

**BOTH INFANTRY DIVISION**

**SUMMARY OF OPERATIONS**

**1 - 31 OCT 44**

**SECTION**

**EXPANSION OF THE BRIDGEHEAD  
EAST OF THE MOSELLE RIVER.....I**

**CONSOLIDATION OF DEFENSIVE  
POSITIONS WEST OF THE  
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EXPANSION OF THE BRIDGEHEAD EAST OF THE MOSELLE RIVER

October

1st

Units continued to develop and strengthen defensive positions. Active patrolling was conducted in all regimental sectors.

The 318th Inf using a reinforced rifle platoon reconnoitered in the vicinity of SERRIERS (864282). The patrol developed hostile positions NW and W of the town.

2d

The 318th Infantry launched local attacks to extend the MLR within their sector. RENNAISSANCE FME (856327), 4 FERS (8632) and the Eastern tip of woods (860308) were the objectives.

Elements attacking 4 FERS and PENAISSANCE FME met heavy hostile resistance and did not capture their objectives. The wooded area (8630) was cleared of enemy.

The 319th Infantry employing L Co attacked RENAISSANCE FME at 1040 after an artillery preparation and direct fire from tank destroyers were placed on the farm buildings. The objective was seized shortly thereafter against slight hostile opposition.

The 317th Infantry employing Co G attacked the enemy held town of SIVRY (875268). Heavy hostile resistance was encountered and overcome; the locality was seized after an eight hour engagement.

3d

Infantry units continued to improve and strengthen defensive positions. The regimental boundary between 317th and 318th Infs was adjusted, elements of the 318th Inf relieving elements of the 219th Inf at RENAISSANCE FME.

4th

At 0300 G Co of the 317th Infantry occupying SIVRY received a hostile counterattack. E Co was committed at 1030. Heavy fighting within the town continued throughout the day. Shortly after darkness B and G Cos, upon order, broke contact, and consolidated positions on the high ground S of the town.

The 1st Bn relieved the 2d Bn on the MLR and the latter reverted to Regimental reserve.

The sectors of the 318th and the 319th Infs were quiet.

The town of MOIVRON (905260) was bombed and strafed by P47s.

The 328th Inf was attached to the 80th Inf Div.

October

5th

Infantry regiments began to readjust positions in preparation for an attack to be launched on 8 Oct.

The 328th Inf closed in the Division area at 1530. During the hours of darkness the 3d Bn of the 328th Inf relieved the 2d Bn 319th Inf. 2d Bn 319th Inf relieved 3d Bn 318th Inf.

MOIVRON and SIVRY were heavily shelled by 4.2 mortars of the Co C 86th Cml Bn.

6th

The 80th Div sector was quiet during this period. Readjustment of positions were made in preparation for the attack.

The 3d Bn 328th Inf relieved 2d Bn 319th Inf.

The 2d Bn 319th Inf relieved the 3d Bn 318th Inf.

JEANDELINCOURT (904280) and MT ST JEAN (895275) were bombed and strafed by P47s.

7th

The 328th Inf completed the relief of the 319th Inf at 0155. 2d and 3d Bns of the 318th Inf moved into a forward assembly area preparatory to the attack 080615A Oct. 1st and 3d Bns of the 319th Inf moved to a forward assembly area prepared to attack 080615A Oct.

1 Squadron P47s bombed and strafed MT ST JEAN.

1 Squadron P47s bombed the bridge site at NOMENY (895335).

2 Squadrons P47s dropped 864 fragmentation bombs in the BOIS DE FOUILLE (905300).

The 80th Inf Div was prepared to attack as directed by FO #13.

8th

The 80th Inf Div (Reinf) employing the 317th, 318th and 319th Infs launched a coordinated attack 080615A Oct.

The 328th Inf supported the attack by fire.

The attack was preceded by a 15 minute artillery preparation supplemented by smoke from 4.2 Cml mortars and the fire from 16 M51AA mounts.

Infantry units jumped off at 0600.

The 1st Bn 317th Inf seized its objective (the high ground as the northern portion of MT ST JEAN) at 0915.

October 8th (cont'd.)

8th

The 3d Bn seized the southern portion of MT ST JEAN at 1700.

The 2d Bn 317th Inf supported the attack by fire and reverted to Division Reserve in the vicinity of MOELY (847265) at 1100. Elements of the 317th relieved 6th Armd Div elements in MOIVRON and JEANDELINCOURT. The 318th Inf attacking to the NE seized the high ground in the vicinity of CLEMERY (865389) at 1130.

The 1st Bn 319th Inf seized LIXIERES (873295) at 1345.

The 3d Bn of 319th Inf seized MT TOULON at 0655.

The 2d Bn seized SERRIÈRES at 0642, then attacked SIVRY seizing it at 1610.

The 702d Tk Bn supported the Attack in the zones of advance of the 318th and 319th Inf.

During this attack over 1200 prisoners were captured by the 80th Inf Div. Many Germans were killed and wounded.

The 553d Div was first identified by the 80th Inf Div. Contact was maintained with this German Div during the entire MOSELLE R operation. It was destroyed by the 80th Inf Div in this attack.

9th

Exploiting the success of the previous day the 80th Inf Div launched a coordinated attack at 0600.

The 317th Inf advanced against moderate enemy resistance in the vicinity of CHENICOURT (940295) - LETRICOURT. The objective was seized at 1430.

The 319th Inf attacked to clear the BOIS DE TRAPPES and seize the high ground to the NE. The 319th advanced in conjunction with elements of the 6th Armd Div seizing the objective at 1445.

The 318th Inf continued to improve and strengthen its defensive position.

All elements of the 6th Armd Div were relieved within the Div sector.

10th

Infantry Regiments improved and strengthened its defensive position.

The 2d Bn of the 319th Inf received an enemy counterattack at 1000 which forced them to consolidate their position along the northern edge of the BOIS DE TRAPPES. The 3d Bn countered this enemy action by attacking to restore the 2d Bns position. The attack of the 3d Bn was successful and the MIR was recaptured by the 2d Bn.

October

11th

Units continued to improve defensive positions. Active patrolling was conducted to the front and flanks.

12th

Infantry regiments began to readjust positions in compliance with FM #1 this Hq to occupy the 80th Inf Div sector and relieve the 328th Inf.

13th

The 317th Inf completed relief of the 328th Inf.

The 318th Inf relieved elements of the 319th Inf within the 318th Inf sector.

The 319th Inf occupied its prescribed defensive position.

The 328th Inf was relieved of attachment to the 80th Inf Div.

14th to 31st Incl

During this period units continued to occupy and strengthen the defensive sector West and South of the SPILLE R.

Active patrolling was conducted to develop hostile positions and secure enemy identification.

Artillery fire was curtailed to comply with prescribed ammunition allowances.

Harassing and interdiction missions were fired by the 808th TD and 702d TK Bns.

Preparations were made for further advances to the East.