDGE and Adv to Hill 298 and prepared to dig in pending 3d Bn Adv. 3d Bn took FT QUATRE VENTS by 1150 and received heavy flanking fire from Hill 392 in 317th Inf sector. 1st Bn alerted to relieve Res Co of 2d Bn on EINSSELLINGER RIDGE. Res Co of 3d Bn on Hill 371 and one Co on Hill 400. 317th moved against Hill 392 and flanking fire on 3d Bn stopped. At 1315 2d and 3d Bns continued to Adv. 2d Bn held up outside of LONGEVILLE by fire from Hill 310. 3d Bn moved TDs in position to fire on Hill 310. By 1515, 1st Bn had effected reliefs. Air strikes requested on Hills 345, 322 and 310, and carried out. At 1655, 2d Bn was in LONGEVILLE and established strong points on Hill 310 and high ground 220580 and Rd blocks leading into town from North, South and West and contained enemy in East sector of town. 3d Bn held high ground to the SE of LONGEVILLE. 1st Bn maintained positions. Regtl CP moved from FAULQUEMONT to REDLACH. The 319th Inf had captured four MAGINOT LINE forts: FT EINSSELLINGER, North and South FORT OF EINSSELLINGER and QUATRE VENTS FORT.

REDLACH - LONGEVILLE 26 November 44

Mission: To continue Adv.

2d Bn continued mopping up LONGEVILLE and moved into position for jump off of 319th Inf Adv. Atk continued at 260800A November 44 with 905th FA Bn (Reinf) firing a 15 minute concentration. 2d Bn Atk with two Cos abreast, E Co on the left, F Co on the right and G Co in LONGEVILLE. 3d Bn Atk with K Co on the left, L Co on the right and I Co in Res. C Co was sent to LONGEVILLE to relieve G Co and was Atchd to 2d Bn. A Co ordered to move one Plat to Vic Hill 313 to contain any threat from DOURDHAL. At 0930, 2d Bn was astride Hill 268 and received heavy fire from woods on left flank. At 0945, C Co entered LONGEVILLE and relieved G Co. At 0955, 3d Bn advanced to 232563 and received heavy fire. At 1040 the Fwd CP of 319th Inf moved to LONGEVILLE and opened at 1105. At 1240, 2d Bn advanced to 233577-233574 and 3d Bn advanced to 240559-238563. Tks and TDs held up by Rd blocks and muddy terrain. At 1530, 1st Bn was ordered to investigate DOURDHAL. 1st Bn occupied the town of DOURDHAL. Both assault Bns received heavy fire from direct fire weapons and automatics and rifles. At 1700, the Bns held high ground west of ST AVOLD. The Bns received orders to stop the Adv for the night and consolidate positions. At 1925, received new boundary 249550 East to RR then follow the RR NW. C Co

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motorized and sent to right flank and assembled Vic VALMONT. 3d Bn relieved by 1st Bn (-) on position, and 3d Bn retired to Vic Hill 371. Bn positions for the night were: 2d Bn, 228582-230580-228574-225575; G Co outposted LONGEVILLE; 1st Bn occupied 3d Bn's field works with 2 Cos. Bns consolidated positions for the night and prepared to continue Atk in the morning.

LONGEVILLE LES ST AVOLD 27 November 44

Mission: Continue Adv to the East.

Co C 1st Bn motorized and moved to Vic VALMONT to be in position for Atk on ST AVOLD. A and B Cos relieved 3d Bn on position and 3d Bn reverted to Regt Res Vic Hill 371. G Co Atchd to 1st Bn for Atk on ST AVOLD. 1st Bn (Reinf) jumped off at 0900 with B and C Cos attacking ST AVOLD from the South. G Co advanced on city from the West and A Co covered Atk by fire from present position. E Co supported the Atk by fire. At 1000, B Co was in center of city and met no resistance. At 1300, 1st Bn and 2d Bn moved to East side of city meeting no resistance. At 1445, 2d and 1st Bns continued Adv to the East. At 1520, the leading Elms of 2d Bn advanced to 275505. At 1600 Regt CP moved to ST AVOLD. At 1630, 1st Bn advanced to forward slope of Hill 320. 2d and 3d Bns ordered to hold positions for the night. 3d Bn took up positions on North and East flank of ST AVOLD for the night.

SENGBUSCH 28 November 44

Mission: To continue Adv.

2d and 3d Bns jumped off at 280800A November 44. 2d Bn had advanced to Hill 309. At 1020, 1st Bn advanced to approximately 500 yards East of 2d Bn. 2d Bn received orders to hold up advance on Hills 309 and 315. 1st Bn to halt at 317600. 2d Bn received orders to occupy high ground Hills 309, 315 and 306; 1st Bn to take positions from 332591 to 360593 with the mission to defend facing North. 2d Bn reported light resistance while moving to new position. 1st Bn encountered stiffer resistance as they moved to occupy new positions at 1800. B Co siezed JENNING LES ST AVOLD and occupied town. A Co was to the South and SE of town. Co C extended from BETTING LES ST AVOLD to BENNING LES ST AVOLD. 2d Bn occupied line from 295597-302604-316600 and tied in with 1st Bn at 331594. 3d Bn remained vic ST AVOLD.

SENGBUSCH 29 - 30 November 44.

Mission: To protect North flank of Division.

At 290730A November 44, A Co 1st Bn, 319th Inf advanced through woods at 350590 to tie in with C Co and extend 1st Bn's line to 360598. At 0840 A Co was through woods and on position. At 0850, 3d Bn ordered to move from ST AVOLD to HELLERINGEN. 317th Inf on our right flank received numerous counter-attacks and all units of the 319th Inf were alerted. At 1140, 3d Bn foot troops closed in new area. Front line Bns continued to improve positions.

On 30 November 1944, Bns continued to improve present positions.

SECTION II - Intelligence Operations (S-2)

For this period beginning 1 November 1944, there was almost a continuous attack on the enemy which forced him back to the high ground S of FORBACH and to the high ground N and S of PFARREBERSWEILER. It was here that the phase ended.

The enemy had occupied the general area N of the SIELLE RIVER. It was reported that the enemy had taken advantage of our defense period, and had reinforced their positions, and had prepared minefields very carefully all along what they considered our route of attack. Old World War I fortifications had been repaired, and all commanding terrain was occupied. The enemy was determined, in spite of PW reports to the contrary, to resist our attack to the last.

It had been reported that DEIME RIDGE was to be the strong point of resistance, and observed activity and installations seemed to bear out the report.

Our attack took the towns of LETRICOURT, ABAUCOURT, AULNOIS and CRAIN COURT. At CRAIN COURT the enemy counter-attacked our 1st Bn. The enemy had brought in to our sector 100 men for the specific purpose of making a counter-attack. Of these enemy, 27 were taken prisoner and many were killed. After we took CRAIN COURT, the enemy withdrew E to DEIME RIDGE. The rapidity of our attack prevented the enemy from blowing several small bridges and forced him back in a state of considerable confusion.

The pursuit of the enemy continued and he was forced from DEIME RIDGE before he could occupy it properly. Our troops pursued the fleeing enemy by fire and inflicted many casualties. A total of 165 PW's were taken.

E from DEIME RIDGE the enemy counter-attacked several times with armor at LANDROFF but were repulsed and 88 PW's were taken. The 127th Inf and CT Langenfeld bore the brunt of our attack and suffered many casualties. The enemy continued his stubborn resistance to our attack, and strong points were located in every piece of commanding ground.

It was impossible to use our full strength against the enemy due to the terrain which was soft and soggy because of the continued rain.

Our attack continued and drove the enemy still farther to the East. 32 PW's were taken again from the 127th Inf and CT Langenfeld. The PW reports were that this Regiment and CT were badly mauled.

Enemy morale was low for the most part and even officer PW's were more inclined to talk. Many were just out of hospitals and were thrown together quickly to stop our advance.

Elements of the 110th and 111th Inf of the 11th Pz Div were taken PW, and it was evident that the present forces to our front were not adequate to stop our advance. 13 PW's were taken and our attack continued.

Intelligence Operations (Cont'd)

At this point our troops continued N and E to PAULQUEMONT where new sectors were given us. In the attack to the NE, we took a total of 545 PW's including 6 officers. In this attack, the MAGINOT LINE was penetrated and FTS LAUDREFANG and QUATRE VENTS were taken, as were the towns of LAUDREFANG and DOURDHAL and LONGEVILLE. The 36th Inf Div was encountered and according to all reports was thoroughly decimated.

At ST AVOLD the enemy occupied the town and the high ground N and SE of the town, and made it very hard to take. In addition to blowing craters and forming road blocks, the enemy had set time bombs in many of the buildings. An enemy agent was captured who gave us considerable information concerning these time bombs. Of a reported total of 30 such bombs only 3 were found. One time bomb had 250 lbs. of explosive while another had 600 lbs. This agent was turned over to higher Hq. for questioning.

The enemy had taken most of the German population with him in his retreat, and few anti-allied individuals were found, although the civilian population cannot be termed too friendly in this area. Strict rules and regulations are in force. Many displaced persons such as Poles, Russians and Slavs have been evacuated. Many German deserters have been picked up in civilian clothes.

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SECTION III - Logistics, supply procedure, problems (S-4).

1. Class I (Rations)

- a. Ration requests were submitted to Regtl S-4 daily for issuance 72 hours later. Requests were consolidated and forwarded to Div QM daily.
- b. Requests for rations showed the effective strength of the requesting units and the type of rations desired. Whenever possible, "B" rations were issued to the reserve units.
- c. All units were required to maintain a three (3) day reserve for emergency. In the event that the reserve became depleted, a separate request was submitted indicating that the rations were for the purpose of maintaining the three (3) day reserve.
- d. All troops were warned that captured enemy foods and beverages would not be consumed except upon release by a medical officer who would check for the possibility of poison having been placed therein.

2. Water.

- a. All troops were warned that water secured from other than authorized water points will be chlorinated or boiled before using.
- b. Whenever available, water for use by troops was drawn from WPs set up by Army or Div Engineers. Units had sufficient Calcium Hypochlorite to purify water drawn from any sources available in the event that there was not an Army or Div Engineer WP.
- c. Difficulty was encountered in securing usable water due to the high water during the month caused by heavy rains. Large quantities of surface water filled the streams contaminating the water.

3. Class II.

- a. All unit requisitions for Class II supplies were cleared through each Bn S-4. Special Unit Companies submitted requisitions individually to Regtl S-4.
- b. Requisitions submitted were checked to see that the following were correct:
 - (1) Correct nomenclature was used.
 - (2) Tarrif sizes on clothing requisitions were used.
 - (3) SNL groups and stock numbers were shown for ordnance items.
 - (4) Only one class of property was shown.
 - (5) That basis for requisition was shown and requisition did not exceed authorized allowances.
- c. When the property was drawn it was broken down to units and issued on a tally out.
- d. Upon receipt of equipment, units had to turn in all salvage that the new equipment replaced. Salvage was segregated into like items, bundled, and turned in to the Regtl Field Train, where it was in turn consolidated into bundles and turned in to the Class I truckhead.

4. Class III.

- a. Gasoline was issued to units on a can for can exchange basis.
- b. Oils and greases were issued to units from stock on hand at the Regtl Field Train.

SECTION III - Logistics, supply, problems (contd).

5. Class V.

- a. Third Army Scale basic loads of ammunition was maintained by units at all times.
- b. Requests for maintenance quantities were submitted to the Regtl Amunitions Officer at the Regtl Field when required. Requests contained a certificate signed by an officer that the request did not exceed the basic load.

6. Evacuation.

- a. Deceased: Evacuated as near as possible to an axis of communication and the Graves Registration Officer was notified as to the location of the bodies. The collecting point was usually located in the vicinity of the medical collecting point.
- b. Prisoners: Evacuated to Division PWE as soon as possible after interrogation by the Combat Team PWE.
- c. Materiel: Motor vehicles and weapons were evacuated by units to the Field Train if possible. If not possible, the S-4 was advised as the location and personnel from the Field Train evacuated the vehicle or weapon, to the 780th Ord Co.

7. General.

- a. An automatic initial issue of combat boots was received during the month. Units submitted requisitions to Regtl S-4 and boots were issued to equip units as far as sizes would permit. Boots not available were requisitioned from Division QM.
- b. Due to the number of cases of immersion foot in the Regt, socks were made available for issue on the basis of one (1) pair per man per day. Socks were issued to Battalion's and Special Unit Companies on an exchange basis; for every dirty pair turned in a clean pair was issued.
- c. The availability of gasoline was greatly improved during the month.
- d. Six (6) 2-1/2 ton trucks, four (4) SWB and two (2) LWB, were drawn in excess of the authorized allowance for the purpose of transporting duffle bags. Trucks were in poor mechanical condition and short tools, chains, bows, taps, pioneer equipment and spare tires.
- e. Much difficulty was encountered in obtaining truck tires, tubes, and hot patches. In many instances the shortage was critical to the extent of hampering military operations. Due to the shortage it was necessary to take trucks to the field train and strip tires from trailers in order to keep the trucks in operations. Hot patches were not issued in sufficient quantities to make distribution to battalions and special unit companies, making it necessary for trucks to return to the field train to repair flat tires. There were from thirty (30) to fifty (50) flat tires per day in this organization.
- f. Difficulty was encountered in meeting schedules due to roads and bridges. In many instances one-way bridges held up convoys for long periods of time. In some cases roads were not passable due to high waters.
- g. Difficulty was encountered on laundry service. In several instances laundry was taken to QM laundry units and could not be turned in even though the S-4 had been notified that service was available to this orgn. This resulted in a waste of time, transportation, and manpower that could have be utilized effectively elsewhere.

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SECTION IV - Personnel and Allied Administrative Procedures. (S-1).

1. Replacements.

Difficulty has been experienced in receiving needed replacements to fill vacancies. This is due no doubt to their unavailability. However, it is felt that replacements should be received in sufficient time prior to the launching of a large scale attack, to permit training in minor tactics and to allow the men to learn their commanders and the men in their units.

Since there has been a shortage of medical replacements, this organization has transferred riflemen into the Medical Detachment to fill vacancies. This has proven to be sound as the former riflemen are now the best men the Medical Detachment has.

2. Recreation.

The most popular form of entertainment is the Red Cross Mobile Canteens. More could be used.

3. Administration.

The policy of maintaining the entire S-1 Section at the forward command post has proven worthwhile, inasmuch as this personnel accomplishes the greater part of the paper work for tactical commanders thereby relieving them of burdensome details.

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