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To : Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division, APO #80,
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The following report (After Action) from S-3, 317th Infantry Regiment, is submitted in compliance with section III, 2a, Memo #64, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 24 August 1944.

1 October - At 1230 CG ordered Regt to take SIVAY by 030800A Oct 44. 1st Bn moved to new assembly area 1 mile W of MONTENOT. 2d and 3d Bn continued to organize defensive positions. G Co was selected to take SIVAY.

2 October - Regt continued to improve and strengthen defensive position.

3 October - 0345 G Co moved out. Enemy Arty was intense but inaccurate as a result of our Arty smoking their observation. However, the Arty fire kept the Co communication lines out most of the day. By 0530, G Co had taken one street in the SE edge of SIVAY. Enemy forces were estimated to be one (1) company. Approximately two-thirds of the town was controlled by G Co at 0800. At this time, the CG of G Co called for additional ammunition and rations. Resupply and evacuation was extremely difficult during daylight and was only effective after dark. CG of G Co reported the town captured at 1800. Enemy Arty fell constantly throughout the night. Regt (+ G Co) continued to improve defensive positions.

4 October - At 0300 the Germans placed a heavy arty concentration on SIVAY and launched an attack with two (2) battalions. Co F was completely surrounded by 0800, and Co E was ordered to assist Co G. Co A met heavy arty fire while approaching SIVAY, and then extremely heavy small arms fire when they reached the edge of town. Two (2) Platoons entered the town from the SW by infiltration, and were met with heavy cross fire. It was 1500 before the other two Platoons made contact with the remainder of the Co. At 1830, our troops were ordered to evacuate SIVAY. The Regt (-G and E Co) continued to improve its' defensive position.

5 October - The Regt sent strong patrols out to MONTENOT and vicinity. The Regt continued to strengthen its' defensive position.

6 October - 3d Bn was relieved by 2d Bn of the 319th Inf, completing at 0510. Strong patrolling was conducted all along the front.

Co B was relieved in the line by Co E at 2000. Received Div order for future attack.

7 October - The Regt continued to defend and strengthen its defensive position, and reorganize for an attack.

8 October - 1st Bn launched an attack at 0600, with the mission of seizing Hill 400 (RT ST JEAN). By 0730, the battalion had seized objective and was in process of organizing position. 2d Bn supported the attack by fire on RT ST JEAN and RT BOULON from reserve position, and then moved to vicinity Villa du Val, where it was motorized and became Division reserve. 3d Bn attacked at 0615, with the mission of seizing Hill 407 (RT ST JEAN) and relieve elements of the 6th Armd Div at MOIVREUX and LAI COUHT. At 0710, they were on S slope of objective, ceasing M3 and SA fire. By 1530 objective was taken. C4 I was sent to relieve C4V at MOIVREUX at 0900, and set heavy M3 and SA fire E of town. After fighting their way into the town, they relieved C4B about 1305.

9 October - At 0600, the 1st Bn followed by the 3d Bn, advanced behind CGA 6th Armd Div, with mission of seizing objective vicinity LAI COUHT. The objective was reached late in the afternoon, and CGA was relieved. 2d Bn (motorized) remained in Div Reserve.

10 October - Regt (-2d Bn Div Reserve) organized its positions for the defense.

11 October - Regt (-2d Bn Div Reserve) continued to occupy and improve defensive position.

12 October - Regt (-2d Bn Div Reserve) continued to occupy and improve defensive position. Orders were received assigning new sector of defense to Regt upon relief by 318th Inf.

13 October - 1st Bn, relieved by 3d Bn 318th Inf at 0200, moved by marching to OPL, where it instructed for movement to new sector. Closed in position at 1430. 2d Bn relieved Div Reserve, and moved by marching to new sector. 3d Bn moved by motor and closed in position at 0330. Regt relieved 318th Inf with 2d and 3d Bn in line.

14 October - Regt continued to occupy and improve defensive position.

15 October - No Change.

16 October - No Change.

17 October - 1st Bn moved to PONT a MOUSON in Regt Reserve.

18 October - 1st Bn relieved 3d Bn in line. 3d Bn moved to PONT a MOUSON. Our front line (OPL) was pulled back to high ground E of the SAILLE river, and the OPL remained generally along river from vicinity CHATEAU to LAI COUHT.

19 October - Regt continued to develop hostile positions by patrolling. Defensive positions were improved and strengthened.

20 October - No Change

21 October - No Change

22 October - Continued to occupy and defend defensive position and develop hostile position by patrolling. Technical and Tactical Training was conducted.

23 October - No Change

24 October - No Change

25 October - 3d BN relieved 2d BN in line during the hours of darkness and 2d BN moved to PERM a POSITION.

26 October - Continued to occupy and improve defensive positions. Active patrolling was conducted to front and flanks. Technical and Tactical Training was conducted.

27 October - No Change

28 October - No Change

29 October - No Change

30 October - No Change

31 October - No Change