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SUBJECT: Letter of transmittal.

TO : Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division, APO #80, U. S. Army.
(Attention Division Historian).

In compliance with AR 345-105 and Memo #64, Hq 80th Inf Div, dated 24 Aug 44, the Unit History of the 319th Infantry Regiment for the month of October 1944 is hereby submitted.

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UNIT HISTORY

(For Month of October)

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SECTION I - Original Unit.

- a. 319th Infantry Regiment.
- b. 15 July 1942
- c. Camp Forrest, Tennessee.
- d. Selective Service.

SECTION II - Changes in Organization.

- a. None.

SECTION III- Strength, Commissioned and Enlisted.

Totals as of 30 Sep 44 - 155 Officers and 3169 Enlisted Men.
Totals as of 31 Oct 44 - 150 Officers and 3160 Enlisted Men.
Loss of: 5 Officers and 9 Enlisted Men.

SECTION IV - Stations: Permanent or Temporary.

- a. Atton.
(1) Departed on 7 October at 1500
- b. Bezaumont.
(1) Arrived on 7 October at 1530.
(2) Departed on 8 October at 1530.
- c. Morey.
(1) Arrived on 8 October at 1600.
(2) Departed on 9 October at 1700.

SECTION IV - Stations: Permanent or Temporary.

c. Lixierres.

- (1) Arrived on 9 October at 1730.
- (2) Departed on 12 October at 1500.

d. Moivron.

- (1) Arrived on 12 October at 1530.

SECTION V - Marches.

1. Atton to Bezaumont.
 - a. Purpose: To move into an assembly area for preceding days attack.
 - b. Length: Approximately 4 miles.
 - c. Left Atton and vicinity at 1500 7 October and arrived at Bezaumont and vicinity at 1520 on 7 October 1944.
 - d. Roads were in fair shape and weather warm.
 - e. Remarks: Route of motor march: Atton-Loisy-Bezaumont.

2. Bezaumont to Morey.
 - a. Purpose: To continue movement in order to keep in contact with the enemy forces.
 - b. Length: Approximately 6 miles.
 - c. Left Bezaumont and vicinity at 1530 on 8 October 1944 and arrived in the vicinity of Morey at 1600 on 8 October 1944.
 - d. Roads were in fair shape and weather was very warm.
 - e. Remarks: Route of motor march: Bezaumont-Ville au Val-Morey.

3. Morey to Lixierres.
 - a. Purpose: Moved CT to remain in contact with the enemy forces.
 - b. Length: Approximately 6 miles.
 - c. Left Morey and vicinity at 1700 on 9 October and arrived at Lixierres and vicinity at 1730 on 9 October 1944.
 - d. Roads were in fair shape but the weather was cloudy and damp.
 - e. Route of motor march: Morey to Lixierres.

4. Lixierres to Moivron.
 - a. Purpose: Moved CT to remain in closer contact with the enemy forces.
 - b. Length: Approximately 6 miles.
 - c. Left vicinity of Lixierres at 1500 on 12 October and arrived at vicinity of Moivron at 1530 on 12 October 1944.
 - d. Roads were in fair shape but the weather was cloudy and dull.
 - e. Remarks: Route of motor march: Lixierres-Jeandelincourt-Moivron. Regtl CP moved by means of shuttling during the afternoon of 12 October 1944.

SECTION VI - Campaigns.

None.

SECTION VII - Battles.

1. 1 October 1944. Atton.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

(1) Enemy front lines were on the east side of the Seille River. The enemy had been driven from Port sur Seille across the Seille River. The enemy is believed to have placed more automatic weapons on the east bank of the Seille River so that all fords and probable crossings were thoroughly covered. The enemy was observed improving his position at various points throughout his front.

(2) It was reported but not confirmed that the enemy was wearing civilian clothes in some cases or that sympathizers were active against us in that area. The enemy maintained a vigilant guard along the east bank of the Seille River and occupied positions on an alert status in their emplacements.

(3) The enemy maintained harassing artillery and mortar fire in Morville, Port sur Seille, Chateau Dombasle and Lesmenils. Artillery was also used to interdict woods and roads from Atton to Manoncourt. Enemy activity was limited to active counter patrol measures along the river and in placing mortar and artillery fire on areas which they suspected we occupied.

(4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

(1) The enemy was believed to have placed more automatic fire on the east bank of the Seille River so that all fords and probable crossings were thoroughly covered. The enemy maintained his position east of the Seille River and occupied all positions on an alert status. Vehicular movements were noted on roads north and south in the vicinity of Nomeny, St Jure and Maily sur Seille.

(2) Civilian population was very cooperative.

(3) Terrain consisted of rolling terrain, spotted with densely wooded areas, and many intermittent streams which made progress slow.

(4) Additional note: Interrogation of prisoners disclosed that the new secret weapon V2 was used on the Russian front and is a type of rocket which causes a vacuum within the effective bursting radius which is always fatal. PWs stated that Russians considered it a chemical weapon and threatened to use gas if the use of the V2 was continued. Use of V2 was stopped immediately. PWs further stated that V1 to V7 were artillery weapons, rockets, etc. V8 to V12 were chemical weapons. PWs stated that if Germany uses gas it will mean the beginning of a rebellion within Germany.

c. Action.

(1) No change in location of unit command posts. No change in headquarters to which this unit was assigned.

(2) Mission: To advance to west ridge of Le Seille River. At 012000 Oct 44 Company E, 1st Bn (-Co C, Bn Res) and 3d Bn (-Co I, Bn Res) attacked abreast to west edge of Le Seille River. Co L, 3d Bn held up advance until 1st Bn, 318 CT jumped off at 0100 and Co I advanced at 0130. Little enemy resistance met in advance. On position at 0235. Received enemy small arms and mortar fire from across the river. Consolidated position and dug in to hold ground on west edge of Le Seille River. 2nd Bn (- Co E) in Regtl Reserve. 1 Plat of Co C remained in position on Mousson Hill.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns and front line elements.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 1 October 1944. Atton. (contd)

(4) 905 FA fired on observed targets. 305th Engr removed mine fields and booby traps in Co E and 1st Bn area. Laying deliberate mine field vicinity Bois de Cheminot.

(5) No use made of bayonets, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Requisitioned overshoes on the basis of one per officer and enlisted man.

Evacuation: Evacuated two American dead.

(7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man died of wounds.
2 enlisted men killed in action.
7 enlisted men wounded in action.
5 enlisted men missing in action.

1. 2 October 1944. Atton.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

(1) One new unit identified at the 115th Panzer Grenadier Regt 1st Bn estimated strength to be 80 men. Bn received so many casualties that it had been reorganized into the CT Schmiedeberger. Equipped with a high percentage of automatic weapons.

(2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses no change.

(3) Disposition of enemy units no change.

(4) 9 prisoners of war.

b. Elements affecting action.

(1) Enemy resisted very stubbornly all combat patrol activities to force withdrawal from Renaissance Farm during the night. In the morning the enemy was forced to withdraw to the vicinity of Les Quatre Fers where they had evidently prepared positions.

(2) Civilian population still cooperative.

(3) No change in terrain features.

c. Action.

(1) No change in location of unit command posts.

(2) Mission: To consolidate present line and patrol east of Le Seille River. Front line positions dug in and consolidated positions. Regtl decision to take Renaissance Farm located in 318th Inf Zone. A 10 minute concentration of TD and artillery fire placed on Farm then lifted to crossroad just east of the Farm. 2 squads of Co L advanced on the Farm and seized it. Consolidated position until relieved by 1 plat of Co I 319 CT. 318 CT to take over Renaissance Farm the night of 2 Oct 44. Plat Co I 319 CT will then revert to 3d Bn control.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns and front line units.

(4) 905 FA fired on observed targets. 305 Engr continued removing AT and AP mines and digging in positions and installations.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Evacuated 9 prisoners of war. Evacuated one American dead.

(7) Casualties: one enlisted man died of wounds.
four enlisted men killed in action.
ten enlisted men wounded in action.
one enlisted man missing in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 3 October 1944. Atton.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

(1) The enemy was apparently trying to make up by fire what he lacked in manpower although patrol estimated that approximately 150 enemy were loaced in Eply at 0100. MG fire was placed on all fords across the Seille River north of Morville and south of Port sur Seille.

(2) The enemy after having withdrawn from the vicinity of Renaissance Farm held positions in vicinity of Les Quartre Fers. During the night the enemy was extremely active along the entire front.

(3) Considerable mortar and machine gun fire hit Morville and Port sur Seille. Mortar fire was extremely heavy on the Atton-Manancourt highway as it goes through the Foret de Facq. Artillery concentration southeast of Chateau de Dombasel. 3 rounds placed in the vicinity of OP #1 at St Genevieve. Enemy artillery fired on Pont a Mousson a total of 11 rounds estimated to be heavy caliber and at an extreme range.

(4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

(1) The enemy after having withdrawn from the vicinity of the Renaissance Farm held positions in the vicinity of Les Quartre Fers. Heavy machine gun fire was placed across the Seille River north of Morville and south of Port sur Seille which seemed to be firing into the towns.

(2) Civilian population still cooperative.

(3) No change in terrain features.

c. Action.

(1) 2nd Bn CP and Cn Co CP north of St Genevieve. No change in location of other unit command posts.

(2) Mission: To improve present position. Bns continued to improve positions by digging in gun positions and other installations. 2 plats of Co I were reverted to 3d Bn control after being relieved by 318 CT and took up Reserve Battle positions as planned. 2nd Bn (- Co E and 1 plat of Co G) moved to new assembly area and constituted the Regtl Reserve. Cn Co moved to new positions to support right flank of the Regt.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns and front line units.

(4) 905 FA fired on observed targets. 305 Engr continued to remove AT and AP mines. Submitted overlay of mines to remain emplaced.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Gas shortage still acute. Use of vehicles cut to a minimum. Heavy weapons and cannoncompanies allocation of expenditure of 81 mm and 105 howitzer ammunition held to an absolute minimum in order to bring up unit reserve.

Evacuation: No action.

(7) Casualties: 5 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 4 October 1944. Atton.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units no change.
- (4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: none.
- (2) Civilian population still cooperative.
- (3) No change in terrain features.

c. Action.

- (1) No change in unit command posts.
- (2) No change in mission. Everything quiet. Bns continued to

improve positions.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.

(4) 905 FA fired on observed targets. 305 Engrs continued to lay mines and remove AP mines.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Gasoline shortage still acute. No relief. Drew 400 pairs overshoes, artic, issued to 3rd Battalion.

(7) Casualties: None.

Replacements: 28 enlisted men.

5 enlisted men returned to duty.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 5 October 1944. Atton.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) Two prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population no change, still cooperative.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

(1) 2nd Bn moved to vicinity of Belleau. No change in location of other unit command posts.

(2) Mission no change. 328 Inf 26 Div began relieving 319 Inf. 328 Inf moved to assembly area northwest of Foret de Facq. Co L 328 Inf relieved Co E 319 Inf on position. 1 Plat of Co G 319 Inf on Mousson Hill relieved by 1 Plat of Co L 328 Inf. Co E and Plat of Co G 319 Inf reverted to 2nd Bn 319 Inf control. 2nd Bn 319th Inf moved to take up new positions on high ground in the vicinity of Belleau to relieve 3rd Bn 318 CT.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.

(4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire. 305 Engr continued to remove AT and AP mines.

(5) No use made of bayonets, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Evacuated 2 prisoners of war. Evacuated 5 dead Americans.

(7) No casualties.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 6 October 1944. Atton.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) 2 prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population still cooperative.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

(1) 3rd Bn moved to assembly area 2 miles west of Manancourt sur Seille and 1st Bn moved to area 1 miles north of Ste Genevieve. Other CPs no change.

(2) Mission: To assemble regiment (- 2nd Bn) preparatory to moving to new position. 319 CT relieved by 328 Inf, 26 Div. Relief made by plat, company and Bn on line. Bns occupied designated assembly areas. 1st Bn vicinity of Ste Genevieve and 3rd Bn vicinity Manancourt sur Seille. Relief of 319 CT still in process at 062400 Oct 44.

- (3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.
- (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire.
- (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
- (6) Evacuated 2 dead Americans.

Replacements: 1 officer and 8 enlisted men.

(7) No casualties.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 7 October 1944. Atton-Bezaumont.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population still cooperative.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

(1) Regtl CP moved to vicinity of Bezaumont. 1st Bn vicinity 1 mile northeast of Landremont. 3rd Bn vicinity of Manoncourt sur Seille. AT Co vicinity of Bezaumont. Other CPs no change.

(2) Mission: 319 CT to attack Mt Toulon at 080600 Oct 44. 1st and 3rd Bns closed in assembly area at 0205 complete. 328 Inf took over 319 Inf sector. Regtl CP moved to Bezaumont at 071430 and opened CP at 1500. 1st and 3rd Bns moved from assembly area under cover of darkness to forward assembly area. Closed in new area at 072300 Oct 44. 2nd Bn maintained present position. Lt Col Douglass, 2nd Bn comdr, killed in action. Maj Bandy assumed command of 2nd Bn.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.

(4) Co C 305 Engrs continued to remove mines in 2nd Bn area.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Regtl S-4 checked with QM in regards to expediting

Class II supplies. Evacuated 3 American dead.

(7) Casualties: One enlisted man died of wounds.

One officer killed in action.

One enlisted man killed in action.

Two enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Rattles (contd)

1. 8 October 1944. Bezaumont-Morey.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

(1) The enemy opposing force was made up of elements of the 1119th, 1120th and 1121st Inf Regts. The enemy was located on the northeastern slope of Mt Toulon and had occupied the town of Sivry, Serrieres and Lixieres within our sector.

(2) The enemy had been in position for approximately 4 weeks and occupied World War I installations as well as carefully constructed pillboxes of their own construction. Morale of the enemy on the whole was poor. Even the officers' morale was not good as usual.

(3) The enemy made use of anti-tank and anti-personnel mines. Lixieres, Sivry and Serrieres were well mined and hastily made road blocks from felled trees were encountered.

(4) 441 enlisted men and 9 officers were taken prisoner.

b. Elements affecting action.

(1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance was excellent.

(2) Attitude of the civilian population on the action: Civilians were forbidden by the enemy to come through to our positions and had told them they would be evacuated to Germany on March 9. A few managed to escape through to our lines and gave us much information.

(3) Terrain the enemy force occupied was the high ground of Mt Toulon and when driven off they gradually drifted north over rolling country-side.

c. Action.

(1) 1st and 3rd Bn CP in vicinity of Sivry. Regtl CP at Morey.

(2) Mission: To attack Mt Toulon. 1st and 3d Bn abreast attacked Mt Toulon at 080600. 3rd Bn on the right. Co B 1st Bn attacked and seized the town of Lixierres. Remainder of Bn moved on Mt Toulon. Movement was slow due to poor visibility because of the smoke fired by our artillery. 3d Bn moved on Mt Toulon and reached their objective at 0657. 2nd Bn sent Co E to seize and mop up Serrieres then organized fire from east edge of woods and town. Co F attacked and seized the town of Sivry. 1st Bn organized on line between Lixierres and Serrieres. Co B in reserve. 2nd Bn reorganized at Sivry and moved to positions on Mt St Jean on line between Serrieres and Sivry. Co E in reserve. Regtl CP moved from Bezaumont to Morey.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns and Regtl CP.

(4) FA fired in support of attack. Co C 305 Engrs constructed 1 bridge, 1 by-pass, and cleared roads of mines.

(5) Hand grenades and bazookas used throughout the attack.

(6) 22 enlisted men killed in action.

2 officer killed in action.

4 officer wounded in action.

83 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 9 October 1944. Morey-Lixierres.

2. Narrative account of action to include.

a. The enemy.

- (1) Estimate of the enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) 82 prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information: no change.
- (2) Attitude of civilian population: no change.
- (3) Nature of terrain: no change.

c. Action.

(1) Attachments: none. In support of 319 CT: Co C 86th Chemical Battalion (4.2 mortars), Co A 608 TD Bn, one Co 702 tanks, and 315th FA Bn. 1st Bn CP vicinity of Lixierres; 2nd Bn CP vicinity Jeandelincourt; 3rd Bn CP moved to assembly area in Bois de la Fourasse, north of Jeandelincourt.

(2) Mission: To continue advance to NE at 090600 Oct 44 and seize the high ground north of Bois de la Fourasse. 905 FA and 315 FA laid down a barrage until 0610. The attack jumped off at 0600 with 1st and 2nd Bns abreast. 1st Bn on the left. 1 Co tanks in 1st Bn sector prepared to fire on Bois de la Fourasse woods in support of 2nd Bn advance. 3rd Bn remained in Regtl Reserve in Serrieres. 1st Bn advanced rapidly meeting light resistance. 2nd Bn advance hindered by woods. 1st Bn was on objective at 0920 and organized positions. At 1300 3d Bn began movement to assembly area in Bois de la Fourasse (9130). 2nd Bn reached objective at 1445 and began digging in under artillery fire. Regtl CP moved from Morey to Lixierres at 1730. 3d Bn closed in new assembly area at 1800. Co I sent to close gap between 1st and 2nd Bn. Received counter-attack from direction of Abaucourt and Letricourt. All counter-attacks beaten off. Positions consolidated for the night.

(3) Communication: Wire to rear CP's and OP. Radio to forward troops. Had difficulty with communication due chiefly to lack of wire.

(4) 905 and 315 FA fired in support of attack and fired smoke on call. Co C 305 Engrs supported attack by clearing roads and woods of AT and AP mines. Continued to work on by-pass north of Morey.

(5) Use of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc: not used.

(6) Evacuated three American dead and fifteen German dead.

(7) Casualties: One enlisted man killed in action.

One enlisted man died of wounds.

Eight enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 10 October 1944. Dixierres.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

(1) The enemy opposing force consisted of approximately 5 assault guns and between 200 and 300 infantrymen.

(2) The enemy having commanding ground is able to observe well into our sector. Enemy patrols have been beaten off and it is not believed that any of them have penetrated into our lines.

(3) The enemy made a counter-attack with 5 assault guns and between 200 and 300 infantry on our sector between the Seille River and Bois du Haut des Trappes. The enemy succeeded in throwing our troops back temporarily and the attack resulted in the enemy digging in positions closer to our lines. The enemy used considerable mortar and artillery fire on our troops, most of the fire consisting of 80 and 120 mm mortar fire. Our troops counterattacked in the late afternoon and threw the enemy from his newly won positions and resulted in the capture of 53 prisoners. Two enemy aircraft were reported late last night (9 Oct 44) at approximately 19000 feet. Enemy air activity otherwise has been limited in this sector. Considerable enemy 80mm mortar ammunition had been captured and was used to fire on areas which is normally impracticable for our mortar range. At least 1 120mm mortar and some ammunition was captured and this mortar was used to fire upon the enemy front lines.

(4) 53 prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

(1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.

(2) Civilian population for the most part had been evacuated, however, it was quite noticeable that the remaining civilians did not contribute a great deal of enemy information.

(3) Terrain is rolling with several high points in our sector and in the area held by the enemy. Considerable wet weather made armor impossible to operate effectively.

c. Action.

(1) No change in location of unit command posts. Co C 608 TD Bn relieved by Co C 602 TD Bn. Co C 702 Tank Bn and 1 plat of Co C 86th Chemical Bn in support of 319 CT.

(2) Mission: To hold the high ground. Bns continued to dig in and improve positions. 2nd Bn received heavy artillery fire. 2nd Bn withdrew from the high ground to the north edge of the woods. 3rd Bn (- Co L) plus 1 Co tanks and 2 platoons of TDs alerted to counter-attack against left flank of the enemy and restore 2nd Bn positions. Counter-attack jumped off at 1730. Attack progressed rapidly and Co E and F 2nd Bn were on position on high ground at 2030. Co L 3d Bn remained in position. Co G 2nd Bn filled in gap between Co L and Co F on high ground. 1st Bn remained in position and supported 3d Bn attack by mortar and MG fire. 3rd Bn (- Co L) after 2nd Bn occupied the high ground, withdrew to Regtl reserve position.

(3) Communications: wire and radio to bns.

(4) 905 FA fired on observed targets and in support of 3rd Bn attack.

SECTION VII - Battles(contd)

1. 10 October 1944 (contd)

2. c. Action. (contd)

(4) Co C 305 Engrs continued to remove mines in road net vicinity Lixierres, checked Lixierres completely, checked Scrierres for AT and AP mines.

(5) Use not made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Evacuated 135 prisoners of war. Evacuated two American dead and six German dead.

(7) Casualties: 22 enlisted men killed in action
3 officers wounded in action
59 enlisted men wounded in action
1 enlisted man died of wounds

1. 11 October 1944. Lixierres.

2. Narrative account of action to include

a. The enemy.

(1) The enemy had used considerable mortar and artillery fire on our positions on hill 240, 2nd Bn area. PW reported that at least 11 75mm howitzers were affected in the vicinity of Abaucourt during our recent attack and it was believed that many of these weapons were now being used against us. It was also reported that the enemy had several direct fire weapons which he used to good effect. Enemy morale seems to be fair but in some units, especially the 58th SS Panzer Regt which is reported to be made up of a good many Poles and Slavs, the morale is quoted to be very poor.

(2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.

(3) It was believed that at this time there is not a great deal of heavy infantry to our front. It was believed that the enemy was making use of mortar and artillery fire to cover this gap in their lines. 4 enemy planes were over our lines and it was reported that they dropped butterfly bombs in the valley from Dicul-ward to Heivren. There are still at least 5 self-propelled guns in this area also one tiger tank had been reported but unconfirmed.

(4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

(1) The enemy seemed to have a fair knowledge of our strength due to positions on the high ground.

(2) Attitude of civilians seemed to be neutral.

(3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

(1) No change in location of unit command posts.

(2) Mission: To hold present ground. 1st and 2nd Bns continued to improve positions. Mortar and artillery fire falling continually on 2nd Bn position and intermittently on 1st Bn. 3rd Bn (- Co L) remained in Regtl reserve. Co L continued to close gap between 1st and 2nd Bns.

(3) Communications: wire to all Bns.

(4) 805 FA fire on observed targets and harrassing fire. Co C 305 Engrs continued to check for mines.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Evacuated three German dead.

(7) Casualties: 1 officer killed in action
6 enlisted men killed in action
32 enlisted men wounded in action
10 enlisted men missing in action

SECTION VII - Battles (Contd)

1. 12 October 1944. Lixieres-Moivron.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

(1) The opposing force consisted of AOK 1st Storm Bn Grenadier unit which had suffered tremendous casualties, elements of the 559th Fusalege Bn, and the 17th SS Recon Group which is now part of the CT Kuchar. All elements received considerable casualties and we believe that the enemy was reorganizing and regrouping to better maintain his defense of the ground he now held north and south of the Seille River. PWs reported that morale was very very poor. That officer control was exercised in such a way that it was impossible for the men to desert in great numbers.

(2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.

(3) Two (2) 75mm infantry howitzers were captured in the vicinity of Jeandelincourt with a considerable amount of ammunition. During the night the enemy shelled Jeandelincourt and harrassed our positions with mortar and artillery fire.

b. Elements affecting action.

(1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.

(2) Civilian attitude unchanged.

(3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

(1) Regtl CP moved to Moivron; 1st Bn vicinity Bois de la Fourasse; 2nd Bn vicinity Bois de Haut des Trappes; 3rd Bn on line Chenicourt south of Letricourt. Co A 308 TD Bn in support of CT.

(2) Mission: To relieve 317 Inf and take up defensive positions. 3rd Bn 319 CT to relieve 1st Bn 317 CT at darkness 12 Oct 44. Relief completed at 122400 Oct 44. 1st Bn 319 CT upon relief by 3rd Bn 318 CT moved into Regtl Reserve position vicinity Bois de la Fourasse. This movement was completed by 130200 Oct 44. Co B 1st Bn 319 CT relieved Co L 3rd Bn in 2nd Bn sector. Co L reverted to 3rd Bn control and went into position vicinity of 3rd Bn CP near Letricourt. 2nd Bn remained in position. Regtl CP moved from Lixierres to Moivron and opened in new location at 121615 Oct 44.

(3) Communications: wire to Ens.

(4) 905 FA fired counter-battery and on observed targets.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Replaced water cans of which there was a critical shortage. Up to 75% "B" rations were issued.

Evacuated three American dead and ten German dead.

(7) Casualties: 4 enlisted men killed in action

12 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 13 October 1944. Moivron.

2. Narrative account of action to include.

a. The enemy.

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) 2 prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Attitude of civilian population still somewhat undetermined.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

(1) Service Co CP moved to vicinity Montenois, Co C 305 Engr CP moved to vicinity Faux, Co C 602 TD, Co A 608 TD (SP), Co C 305 Med, Co B 633 AAA all in vicinity of Regtl CP.

(2) Mission: To hold present positions. 2nd and 3rd Bns continued to improve present positions. 2nd Bn relieved on line by 1st Bn at 132015 Oct 44. 2nd Bn reverted to Regtl Reserve and closed in reserve position at 2130.

(3) Communications: Wire to Bns. Communications disrupted throughout the day due to heavy shelling.

(4) 905 FA fired counter-battery fire.

Co C 305 Engrs made preparations to dig defensive positions for the Regt.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Gasoline still an acute shortage. All allocations of ammunition rescinded. The following quantities were authorized per weapon for the entire period from 050600 Oct to 070600 Nov 44.

ITEM	TOTAL RDS PER WEAPON
Shell, 81mm mortar light	78.8
Shell, 81mm mortar heavy	41.8
Shell, 81mm mortar WP	44.1
Shell 105mm How M3 HE	78.7
Shell 105mm How M3 WP	2.9

Evacuated 2 prisoners of war to Division PWE. Evacuated one American and three German dead.

(7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man killed in action.
2 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 14 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy.
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) 6 prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action.
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) No change in civilian attitude.
 - (3) No change in terrain features.
 - c. Action.
 - (1) No change in location of unit command posts. Co C 602 TD Bn no longer in support of 319 CT.
 - (2) No change in mission. 1st and 3rd Bn continued to improve positions. Co C 305 Engrs assisted 1st Bn in digging in positions. 2nd Bn moved to assembly area south of Abaucourt in Regtl Reserve.
 - (3) Communications: Wire to Bns.
 - (4) 905 FA fired on observed targets and harrassing fire. Co C 305 Engr dug in positions.
 - (5) No use made of bayonets, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Evacuated 6 prisoners of war. Evacuated three dead Germans.
 - (7) Casualties: 2 enlisted men killed in action
 2 officers wounded in action
 5 enlisted men wounded in action
 1 enlisted man died of wounds
 2 enlisted men missing in action

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 15 October 1944. Moivron
2. Narrative account of action to include.
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) 4 prisoners of war.
 - b. Elements affecting action.
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Attitude of civilian population unchanged.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action.
 - (1) No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) Mission no change: continued to improve positions with the aid of the 305 Engrs.
 - (3) Wire communication to Bns.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire. Co C 305 Engrs assisted 3rd Bn to dig in positions.
 - (5) No use made of bayonets, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Supply: Organized two roaming crews with the purpose of policing the Bcgtl area for german ammunition. Made arrangements with a bath outfit to shower front line troops.
 - (7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man killed in action
4 enlisted men wounded in action

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 16 October 1944. Moivron
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy.
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war.
 - b. Elements affecting action.
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative to a degree.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action.
 - (1) No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) No change in the mission. All quiet.
 - (3) Communications: no change.
 - (4) Co C 305 Engrs continued to improve roads.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Evacuated one German dead.
 - (7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man died of wounds
4 enlisted men wounded in action
5 enlisted men missing in action

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 17 October 1944. Moivron

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy.

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) 4 prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action.

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population cooperative.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

- (1) No change in supporting units. 1st and 2nd Bns switched CPs.

Location of other unit command posts unchanged.

(2) Mission: no change. 2nd Bn relieved 1st Bn on position at 171800 Oct 44 and 1st Bn reverted to Regtl Reserve. 3rd Bn continued to improve present position. Began installation of trip flares along our front.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.

(4) 805 FA fired harrassing fire. Co C 305 Engr Bn constructed road to left sector of Regtl front. Trip flares laid along our front.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Evacuated 4 prisoners to Division PWE.

(7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man killed in action.
3 enlisted men wounded in action
3 enlisted men died of wounds

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 18 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) One prisoner of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action.
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action.
 - (1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) Mission: no change. Continued to improve positions.
 - (3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire. Co C 305 Engrs continued to improve road net work.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Evacuated 1 prisoner to Division PWE. Evacuated two German dead.
 - (7) Casualties: 2 officers died of wounds.
1 enlisted man wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 19 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) Mission: no change.
 - (3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire. Co C 305 Engr completed placement of trip flares along Regtl front. Continued improvement of roads.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Supply: no change.
 - (7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man killed in action.
2 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 20 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in supporting units. 1st and 3rd Bn switched CPs.
 - (2) Mission: no change. 1st Bn relieved 3rd Bn 201955 Oct 44.
3rd Bn closed in Regtl Reserve position at 2200.
 - (3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire. Fired on observed targets.
Co C 305 Engrs continued improvement of roads.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Supply: no change. Evacuated one American dead.
 - (7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man killed in action
10 enlisted men wounded in action

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 21 October 1944. Moivron.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy:

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action:

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population cooperative.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action.

(1) One plat Co C 86 Cml Bn relieved of CT support. No change in location of unit command posts.

(2) Mission: no change. Training schedules for Regtl Reserve Bns. One-half of personnel of Bazooka teams of front line Bns fired Bazooka on range. Morning fire halted by enemy artillery, received two casualties. Fired again at 1300 and fire for one half hour when enemy artillery again made it necessary to cease bazooka practice firing, no casualties.

(3) Communications: no change.

(4) 905 FA fired harassing fire.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Salvage scavenger crews continued to bring in allied and enemy equipment. 65 Jerry cans and quite a bit of individual equipment picked up this date.

(7) Casualties: None.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 22 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) Mission no change. Bns conducted tactical training and familiarization of small arms firing for replacements. Continued to improve positions.
 - (3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire and on targets of observation.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Evacuated two German dead and one American dead.
 - (7) Casualties: 2 enlisted men wounded in action.
1 enlisted man mission gain action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 23 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) Mission: no change. Engaged in tactical training and in improving front line positions.
 - (3) Communications: no change.
 - (4) 905 FA did no firing. Co C 305 Engrs continued to improve roads.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Supply no change.
 - (7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man killed in action.
1 enlisted man wounded in action

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 24 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in supporting units. A Co switched CPs with C Co.
 - (2) Mission: no change. Co "A" relieved Co "C" and Co "C" reverted to Bn reserve. Continued tactical training and improved front line positions. Patrolled front at night.
 - (3) Communications: no change.
 - (4) 905 FA fired interdictory and harrassing fire. Co C 305 Engrs continued present mission.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Supply no change.
 - (7) Casualties: none.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 25 October 1944. Meivron.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy:

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action:

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population cooperative.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action:

(1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts. 2nd Bn CP and 3rd Bn CP switched.

(2) Mission: no change. 3rd Bn relieved 2nd Bn on the line at 251640 Oct 44 and 2nd Bn reverted to Regtl Reserve. 2nd Bn closed in area at 1800. Conducted night patrols to Regtl front. Continued tactical training and continued to improve front line positions.

(3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.

(4) 905 FA fired harrassing and interditory fires.
Co C 505 Engrs continued present mission.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Evacuated two German dead.

Supply: Scavenger crews continued to operate.

(7) Casualties: 5 enlisted men wounded in action.
3 enlisted men missing in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 26 October 1944. Meivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) Mission no change. Continued tactical training and improvement of front line positions. Patrolled to Regtl front at night.
 - (3) Communications: Wire to all Bns.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fires.
Co C 505 Engrs: no change.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Casualties: 2 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 27 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) No change in mission: Continued tactical training and improvement of front line positions. Patrolled to Regtl front at night.
 - (3) Communications: no change.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fires.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Casualties: 5 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 28 October 1944. Noivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy:
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) No change in mission: Continued tactical training and improvement of front line positions. Patrolled to Regtl front at night.
 - (3) Communications: no change.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fires.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Casualties: one enlisted man killed in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 29 October 1944. Moivron.
2. Narrative account of action to include:
 - a. The enemy.
 - (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
 - (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
 - (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
 - (4) No prisoners of war taken.
 - b. Elements affecting action:
 - (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
 - (2) Civilian population cooperative.
 - (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.
 - c. Action:
 - (1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts.
 - (2) No change in mission. Continued improvement of positions.
 - (3) Communications: no change.
 - (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fires.
 - (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
 - (6) Evacuated one dead German.
 - (7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man killed in action.
4 enlisted men wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 30 October 1944. Moivron.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy:

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) No prisoners of war taken.

b. Elements affecting action:

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population cooperative.
- (3) Nature of terrain unchanged.

c. Action:

(1) No change in supporting units. No change in location of unit command posts. 2nd Bn relieved 1st Bn on Regtl right front. 1st Bn reverted to Regtl Reserve. Continued tactical training and improvement of front line positions.

(2) No change in mission. Continued tactical training and improvement of front line positions.

(3) Communications: no change.

(4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire.

(5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.

(6) Supply: Scavenger crews continued to operate effectively.

(7) Casualties: 1 enlisted man wounded in action.

SECTION VII - Battles (contd)

1. 31 October 1944. Woivron.

2. Narrative account of action to include:

a. The enemy:

- (1) Estimate of enemy opposing force: no change.
- (2) Nature and effectiveness of enemy defenses: no change.
- (3) Disposition of enemy units: no change.
- (4) No prisoners of war.

b. Elements affecting action:

- (1) Effectiveness of enemy information and reconnaissance: no change.
- (2) Civilian population cooperative.
- (3) No change in terrain.

c. Action.

- (1) No change in supporting units. 1st Bn moved to Reserve position

No other change in location of other unit command posts.

(2) Mission: Received mission to attack and destroy enemy south of La Seille River in own sector 011300 Nov 44. 1st Bn moved under cover of darkness to Regtl Reserve position. Continued improving positions and tactical training.

- (3) Communications. Wire to Bns.
- (4) 905 FA fired harrassing fire.
- (5) No use made of bayonet, grenades, flame throwers, etc.
- (6) Casualties: None.

SECTION VIII - Commanding Officers in Important Engagements.

1. North of Benicourt, France, on 2 October 1944.

2. 1st Lt Norman A. Moe, CO of Company L, alerted his company at 1900 on 1 October 1944 for a night attack. The company mission was to attack, search and secure the woods north of Benicourt. Company left the battalion area at 2200 and proceeded on foot approximately four (4) miles to an assembly area. The attack started at 0130 on 2 October 1944 and the mission was accomplished at 0300. He reorganized his company after the attack and set up defensive positions in sector 1 mile southwest of Benicourt. Nine (9) prisoners were taken and many enemy casualties inflicted. Enemy offered a very strong resistance of undetermined strength.

1. Sivry, France, on 8 October 1944.

2. Capt Morgan L. Tenny, CO of Company "F", alerted his company at 1100 to prepare attack on the town of Sivry. The attack jumped off at 1215 meeting strong enemy resistance but the mission was accomplished at 1600. Prisoners taken during the attack consisted of three (3) German Officers and 140 enlisted men. Again on 9 October 1944, in conjunction with Company "G", Capt Tenny led his company in the attack on the high ground of Mt St Jean with an additional mission to clean out the adjacent woods. At 0615 the attack jumped off and at 1700 the mission was completed successfully. During the night of 9 October the enemy counterattacked but was repulsed and a defensive position was set up.

1. Vicinity of Nomeny, France, on 9 October 1944.

2. Lt Col Hiram D. Ives, CO of 1st Battalion, coordinated the attack on the high ground south of Nomeny. The attack jumped off at 0600 with Companies "B" and "C" as leading assault companies. Heavy enemy artillery fire was encountered but the battalion gained the high ground at 0920. Upon securing their objective the battalion immediately set up defensive positions according to previous plans devised by Col Ives. Capt Samuel L. Williams was in command of Company "B" with Capt Myron Gold in command of Company "C".

1. Serrieres, France, on 9 October 1944.

2. Capt Garland D. Godby, CO of Company E, moved his company into an assembly area on the night of 8 October and drew up plans for the attack on Serrieres on 9 October. At 0615 the attack jumped off with the company reinforced with tanks and a platoon of heavy weapons. Some resistance was encountered but the mission was accomplished at 0930. 130 prisoners of war taken during the attack.

1. Bois de la Fourasse, France, on 9 October 1944.

2. Capt John C. Sealury, CO of Company "G", with the mission of clearing the woods of Bois de la Fourasse of the enemy and to take the high ground on the other side of the woods, alerted his company for the attack at 0615. At 1700 his company had completed their mission and set up defensive positions. At 1830 the enemy made a strong counterattack but it was repulsed and the gained ground was held during the night.

SECTION VIII - Commanding Officers in Important Engagements (contd)

1. Bois du Fort des Trappes, France, on 11 October 1944.
2. 1st Lt Edward B. Leroy, CO of Company I, led his company in the battalion assault on Hill 236 northeast of the Bois du Fort des Trappes. The attack jumped off with his company in the lead at 1730 and their objective was gained at 1900. Heavy enemy mortar and artillery fire and some small arms resistance was encountered during the attack.