

August 5, 1918.
War Diary of the Second Division(Regular), August 5, 1918.

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Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 94 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
6 Officers 27 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 7 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,152 Officers
23,195 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1,084 Officers
22,836 Men.

Available for duty..... 1,084 Officers
22,742 Men.

Weather: Showery.

Remarks: In compliance with Field Order No. 21, the 2nd Di-
vision continued their occupation of MARBACHE sec-
tor, relieving the 64th French Division.

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(Sgd) Madison Pearson

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division August 6, 1918.
August 6, 1918.

Weather: Fair in forenoon - showery in afternoon.

Movement of 2nd Division to MARBACHE SECTOR contin-
ued throughout the day, without incident.

ANNEX: Orders, reports and sketches.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 6, 1918.

Location: Division located in area, with NANCY as Division
Headquarters, enroute to SECTOR MARBACHE, and in
sector MARBACHE.

Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 123 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
3 Officers 13 Men.

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August 6, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division (Regular), August 6, 1918.

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Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 1 Officer - 116 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,151 Officers
23,257 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1,083 Officers
22,895 Men.

Available for duty..... 1,083 Officers
22,772 Men.

Weather: Fair in forenoon - showery in afternoon.

Remarks: The division continued its occupation of MARBACHE SECTOR; All units moving without incident to their new stations.

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August 7, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division

August 7, 1918.

Weather: Fair in forenoon - showery in afternoon.
Movement of 2nd Division to MARBACHE SECTOR continued throughout the day, without incident.
ANNEX: Orders, reports and sketches.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 7, 1918.

Location: Division continues move to new area. Headquarters at NANCY.

Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
1 Man.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 131 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
2 Officers 46 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

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August 7, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division (Regular), August 7, 1918.

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Replacements received..... 1 Officer - 66 Men.
Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,128 Officers
23,444 Men.
Strength of Command, in present area..... 1,077 Officers
23,064 Men.
Available for duty..... 1,077 Officers
22,933 Men.
Weather: Fair in forenoon. Showery in afternoon.
Remarks: Movement of the 2nd Division continues, to MAR-
BACHE SECTOR, without incident.

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(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

August 8, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division August 8, 1918.

Weather: Fair.

During the night of 7-8 August, after a heavy bombardment, the 5th Marines were attacked by the Germans. The attack was repulsed and a number of dead and wounded Germans were left in our hands. One enemy aeroplane flew over a sector of the 6th Marines at 5:40 A.M.
ANNEX: Orders, reports and sketches.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 8, 1918.

Location: Division continued move to new area. Headquarters at NANCY.

Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 154 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
3 Officers 8 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.
Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 3 Officers - 32 Men.
Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,122 Officers
23,395 Men.
Strength of Command, in present area..... 1,069 Officers
22,846 Men.
Available for duty..... 1,069 Officers
22,692 Men.

Weather: Fair.

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August 8, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division (Regular), August 8, 1918.
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Remarks! During the night of 7-8 August, after a heavy bombardment, the 5th Marines were attacked by the Germans. The attack was repulsed and a number of dead and wounded left in our hands. One enemy plane flew over our sector.

ATTESTED:

J C RHEA (Sgd) (Sgd) Madison Pearson
G-3 ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.
J. C. R.

August 9, 1918.

OPERATION REPORT from 16 hours 8 Aug. to 16 hours 9 Aug.

All units of the command are now in place. The accommodations available in certain areas somewhat crowded, but this will be remedied in the course of a few days.

No work has as yet been done on the 2nd position.

No patrols have as yet been sent out.

From: G-3, 2nd Div. G. T. Parsons, Jr.
2nd Lt. Inf.

Journal of Operations.

Aug 9. The Division completed movement to new area with Hqrs at Marbache

Weather cloudy.

Commanding General assumed command at 9 A.M.

Locations -

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 9, 1918.

Location: Division completed its move into the MARBACHE SECTOR, with headquarters at MARBACHE. Limits of Sector:

Eastern: PORT-sur-SEILLE - BOIS-du-BEAUZARD - FERME ST. LOUIS - LANDREMONT - MILLERY; all inclusive.

Western: HAUTE -de-RIEUP - HILL 309 - MAIDIERES, all inclusive; JEZAINVILLE - ACHE RAU, both exclusive; to western edge of BOIS BRULE.

Front Line: PORT-sur-SEILLE - MORVILLE-sur-SEILLE - southern bank of LA SEILLE RIVER to northeastern edge of BOIS-de-CHEMINOT - LESMENILS - LA VITREE - PONT-a-MOUSSON - MONTRICHARD - HAUPT-de-RIEUP, all inclusive.

Health: Deaths including killed in action0 Officers - 1 Man.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers - 178 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

5 Officers - 31 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

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August 9, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division, August 9, 1918.
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Strength of Command, present and absent. 1,091 Officers 23,214 Men.
Strength of Command, in present area. 1,044 Officers 22,737 Men.
Available for duty. 1,044 Officers 22,559 Men.
Replacements received. 3 Officers 0 Men.
Weather: Cloudy.

Remarks: Slight infantry and machine gun fire. Our artillery activity normal. Slight increase on the part of the enemy. Both our and enemy aerial activity normal.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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August 10, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 10 August 1918.

REPORT OF OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD

4:00 P.M. August 9 -to- 4:00 P.M. August 10, 1918.

I. GENERAL ASPECTS OF THE DAY:

Quiet.

II. REPORT OF EVENTS:

Usual patrols by our infantry but without incident.

IIIa. Slight enemy artillery activity. No activity by our artillery.

b. Five enemy aeroplanes observed over our sector. Three balloons in observation throughout the day.

c. Slight movement of enemy troops in the vicinity of EPLY.

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Section du Courrier
10 AOUT 1918

Nº d'Entree 8974 3 BUREAU

PRESTON BROWN,

Colonel, General Staff,
Chief of Staff.

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Journal of Operations.

Aug 10th

Weather fair. Movement to Marbache Sector completed. General impression of day quiet. Usual patrols by our infantry with out infantry Slight enemy artillery aerial activity No activity by our artillery. Slight of enemy troops near Eply

Headquarters visited by Gen Pasaga ? C.G. 32 F.A.C. and Col Hishawaga ? (Japanese Army)

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August 11, 1918.

32me C.A. HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
Section du Courrier AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

11 AOUT 1918

Nº d'Entree 9121

3 BUREAU

France, 11 August 1918.

OPERATIONS REPORT

from 14 H. Aug. 10 to 14 H. Aug. 11, 1918.

(1) Night of August 10-11 (14 h. to 6 h.)

(a) American Infantry:

Ambush patrol of 1 officer and 15 men left 375.1 - 237.15 at 21:30. Found wire heavy and in good condition. Proceeded 250 yards in front of our position. No sight of enemy. Returned at 24:15.

1 patrol of 1 officer, 3 N.C.O.'s and 15 men to examine wire in front of our position and to establish ambush. Departed 21:35. Found wire in good condition. No enemy sighted.

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August 11, 1918.

Headquarters Second Division(Regular), France, 11 August 1918.
Operations Report
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- (b) German Infantry:
Slight machine gun fire. Violent machine gun fire at French plane from 372.5 - 236.9.
- (c) American Artillery: N.T.R.
- (d) German Artillery:
At 9:45, 20 rounds of anti-aircraft - At 10:10.2 rounds of 77's.
- (e) French Aviation: N.T.R.
- (f) German Aviation:
2 single planes over our lines from 18 to 19 o'clock. Bomb plane dropped one bomb on PONT-a-MOUSSON and one to the south of PONT-a-MOUSSON.

Day of August 11 (6 h. to 14 h.)

American Infantry - N.T.R.	German Infantry - N.T.R.
American Artillery - N.T.R.	German Artillery - N.T.R.
French Aeronautics - N.T.R.	German Aeronautics - N.T.R.

Losses: None.

Troop Movements: Normal.

MISCELLANEOUS: Normal circulation in enemy's rear areas. Rockets from EPLY between 21 and 21:30. 106-1, 2 and 3 Star Rockets from 22 to 3 H.

J. C. RHEA,
Colonel, General Staff,
A. C. of S. -- G-3.

Journal of Operations.

Aug 11th. Weather fair Visibility fair. General impression of day quiet.

Only spasmodic infantry fire by enemy during the night. Our infantry sent out 3 patrols for reconnaissance, one of the patrols consisting of 1 officer & 7 men was suddenly attacked by a German patrol of about 20 men. One of our men was killed one slightly wounded and 4 are missing. It is estimated 2 Germans were killed. The enemy aerial service was active during the day and dropped a good many bombs within our lines but without damage. No enemy movement of importance was noted and there is no change in the position of our lines.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 11, 1918.

Location: Eastern limit of Sector:

PORT-sur-SEILLE - BOIS-du-BEAUZARD - FERME ST. LOUIS
- LANDREMONT - MILLERY, all inclusive.

Western Limit of Sector:

HAUTE-de-RIEUP - HILL 309 - MAIDIERES, all inclusive; JEZAINVILLE - ACHE RAU, both exclusive; to western edge of BOIS BRULE.

Front Line: PORT-sur-SEILLE - MORVILLE-sur-SEILLE - southern bank of LA SEILLE RIVER to northeastern edge of BOIS-de-CHEMINOT - LESMESNILS - LA VITREE - PONT-a-MOUSSON - MONTRICHARD - HAUPT-de-RIEUP, all inclusive.

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August 11, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division (Regular), August 11, 1918.
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Health:

Deaths including killed in action.....0 Officers - 0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.0 " 228 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.1 " 6 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms:Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of command, present and absent: 1,052 Officers - 23,244 Men.

Strength of command, in present area 977 Officers - 22,726 Men.

Available for duty..... 977 Officers - 22,498 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Slight machine gun activity by enemy. Usual patrols by our troops but without incident. Enemy artillery activity very slight. Our artillery inactive. Normal enemy aerial activity; none by our air service. No change in the position of our lines.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

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August 12, 1918.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)

Section du Courrier

AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

12 AOUT 1918

N° d'Entree 9292

France, 12 August 1918.

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OPERATIONS REPORT

from 14 h. August 11 -to- 14 h. August 12th.

(1) Night of August 11 - 12 (14 h. to 6 h.)

(a) American Infantry:

1 patrol of 2 officers 46 men departed at 9 P.M. from O.P. BOURBIN in a northerly direction for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of BOIS-de-CHEMINOT. Reached objective after passing 19 sets of wiring. No contact with enemy. Observed only deserted, demolished trenches, dug-outs and machine gun emplacements. Returned at 4:10 A.M.

1 patrol left MORVILLE at 21:35 taking a northerly direction to reconnoiter NO MAN'S LAND north and northeast of MORVILLE as far as GRAND REQUILLON and to follow the river to see if it could be easily crossed. No suitable place for crossing found. At a point 400 yards from the near point of BOIS l'ABBEY a party of one officer, 1 corporal and 6 privates were suddenly attacked by a patrol of 20 Germans. Our men were in echelon formation on the road when the Germans suddenly sprang from the southerly side of the road in a skirmish line. One officer and 1 private returned without injury; one man killed, one slightly wounded and four missing. The patrol returned at 24:40 at MORVILLE. Two Germans are thought to have been killed.

1 Patrol, of 1 officer, 1 N.C.O. and 8 men departed at 22:10 to examine wire in front of posts and to establish an

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August 12, 1918:

Headquarters Second Division (Regular) 12 August 1918. Operations Report from 14 h. August 11 to 14 h. August 12th:
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ambush. No enemy sighted. Returned at 2:40.

1 patrol of 1 officer, 1 N.C.O. and 7 privates left at 22:00 to reconnoiter wire and found gap still open. Moved forward and took ambush position, returning at 4 o'clock. Heard German ration train; also many German wagon trains. No contact with the enemy.

Patrol followed the PONT-a-MOUSSON-METZ road at 22:00, proceeded in a northern direction to LA VITRY, thence in an easterly direction. Found wire in very good condition and at 1 o'clock heard heavy wagons on the road north of CHAMPAY and VANDIERES. Noticed that enemy used a 4 ball rocket when a bombing plane returned towards their lines. This signal was general along the line when the bombing planes could be heard.

(b) German Infantry: Spasmodic machine gun fire.

(c) American Artillery: N.T.R.

(d) German Artillery: 4 gas shells were thrown at BOIS-de-la-FOURASSE.

(e) French Aeronautics: N.T.R.

(f) German Aeronautics: 9 planes over our lines, an increase of 10 over preceding day. Enemy plane brought down observation balloon near DIEULOUARD. 3 German balloons observed.

Day of August 12 (6 h. to 14 h.)

American Infantry. N.T.R.

German Infantry. N.T.R.

American Artillery. N.T.R.

German Artillery. N.T.R.

French Aeronautics. N.T.R.

German Aeronautics. 9 aeroplanes over our sector. 1 balloon in observation.

LOSSES: 1 man killed, 1 slightly wounded, and four missing.

Troop movements: Nothing abnormal observed.

Miscellaneous: 200 to 300 rockets sent up in the enemy sector, chiefly white, - occasionally red and green.

J. C. RHEA

Colonel, General Staff,

A. C. of S. - G-3.

32nd French Corp

Journal of Operations.

Aug 12 No activity in Marbache Sector. Usual Infantry patrols with no contact with enemy. Enemy aviation active 4 flights of single planes 2 flights of 3 planes and 1 flight of 4 planes and 4 Balloons observed over our lines during the day and several bombs were dropped at night but without damage to Divisional property.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 12, 1918.

Location: Eastern Limit of Sector:

PORT-sur-SEILLE - BOIS-du-BEAUZARD - FERME ST.

LOUIS - LANDREMONT - MILLERY, all inclusive.

Western Limit of Sector:

HAUTE-de-RIEUPT - HILL 309 - MAIDIERES, all inclusive; JEZAINVILLE - ACHE RAU, both exclusive; to western edge of BOIS BRULE.

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August 12, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division (Regular) August 12, 1918.

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Front Line:

PORT-sur-SEILLE - MORVILLE-sur-SEILLE -
southern bank of LA SEILLE RIVER to north-
eastern edge of BOIS-de-CHEMINOT - LESMENILS -
LA VITREE - PONT-a-MOUSSON - MONTRICHARD -
HAUPT-de-RIEUPT, all inclusive.

Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 258 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 9 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 5 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,046 Officers
23,385 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 958 Officers
22,720 Men.

Available for duty..... 958 Officers
22,462 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Day very quiet. On the night of August 11-12, a
detachment of one of our patrols, consisting of 1
officer and 7 men, was suddenly attacked by a Ger-
man patrol of about 20 men. One of our men killed,
one slightly wounded and 4 missing. It is es-
timated that 2 Germans were killed.
No change in the Position of our lines.

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ATTESTED:

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(Sgd) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

August 13, 1918.

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Section du Courrier

13 AOUT 1918 HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)

N^o d'Entree 9427 AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

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France, 13 August, 1918.

OPERATIONS REPORT.

from 14 h. Aug 12 to 14 h. August 13.

(1) Night of August 12-13- (14 h. to 6 h.)

(a) American Infantry:

1 patrol, of 1 officer, 7 N.C.O.'s and 34 men de-
parted at 21 h. for reconnaissance and ambush. No
contact with the enemy. Made 2 passages through Ger-
man wire. Lay in ambush at edge of BOIS BLUZEL for one
hour. Returned safely at 2 o'clock.

1 patrol, 2 officers, 8 men left 375.5-237.3 at
9:30 P.M., taking a northwesterly direction 200 yards
from LA LUVIERE and from that point to 375.3-237.8.
Woods at 375.3-237.8 not occupied. Working party heard
at 375.3-237.7. Returned by same route at 3:30 o'clock.

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August 13, 1918.

Operations Report, Second Division, from 14 h. Aug. 12 to
14 h. August 13, 1918.
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- (b) German Infantry:
Occasional machine gun fire during the night.
- (c) American Artillery: N.T.R.
- (d) German Artillery:
About 30 shells on the southwest edge of FOREST-de-BOIS-la-PRETRE.
- (e) French Aeronautics: NORMAL.
- (f) German Aeronautics:
4 flights of single planes; 2 flights of 3 planes and 1 flight of four planes. 4 balloons in observation. 1 prop-
aganda balloon over our lines during the day. 3 enemy
planes drove back 1 allied plane while crossing their sector.
- Day of August 13 (6 h. to 14 h.)
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| American Infantry: | N.T.R. | German Infantry: | N.T.R. |
| American Artillery: | N.T.R. | German Artillery: | N.T.R. |
| French Aeronautics: | N.T.R. | German Aeronautics: | N.T.R. |
- Losses: NONE.
- Troop Movements: Usual movements of small groups seen in fields.
No importance attached.
- Miscellaneous: 4 flag sticks, 6 meters height at south edge of
ST. JURE. 2 carried flags. At 23 o'clock signals from VIGNY
in edge of woods south of ST. JURE.
1,875 men working on 2nd position.

J. C. RHEA,
Colonel, General Staff,
A.C. of S. - G-3.

32 Corp French

Journal of Operations

Aug 13

Nothing of importance happened on 13th the day being very
quiet. The Congressional Mission on Naval affairs visited
the divisional area.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR) AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 13, 1918.

Location: Eastern Limit of Sector:

PORT-sur-SEILLE - BOIS-du-BEAUZARD - FERME ST. LOUIS
LANDREMONT - MILLERY, all inclusive.

Western Limit of Sector:

HAUTE-de-RIEUPT - HILL 309 - MAIDIERES, all inclus-
ive; JEZAINVILLE - ACHIE RAU, both inclusive; to wes-
tern edge of BOIS BRUET.

FRONT LINE: PORT-sur-SEILLE - MORVILLE-sur-SEILLE -
southern bank of LA SEILLE RIVER to northeastern edge
of BOIS-de-CHEMINOT - LESMEMILS - LA VITREE - PONT-a-
BOUSSON - MONTRICHARD - HAUPT-de-RIEUPT, all inclus-
ive.

Health: Deaths including killed in action. 0 Officers - 0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in

present area..... 0 Officers - 176 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from

present area..... 3 Officers - 25 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammuni-
tion have been placed within easy reach.

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August 13, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division, August 13, 1918.
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Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
 3 days' reserve in supply trains.
Forage on Hand: 3 days.
Replacements received:..... 8 Officers - 0 Men.
Strength of Command, present and absent..
 1,059 Officers - 23,417 Men.
Strength of Command, in present area.....
 962 Officers - 22,968 Men.
Available for duty..... 962 Officers - 22,792 Men.
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: Day very quiet. It is believed that a German relief
 took place, as 500 men were observed, at 5 P.M. march-
 ing into VIGNY and, at 7 P.M. 500 men seen marching
 from that point.
 No change in the position of our lines.

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(Sgd) Madison Pearson
 ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

Received, Hq. 4th Army Corps, A.E.F.
 17 AOU 1918

August 14, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.
France, 14 August, 1918.
OPERATIONS REPORT.
from 14 h. Aug. 13 to 14 h. August 14.

(1) Night of August 13-13th - (14 h. to 6 h.)

(A) American Infantry.

One patrol of two officers, 58 men, left our trenches at nine P.M. Mission of the Patrol was to reach the Bois de la BEVORETTE and lie in ambush on the road in order to take prisoners. Owing to the large size of the patrol difficulty was found in crossing our own wire. So much time was consumed that it was found impossible to reach the objective, so, after slight reconnaissance, patrol returned. A great amount of wire was encountered on both sides of the valley. The time of return was 3:30.

One patrol, consisting of two officers, six noncommis- sioned officers, 28 privates, left our trenches at 10 P.M. Mission was to secure prisoners and locate the enemy out- posts. This patrol picked up a German rifle and a few gre- nades and some German equipment. The enemy was not encoun- tered. The patrol returned to our trenches at 2:16 A.M.

(b) German Infantry.

Light machine gun fire from the vicinity of EPLY and di- rection of CHEMINOT.

(c) American Artillery. N.T.R.

(d) German Artillery.

Slight increase in artillery fire. 105's and 77's fall- ing on Foret de FACQ, Pont MOUSSON, Region of CLEMENY and Foret de Bois la PRETRE.

(e) French Aeronautics. N.T.R.

(f) German Aeronautics.

One bombing plane over Foret de FACQ.

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Operations Report, Second Division, 14 h. August 13 to 14 h.
August 14, 1918. (Cont'd from last page).

(2) Day of August 14-(6 h. to 14 h.)

(a) American Infantry. N.T.R. (d) German Infantry. N.T.R.
(b) American Artillery. N.T.R. (e) German Artillery. N.T.R.
(c) French Aeronautics. N.T.R. (f) German Aeronautics. One
balloon at MARIEULLES.

Losses: 9 wounded.

Troop movements 500 Boche seen marching into VIGNY and 500 Boche
seen marching out of VIGNY northward at 7 P.M. Probably this
movement indicated relief.

Miscellaneous: 1962 men worked on the second position.

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J. C. RHEA

Section du Courrier

Colonel, General Staff,

14 AOUT 1918 No d'Entree 9570 A.C. of S. - G-3.

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Aug 14 Division relieved from this sector by order from French.

Aug 14 In compliance with Field Order #22 issued at 11 A.M.

Aug 14th the Division began preparation for move to new area
with Colomby les Belles as Divisional Hdqrs. the movement to
start night of Aug 15 & 16th

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 14, 1918.

Location: Eastern Limit of Sector;

PORT-sur-SEILLE - BOIS-du-BEAUZARD - FERME ST.
LOUIS - LANDREMONT - MILLERY, all inclusive.

Western Limit of Sector:

HAUTE-de-RIEUPT - HILL 309 - MAIDIERES, all
inclusive; JEZAINVILLE - ACHE RAU, both
inclusive; to western edge of BOIS BRULE.

FRONT LINE:

PORT-sur-SEILLE - MORVILLE-sur-SEILLE- southern
bank of LA SEILLE RIVER to northeastern edge
of BOIS-de-CHEMINOT - LESMENILS - LA VITREE -
PONT-a-MOUSSON - MONTRICHARD - HAUPT-de-
RIEUPT, all inclusive.

Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 143 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
3 Officers 91 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 4 Officers - 22 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,063 Officers
23,377 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 964 Officers
22,974 Men.

Available for duty..... 964 Officers
22,831 Men.

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War Diary of the 2nd Division, August 14, 1918.

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Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Orders received from the 32nd French Army Corps stating that the 82nd U.S. Division was to relieve the 2nd Division, less the Field Artillery Brigade; the 2nd F.A. Brigade to be relieved by orders from the 82nd Division, U.S. In compliance with this order, Field Order No. 22, these Headquarters, was issued. Division is to occupy the Colombey-les-BELLES area, with Division Headquarters at Colombey-les-Belles.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Madison Pearson

Adjutant General - Adjutant.

(Sgd) Rhea

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J. C. R.

August 15, 1918.

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1 5 AOUT 1918 HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION(REGULAR)

Nº d'Entree 9702 AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

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France, 15 August, 1918.

OPERATIONS REPORT From 14 h. Aug. 14. to 14 h. Aug. 15.

(1) Night of August 14-15 (14 h. to 6 h.)

(a) American Infantry:

1 patrol of 1 officer 35 men left PORT-sur-SEILLE at 20:45 taking a northeasterly direction, to cut through the enemy wire, reconnoiter his trenches and, if possible, capture prisoners on the road leading to EPLY. Wire was cut at 386.-235.50 and found trenches to be communicating trench, which had not been used for some time. Proceeded on unused road bridge and went to top of ridge in the direction of EPLY. Returned at point of re-entry at 2:15. Note: It would be very easy to take a large body of men into the town of EPLY from the rear, if it is desired to take any prisoners as the wire is cut now and trenches not occupied.

1 patrol of 1 officer and 5 privates left PORT-sur-SEILLE bridge at 20 o'clock, proceeding northeasterly, in order to obtain information in regard to possible enemy patrol. Did not encounter the enemy but explored the old mill in the woods. Found plenty of trails and 2 boats. Crossed road leading from woods to EPLY. Road is not used. Paths in no man's land clear. Returned at 22 o'clock.

1 reconnaissance patrol, 1 officer, 8 men, left LA LOUVIERE at 21:40 but unable to locate woods at 375.1-237.77, but reconnoitered woods at 371.1-237.55. This woods is not occupied. No sight of enemy. Returned at 3:15 A.M.

1 patrol - 1 officer, 36 men left at 10:00 P.M., proceeding in a northeasterly direction, to capture prisoners and locate enemy machine guns. No sight of enemy heard or seen. Returned at 2 A.M.

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Operations report 2nd Division

August 15, 1918.

From 14 h. Aug. 14 to 14 h. Aug. 15.

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(b) German Infantry.

Slight machine gun and rifle fire, from N.W. of CHEMINOT, and east of RESPAUT.

(c) American Artillery: N.T.R.

(d) German Artillery: Very slight artillery activity.

(e) French Aeronautics: N.T.R.

(f) German Aeronautics: 4 flights of single planes over our sector. 3 balloons in observation.

(2) Day of August 15 (6 h. to 14 h.)

American Infantry. N.T.R.

German Infantry. N.T.R.

American Artillery. N.T.R.

German Artillery. N.T.R.

French Aeronautics. N.T.R.

German Aeronautics.

3 planes over our sector.

Losses: None.

Troop Movement: Normal. Enemy Information. N.T.R.

Men employed on 2nd position ----- 1820.

J.C. RHEA,
Colonel, General Staff,
A.C. of S. --G-3.

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division, August 15th, 1918.

The 2nd Battalion of the 23rd Inf and the 3rd Battalion of the 6th Marines were relieved the night of Aug 14th and proceeded to their new stations in the Colombey les Belles area.

Owing to the derailing of the train carrying troops of the 82nd Div (our relief) our evacuation of the sector has been somewhat delayed

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 15, 1918.

Location: Relief of 2nd Division by 82nd U.S. Division began. 2nd Bn. 23rd Inf. and 3rd Bn. 6th Marines enroute to Colombey-les-Belles area.

Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 134 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 27 Men.

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War Diary of 2nd Division, August 15, 1918.

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Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms! Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery! Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 11 Officers - 454 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,077 Officers
23,433 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 976 "
22,993 Men.

Available for duty..... 976 "
22,859 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: In compliance with Field Order No. 22, these Headquarters, the 2nd Bn. 23rd Infantry, and the 3rd Bn. 6th Marines, enroute to their new station in the COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area.

ATTESTED:

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J. C. R.

(Sgt) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

August 15, 1918.

32nd Fr. Corp HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 16 August 1918.

OPERATIONS REPORT From 14 h. Aug. 15 to 14 h. Aug. 16.

(1) Night of August 15-16 (14 h. to 6 h.)

(a) American Infantry:

1 patrol, 2 officers and 58 men, left O.P. BOUILIER at 21 h., to reconnoiter the Bois-de-Cheminot and the country northwest. Took a northwesterly direction and proceeded along the edge of above woods to prevent enemy patrol from taking a position there and ambushing. No contact with the enemy, but voices were heard while laying in ambush along the Cheminot road. The patrol returned to point of departure at 3:30 h.

1 patrol, 2 officers, 33 men, departed at 10:35 P.M. (22:35) to secure prisoners by ambushing. Left S.P. Respaut and proceeded in a northwesterly direction. Found field telephone wire put up by enemy. Detailed 5 men to follow wire southeast. The telephone line ended at a point near VIN SANS EAU where the men found pipes of explosives. Scouts warned patrol that enemy patrol had been discovered in the vicinity. Patrol was drawn up in lines of skirmishes and advanced, and about 25 yards away, while a star shell was bursting, discovered 1 German who was ordered to stop but immediately ran away. 4 shots were fired without stopping him. Patrol fell back and formed an ambush and worked carefully along the wire. Re-entered our lines at MOSELLE at 3:05 h. Check was taken and one private was found missing.

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Operations Report 2nd Division

From 14 h. Aug. 15 to 14 h. Aug. 16.

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1 patrol, 6 officers 39 men proceeded in a north - northeasterly direction from Pont-sur-Seille at 21 h. to patrol the vicinity of EPLY and, if possible, ambush a small German party and take prisoners. The patrol made its way through 3 bands of German wire and 1 communicating trench, where we encountered a part of the enemy coming from the direction of Nomeny. Not in a position to fire on them; lay there and watched some hundred Germans pass by. Going through No Man's Land was very slow on account of tall grass, shell holes and difficulty in getting through wire. The patrol returned to Pont-sur-Seille at 2:30 h.

(NOTE:) The Germans were in 2 parties, the first, about 40 men, and the 2nd about 50 yards behind, about 60 strong. All armed and fully equipped. They turned down the road and marched in the direction of EPLY. Time of seeing German party -- 24:45 h.

- (b) German Infantry: N.T.R.
- (c) American Artillery: N.T.R.
- (d) German Artillery: 30/77's on Hill 307.9 and 17/150's on 374.236.1.
- (e) French Aeronautics: N.T.R.
- (f) German Aeronautics: 4 single flights and 1 flight of 5 planes over our sector. 3 balloons observed.

(2) Day of August 16 (6 h. to 14)

American Infantry,	N.T.R.	German Infantry.	N.T.R.
American Artillery,	N.T.R.	German Artillery.	N.T.R.
French Aeronautics	N.T.R.	German Aeronautics.	N.T.R.

Losses: 1 man missing. Troop Movements: N.T.R.

Enemy Information: N.T.R.

Miscellaneous: 20 large signal lamps signalling at 20 h. Great number of chain rockets flares and ordinary rockets sent up during the night, east and northeast of Eply. One enemy plane reported brought down North of La Vierge.

Men employed on 2nd Position: 1867.

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J.C. RHEA,
Colonel, General Staff,
A.C. of S. --G-3.

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The Relief of Division going on Relieved battalions proceeding to new area See annex #1

August 16, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 16, 1918.

Location: Division being relieved. Troops enroute.

Health: Deaths including killed in action..... 0 Officers
0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers. 136 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
1 Officer 14 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.
Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 53 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,077 Officers
23,765 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 977 Officers
23,321 Men.

Available for duty..... 977 Officers
23,185 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Owing to derailment of train carrying troops of
82nd Division, which were to relieve the 2nd Di-
vision, our evacuation of the MARBACHE SECTOR
was somewhat delayed. Movement to new area con-
tinues.

ATTESTED:

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J. C. R.

Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

Journal of Operations 2nd Division, August 17th, 1918.

Section G-2 & G-3 - GS. moved to Colombey les Belles
remainder of Staff offices to follow as soon as practic-
able

August 17, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 17, 1918.

Location: 2nd Division, less 2nd F.A. Brigade, enroute to
COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area.

Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 134 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 8 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery : Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 53 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,080 Officers
23,818 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 978 Officers
23,323 Men.

Available for duty..... 978 Officers
23,189 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Movement of 2nd Division, less 2nd F.A. Brigade,
continues without incident, to the COLOMBEY-les-
BELLES area. Field Order No. 8, 82nd U.S. Di-
vision issued relieving the 2nd Field Artillery
Brigade.

ATTESTED:

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J. C. R.

Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

Journal of Operations 2nd Division, August 18th, 1918.

Field Order #8- of 82 Div issued relieving 2nd F. A.
Brigade.

Headquarters 2nd Div closed at Marbache and opened
at Colombey les Belles.

WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 18, 1918.

Location: 2nd Division, less 2nd F.A. Brigade, enroute to
to COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area.

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August 18, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division

August 18, 1918.

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Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 146 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

2 Officers 134 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 5 Officers - 23 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,079 Officers
23,727 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 952 Officers
23,221 Men.

Available for duty..... 952 Officers
23,075 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Movement of 2nd Division continues. 2nd F.A. Brigade, in compliance with Field Order No. 8, 82nd Division, began its evacuation of the MARBACHE sector.

ATTESTED:

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J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

August 19, 1918.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, August 19th, 1918.

Movement of 2nd Division (less field artillery) completed troops spending balance of day resting in billets

Relieve of 2nd F.A. Brigade artillery to be completed under F.O. #8 - 82 Division U S. Date of Command Passes
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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 19, 1918.

Location: Movement of 2nd Division, less 2nd F.A. Brigade, continues. 2nd F.A., enroute, in compliance with Field Order No. 8, 82nd Division.

Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 132 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officer 37 Men.

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August 19, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division, August 19, 1918.

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Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 6 Officers -- 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,028 Officers,
23,622 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 896 Officers,
23,072 Men.

Available for duty..... 896 Officers,
22,940 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Troops spent day in resting, and policing quarters and equipment.

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J. C. R.

(sgd) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

August 20, 1918.

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August 20th, 1918.

Weather cloudy

Organizations engaged in training

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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 20, 1918.

Location: Movement of 2nd Division, less 2nd F.A. Brigade, completed, to the Colombey-les-Belles area. The area is bounded as follows:

On the North: BY CAMP BOIS DE L'EVEQUE:

On the South: Towns of FAVIERES, HARMONVILLE and AUTREVILLE, PUNEROT.

On the East: Towns of PONT ST. VINCENT, BAINVILLE, XEUILLY, GOVILLER;

On the West: Towns of BARIZEY-au-PLAIN; BARIZEY-la-COTE; CREZILLES.

Headquarters, 2nd Division----COLOMBEY-les-BELLES.

Headquarters, 3rd Brigade ----CREPEY,

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August 20, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division, August 20, 1918.

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Headquarters, 4th Brigade-----FAVIERES.

Hq. 9th Infantry.....BULLIGNY.

Hq. 23rd Infantry.....ALLAIN.

Hq. 5th Marines.....GOVILLER.

Hq. 6th Marines.....HARMONVILLE.

Health: Deaths including killed in action..... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 173 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
2 Officers 32 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 247 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,018 Officers,
23,963 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 884 Officers,
23,385 Men.

Available for duty..... 884 Officers,
23,213 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Troops spent the day in training.

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J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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August 21, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division, August 21, 1918.

Weather excellent

Organizations engaged in training.

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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 21, 1918.

Location: Colombey-les-Belles Area, less 2nd F.A. Brigade.

Health: Deaths including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 210 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
2 Officers 31 Men.

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August 21, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division, August 21, 1918.

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Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers -- 360 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,053 Officers
24,261 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 891 Officers
23,683 Men.

Available for duty..... 891 Officers
23,473 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The 2nd Division, less the 2nd F.A. Brigade, spent the day in training. The 2nd F.A. Brigade enroute from the MARBACHE SECTOR to the COLOMBEY-les-BELLES SECTOR.

ATTESTED:

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J. C. R.

(Sgt) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

Received, Hq. 4th Army Corps, A.E.F.
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August 22, 1918.

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August 22, 1918.

Weather - excellent
Organizations engaged in training.

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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 22, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area, less 2nd F.A. Brigade.

Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 222 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 17 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

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August 22, 1918.

War Diary of the 2nd Division , August 22, 1918.

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Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 1 Officer- 1,008 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.....1,055 Officers
25,326 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 885 Officers
24, 664 Men.

Available for duty..... 885 Officers
24,442 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The 2nd Division, less the 2nd F.A. Brigade, spent the day in training. The 2nd Field Artillery Brigade enroute from the MARBACHE SECTOR to the COLOMBEY-les-BELLES SECTOR.

ATTESTED:

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J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

Received, Hq. 4th Army Corps, A.E.F.
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August 23, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division, August 23, 1918.

Weather excellent

Organizations engaged in training

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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

29 AOU 1918

Date: August 23, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area.

Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 210 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

2 Officers 33 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 596 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,059 Officers
25,937 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 887 Officers
25,235 Men.

Available for duty..... 887 Officers
25,025 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: The 2nd F.A. Brigade completed its movement from the MARBACHE SECTOR to the COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area. The 2nd Division spent the day in training.

29 AOU 1918 ATTESTED: (Sgd) Madison Pearson

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J. C. R.

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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August 24, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division, August 24, 1918.

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Weather Rainy

Organizations engaged in training

2nd F.A. Brigade completed its movement from Mar-
bache Sector to Colombey les Belles area and established
headquarters at Bainville.

The 12th F.A. Rgt Headquarters at Neuilly

The 15th F.A. " " " at Viterne .

The 17th F.A. " " " at Mereville.

The 2nd T.M Battery " " " Bainville.

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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 24, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area.

Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 200 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 26 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 4 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,057 Officers,
25,912 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 880 Officers,
25,219 Men.

Available for duty..... 880 Officers,
25,019 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks: The 2nd Division spent the day in training.

ATTESTED:

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J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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August 25, 1918.

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Weather Excellent.

At 10 A M at Camp Bois L'Eveque one battalion from each
regiment one company from each M.G. Battalion 1 Battery from
each Artillery Regiment and one detachment from the Signal
Corp Battalion the Sanitary - Engineer and Amunition trains
were present in formal review at the presentation by Major
General Hunter Liggett Commanding General of the 1st Corp
of the Croix de Guerre - Cross of the Legion of Honor, Medal
Militaire and Distinguished Service Cross to 60 officers and
Men of the Second Division Major General J. T. Dickman Com-
manding General of The 4th Corp was also present

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August 25, 1918.

Aug 25 WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
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Date: August 25, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area.

Health : Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 205 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

1 Officers 35 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 3 Officers - 15 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,059 Officers,
25,822 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 862 Officers,
25,195 Men.

Available for duty..... 862 Officers,
24,990 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Formal review of troops and presentation of Croix de Guerre, Crosses of Legion d'Honneur, medaille militaire and American Distinguished Service Crosses, by Major General Hunter Liggett, C.G., 1st Army Corps to 60 officers and men of the division. Major General J.T. Dickman, C.G., 4th Army Corps, present. Rest of the day spent in resting.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
Adjutant General - Adjutant

August 26, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division, August 26, 1918.

Weather Cloudy

Organizations busy with training

Aug. 26th WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 26, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES AREA.

Health : Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 227 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

1 Officer 22 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

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August 26, 1918.

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Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 19 Officers.... 493 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,077 Officers
26,238 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 876 Officers
25,461 Men.

Available for duty..... 876 Officers
25,234 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Troops spent the day in training.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

Journal of Operations 2nd Division August 27, 1918.
August 27, 1918.

Weather Fair

Organizations engaged in training

Aug. 27th WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 27, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES area.

Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 235 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

1 Officer 46 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 10 Officers - 20 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,101 Officers
26,228 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 883 Officers
25,481 Men.

Available for duty..... 883 Officers
25,246 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

Remarks: Troops occupied during the day in training.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

August 28, 1918.
Journal of Operations 2nd Division August 28, 1918.

Weather Cloudy
Organizations busy in training & instructions

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Aug. 28th WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 28, 1918.
Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES AREA.
Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 249 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
1 Officer 42 Men.
Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.
Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.
Forage on Hand: 3 days.
Replacements received..... 6 Officers ... 72 Men.
Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,108 Officers,
26,211 Men.
Strength of Command, in present area..... 886 Officers,
25,437 Men.
Available for duty..... 886 Officers,
25,188 Men.
Weather: Cloudy.
Remarks: Troops of the Division, spent the day in training.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division August 29, 1918.
August 29, 1918.

Weather Rainy
Organizations busy in training & instructions

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Aug 29th WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 29, 1918.
Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES AREA.
Health: Deaths including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 262 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area....
3 Officers 26 Men.
Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.

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Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery
ammunition have been placed
within easy reach
Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops
3 days' reserve in supply trains
Forage on Hand: 3 days.
Replacements received..... 3 Officers - 485 Men.
Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,112 Officers,
26,661 Men.
Strength of Command, in present area..... 887 Officers,
25,831 Men.
Available for duty..... 887 Officers,
25,569 Men.
Weather: Fair.
Remarks: Troops occupied in training throughout the day.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division August 30, 1918.
August 30, 1918.

Weather Fair
Divisional Terrain Exercise held today

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Aug. 30th WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 30, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES AREA.

Health: Deaths, including killed in action... 0 Officers
1 Man.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 272 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
2 Officers 53 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 1 Officer - 634 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent... 1,115 Officers
27,030 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 903 Officers
26,380 Men.

Available for duty..... 903 Officers
26,108 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

Remarks: Day occupied by Division in Terrain Exercise.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
4 SEP 1918 ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division August 31, 1918.

Weather : Cloudy.
Divisional Terrain Exercise held

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Aug 31st WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: August 31, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES Area.

Health: Deaths, including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 271 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 35 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 1 Officer - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,115 Officers
27,197 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 931 Officers
26,414 Men.

Available for duty..... 931 Officers
26,143 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

Remarks: The day was occupied with a Division Manoeuver.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
J. C. R.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 1, 1918.

Weather Fair.

Organizations resting. In compliance with letter from
1st Corp dated Sept 1st 1918 the 2nd Div was ordered to
proceed by marching to the area limited as follows

Manonville (inc) Francheville (inc) Bois Ropage (inc)
Bois St Gengoult (inc) Bouvron (inc) Andilly (exc) Minor-
ville (inc)

In compliance with above letter the C.O. 9 Inf was di-
rected to proceed with one regiment reinforced by the M Gun
Co of the 23rd Inf to Bois Minorville reporting on arrival
to C.G. 1st Corp as Corp reserve Movement by trucks Trains
and animals by marching. Movement to begin at 9 P.M. and
be completed before 3. A M Sept .2. Troops enroute accord-
ingly without incident. In further compliance with letter
from 1st Corp Field Order 24 these headquarters was issued
covering movement of 2nd Div troops to new area less 2nd
F. A. Brigade

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September 1, 1918.

Sept. 1st WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR) file
637 AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

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Date: September 1, 1918.

Location: COLOMBEY-les-BELLES AREA; Exception, 9th Infantry, reinforced by 23rd Infantry M.G. CO., enroute to BOIS-de-MINORVILLE.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers
1 Man.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 142 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 146 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery : Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1,133 Officers
27,202 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 958 Officers
26,463 Men.

Available for duty..... 958 Officers
26,321 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Complying with letter from 1st Army Corps, 2nd Division ordered to proceed by marching to the area limited as follows: MANONVILLE (inclusive) - FRANCHEVILLE (inclusive) - BOIS ROPAGE (inclusive) - BOIS ST. GENGOULT (inclusive) - BOUVRON (inclusive) - ANDILLY (exclusive) - MINORVILLE (inclusive). The 9th Infantry, reinforced by the machine gun company, 23rd Infantry, began its movement to the new area. Movement beginning at 9 P.M.

In further compliance with letter from 1st Army Corps, Field Order No. 24 was issued, covering movement of 2nd division to above area, less the 2nd F.A. Brigade.

G - 3
J. C. R.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 2, 1918.

Weather Fair

Movement of troops continued during night In compliance with letter from 1st Army Corp field order 25 was issued directing movement 2nd F.A Brigade and attached units.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 2, 1918.

Location: Division located in area with FRANCHEVILLE as Headquarters.

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September 2, 1918.

War Diary of the 2nd Division September 2, 1918.

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Limits of the Sector are-

Eastern - DOMEVRE

Western - BOUVRON.

Northern - MANONVILLE

Southern - FRANCHEVILLE.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in area... 0 Officers
0 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from area... 0 Officers
142 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops
3 days' reserve in supply train

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1,132 Officers
27,182 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 958 Officers
26,463 Men.

Available for duty..... 958 Officers
26,321 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Movement of troops to new area continued throughout the day.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt. Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

G - 3
H. A. M.

September 3, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 3, 1918.

Weather Fair

Movement of troops by night continued 2nd Div Hqrs closed at Colombey Belles 1 P.M. opened Francheville same hour & date

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 3, 1918.

Location: FRANCHEVILLE AREA.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present "
0 Officers 0 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.

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September 3, 1918.

War Diary of the 2nd Division, September 3, 1918.

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Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.
Forage on Hand: 3 Days.
Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.
Strength of Command, present and absent 1136 Officers
27,393 Men.
Strength of Command, in present area.... 970 Officers
26,553 Men.
Available for duty..... 970 Officers
26,553 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Movement of troops by night continues. Second Division Headquarters closed at COLOMBEY-les-BELLES at 1:00 P.M., opened at FRANCHEVILLE the same hour and date.

G - 3
H. A. M.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt. Inf
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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September 4, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 4, 1918.

Weather Fair

Movement of troops continued by night with Hqrs 3rd Brigade Domevre - 9th Inf. at Bois de Minorville - 23rd Inf Bois Bas - 4 Brigade Bouvron - 5th Marines at Bois Ropage 6th Marines - Bois Ste Gengoult - 2nd F A Brigade at Francheville 12th F.A. Bois Chazeau 15th Bois Cumejle 17th F.A. Bois La Pretre.

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WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 4, 1918.

Location: FRANCHEVILLE AREA.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on Hand: 3 days'.

Replacements received..... 19 Officers - 612 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1143 Officers
27733 Men.

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September 4, 1918.

War Diary of the 2nd Division, September 4, 1918.

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Strength of Command, in present area..... 992 Officers
26904 Men.

Available for duty..... 992 Officers
26902 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks: Movement of troops continued by night. Headquarters
3rd Brigade at DOMEVRE; 4th Brigade at BOUVRON.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt. Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

G - 3
H. A. M.

September 5, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 5, 1918.

Weather. (Noon to noon - Rainy) Cloudy

Movement of troops to new area completed Morning of Sept.

5th. 1st F Sig Bn - Francheville 4th M Gun Bn Bois Chaude -
3rd Brigade Hqrs - Domevre - 9th Inf - Bois de Minorville -
23rd Inf Bois - 5th M Gun Bn - South end Grand Bois Bas 4th
Brigade Hqrs - Bouvron - 5th Marine Bois Ropage 6th Marines
Hqrs Ferme de Sebastopol Bois Ste. Gengoult - 6th M Gun Bn.
Bois Ste Gengoult - 2nd F.A. Brigade Hqrs - Francheville -
12th F.A. Bois de Chazeau - 15th F.A. Bois de la Cumejle
17th F.A. Bois Le Pretre - 2nd Engrs Bois de la Cumejle 2nd
Train & M.P. Hqrs Francheville - M.P. Co. A. Bois Ropage
M.P. Co. B. Bois Ropage. 2nd Engrs Train Hqrs Bois d Andilly.
2nd Am Train Fe du Bois Nathan Horse Bn Hqrs - Bois de Minor-
ville. 2nd Sanitary train Hqrs - Francheville - F H Sec Bois
Jure F H #1- Bois Jure F H #15 and Amb Co 15- Bois Ropage.
F H 16 Bois Ste Gengoult. F H 23 Bois Ropage. Amb Sec Hqrs
& Amb Co #1 - Bois Jure - Amb Co. 16 - Bois Chazeau Amb Co
23 - Bois de Minorville 2nd Supply Train Hqrs - Ferme Boyer.
MORS 116 Saizurais. MSTU & Vet Unit & Fodin Disinfectant at
Ferme Boyer.

The village of Bouvron was taken from 2nd Division area
and the village of Limey substituted in its place the 4th
Brigade Hqrs however remaining at Bouvron.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 5, 1918.

Location: FRANCHEVILLE AREA.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Ammunition: on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy
reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

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September 5, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division , September 5, 1918.

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Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1137 Officers
27404 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 995 Officers
26751 Men.

Available for duty..... 995 Officers
26751 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks: Movement of Second Division completed. The village of BOUVRON was taken from the Second Division and the village of LIMY substituted in its place. The 4th Brigade Headquarters however remained at BOUVRON.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
H. A. M.

(Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt. Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

September 6, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 6, 1918.

Weather: Rainy

The Units of 2nd Division in new stations busy in wood fighting exercises and liason training.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 6, 1918.

Location: FRANCHEVILLE AREA.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms:Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery :Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1148 Officers
27418 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1003 Officers
26821 Men.

Available for duty..... 1003 Officers
26821 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks. Units of Second Division in new stations busy in wood fighting exercises and liaison training.

G - 3
H. A. M.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt. Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

September 7, 1918.
Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 7, 1918.

Weather Fair

Organizations busy with training in wood fighting exercises and liason work. The 4th M.G. Bn moves to Bois de L'Usures night of 7th-8th. The 6th M Gun Bn moves to Bois de Hayes night of 7th-8th.

Gen Pershing visited Headquarters 2nd Division Sept 7th

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 7, 1918.

Location: FRANCHEVILLE AREA.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1148 Officers
27569 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1022 Officers
26902 Men.

Available for duty..... 1022 Officers
26902 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Organization busy with training. General Pershing visited the Second Division Headquarters morning of September 7th.

G - 3
H. A. M.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt. Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

September 8, 1918.
Journal of Operations 2nd Division, September 8, 1918.

Weather Cloudy & Rainy

In compliance with Field Order 48 (1st Army Corp) the 2nd Division relieves the elements of the 90th and of the 89th Division (4 Corps) in the sector Limey (inc) one half kilometer east of Remenauville.

Following are the boundaries of the new 2nd Div sector
Right (east) Point 500 meters east of Remenauville
Cross-road Le Haricot, Bois de la Rappe (inc) Tremblecourt
(exclusive) Avrainville (exclusive) Francheville (inclusive)

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September 8, 1918.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division, September 8, 1918.

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Left (west) Limey (inclusive) western edge Bois de Hayes, Minorville (exclusive) Bois de Minorville (exclusive) Bois D'Andilly (exclusive) Bois Chezeau (exclusive) Francheville (inclusive) In compliance with Field Order 48 1st Army Corps the Second Division issued Field Order #26 -

Movement to start 8 p m Sept 9th all fighting units of Second Division to be North of Rosieres - Noviant road before 5 hours 10th of Sept.

Command passes from C G's 89th & 90th Divisions to C.G. Second Division at 8 hours 10th Sept - at which hour Second Division P. C. will be established at Lironville.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 8, 1918.

Location: The 2nd Division moved to new area; Francheville remaining Headquarters. The boundaries of the new area are:-

Eastern: 500 meters east of REMENAUVILLE - cross-roads- Le HARICOT - BOIS de La RAPPE - AVRONVILLE - FRANCHEVILLE

Western: LIMEY - MINORVILLE - BOIS d'ANDILLY - BOIS CHEZEAU

Health: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 0 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 0 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery : Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 dyas.

R-placements received..... 4)fficers - 152 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1148 Officers
27749 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1023 Officers
27029 Men.

Available for duty..... 1023 Officers
27029 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks: In compliance with Field Order #48, 1st Army Corps, the 2nd Division relieved the elements of the 89th and 90th Divisions (4th Corps) of the Sector LIMEY.

ATTESTED:

G - 3
H. A. M.

(Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt. Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 9, 1918.
September 9, 1918.

Weather Rainy

In compliance with F. Order 26 these hqrs the following elements of the 2nd Division move to their new positions (see station list & map anex of Sept 9th) at 8 p m 3 Brig

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Hqrs - 9th Inf - 23rd Inf - 5th M Gun Bn - 2nd Engrs - 2nd Engr Train - 4th Brig Hqrs - 5th Marines - 6th Marines - 12 F.A. - 15 F.A. - 17 F.A. - 2nd Trench Mtr Bty - 2nd Am Train - (Horse Bn) Operations Memo issued Sept 9th moving balance of division not moved by F. O. 26.

Division P.C. closed at Francheville 8 A.M. Opened same hour and date at Montjoie in (Bois Montjoie). Command passes from 89th & 90th Divisions to C.G. 2nd Div. at 8 A.M. Sept. 10th.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 9, 1918.

Location: LIMEY SECTOR.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers
0 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Sic! & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 0 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 3 Officers - 1696 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1147 Officers
27787 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1023 Officers
27094 Men.

Available for duty..... 1023 Officers
27094 Men.

Weather: RAINY.

Remarks: Advance Echelon 2nd Division located at BOIS MONTJOIS at 8:00 A.M.

G - 3 ATTESTED:
H. A. M.

(Sgd) Gerard B. Hoppin Capt Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 10, 1918.

Weather Rainy - (8 P.M.)

In compliance with Operations Memorandum issued Sept 9th the units therein contained began their movement.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 10, 1918.

Location: LIMEY SECTOR. All fighting units of the 2nd Div.
located North of ROSIERES NOVIANT road before
5:00 A.M.

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WAR DIARY OF THE SECOND DIVISION September 10, 1918.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.....
 0 Officers 0 Men.
 Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area
 0 Officers 0 Men.
 Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area
 0 Officers 0 Men.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 202 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area.....1028 Officers
28670 Men.

Weather: RAINY.

Remarks: Advance P.C. closed at FRANCHEVILLE 8:00 A.M. September 10, opened at BOIS MONTJOIS same hour same date, command passing from G.G. 89th and 90th Division to G.G. 2nd Division at 8:00 A.M.

$\frac{G-3}{H.A.M.}$ (On Reverse)
G-3 GHQ

(Sgd) GERARD B. HOPPIN Capt Inf.
for ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations.

Weather: Rainy.

The Second Battalion 5th Marines occupied positions 1 Bis and 1 during day of Sept 11th relieving units of 89 and 90th Divisions. Harrassing fire from enemy artillery.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Location: LIMEY SECTOR.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional Small arms and artillery ammunition Have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

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September 11, 1918.

War Diary of the Second Division, September 11, 1918.

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Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1164 Officers
29403 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1033 Officers
28629 Men.

Available for duty..... 1033 Officers
28629 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks: Second Battalion 5th Marines occupied positions 1
bis and 1, during day of September 11, relieving
units of 89th and 90th Divisions.

ATTESTED:

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H. B. M.

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 12, 1918.
September 12, 1918.

Weather Rainy

Gen Lejeune & Gen Brown moved forward and established
advance P. C. at Loge Mangin

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WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 12, 1918.

Location: LIMEY SECTOR.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 3 Officers
50 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 45 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
10 Officers 421 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery : Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional Small Arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 4 Officers - 1 man.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1170 Officers
29353 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1040 Officers
28590 Men.

Available for duty..... 1040 Officers
28545 Men.

Weather: RAINY.

Remarks: Major General Lejeune and Brigadier General Brown
moved forward and established Division P.C. at Loge
Mangin.

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H. B. M.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 13 September 1918.

From: Commanding General, 2nd Division,
To: Commanding General, 1st Army Corps.
Subject: Report of Operations - September 13, 1918.

1. After an artillery preparation of 4 hours, beginning at 1:00 A.M., the 2nd Division attacked at 5:00 A.M., in the sector prescribed in the Corps Attack Order.

2. The heavy rains of the preceding 3 or 4 days made the ground soft and boggy. During the night of September 11-12, the rain was very heavy until 3:00 A.M., when the sky cleared and stars came out. Our infantry went over the top promptly at 5:00 A.M., preceded by the artillery barrage. Although the ground was wet and heavy under foot, the troops pushed forward rapidly, encountering very little opposition; only an occasional machine gun nest that put up a stubborn resistance. These were encircled and while a detachment remained to complete the operation, the remainder moved on. The "First Phase" objective was reached at 9:00 A.M. On account of the soft ground, the tanks were unable to keep up with the infantry and were left far in the rear.

3. The infantry advanced from the "First Phase" line at 11:00 A.M., the hour set in the Division Attack Order. By 12:00 (Noon), our infantry was in possession of THIAUCOURT, encountering only slight resistance. About 500 prisoners were taken in the town. By 3:50 P.M., the "Army Objective" was reached. The 3rd Brigade began digging in and organizing the Army Position in depth. The 4th Brigade took position in rear, as reserve, and also began organizing its position.

4. During the advance there was practically no enemy artillery reaction. A few shells were thrown on the advancing infantry but did little or no damage. The 13th and 15th F.A. regiments moved forward and supported the infantry. Several batteries suffered casualties in men and animals from enemy artillery fire.

5. Our air service had air superiority practically the entire day. Several times large squadrons of enemy aeroplanes came over and had air dominance for a short period. Four of our planes were shot down during the day, landing in a slightly damaged condition.

6. About 5:30 P.M., there was a slight hostile demonstration on the right flank, resulting in heavy machine gun fire, which died down about dusk. About 11:00 P.M., a heavy barrage was laid down on our front lines but was not followed by infantry.

7. Our casualties have been very slight. It is thought they do not exceed 600, the great majority of whom are slightly wounded. Very few dead were seen on the battle field.

Total prisoners captured about 2,800, including about 60 officers.

There was also captured:

- About 5 batteries of F.A., near JAULNY,
- 1 battery, north of LOGE MANGIN,
- 8 - 130 m/m long range guns,
- 3 - 21 c/m Howitzers,
- 4 tank guns and an anti-aircraft battery,
- 1/2 carload of 77 m/m ammunition,
- 3 or 4 carloads of cement

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Report of Operations 2nd Division - September 12, 1918.

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1 carload of minenwerfer shells, and
A complete train of about 20 railway cars.
Large quantities of miscellaneous stores.

All of the above, except the light artillery, are now
at THIAUCOURT.

About 2 kilometers south of Thiaucourt is a cave filled
with artillery ammunition. The woods contain numerous ammu-
nition dumps, containing machine gun and rifle ammunition and
hand grenades; also numerous machine guns, and several anti-
aircraft guns. In addition, a large number of rifles, hel-
mets, and other paraphernalia, of which time has not permitted
an inventory.

8. All prisoners were sent to Corps Headquarters.

9. Division Headquarters moved from southeast of LIRON-
VILLE to LOGE MANGIN at 4:00 P.M., at which point it is now
situated.

10. Present disposition of division:

In the line: From right to left: 9th - 23rd Infantry.
Each regiment in column of battal-
ions, dug in and echeloned in
depth.

To the Raer: (1-1/2 kilometers); 5th - 6th Marines.
Dug in, and echeloned in depth.

(Sgd) John A. Lejeune

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,

Major General, U.S.M.C.

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Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 13, 1918.

Rear echelon moved to advance P.C. at Loge Mangin.
Weather Fair

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 13, 1918.

Location: LIMEY SECTOR

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers
14 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....

0 Officers 35 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....

0 Officers 26 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional Small arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 10 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1175 Officers
29353 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1043 Officers
28573 Men.

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War Diary of the Second Division, September 13, 1918.

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Available for duty..... 1043 Officers
28538 Men

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: Rear Echelon moved to advance P.C. at Loge Mangin.

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H. B. M.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

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CRAIG G*3 AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES. Lt. T.

France, 14 September 1918.

From: Commanding General, 2nd Division,

To: Commanding General, 1st Army Corps.

Subject: Report of Operations - September 13, 1918.

1. The weather was fair during the day, with intermittent showers.

2. The sector was very quiet. Intermittent machine gun fire at the front and some artillery fire on our front lines and on THIAUCOURT. About 10:00 P.M., harrassing fire on the roads leading north to THIAUCOURT, which did practically no damage.

3. There was considerable air activity throughout the day by both sides. So far as known, only one of our planes was shot down, landing within our lines. Nothing is known of enemy airplane losses.

4. Less than 800 casualties passed through the Division Triage (Evacuation Station). No report of the killed has yet been received, but the entire casualty list of the division, it is believed, will not exceed 8% of the combatant strength.

Total prisoners taken about 3,000, including 60 officers.

5. During the night of September 12-13, the 3rd Brigade, in the front line position, was relieved by the 4th Brigade - the relief taking place without incident.

6. The right regiment is in close liaison and actual contact with the left regiment of the 5th Division on our right, at the southwest corner of the BOIS de BONVAUX. On our left flank, we are in close liaison with the 89th Division in the vicinity of XAMMES.

The line held by the division is: XAMMES(Exclusive)-JAULNY (inclusive) - to the southwest corner of the BOIS de BONVAUX, where it connects with the 5th Division. In the right half of the division sector, the line is slightly in advance of the Army Objective line as laid down in the Corps attack Order.

7. Present disposition of the Division:

In the Line: From right to left: 5th - 6th Marines.
Each regiment in column of battalions, dug in and echeloned in depth.

To the rear (1-1/2 kilometers): 9th - 23rd Infantry.
Dug in and echeloned in depth.

8. 3rd Brigade P.C. at THIAUCOURT.

4th Brigade P.C. at THIAUCOURT.

Division P.C. - 700 yards south of LOGE MANGIN

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(Sgd) John A. Lejeune
JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General, U.S.M.C.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division (September 14, 1918.
September 14, 1918.

Order for relief of Second Division less 2nd F.A. Artillery by 155 Brigade 78th Division received from 1st Corps the Second Division to occupy the Ansaville Royaumeix area movement to start night of Sept 15th - and be completed night of Sep 16.

Weather Fair

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 14th, 1918.

Location: LIMEY SECTOR.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action... 3 Officers
62 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 33 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 25 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional Small Arms and artillery ammu-
nition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1172 Officers
29074 Men

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1031 Officers
28205 Men

Available for duty..... 1031 Officers
28172 Men.

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: Order for relief of Second Division less 2nd Artillery Brigade by one brigade of 78th Division received from 1st A.C. Second Division to occupy ANSAUVILLE ROYAUMEIX area.

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H. B. M.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) Madison Pearson

Adjutant General - Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION September 15, 1918.
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 15 September, 1918.

OPERATIONS REPORT

FROM NOON 14 SEPTEMBER TO NOON 15 SEPTEMBER.

1. CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DAY:

Weather fair. Strong patrols pushed forward by our front line battalions gained the line REMBERCOURT, exclusive, northern edge of Bois de la MONTAGNE, northern edge of the woods two kilometers northeast of XAUMES. Considerable resistance by infantry was encountered supported by artillery, but was steadily pushed back. Several counter-attacks, accompanied by artillery fire, were repulsed. Report of casualties not received but is given as very small. Prisoners taken 40.

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2. SUMMARY OF EVENTS:

Infantry Activity.

Our Own: The 5th Marines on the right, 6th Marines on the left, pushed forward strong reconnaissance patrols in the direction of the enemy to gain information of the enemy's position and strength. They advanced approximately two kilometers, overcoming strong enemy resistance and established an out-post line approximately on the line northwest edge Bois de BONVAUX, south of REMBERCOURT, quarries west of REMBERCOURT, northern edge of Bois de MONTAGNE and through center of woods two kilometers northeast of XAMMES.

Enemy: The enemy offered a stubborn resistance, supported by its artillery, and made several counter-attacks, accompanied by artillery fire, which were repulsed.

OUR OWN: Artillery Activity.

Delivered interdiction fire, reduction of machine gun nests, destruction fire on Mon Plaisir Ferme, a German strong point, counter-battery in the region between CHAREY and St. JULIEN. General activity lively.

Enemy: Harrassing fire on roads in our rear area, several barrages on our front line positions, ranging fire on our batteries.

Aerial Activity.

Our own: Airplanes were active in continual reconnaissance throughout the day.

Enemy: Fairly active, one of his planes destroying two of our balloons.

3. CASUALTIES:

No reports or details received.

4. MISCELLANEOUS:

Fourth Brigade established an out-post line two kilometers in advance of yesterday's position and began organization in depth.

J.C.RHEA

Colonel, General Staff,
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Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 15, 1918.

Weather: Fair.

In compliance with Field Order No. 30, these Headquarters, the Division, less the 2nd Field Artillery Brigade, moved from the Thiaucourt area to the ANSAUVILLE-ROYAUMEIX area.

The 2nd F.A. Brigade and machine gun companies of the 4th Brigade to remain in position until 24 hours after the relief of the 4th Brigade. Movement made as ordered. The 155th Brigade of the 78th Division relieved the 2nd Division. Movement started during the night.

Annex: Orders, reports and sketches.

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WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 15th, 1918.

Location: ANSAUVILLE ROUAUMIEX AREA.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 3 Officers
62 Men.
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 33 Men.
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 25 Men.

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War Diary of the 2nd Division

September 15, 1918.
September 15th, 1918.

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Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled.
Ammunition trains filled.
Additional Small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 Days'.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 0 men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1172 Officers
29074 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1031 Officers
28205 Men.

Available for duty..... 1031 Officers
28172 Men.

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: The Command passes from C.G. 78th Div. to C.G. 2nd Div. at 10:00 A.M. September 15th. Division Headquarters closes at Loge Mangin at 10:00 A.M. and opens at Mannonville at same time and date.

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ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 16, 1918.
Noon September 15 to Noon September 16.

In compliance with Corps Order, Field Order #30 these Hq. was issued moving the division from the "Thiaucourt" Area to the Ansauville - Royimeix area. 2nd F.A. Brigade and Machine Gun companies of 4th Brigade to remain in position until 24 hours after the relief of 4 Brigade. Movement made as ordered.

Command of Sector passed from C G 2 Div to C G 78 Div. at 10 A M

Division Hq - Manonvill

3rd Brig Hq. Ansauville, 4th Brig. Hq. - Military huts to the north of Manonville about 100 yds from the junction of the Manonville - Noviant road&the Manonville-Martincourt road.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 16, 1918.

Location: MANONVILLE.

Health: Deaths; including killed in action... 1 Officer
9 Men.

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officer 104 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
4 Officer 536 Men

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery : Combat trains filled.

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War Diary of the Second Division, September 16, 1918.

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Ammunition trains filled.

Additional Small Arms and artillery ammunition
have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1181 Officers
28747 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1042 Officers
27399 Men.

Available for duty..... 1042 Officers
27295 Men.

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: Troops busy policing new billets.

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H. B. M. ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations 2nd Division September 17, 1918.

The movement of Second Division less the 2nd F.A. Brigade to new area is completed - Weather Rainy

The Second F.A. Brigade was relieved during night of Sept 17th and proceeded to its new area. The other units of the Second Division spent the day in policing and resting in billets.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 17th, 1918.

Location: MANNONVILLE.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers
4 Men

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area.....
0 Officers 101 Men.

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area.....
0 Officers 173 "

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional Small Arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 9 Men

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1180 Officers
28350 Men

Strength of Command, in present area..... 1056 Officers
26959 Men

Available for duty..... 1056 Officers
26858 Men

Weather: RAINY

REMARKS: Movement of 2nd Division to new area completed. 17th F.A. relieved night of September 17th and proceeded to new area.

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H. B. M. ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Madison Pearson

ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

September 16, 1918.

REPORT OF SECOND DIVISION

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- Enclosure 2 Map showing Lines obtained.
- Enclosure 3 C.G. 3d Brig. 2d Div 17th Sept to C.G. 2d Div. Subject: Report of Action of 3d Brig. in the Battle of THIAUCOURT.
- Enclosure 4 Messages sent and received Sept 11th to 14th Inc.
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- Enclosure 7 Map of 4th Inf. Brigade, Marines.
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- Enclosure 10 C.O. 1st Bn 9th Inf, 17th Sept to C.O. 9th Inf. Subject: Report of Operations Sept 12-15.
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- Enclosure 12 Summary of Casualties, 9th Inf. Sept 12-15 Inc.
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- Enclosure 14 Regimental Cmdr, 5th Rgt. U.S. Marine Corps Sept 17th to C.G. 2d Div. Subject: Report of Operation of Sept 11-16, 1918.
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- Enclosure 18 12th F.A. 16th Sept. Operations Report covering Sept 12th to 15th as called for in Memo #74 Hqs 2d Div 16th Sept 1918.
- Enclosure 19 Intelligence Officer, 12th F.A. 16th Sept to C.O. 12th F.A. Subject: Captured property.
- Enclosure 20 12th F.A. 17th Sept. Report of Casualties in Compliance with Par. 2 Memo #74 Hqs 2d Div 16th Sept
- Enclosure 21 C O 15th F.A. 17th Sept to C.G. 2d Div. Subject: Report of Operations.
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ations of 2d Engrs. from 11 to 16
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- Enclosure 25 C.O. 1st Field Bn Sig Corps 17th
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port of Operations 12th to 15th
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- Enclosure 26 C.O. 2d Ammunition Train 17th Sept
to C.G. 2d Div. Subject: Report of
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(Editor's Note): Items 2 to 24, 26 to 31 and 33 to 36, all
inclusive are included elsewhere in this Vol-
ume with the organizations and operations to
which they pertain.

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 18 September 1918.

From: Commanding General, 2nd U.S. Division,
To: Commanding General, 1st Army Corps,
Subject: Report of Operations -- 12-16 September, 1918.

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September 16, 1918.

Report of Operations Second Division -- 12-16 September, 1918.

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1. On the night of September 9 and 10, the division moved from the FRANCHEVILLE area into the woods north of the line: NOVIANT-aux-PRES - MANORVILLE, in proximity to their front of attack. On the night 11-12 September, the organizations moved into the "jumping-off" positions, all being in place by "H" minus 3 hours.

2. In conformity with the "Tentative Plan of Attack, 2nd U.S. Division", dated September 8, 1918, and Field Order No. 27, Headquarters 2nd Division, dated September 10, 1918, 22:00 Hours, both based on the Plan of Attack of the 1st Corps, this division attacked the enemy on its prescribed front at 5:00 Hours, September 12, 1918.

3. The attack was preceded by four (4) hour artillery preparation from "H" minus 4 to "H" Hours. At "H" hour (5:00 A.M.) September 12, the infantry went "over the top" preceded by the artillery barrage. The division was disposed in column, the 3rd Brigade in the lead - regiments side by side. In the 3rd Brigade, the 9th Infantry on the right and the 23rd Infantry on the left, were formed in columns of battalions, each battalion with a machine gun company attached to it, Stokes' mortars, 1-pounders, and some engineer detachments.

Very little resistance was encountered in the German front trench system. Some machine gun nests in the BOIS du FOUR, the BOIS l'EVEQUE and the BOIS de BEAU VALLON offered stubborn resistance. These were flanked by small detachments, while the bulk of the command continued its advance.

Intermediate Objective was reached about 7:00 Hours and passed without a stop. The "First Phase" was reached by the 23rd Infantry about 9:30 Hours, and by the 9th Infantry, which had to overcome resistance in the BOIS d'HEICHE at 10:00 Hours. Here the regiments reformed and, at 11:00 Hours, in conformity with the plan, the attack was resumed. THIAUCOURT was taken about 11:50 Hours, and the "Army Objective" by 14:30 Hours. Strong combat patrols were thrown out to the front and an outpost formed while the rest of the line organized the position in depth for defense. JAULNY was not included in the Army Objective, but troublesome machine gun and rifle fire from this town compelled its capture. The line, as finally organized therefore, was about one-half kilometer north of the "Army Objective" in the right (east) half of the Sector. The first line, where consolidation was begun, was as follows: XAMMES (exclusive) - JAULNY (inclusive), connecting with the 5th Division, near the southwest edge of the BOIS de BONVAUX.

The advance of the division was more rapid than the divisions on its right and left, the 5th and 89th Divisions, respectively.

One counter-attack, with considerable artillery fire, was made on the right flank of the 23rd Infantry from the BOIS de RUPT, but was repulsed with considerable loss to the enemy. On account of the width of the division sector on the Army Line, about 3 kilometers, the line was held by three (3) battalions, with one battalion in support in each regimental sector, and one battalion as Brigade reserve.

On the night of 13-14 September, the 4th Brigade relieved the 3rd Brigade in the line, the latter going into Division reserve in the BOIS d'HEICHE and the BOIS de BEAU VALLON.

At the beginning of the attack, the 4th Brigade formed the reserve in rear of the 3rd Brigade, also echeloned in depth in column of battalions, with the 5th Marines on the

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right and the 6th Marines on the left. One battalion of the 6th Marines, with a machine gun company, formed a liaison detachment between the 2nd Division and the 89th Division on the left. This detachment followed along the left flank of the division, in rear of the 3rd Brigade, and practically acted as flank guard during the periods when a wide gap existed between the 2nd Division and the 89th Division. The 4th Brigade continued the consolidation on the Army Objective, pushing its combat patrols well to the front. Further information as to the position and strength of the enemy being desirable, the brigade was directed to send forward two (2) strong patrols in reconnaissance on the morning of September 14. The patrols met with little resistance until they reached the BOIS de la MONTAGNE and the woods to the west thereof, where a number of enemy machine gun nests were found. This resistance was rapidly overcome and the leading battalions advanced to positions, north end of BOIS de HAILBAK, north end of BOIS de la MONTAGNE and the northern part of the woods to the west of BOIS de la MONTAGNE, between XAMMES and CHAREY. The Exercise Trenches, south of MONT PLAISIR FARM and to the southwest of CHAREY were found to be strongly occupied.

This new line, approximately 2 kilometers north of the line: XAMMES - JAULNY, was immediately organized in depth for defense, strong patrols being pushed to the front and communication established with the 5th Division on the right and the 89th Division on the left. Due to the slowness of the 89th Division to keep pace with the advance of the 2nd Division, a considerable gap existed on the left flank, which necessitated the posting of a strong flank guard on the left flank of the 6th Marines. At about 20:00 Hours, on the evening of September 15, the enemy laid down a heavy barrage on the front line of the 6th Marines and attacked from the left front with infantry and machine guns. The attack, with the assistance of our artillery barrage, was repulsed with heavy loss to the enemy.

4. During the night of September 15-16, the 155th Brigade of the 78th Division moved up and relieved the 4th Brigade. The enemy laid down several barrages but the relief was otherwise completed without difficulty and with little loss. The brigade withdrew to the BOIS d'HEICHE, and the following afternoon moved to the BOIS de MINORVILLE. The 3rd Brigade, during the night of September 15-16, moved from its positions in the BOIS de BEAU VALLON and the BOIS d'HEICHE to the woods north of ROYAUMEIX.

5. LIAISON:

Liaison within the regiments and brigades was good, but between brigades and the division left much to be desired. The latter failure was due largely to the use of a truck in taking forward the wire materiel. The truck was too heavy for the roads. With wire carts for the telephone system and light carts for the radio plant, it is believed communication could have been established with little difficulty. This part of the liaison system will be carefully reorganized to insure its successful working in future operations.

6. TANKS:

The work of the tanks left much to be desired, which was due probably to the heavy rains of the preceding three or four days, which made the ground soft and water-logged and the going very heavy. Neither the heavy tanks nor the light tanks were of any use to the infantry. They were not able to keep up. Had heavy resistance been encountered, it is probable that

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the light tanks would have been up in time to render some service:

7. AIR SERVICE:

Our aeroplanes had control of the air at all times, were over our and the enemy's lines continually and rendered excellent service.

8. ENGINEERS:

The 2nd Engineers rendered excellent service in cutting wire, preparing the way for tanks and in constructing and repairing roads. They did all, and more, than was expected of them.

9. ARTILLERY:

The artillery barrage was well laid and closely followed by the infantry. One battalion of 75's for each of the leading regiments was hooked up and followed as soon as it was safe for them to do so, and rendered effective support during the late hours of the first day. The apparent failure of lack of support of the artillery during the afternoon of September 12th was due to the rapid advance of the infantry, and to the failure of obtaining prompt telephonic connections. Artillery was in position to give prompt support but hesitated in doing so due to lack of exact knowledge of the infantry front line positions. These are conditions that will occur in all active operations and will occasionally vitiate all theories.

10. CASUALTIES: (Subject to Correction).

Officers:

Killed..... 8

Wounded.....22

Total..... 30

Enlisted Men:

Killed.....190

Wounded.....681

Gassed..... 28

Shell Concussion.. 13

Injury..... 67

Sick.....314

Total..... 1293

Missing.....44

Aggregate:.....1,437

11. CAPTURED MATERIEL:

42 - 77's	3 - 8" Howitzers,
7 - 105's	4 - 250 m/m Howitzers,
19 - 155's	119 - Machine Guns, light,
11 - Austrian 88's,	1 - Machine Gun, Heavy,
3 - 8" Guns	2 - Maxim Machine Guns and 4
8 - 4" guns,	horses,
5 - 3" Guns,	1 - 57 m/m Gun,
8 - 6" Howitzers,	2 - Anti-aircraft guns, about 2",
8 - 10" Howitzers, 1000	Rifles.

The above list is by no means complete, as there are many machine guns in dugouts and in position that have not been listed.

In addition, there are thousands of rounds of rifle and machine gun ammunition; artillery ammunition of various calibers; large quantities of engineer stores; a hospital establishment with hospital train, together with supplies of medical stores and equipment; a narrow gauge railroad with at

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least 3 engines and about 50 cars; and immense stores and engineer and other supplies. The latter will be found in THIAUCOURT and JAULNY, with small dumps south of THIAUCOURT.

In THIAUCOURT are large concrete dugouts with great quantities of artillery ammunition, and about 1-1/2 kilometers southwest of THIAUCOURT is a cave with large stores of artillery ammunition of various calibers. Throughout the area are numerous lagers, or camps, with numerous barracks and dug-outs, some of the latter well built and appointed and can be utilized as regimental, battalion and company P.C.'s.

There is a network of many kilometers of narrow gauge railways throughout the area.

12. The location and salvage of captured enemy property by combatant troops will never be satisfactorily done. Every energy of the attacking troops is bent on defeating the enemy. The proper location, inventory and turning in of this property would require a large force of men and a considerable period of time. It should be done by a detachment of Army troops which, in open warfare, could follow the attacking line in about two hours' time. There is a great need for some salvage organization for the police of the battle fields, especially after a victorious advance. At present, the vast quantities of captured property are at the mercy of passers-by who rummage through, trample over and scatter this property in an endeavor to find souvenirs and articles of high intrinsic value. If such a salvage system can be started vast sums can be saved to the U.S. Government.

13. Appended hereto are the following documents:

- Tentative Plan of Attack, 2nd Division, Sept. 8.
- Field Order No. 27, 2nd Division, Sept. 10.
- Field Order No. 28, 2nd Division, Sept. 14.
- Field Order No. 29, 2nd Division, Sept. 15.
- Field Order No. 30, 2nd Division, Sept. 15.
- Operations Report - 3rd Brigade,
- " " -- 4th Brigade,
- " " - 2nd F.A. Brigade,
- " " - 9th Infantry,
- " " - 23rd Infantry,
- " " - 5th Marines,
- " " - 6th Marines,
- " " - 4th M. G. Bn.
- " " - 5th M. G. Bn.
- " " - 6th M. G. Bn.
- " " - 12th F. A.
- " " - 15th F. A.
- " " - 17th F. A.
- " " - 2nd Trench Mortar Battery,
- " " - 1st Field Signal Bn,
- " " - 2nd Ammunition Train,
- " " - A. P. M.
- " " - Division Surgeon..

Maps,

14. PRISONERS:

The number of prisoners captured total:
About 70 Officers,
3,200 Men.

(Sgd) John A. Lejeune,
JOHN A. LEJEUNE,

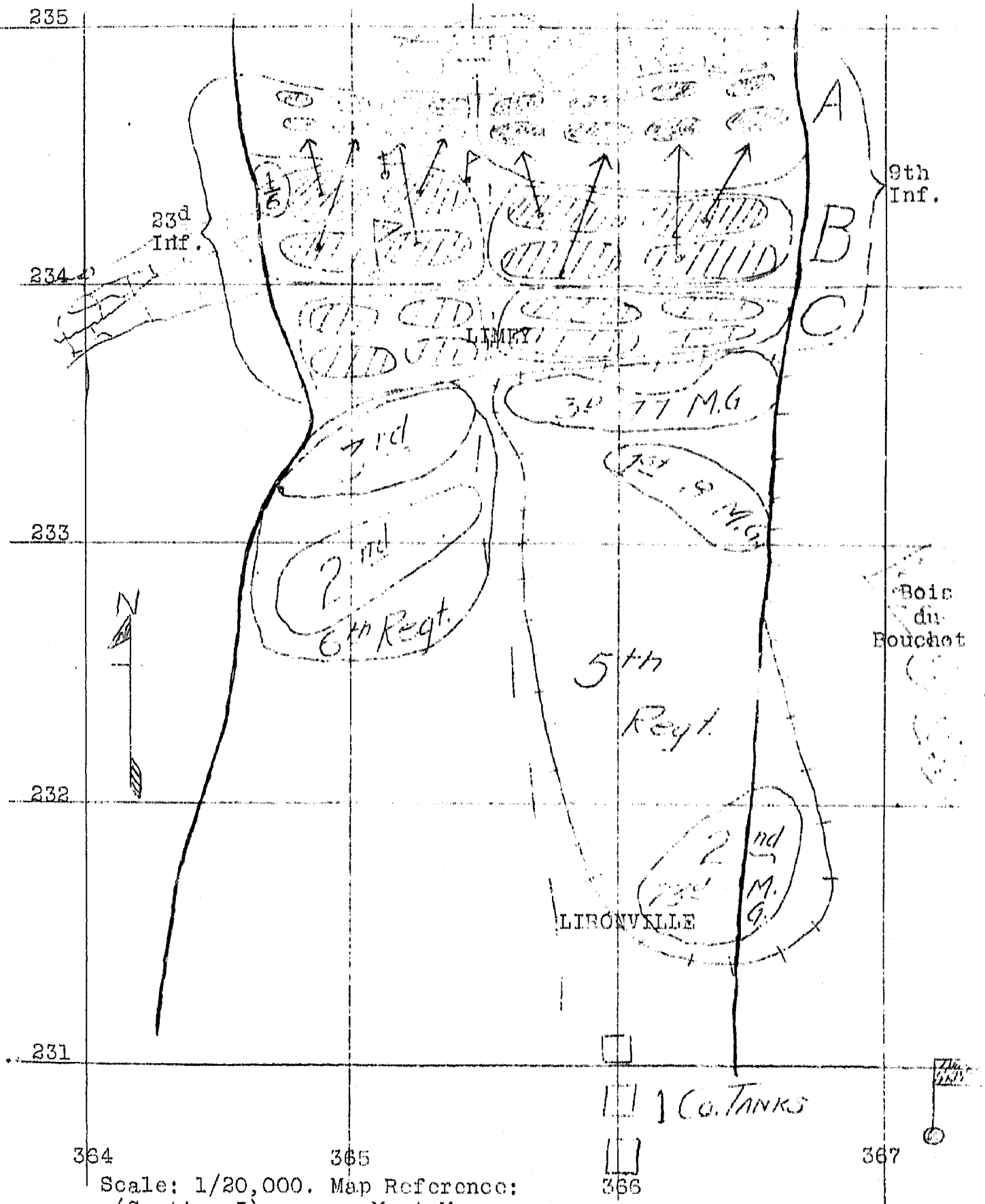
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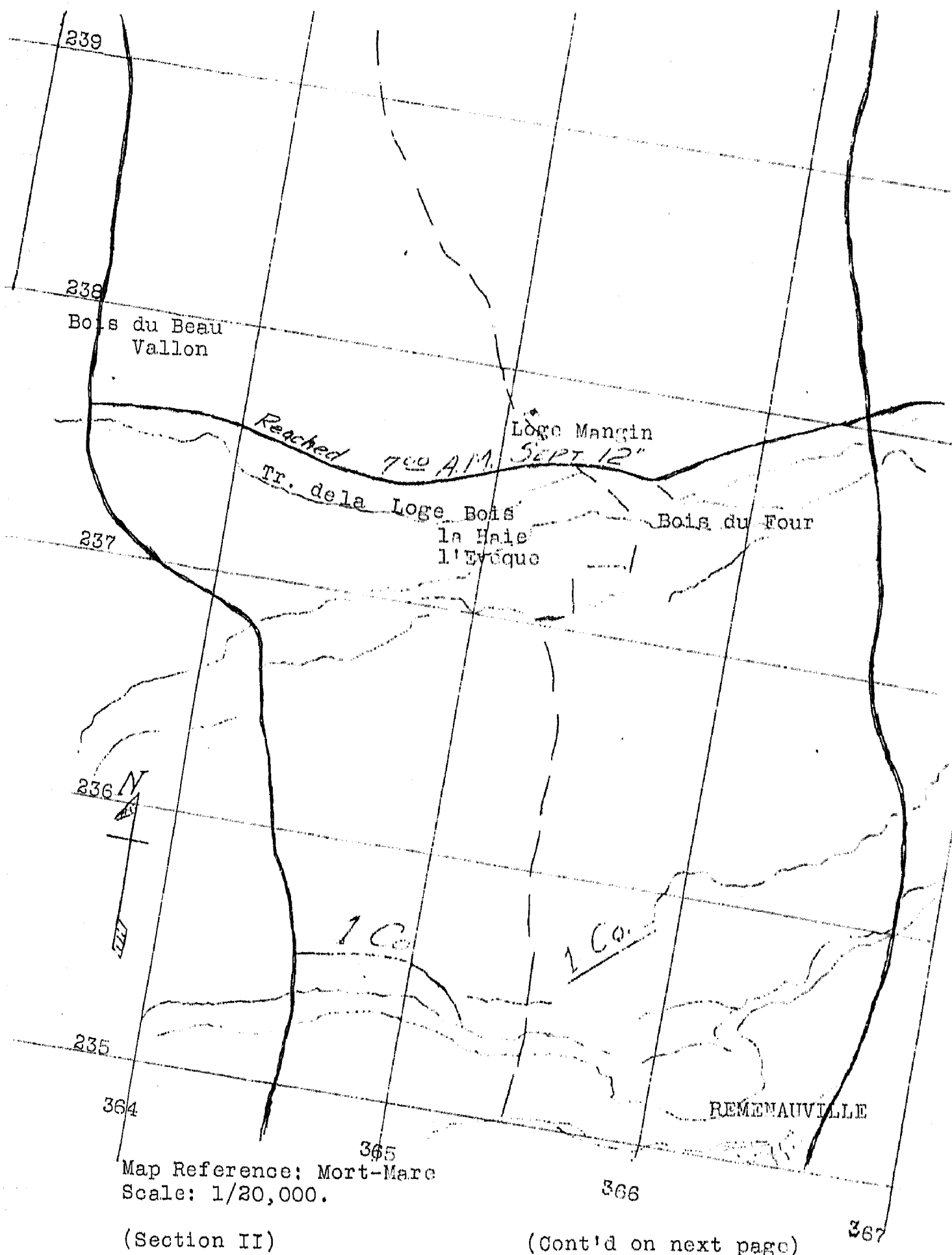
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 ST. MIHIEL OPERATION.

Map showing Lines obtained. 2nd U. S. Division Operations
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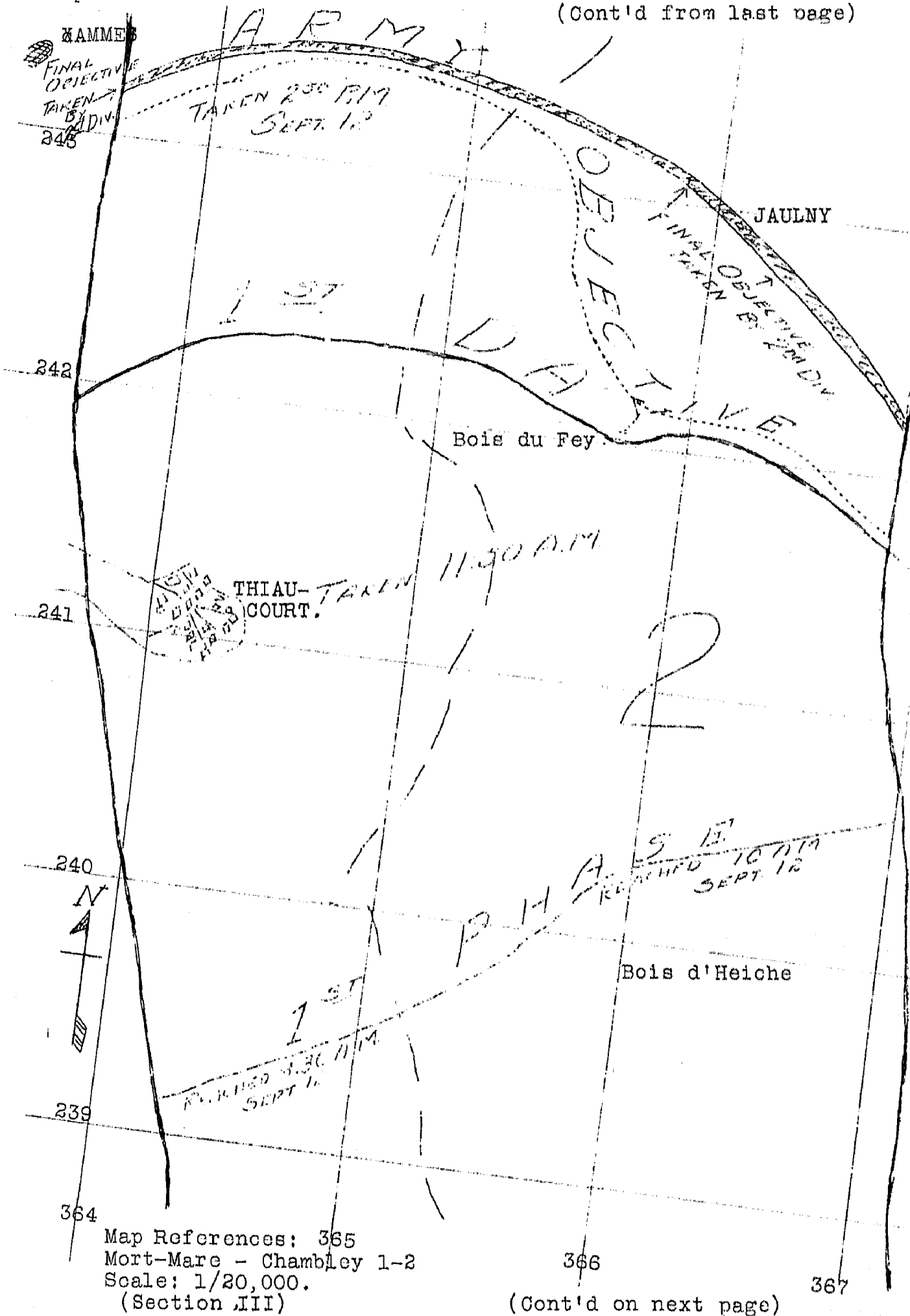
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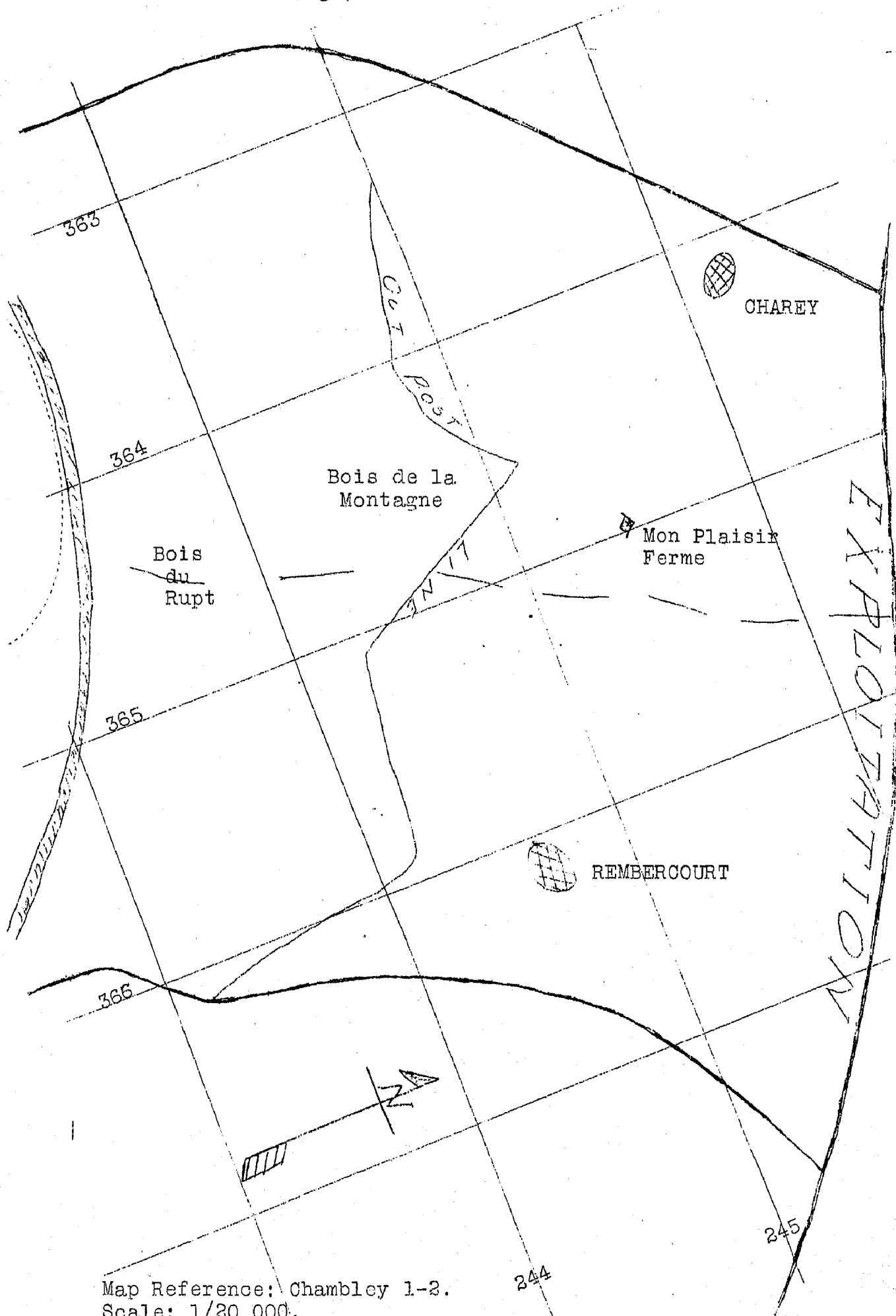


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Division Machine Gun Officer,
2nd Division American E. F.
France, September 17, 1918.

FROM: The Division Machine Gun Officer,
2nd Division.
TO: The Commanding General, 2nd Division.
SUBJECT: Report on Operations September 12th to
15th, 1918.

1. Pursuant to Field Orders No. 27, Headquarters Second Division, the machine guns of the division were used during the recent attack on the German positions in front of Limey as follows:-

(a) The 4th and 6th Machine Gun Battalions were organized as rear guns for firing indirect overhead barrages upon selected areas within the enemy's lines during the initial stage of the attack. As soon as our Infantry had advanced to a point 1850 meters from the guns their fire ceased and the guns went out of action. The 4th Machine Gun Battalion then became a part of the Division Reserve and followed the 4th Infantry Brigade on the left flank of the Division. The 6th Machine Gun Battalion joined the 4th Infantry Brigade upon the completion of the barrage.

(b) The 5th Machine Gun Battalion and all the Regimental machine gun companies were used as forward guns throughout the attack, one machine gun company being assigned to each infantry battalion. The rear guns were under the orders of the Division Machine Gun Officer. The two machine gun battalions were divided into six groups (one company to each group), a company commander commanding each group and the battalion commander of each battalion commanding the groups in his battalion.

2. A preliminary reconnaissance of the sector was made by the Division Machine Gun Officer and the Battalion Commanders several days prior to the attack. Later, reconnaissances were made by the Battalion Commanders, and their respective organization commanders. Barrage positions were selected, targets assigned to Battalion and Group Commanders, all data calculated and checked, gun emplacements dug and camouflaged and ammunition placed in company dumps prior to "D" day.

On the night of September 11th-12th, 1918, the organizations occupied the dugouts and trenches near their emplacements until shortly before "H" hour. No harrassing fire

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was attempted during the artillery preparation from 1.00 to 5.00 A.M. The posts of Command of the Division Machine Gun Officer and the Battalion Commanders were in Limey. Liaison was established by runners.

At "H" hour all rear guns opened fire upon their respective targets. A slow rate of fire was maintained upon all targets except for the first two or three minutes of firing. The guns of the 4th Machine Gun Battalion kept up their fire for approximately an hour. Each Company fired approximately 40,000 rounds. The 6th Machine Gun Battalion fired approximately fifty minutes. Each company fired approximately 30,000 rounds.

After the firing had ceased the ammunition strips were put in boxes and piled near the gun positions from which they were later taken by company and battalion supply officers and turned in at the Division dump at Limey.

During the barrage there were no casualties on our side. Machine gun officers accompanying the infantry battalions through the initial phase of the attack state that there was some nervousness noticed among the infantry battalions when the machine gun barrage started as they were not sure whether it was their own or enemy guns. As soon as they understood, however, their confidence was greatly increased. Statements from persons indicate that the machine gun fire was very dense in many places, but that the casualties were few because most of the Germans had either fled to the rear at the beginning of the artillery bombardment or had remained in their dugouts until the advancing infantry had come upon them.

The barrage was well carried out by all who took part. To most of the officers and men an indirect overhead barrage was absolutely new. There was no hitch in any part of the preparation or execution of the barrage and each officer or enlisted man who took part in the action will go into the next fully confident of the part he is expected to play.

3. Generally, the forward guns were well handled tactically. Platoon and company commanders followed out the lessons they had learned in training and in previous actions. Infantry commanders allowed the machine gun commanders greater freedom in the handling of their guns than in former actions; the plans of the battalion commanders were more fully understood; liaison was good but can be greatly improved; and fire was opened promptly on proper machine gun targets. Maps and compasses were used universally and with excellent results.

Each machine gun company had one platoon equipped for firing on hostile air craft. Tracer bullets and armor piercing ammunition were used by the 6th Machine Gun Battalion with good effect upon at least one occasion. Several hostile planes were reported to have been brought down by the machine guns in the division.

Infantry carriers were assigned to the machine gun organizations several days previous to the attack and were trained with the squads to which they were assigned. They assisted the machine gunners greatly in carrying enough ammunition to last each gun through the action. At least 2500 rounds of ammunition per gun was carried into the attack. Many organizations carried nearly 3000 rounds.

There was considerable tendency to bunch up in little groups or by platoons when passing defiles. This could have been prevented by a stricter supervision on the

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part of platoon and section commanders.

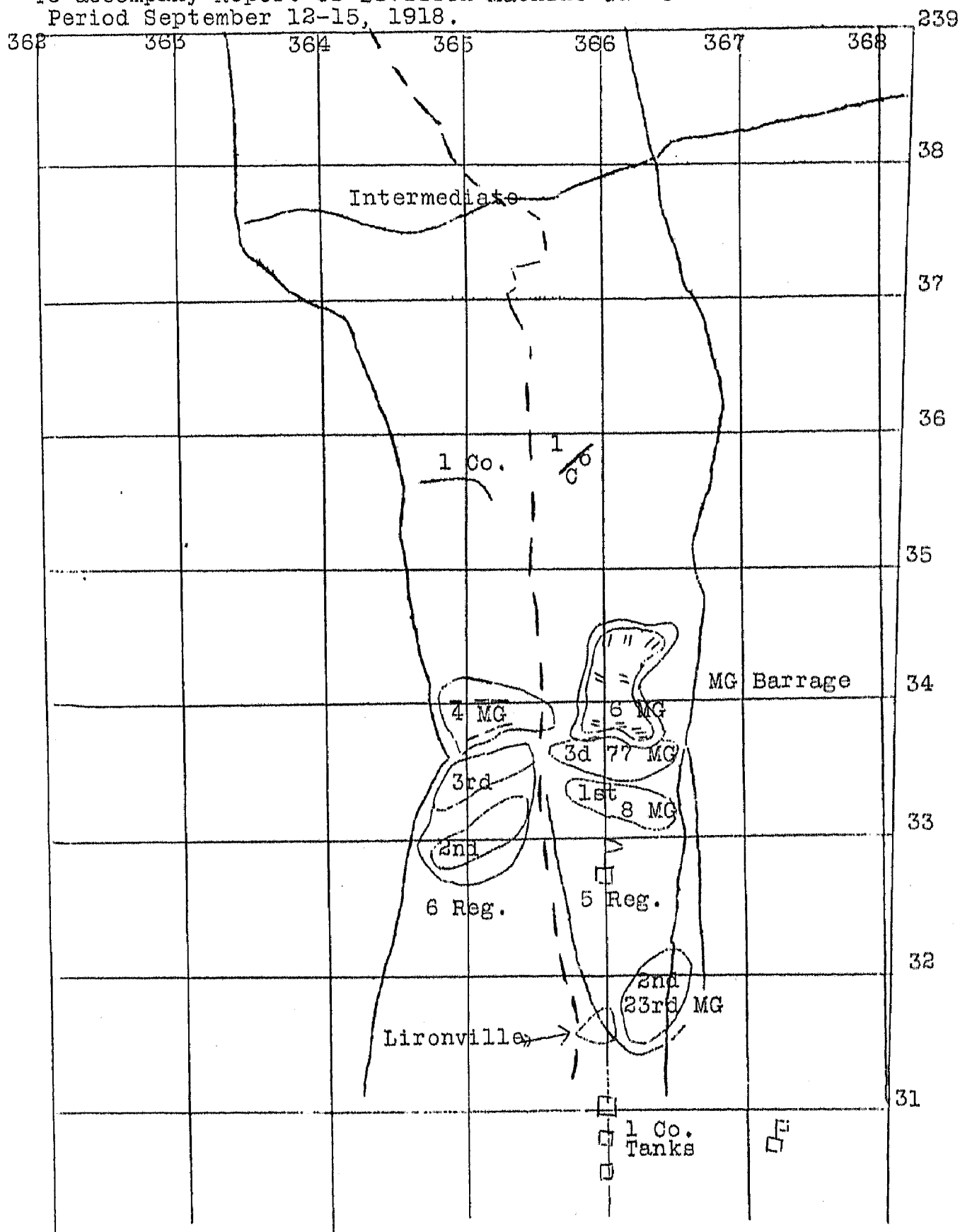
Liaison between regimental machine gun companies and the brigade battalion commanders was poor. In order to get a comprehensive idea of where the machine guns were located upon consolidation at the Army line, the battalion commanders had to go out and hunt up these organization commanders and locate the positions of the guns on the ground. Much valuable time was lost by the higher machine gun commanders in this way.

Combat liaison guns were in some cases used singly and not in pairs or in platoons. It is a violation of machine gun tactics to use machine guns singly.

4. Operation reports by machine gun organization commanders will be submitted separately.

(Sgd) Zeba L. Drollinger,
ZEB A L. DROLLINGER,
Major, Infantry.

To accompany Report of Division Machine Gun Officer-
 Period September 12-15, 1918.



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Headquarters Second Division
Office Division Inspector
American Expeditionary Forces
France, September 16, 1918.

From: Division Inspector.

To : Commanding General, 2nd Division.

I have to report that I have observed the following in connection with operations of the Second Division on the 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th Of September 1918. The undersigned stayed in the back area on the 10th and 11th, and went forward with the Third Brigade, visited and stayed in the front line during the 12th, 13th, 14th and 15th, and returned to Division Headquarters, Manonville, the night of the 15th.

Traffic: Roads were not well marked with signs.

One way roads should be marked showing which way traffic should go. This should be in both English and French as most of the trouble and loss of time was caused by French trucks and wagons.

There should be a French Gendarme at all cross-roads, if there are any on duty with the division.

Blocks were caused by trucks trying to pass other traffic going in the same direction.

Flash lights were freely used at night by truck and wagon drivers, especially French.

Traffic was slowed up by drivers arguing with the Military Police; when this happens, horses should be led by the M.P.'s and started on their way and truck drivers made to pass on at once.

No vehicles should be allowed to turn around on the road, unless the road is perfectly clear. They should be made to keep moving and make a complete circuit of the area if they are going in the wrong direction when traffic is heavy.

There should be an officer or sergeant stationed at each cross-road in the important towns or where traffic is liable to become congested.

Foot troops should not be marched over roads where trucks and motor vehicles go, especially at night, as it slows up and blocks the traffic. This is very important.

When roads are wet, officers in automobiles should not try to pass trucks where the road is narrow as they sometimes force the trucks to slid off the road.

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There is not proper co-operation between the two corps as to daylight traffic. On certain roads our division had one order and the 89th Division had another. Where both divisions used one road our passes were not honored by M.P.'s of the other division. There should be closer co-operation between divisions or corps.

There should be road material at all railroad crossings and men at all times to fill in the holes between the tracks caused by heavy traffic.

An M.P. should be stationed at all dangerous turns.

There should be proper turn-arounds made at all rail-heads and distribution points.

No vehicle or tanks should be allowed to park along the main roads at any point. This was done in some cases and considerable slowing up of traffic followed. The secret of good traffic control is to KEEP IT MOVING ALL THE TIME.

Towns in the forward Area: Towns in the forward area should be immediately put under control of a Provost Marshal. A detail should be made before so that he could take charge immediately after the soldiers had entered.

There should be an information center at the entrance of all forward towns. At this center should be a map of the town and the location of all headquarters and units in the town.

The Mayor of the town or the important citizen, should stay with the Provost Marshal or the Commanding Officer of the town.

Signs should be immediately put up.

All stores and munitions of war should be immediately inventoried and a guard put over them and report made to the Commanding Officer, who, in turn would report it immediately to the division.

Traffic rules as laid down before, should be put into force at once. Men should not be allowed in the town without authority. There were many unauthorized men loafing in Thiaucourt.

Dugouts and cellars should be located at once and plainly marked, with the number of men each will hold.

A systematic search should at once begin throughout the town for Germans and snipers hiding.

Men out of doors should walk close to the houses on both sides and not in the middle of the street.

People on duty in the town should not bunch up.

Civilians should be made to stay in the houses and not allowed to leave the town.

All people under suspicion or known German sympathizers should be put under arrest at once and sent to Division Headquarters.

When civilians are to evacuate the town they should be given as much notice as possible so they can pack up and transportation going to the rear provided. In Thiaucourt there were about five hundred (500) civilians and two attempts were made to send them away; each time they all congregated in the center of the town and the evacuation was very slow. A few French Gendarmes had to take the name of each person as they

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entered the trucks and it took three hours to get them out of town where it should have been done in one-half hour. If they wish to take their names and pacify the people, it should have been done in the rear area and not where shells were falling.

The way to Aid Stations should be marked with a Red Cross and an Arrow, so there is no doubt where it is located; these signs should be made ahead of time and a detail to follow up the troops and post them.

Engineers should be with the troops first entering town in order to see whether the bridges, streets, or cellars of the town were mined and to neutralize those so mined. This was done at Thiaucourt.

Prisoners: No prisoners should be sent to the rear except under guard and in bunches of twenty or more.

Not more than one guard for each twenty prisoners. Any more guards coming to the rear with prisoners should be sent back to the front by the first officer or non-commissioned officer who sees them.

It is recommended for the first prisoners captured, that the division have some men up to the front with the brigades to bring back the prisoners quickly. Men from the front line who have been up all night, gone over the top, and have been marching are tired and fresh men could take these first prisoners to the division quickly as this first information is of great importance.

Liaison: The Brigade commanders should have close liaison with the "following batteries." There should be runners, or better, mounted orderlies at Brigade Headquarters who know where these batteries are located. Each time the batteries move the Brigade commander should be notified and new runners substituted for the old ones.

Mounted orderlies should be used more freely as it is necessary to get messages to the rear as soon as possible.

Relay stations for the runners should be designated in orders. In some cases runners had to go four or five kilometers.

Bicycle orderlies should be used from Brigade Headquarters to front and rear.

The telephone lines should follow the Brigade commanders from Division Headquarters forward, so that Brigade Headquarters is at all times in telephonic communication with Division Headquarters.

There was no liaison between the flank attacking brigades.

The Division and each Brigade should designate the Command Post in orders. This worked very well with the 3rd Brigade as they gave the times and places where the brigade would be throughout the day and they kept up to this schedule.

Information: G-1, G-2, and G-3, should have advanced offices or representatives in the main advanced captured town, so that Regimental Quartermasters, Munition Officers and Intelligence Officers, etc., could go to this place and give what orders they wanted. The location of these representatives should be known at the information center.

I have found that the material has been furnished and sent forward in all cases but the trouble has been that the people who needed it did not know where to find it or where to go to ask where to find it; in other words there should be

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a central information bureau and that bureau should be plainly marked with arrows on signs and the Commanding Officer of the town notified when it is established.

Markings: The 3rd Brigade has adopted the system of markings on the Man's left sleeve to what battalion he belongs. This shows at a glance to the man whether he is in the right battalion or not and keeps him from getting mixed up with other battalions in wood fighting. I believe that machine gunners and chauchat riflemen should have a distinctive mark so that if a person runs out of ammunition and sees a dead man lying on the ground he will know where to get the kind of ammunition he requires. These markings are sewed on the sleeve and are about two inches square; any color could be adopted. I believe that this system is better than the brassards as it is no trouble for the man to keep it on his arm. Runners should have distinctive markings and anyone seeing one of them dead or wounded should immediately hunt for the message and see that it is delivered to the person to whom it is addressed.

Water: A man sent back from the front line to get water should never be allowed to go to the rear unless he carries at least ten canteens. Places to procure drinking water and the routes thereto should be plainly marked on small signs.

Burying: The system of having an officer in each regiment in charge of burying parties recently adopted, has worked well.

Care of Wounded: Aid, Dressing and Assorting Stations were well taken care of, and men were brought back to the stations quickly and proper treatment given. The new system of having more stretchermen detailed to follow up the attacking line worked out well.

As I have said the way to Aid and Dressing Stations should be better marked.

Needless Exposure: There was needless exposure and too much circulation by men in the front line, after they had started to dig in. Men exposed themselves on the sky-line and in small groups; they could have easily been picked up by the enemy.

There was too much loitering around cross-roads, bridges, dumps and centers of towns near churches, all of which places are the point at which the enemy picks out to shell. There was too much congregating of men in groups in the forward area.

Miscellaneous:

Machine gun companies should be supplied with armor piercing and tracer bullets, because a machine gun company in this division had tracer bullets and was able to bring down a German aeroplane which was flying over the lines.

A situation report should be sent by each regiment to brigade and by each brigade to division at least once every hour by runner.

Important messages should be duplicated and sent by two different runners at different times. Extremely important messages should be sent by two runners with each message and they should be cautioned to keep at least fifty yards apart so that if one man is killed the other man could take the message and continue with it. Runners should be cautioned, after delivering a message to wait at least five minutes before returning; often when a runner delivers a message and reports back immediately, shortly after he had departed the headquarters where the message was received wishes to send an answer to that message and the runner is gone.

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Trucks and vehicles which bring up material to the front should report to their proper advance representative in the forward area if they pass where it is to see if anything or any wounded men are to be sent back.

Small arms, grenades and pyrotechnic dumps should follow the troops closer, in small quantities at first, by horse or mule drawn vehicles. Often the roads are in such condition that horse or mule drawn vehicles can go over them where it is impossible for trucks to do so. There should be a man left in charge of the dump to show people where it is, with a list of what he has in it, and when established the Brigade, Regimental and Battalion headquarters notified.

In an advance, the captured artillery could often be used against the enemy if there was some one with the regiments who knew how to operate the guns and cut the fuses; this also applies to captured machine guns. It is recommended that certain men in infantry regiments be given instruction in fuse cutting and the use of German machine guns and grenades.

There should be at all times, Hospital Corps men with first aid at all headquarters.

Troops in the front line companies had hot rations served them by their ration carts the morning after the first days advance, the 13th of June 1918.

H. Lay.

H.LAY,

Lt.Col. U.S.M.C.

Division Inspector

HL/j

Hdqrs., 2nd Div., A.E.F.

Received: 18 SEP 1918

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

SECOND SECTION, G.S.

France, 17, September, 1918.

FROM: A.C. of S., G-2, 2nd Division.
TO: Chief of Staff, 2nd Division.
SUBJECT: Report of 2nd Division Intelligence, in the attack of September 13, 14 and 15th, 1918.

1. The following report on the operation of the Intelligence Service during the attack of September 13, 14 and 15th, 1918, is submitted:

2. On the whole the work was satisfactory. There is still room for improvement in the handling of prisoners and getting "front line" information back to the Division Intelligence Officer.

OBSERVATION POSTS.

1. Personnel and equipment for two O.P.'s were provided, with an officer in charge. The only special equipment was 2 telephones and 2 spools of wire. The plan of operation was to establish one post and connect it to the nearest report center on axis of liaison and as the attack progressed the officer to move forward with the equipment and personnel of other O.P. and make his reconnaissance and establish new post. After running the telephone line to nearest report center report back to

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Division P.C. and the old O.P. be ordered to discontinue and move forward. This plan worked well as shown by report of officer in charge of O.P.'s which is quoted below:

"The first O.P. was established in the woods south of REGNIEVILLE, at point 367.5 - 233.5, in the afternoon of the 10th and a wire was laid to it by the Signal Corps and connected direct to Division Headquarters.

This O.P. had a good view of the enemy front line, but no back area view. This O.P. sent in reports until our troops entered the BOIS du FOUR.

The personnel for the second O.P. went forward with the support wave and established an O.P. at 365.0 - 237.8, at the north edge of woods near LOGE MANGIN. A wire was strung to the nearest switch board by the O.P. personnel, but it was put out of use by tanks passing over it a few minutes after being laid. However important traffic was observed on roads in the enemy's back areas and one message sent to 1st Army Corps by pigeons, and one to the Division by T. S. F.

After the trunk line of the Divisional axis of liaison was laid at about 3-00 P.M. direct communication with the Chief of Staff and the A.C. of S., G-3, were established and both were kept informed of the position of our advancing troops. Movement in the enemy's territory was reported direct to Artillery Brigade Headquarters."

FRONT LINE INFORMATION

Very little information of the enemy came direct to G-2 from the Regimental Intelligence Officers. In order to get information for the daily summary an officer had to be sent forward each afternoon. This got the desired results but under normal conditions an officer would not be available for this duty. We had officers attached to us as observers who were used for this purpose.

PRISONERS.

82 officers, 3241 enlisted prisoners and 44 Belgian laborers were counted and passed through the Divisional Assembly point and the dressing stations. The assembly point was located near the Division P.C., and this location was satisfactory for the operations of the 1st day. It should have moved forward during that night and been ready for work the next morning. The Corps Cage was too far to the rear. It avoided sending prisoners over the road during the night; a wire or walled enclosure is necessary to hold prisoners sent in from the front during the night. Prisoners should be fed and necessary mess equipment issued at the Corps Cage and not by the divisions. The Divisional Assembly point should be mobile and not be hampered by having to issue rations and equipment.

TOPOGRAPHICAL SECTION

Maps were plentiful. In addition to those regularly supplied the topographical section made 1000 message maps for issue to the platoon, company and battalion commanders and the air observers. They proved a great help to the officers in making quick and accurate reports.

R. S. Keyser
R. S. KEYSER
Major Marines
A. C. of S., G - 2.

September 18, 1918.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 18, 1918.

Weather - Rainy
Troops resting in billets

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War Diary of Second Division (Regular) American Expeditionary Forces,

Date: September 18, 1918.

Location: MANNONVILLE.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers - 0 Men
Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 0 Men
Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 11 Officers - 161 Men

Ammunition on Hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional Small Arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on Hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply trains.

Forage on Hand: 3 days.

Replacements received 30 Officers - 390 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent: 1186 Officers - 28483 Men. Strength of Command, in present area 1064 Officers - 27067 Men. Available for duty..... 1064 Officers - 26906 Men.

Weather: RAINY.

Remarks: Troops resting in billets.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

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H. B. M.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 19, 1918.

Weather Rainy
Col J C Rhea relieved from duty as G.3 becomes C of S
Col H B Meyers reports for duty as G 3
Troops resting in billets

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September 19, 1918.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 19th, 1918.

Location: MANNONVILLE.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.....0 Officers -
0 Men

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers -
140 Men

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 2 Officers -
106 Men

Ammunition on hand; Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled.

Artillery: Combat trains filled.

Ammunition trains filled.

Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.

3 days' reserve in supply trains

Forage on hand: 3 days'

Replacements received.....4 Officers - 34 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent 1166 Officers-28503 Men.

Strength of Command, in present area....1081 Officers-27148 Men.

Available for duty.....108k Officers-27008 Men.

Weather: RAINY.

Remarks: Col. J.C. Rhea relieved from duty as G-3 and becomes
Chief of Staff. Col. H.B. Myers reports for duty as G-3.

Troops resting in billets.

ATTESTED:

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H.B.M.

(Sgd.) Madison Pearson
ADJUTANT GENERAL - ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 20, 1918.

Weather Cloudy

In compliance with order from 4th Corp the 2nd Div prepared to
move to new area Toul & vicinity

F.O. 31 these Hqrs was issued and troop movement started at 5 P.M.

WAR DIARY OF SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

Date: September 20, 1918.

Location: TOUL and Vicinity.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.....0 Officers - 0 Men

Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers -
140 Men

Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers -
0 Men.

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September 20, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. Sept. 20, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Ammunition on Hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional Small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1165 Officers - 28512 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 1084 Officers - 27170 Men. Available for duty.... 1084 Officers - 27030 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks: In compliance with order from 4th A. C., 2nd Division prepared to move to new area, Toul and vicinity. F. O. #31, these Headquarters was issued and troop movement started at 5 A. M.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrio,
CAPTAIN, INFANTRY-ADJUTANT.

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H. B. M.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 21, 1918.

Weather Fair

Troop movement to new area completed
2nd Division Hqrs closes at Manonville 10 A. M. opens same date and hour at Toul. 2nd FA Brigade Hqrs location at ?
The 2nd Division moved to new area for rest and period of recuperation granted in appreciation of its splendid services

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: September 21st, 1918.

Location: TOUL SECTOR.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action..... 0 Officers - 0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 140 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Ammunition on Hand: Small arms. Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional Small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

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September 21, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. Sept. 21, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1164 Officers - 28514 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 1088 Officers - 27237 Men. Available for duty.... 1088 Officers - 27097 Men.

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: 2nd Division moved to new area for rest and period of recuperation granted in appreciation of its splendid services.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrio,
CAPTAIN, INFANTRY-ADJUTANT.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 22, 1918.

Weather Fair
Troops resting in billets

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War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. Sept. 22, 1918.

Date: September 22nd, 1918.

Location: TOUL SECTOR.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers - 0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers-140 Men: Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1164 Officers - 28514 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 1088 Officers - 27237 Men. Available for duty.... 1088 Officers-27097 Men.

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September 22, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. Sept. 22, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: Troops resting in billets.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrio,
CAPTAIN, INFANTRY - ADJUTANT.

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H. B. M.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 23, 1918.

Weather Rainy

Organizations busy in policing & training

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War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: September 23rd, 1918.

Location: TOUL SECTOR.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.....0 Officers -
0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers -
119 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers -
159 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms; Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed
within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 7 Officers - 185 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1175 Officers -
27891 Men. Strength of Command, in present area..... 1110
Officers - 27057 Men. Available for duty..... 1110 Officers -
26938 Men.

Weather: RAINY.

Remarks: Troops resting in billets.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrio,
CAPTAIN, INFANTRY-ADJUTANT.

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September 24, 1918.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 24, 1918.

Weather Fair

In compliance with phone order (Memo 138) from 4th Corps Hqrs the 2 Div moves to new area destined for service under French Command. Field Order #32 issued. Division to move by rail except motor transport which proceeds by marching. Entrainment takes place on the 25th, 26th, 27th & 28th. Entraining points, Vaucouleurs, Toul, Sorcey - sur - Meuse - Domgermain. Duration of journey about ten hours. 3rd Brigade entrains at Toul - 4th Brigade at Domgermain - 2nd F. A. Brigade Vaucouleurs & Sorcey-sur-Meuse - Engineers Toul.

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War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: September 24th, 1918.

Location: TOUL SECTOR.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action..... 0 Officers - 0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 119 mne. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 1 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1171 Officers - 27953 Men. Strength of Command, in present area..... 1105 Officers - 27088 Men. Available for duty.... 1105 Officers - 26969 Men.

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: In compliance with memo #148 from Army Corps Headquarters, the 2nd Division is destined for new area under French command. F. O. #32 these headquarters was issued, division to move by rail except motor transport service which proceeds by marching.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd)

John W. Llufrío,
CAPTAIN, INFANTRY-ADJUTANT.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 25, 1918.

Weather Fair

Movement of 2nd Division by rail, and motorized units by marching continued.

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September 25, 1918.
War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: September 25th, 1918.

Location: MAIRY-sur-MARNE AREA.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action..... 0 Officers -
0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers -
119 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers -
0 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled.
Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled.
Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed
within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1173 Officers -
27939 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 1108
Officers - 27091 Men. Available for duty.... 1108 Officers -
26972 Men.

Weather: FAIR.

Remarks: Movement of 2nd Division to new area continued.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd)

John W. Llufrío,
CAPTAIN, INFANTRY-ADJUTANT.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 26, 1918.

Weather Fair

Movement continues. Div. Hq. established at Mairy-sur-Marne
at 12 noon.

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Forces. Sept. 26, 1918.

Date: September 26, 1918.

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Location: MAIRY-sur-MARNE.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers -
0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers -
37 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 1 Officers -
24 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains
filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains
filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have
been placed within easy reach.

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September 26, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. Sept. 26, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 3 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1172 Officers - 28035 Men. Strength of Command, in present area..... 1099 Officers - 27127 Men. Available for duty..... 1099 Officers - 27090 Men.

Weather: Fair.

Remarks: Movement of 2nd Division to new area continued. Division Headquarters opened at MAIRY-sur-MARNE 12:00 o'clock noon.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 27, 1918.

Weather Rainy
Movement of 2nd Division to new area continues.

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: September 27th, 1918.

Location: MAIRY-sur-MARNE.

Health: Deaths: including killed in action..... 0 Officers - 0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 44 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers - 20 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of command, present and absent..... 1207 Officers - 28128 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 1116 Officers - 27195 Men. Available for duty..... 1116 Officers - 27151 Men.

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September 27, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. Sept. 27, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Weather: Rainy.

Remarks: Movement of 2nd Division to new area continued.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
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H. B. M. ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 28, 1918.

Weather Cloudy

Movement of 2nd Division to new area continues. On the afternoon of Sept 28 the 2nd Division under order 9489/3 from 4th French Army were ordered from the Chalon Mairy area to the Souain Suippes area. F. O. 33 these Hqrs was issued and units were moved to new area by bus during the night of the 28th.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: September 28, 1918.

Location: MAIRY-sur-MARNE AREA.

HEALTH: DEATHS: including killed in action.... 0 Officers - 0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 62 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 4 Officers- 232 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition ahve been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 1 Officer - 1 Man.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1244 Officers-- 27855 Men. Strenght of Command, in present area..... 1149 Officers - 27027 Men. Available for duty.... 1149 Officers - 26965 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

REMARKS: Movement of 2nd Division to new area completed. In compliano with orders #9489-3 from 4th Army (French) F. O. #33 issued and the movement of the 2nd Division to the SOUAIN-SUIPPES area commenced the night of September 28th, 1918.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
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H. B. M. ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

September 29, 1918.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 29, 1918.

Weather Rainy

Movement of Second Division continued by bus & marching during the night.

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War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: September 29th, 1918.

Location: SOUAIN - SUIPPES AREA.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action..... 0 Officers - 0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 62 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of command, present and absent.... 1241 Officers - 27759 Men. Strength of command, in present area.... 1146 Officers - 26912 Men. Available for duty.... 1146 Officers - 26850 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

REMARKS: Movement of 2nd Division to new area continued.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, Sept. 30, 1918.

Weather Cloudy

Division Hqrs closes at Mairy 10:00 A. M. Opens at Suippe same day and hour. Movement of 2 Div completed during day.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 1, 1918.

Weather Fair.

Under instructions from 4th French Army F. O. #34 issued and the 2d Division relieved the 61st D. I. (French) in front line near SOMME-Py on the night of September 30-Oct 1, 1918. Division passed from Army Reserve, 4th Army (French) to 21st Corps (French). The 4th Brig. taking over front line trenches. The 3rd Brig. going into reserve South of ridge at Navarin Fme. The 2d F. A. going into position.

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October 1, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 1st, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers - 1 Man. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 136 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 2 Officers - 21 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 4 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1229 Officers - 27600 Men. Strength of Command, in present area... 1131 Officers - 26710 Men. Available for duty.... 1131 Officers - 26574 Men.

Weather: Fair.

REMARKS: Under instructions from the 4th Army (French) F.O. #34 issued and the 2nd Division relived the 61st D.I. (French) in front line near SOMME-PY on the night of September 30th - October 1st, 1918.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

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H. B. M.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 2, 1918.

Weather Cloudy.

The 2d Division in position in front line near Somme-Py. Escadrille #27 (French) was assigned to the 2d Div. They were active on reconnaissance, locating enemy batteries, M.G. nests and strong points. During the day French bombing planes bombed the enemy front lines. Enemy air activity limited, French have planes making it impossible for him to do much in the way of reconnaissance work. The 2d F. A. Brigade very active during day, used harrassing & demolition fire and barrage & counter preparation fire. Enemy artillery laid down several severe barrages & shelled roads in both ford and rear areas, causing small losses. The 2d Div. was ordered to attack by the 21st A. C. (French) and at 23 hours 2 Oct. 18 F.O. #35 issued.

October 2, 1918.

War Dairv of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date:- October 2nd, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action.... 0 Officers - 2 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 61 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 4 Officers - 178 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 44 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absetn.... 1240 Officers - 27533 Men. Strenght of Command, in present area.... 1135 Officers - 26628 Men. Available for duty.... 1135 Officers- 26567 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

REMARKS: 2nd Division in position in front line near SOMME-PY.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

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H. B. M.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 3, 1918.

Weather Fair.

The attack ordered by F. O. 35 2, Oct. 18 was launched this A. M. the 2d Div. jumping off on scheduled time, Reaching its objective it Consolidated its new position. The 170 D. I. French on our right pushed up and joined our lines. The 21st D. I. French on our left were unable to take the "hook" in Essen trench and made little if any advance. Under instructions from the 21 Corps (French) F. O. 36 issued and the advance of the 2d Div. was resumed shortly after 14 hours. This advance was retarded by fire from Machine guns and artillery on our flanks. The 4th Brigade assisted the French on our left in cleaning up Trench D. Essen. A counter attack by the Germans later recaptured this trench from the French. During the night the French by passing on the Flanks of the "hook" in Trench D'Essen were able to establish their line. The activity of our aerial forces, artillery and machine guns continued as on 2d Oct 1918. The aerial activity of the enemy was held well in check but his machine guns and artillery were quite active. About 2000 Prisoners were captured during the day by this Division. The entire advance of the Division being about Seven Kilometers.

October 3, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 3rd, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action.... 3 Officers - 47 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 90 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 0 Officers - 454 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional Small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1235 Officers - 27536 Men. Strength of Command, in present area..... 1133 Officers - 26663 Men. Available for duty.... 1133 Officers - 26573 Men.

Weather: Fair.

REMARKS: Pursuant to orders 3703-3 - 21st Corps (French) F. O. #35 issued and the Second Division attacked on the morning of this day in zone bounded by the line .03.10 MEDEAH FARM (Exclusive) on the east and by the line BOY-de-BROMBERG - BLANC MONT (Inclusive on the west. Map- TAHURE 1/20000. The attack was successful, the division advancing to its objective on line BLANC MONT - MEDEAH FARM. Pursuant to instructions of the 21st Corps (French) F. O. #36 issued and at 16:00 hours the division continued to line 3 kilometers north of BLANC MONT, 1 kilo. north of MEDEAH FARM. The entire division being about 7 kilometers in advance of its jumping off place and resulting in the capture of 2000 prisoners.

ATTESTED:

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H. B. M. (Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 4, 1918.

Weather Fair.

Under F. O. #37 issued relative to orders 3720/3 and 3722/3* 21st Corps (French) the 2d Div. attempted to advance but after making a small gain were held up by artillery and machine gun fire upon their flanks both of which were refused owing to the inability of French troops on these flanks to advance. Our Aerial Forces, Artillery & Machine guns active. Enemy Aerial activity increased. Enemy Artillery & Machine guns active. The remainder of the day spent in strengthening the position held by the Division and in the perfecting of plans for the reduction of a strong point on the west side of Blanc Mont that had been very active and had by its artillery and machine gun Fire been instrumental in holding up our advance.

October 4, 1918.

War Diary of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 4th, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action... 1 Officers - 36 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 202 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 38 Officers - 1651 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms; Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery; Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 74 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent... 1211 Officers - 27254 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 1071 Officers - 25509 Men. Available for duty... 1071 Officers - 25307 Men.

Weather: Fair.

REMARKS: Pursuant to orders 3720-3 - 3722-3 - 21st Corps (French) ..) #37 issued and the division in zone bounded on the east by line - roadfork 1 kilometer southwest of SCAY FARM .60-.80 and on the west by line western outskirts of St. ETIENNE - western outskirts of CAUROY continued. Owing to the exposed condition of the flanks of the 2nd Division, the advance was small. Balance of the day being spent in strengthening their new position.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

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H. B. M.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 5, 1918.

Weather Cloudy.

Under F. O. 38 the 2d Div. after harrassing fire during the night by Artillery and one half hours preparatory concentration advanced. The 4th Brigade advancing behind a barrage Captured the strong point on the west of Blanc Mont without losses - Taking 209 prisoners (including 4 Officers), 75 light and heavy machine guns, some trench mortars and a large quantity of ammunition & stores. The reduction of this strong point enabled the 2d Div (French) to advance its line to St. Pierre a Arnes. Quite Extensive Enemy strong points were developed on other points of our front. Our aerial, artillery and machine gun activity continued. Enemy Artillery & M. G. activity quite active. Gen. Gouraud Commanding the 4th Army French. Congratulated the 2d Div on their success in the actions of 3 & 4th Oct 1918.

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October 5, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 5th, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action... 2 Officers - 32 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 139 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 8 Officers - 412 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and comnat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 11 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1207 Officers-27197 Men. Strength of Command, in present area... 1059 Officers - 25275 Men. Available for duty.... 1059 Officers-25136 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

REMARKS: Pursuant to orders 3734-3 - 21st Corps (French) F. O. #38 issued and the advance of the 2nd Division continued toward line ST. ETIENNE - SCAY FARM. General Gouraud commanding 4th French Army, congratulated 2nd Division on their success in the action of October 3rd and 4th.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

G - 3.
H. B. M.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 6, 1918.

Weather Cloudy.

The 2d Division by a series of local actions advanced our line in some parts of it - straightened and strengthened the same, taking 30 prisoners. F. O. 39 issued and the relief of the front line Elements of the 2d Div. by the 71st Brig. USA. (attached to 2d Div) started after dark. The units being relieved falling back into support and reserve positions. Combat groups were maintained by units of the 2d Div on both flanks of the line taken over by the 71st Brigade. Our Aerial Artillery and machine gun activity continued. The aerial activity of the Enemy increased, resulting in the loss of one of our planes & one balloon. Enemy artillery & M. G. continued active. The P. C. of the 2d Div. was advanced from Wagram to Somme Py at 22 hours.

October 6, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 6th, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: Including killed in action.... 3 Officers - 56 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 139 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 2 Officers - 410 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 4 Officers - 216 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent... 1182 Officers - 26744 Men. Strength of Command, in present area... 1047 Officers 25100 Men. Available for duty.... 1047 Officers - 24961 Men.

Weather: Cloudy.

REMARKS: P. C. of the 2nd Division advanced from Wagram to SOMME-PY. Day spent in consolidating position. Pursuant to orders 3748-3 - 21st Corps (French), 71st Brigade, U. S. A. was attached to the 2nd Division and relieved the 2nd Division battalions holding the front positions.
ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

G - 3.
H. B. M.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 7, 1918.

Weather Rainy

The 71st Brig. attached to the 2d Div spent the day in consolidation & improvement of line and preparation for attack on 8 Oct 18. Aerial, artillery and machine gun activity of our troops continued. Enemy aerial, artillery & machine gun forces active.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 7th, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action... 4 Officers - 111 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 127 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 7 Officers - 207 Men.
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October 7, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. October 7, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent.... 1175 Officers - 26816 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 994 Officers - 24549 Men. Available for duty.... 994 Officers - 24422 Men.

Weather: Rainy.

REMARKS: Consolidating position, strengthening lines and minor actions on right flank.

ATTESTED: (Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

G - 3.
H. B. M.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 8, 1918.

Weather Fair.

Pursuant to orders 3760/3 - 3770/3 21 Corps (French) F.O. 40 issued and the 71st Brigade attached to and supported by the 2nd Div. Jumped off on scheduled time attacking in the general direction CAUROY - MACHAULT. They succeeded in advancing about 1 Kilometer when counter attacks by Enemy pushed them back. During the evening (Early) the right and left flanks of the front line were reinforced by the 2d Engineers. (2 companies on right and 1 Co on the left). The Left of the line was further reinforced by the 4th M. G. Bn and 1 Co of Engineers. During the night of 7-8 Oct the 2 F.A. Kept up a continuous bombardment of the front Enemy line and on various positions in the rear. A heavy barrage was laid down at 4.45 AM. and concentration fire and numerous barrages were laid down during the Entire day - Our air forces were very active. The Enemy air, artillery & M. G. Forces were very active during the Entire day.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 8th, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action..... 5 Officers - 130 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 127 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 3 Officers - 200 Men.
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October 8, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. October 8, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 0 Officers - 0 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent..... 1139 Officers - 25503 Men. Strength of Command, in present area..... 968 Officers - 23342 Men. Available for duty..... 968 Officers- 23215 Men.

Weather: Fair:

REMARKS: Pursuant to orders 3760-3 - 3770-3 - 21st Corps (French) F. O. #40 issued and the 71st Brigade supported by the 2nd division attacked in the direction of CAUCROY-MACHAULT, advancing about half a kilometer.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

G - 3.
H. B. M.

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Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 9, 1918.

Weather Fair

The Div spent the day in local attacks in order to improve and strengthen their position-- Relative to orders 3781/3 3793/3. 21st Corps French F. O. 41 issued and the relief of the 2d Div less the attached troops (71st Brig) the 2d F. A. The 2d Engrs & Eng Tr The 5th M. G. Bn and the Amm train of the Div (less Co G.) commenced. The troops move to the rear upon relief by the 36 Div and bivouaced for the night in the vicinity of NAVARIN Fme. The activity of our own and the Enemy aerial, artillery and machine gun forces continued throughout the day.

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War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 9th, 1918.

Location: BLANC MONT SECTOR.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers - 0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers - 74 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 4 Officers - 257 Men.

Ammunition on hand: Small arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.
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October 9, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. October 9, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 3 Officers - 109 Men.

Strength of Command, present and absent... 1138 Officers -
25920 Men. Strength of Command, in present area.... 943
Officers - 23686 Men. Available for duty..... 943 Officers-
23612 Men.

Weather: Fair.

REMARKS: Organizing line of resistance. In compliance with
orders 3781-3 - 3793-3 21st Corps (French) F. O. #41 issued.
The remainder of the 36th Division, U.S.A. relieved the 2nd
Division in the BLANC MONT sector. The movement of the 2nd
Division to the SOUAIN-SUIPPE area starting after dark on the
evening of the 9th, the troops bivouacing for the night in
the vicinity of NAVARIN FARM.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrío,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

G - 3.
H. B. M.

Journal of Operations, 2nd Division, October 10, 1918.

Weather Fair

The 2d Div less the 2d F. A. Brig, 2d Engrs. Engr Train, &
2d Amm train (less Co G) attached to the 36th Div. and the
5th M. G. Bn. Enroute. Completed the movement to the SOUAIN-
SUIPPES area. Bounded on the north by a line through Fme de
Wacques - P. C. Alma, on the East by P. C. Sapping - Cra-
pouillet, on the south by St Remy-LaCheppe on the west by C.
Pienrot - C deSuippes Ouest. The Div P. C. closed at Somme
Py at 10 00 A. M. and opened at C. Montpellier same date same
hour.

Command of the Blanc Mont sector passing to C. O. 36 Div.
same hour & date. The 3d Inf Brig. 1st F. S. Bn & Hq Troop
being in Corps reserve and the 4th Brigade grouped in Suippes-
Nantivet Zone in Army reserve. Balance of day spent by troops
in cleaning up. For location see annex page 197.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces.

Date: October 10th, 1918.

Location: SOUAIN - SUIPPES AREA.

HEALTH: Deaths: including killed in action... 0 Officers -
0 Men. Sick & Wounded in hospital in present area 0 Officers-
65 Men. Sick & Wounded evacuated from present area 13 Offi-
cers - 39 Men.

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October 10, 1918.

War Dairy of Second Division (Regular), American Expeditionary Forces. October 10, 1918. (Cont'd from last page)

Ammunition on hand: Small Arms: Belts and combat trains filled. Artillery: Combat trains filled. Ammunition trains filled. Additional small arms and artillery ammunition have been placed within easy reach.

Rations on hand: 3 days' reserve with troops.
3 days' reserve in supply train.

Forage on hand: 3 days.

Replacements received..... 2 Officers - 40 Men.

Strength of command, present and absent.... 1142 Officers - 25783 Men. Strength of command, in present area.... 980 Officers - 24214 Men. Available for duty..... 980 Officers-24149 Men.

Weather: Fair.

REMARKS: The 2nd Division, less the 2nd F. A. Brigade, 2nd Engineers, Engineer Train and Horse Section of Ammunition train attached to 36th Division and the 5th Machine Gun Bn., enroute, completed movement to the SOUAIN - SUIPPES area. P. C. 2nd Division opened at CAMP MONT PELLIE at 10:00 A.M. Command of the BLANC MONT SECTOR passed to Commanding General 36th Division at 10:00 A. M. the 3rd Infantry Brigade, 1st Field Signal Battalion and Headquarters troop going into Corps reserve. The 4th Brigade being re-grouped in the SUIPPES - NANTIVET - SOMME SUIPPES zone in army reserve.

ATTESTED:

(Sgd) John W. Llufrio,
ADJUTANT GENERAL-ADJUTANT.

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H. B. M.

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October 3-10, 1918.

SPECIAL REPORT
OPERATIONS OF SECOND DIVISION (ATTACK ON
MASSIF OF MONT BLANC RIDGE AND THE ACTION IN CONNECTION
THEREWITH).

October 3-10, 1918

WITH THE FOURTH FRENCH ARMY
IN THE
OPERATION NEAR SOMME-PY AND ON THE AISNE
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1. Special Report
2. Order, dated Oct. 1, 1918.
3. Orders, Oct. 5, 1918, containing congratulations of General Gourand, 4th French Army.
4. Special Report of 3rd Brigade - (Oct. 1-8, 1918).
5. Special Report of 4th Brigade Marines, (Oct. 1-10, 1918).
6. Congratulatory message, - Oct. 11, 1918, from C.G.
7. Extract from Information Bulletin #13 of the 4th French Army, dated - Oct. 7, 1918:
8. Extract from Intelligence Reports of the 21st Army Corps.
- 8½. French Resume of operations.
9. Maps.

EDITORS NOTE: Items 4 and 5 are included with operation reports of 3rd and 4th Brigades respectively in this volume.

This report is identical with an operation report of the Second Division submitted just prior to this report. The reports differ only with respect to the appendices all of which are included in this volume as part of this report or with the report of the organizations and operations to which they pertain.

This report was selected for inclusion because of the additional data submitted with it.

OPERATION REPORT SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
Period: September 15 to October 9,

including

Attack on "MASSIF OF BLANC MONT RIDGE" and action in connection therewith.

1. On the night of September 15, in compliance with Field Order No.30, 2nd Division, the division, less 2nd F.A. Brigade, began its movement from its positions in the front line to the ANSAUVILLE-ROYAUMEIX area, the 2nd F.A. Brigade, and the machine gun companies of the 4th Brigade, being ordered to remain in position until 24 hours after the relief of the 4th Brigade. The command of the THIAUCOURT sector passed from the C.G., 2nd Division, to the C.G., 78th Division, at 10 hours, 16 September 1918, and 2nd Division Headquarters opened the same date and hour at its new P.C. at MANONVILLE.

2. The movement of the 2nd Division, less 2nd F.A. Brigade, to its new area was completed September 17, 1918.

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3. The 2nd F.A. Brigade was relieved during the night of September 17-18 and proceeded immediately to its position in the new area.

September 17 to 20.

1. The division remained in the MANONVILLE-ROYAUMEIX area.

2. Conditions in this area were very bad. Men were bivouacked in woods and suffered from exposure to rain, and from living in the mud. Horses were generally without shelter and standing in mud and water.

September 20 to 23.

1. On the afternoon of September 20, orders were received from the 4th Corps for the division to move to Toul and vicinity. These orders were carried out in accordance with Field Order No. 31, 2nd Division; movement by marching.

2. In the Toul area, the time was spent in cleaning up, issuing new equipment and clothing, and in resting. Conditions fair. Particular attention was paid to properly caring for horses. Some of them were kept under shelter and they were all looked after as well as conditions would allow.

September 24 to 30.

1. In compliance with orders from the First American Army (Field Order No. 32, 2nd Division, dated September 24, 1918), THE division moved by rail (Exception: All motor transport by marching) to the area south of CHALONS-sur-MARNE; Division P.C. in MAIRY-sur-MARNE, where it went into reserve of the Group of Armies of the Center.

2. In compliance with orders received (Field Order No. 33, 2nd Division, September 28, 1918) the division moved by marching and busses, September 28-30, to the SOUAIN - SUIPPES area. It passed to the reserve of the IVth French Army, General GOURAUD commanding.

October 1, 1918.

1. Orders were received from Headquarters, IV French Army assigning the division to the 21st Corps (French) and in compliance with orders from Headquarters, that Corps, (Field Order No. 34, 2nd Division, October 1, 1918) it moved toward the front on the night of October 1-2, relieved the 61st Division (French) in the front line. The 4th Brigade took over the trenches occupied by the 61st Division (French) and the right battalion of the 21st Division (French) - 11th Corps, from Boy de CUSTRINE on the right to Boy. de BROMBERG on the left. The 3rd Brigade went into a covered position in reserve south of the Butte de SOUAIN-NAVARIN FARM RIDGE. The 2nd F.A. Brigade moved up and took position in the sector to support an attack on the MASSIF OF BLANC MONT RIDGE, which was contemplated on the morning of October 2nd.

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October 2, 1918.

1. The contemplated attack on the MASSIF of BLANC MONT RIDGE was postponed and the day spent in cleaning up TRENCH d'ESSEN, which was still occupied by the Germans west of B. de la PIRNE. The sector occupied by the 2nd Division adjoined the 170th Division (French) on the right, and the 21st Division (French) on the left. This day was spent by the 170th Division in improving its position and advancing its lines to the northward toward MEDEAH FARM. It reached a position near the south edge of GRAND BOIS du CARREFOUR, its left reaching the hook in the National Road about 2 kilometers south of MEDEAH FARM. The 21st Division (French) which adjoined the 2nd Division on the left (west) made renewed attempts to capture the hook in the Trench d'ESSEN about 2 kilometers northeast of ST. MAIRIE-a-PY, but was unable to do so.

2. On October 2, plans for the advance to BLANC MONT RIDGE were discussed, and the advance set for the early morning of October 3rd. Definite details were, however, not decided upon until the Corps Order was received after 22 hours, October 2. These orders when received, were in French and had to be translated to be properly understood, thus making very late the issue of orders for the attack by the 2nd Division. On the afternoon of October 2, the situation was gone over with the brigade commanders of the Second Division and tentative plans adopted. The movement into position on the night of Oct. 2-3 proceeded in accordance with these tentative plans.

October 3, 1918.

1. At 5 hours 50 minutes the division went over the top in its attack, which was carried out according to Field Order No. 35, 2nd Division, dated October 2, 1918 - 23 hours. The 2nd Division was the left (west) of three divisions in the front line of the 21st Corps (French). It connected on its right with the 67th Division (French) on its left with the 21st Division (French) which was the right (east) Division of the 11th Corps (French). All were ordered to attack at the same hour and each to advance without regard to the advance of the others.

2. In order to reach the Parallel of Departure assigned it, the 3rd Brigade made a flank march after dark. This march was made over very difficult ground, and without guides, the arrangement for the meeting of guides from the 170th French Division having miscarried. The Parallel of Departure assigned the 3rd Brigade was on ground at that time occupied by the enemy (though this fact was unknown to the 2nd Division.) The brigade, nevertheless, lined up back of, and parallel to, the line of Departure assigned it, and jumped off on time.

3. The attack on the MASSIF of BLANC MONT RIDGE, as ordered and as carried out by the 2nd Division, was a converging attack upon the final objective: MEDEAH FARM (exclusive) - SCHWABEN-KONIG - BLANC MONT (inclusive) the 3rd Brigade being ordered to jump off from the general line: 03.10 - ALTONA (see Map).

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As a matter of fact, on account of this line being held by the enemy, the brigade really started from a line about 1/2 kilometers in rear of the one assigned it (See Map.) Its objective was the road on top of the ridge - MEDEAH FARM (exclusive) - cross roads 73.11 near SCHWABENKONIG.

The 4th Brigade closed to the left and jumped off from TRENCH d'ESSEN between the points: Cross roads at 82.81 - and a point North of Boy d BROMBERG. Its objective was the road on the BLANC MONT RIDGE - cross roads 73.11, near SCHWABENKONIG - BLANC MONT (inclusive).

4. The 2nd F.A. Brigade supported the attack, its action being as follows, quoted from the order:

"A preparation beginning at "H" minus five (5) minutes; will terminate at "H" hour, at which time a creeping barrage will start in front of each Parallel of Departure, and move at the rate of one hundred (100) meters in four (4) minutes to a general line 300 meters beyond the Division objective where it will remain for thirty (30) minutes after the arrival on that objective of the left (west) brigade, or until "H" plus two (2) hours, thirty-eight (38) minutes. At "H" plus two (2) hours, thirty-eight (38) minutes, the barrage will start forward again and moving at the rate of one hundred (100) meters in four (4) minutes to a line 1,300 meters beyond the Division Objective, will stop and remain on that line until the infantry has established its forward patrols.

"During the progress of the infantry from the Parallels of Departure to the Division Objective the artillery will take as special targets: MEDEAH FARM; enemy strong points in the vicinity of BLANC MONT, and B. de la VIPERE. Some smoke shells will be employed in this fire.

"Troops of the right (east) brigade will be cautioned not to follow the barrage too closely because the guns with which this barrage is made will not fire in the axis of the advance, but at an angle thereto. Upon arriving on the Division Objective, troops of the right (east) brigade will be held strictly within that part of the objective assigned to that brigade, until the arrival of the left (west) brigade."

The 4th Machine Gun Battalion was held in reserve near NAVARIN FARM. The 2nd Engineers continued their work in improving roads in the divisional area, but were ordered to be ready on short notice to respond to a call for reserves. The 2nd and 3rd Tank Battalions (French) reported to the division for duty during the action; the 3rd Battalion was assigned to the 3rd Brigade; the 2nd Battalion to the 4th Brigade. The 27th Aero Squadron (French) assisted the division by reporting progress and location of front line, and by observation of artillery fire. The 45th Balloon Co. (French) observed from its positions near the P. C. It was in close liaison with the 2nd F. A. Brigade.

5. At "H" hour minus 5 minutes the artillery preparation began and passed into a creeping barrage in front of the infantry line at "H" hour. The progress of the attacking troops was, on the whole, steady and as contemplated. Minor delays were caused by machine guns nests, which were cleared up by the action of local units, assisted by tanks. The whole advance was under a heavy artillery fire from the enemy.

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The objective was reached according to schedule and consolidation of this objective, as a line of resistance, was begun. Outposts were pushed to the front and the BOIS de la VIPERE cleaned up by two companies from each brigade detailed for that purpose.

The attack of the 67th Division (French) on our right brought that division up level with our line. Liaison with them was established at MEDEAH FARM.

The 4th Brigade suffered severely from machine gun fire from its left, the attack of the 11th Corps on the left of the division having failed. The Germans still occupied that flank from the hook in the TRENCH d'ESSEN, inclusive, northward to beyond BLANC MONT RIDGE.

During the advance and consolidation of the position on the ridge, this division suffered casualties approximating 15% of the combatant troops. Most of these casualties were occasioned by machine gun and artillery fire.

In the afternoon some troops of our 4th Brigade assisted in cleaning up the hook in TRENCH d'ESSEN and it was occupied by the French. A counter-attack by the Germans, however, recaptured this trench later and it was only sometime in the night that passing by the flanks of this hook the 21st Division (French) was able to establish its line slightly north of the hook. (See Map).

About 1600 prisoners were captured, as well as numerous machine guns, a quantity of military supplies and stores, and a few guns.

6. At 16:00 hours, October 3, the 2nd Division, in compliance with orders from the Corps, and Field Order No.36, 2nd Division, pushed its advance about one and one-half kilometers down the ridge in the direction of the ST. ETIENNE-ERFEUIL road. This advance was very much retarded by attacks on its flanks by the enemy. It received artillery and machine gun fire from its front, both flanks and its right and left rear. A simultaneous attack by the 67th Division (French) failed and it remained in position extending eastward from MEDEAH FARM.

7. During the night of October 3-4, the 170th Division (French), in compliance with orders of the 21st Corps, took position in rear of the left flank of the 2nd Division, and the 22nd French Division was passed through the 21st Division (French) and attempted to bring this line up level with the Americans. It succeeded in reaching the October 4th Line, shown on the map, on the night of October 4th, but its front line was prevented from connecting with the Americans by a hostile machine gun nest on the western slope of BLANC MONT (See Map).

8. After the advance in the afternoon of October 3rd, the 2nd Division spent the night in rectifying its line and in repulsing counter-attacks on its front and flanks. Enemy artillery and machine gun fire from all directions except the rear was heavy and constant. Both flanks were exposed and, although a battalion was used to protect the rear of the outward flank of each brigade, the infiltration of hostile machine gunners behind these flanks resulted in lively local actions which, without exception, resulted in our favor. Our position was maintained, but not without many casualties. The enemy suffered severely from our rifle and machine gun fire. Practically all of his troops which entered our position became casualties.

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October 4.

At 13:00 hours, October 4th, the 2nd Division attacked again (See F.O. #37) and advanced an average of about 1/2 kilometer. The advance was held up by the action, on our front and flanks, of hostile artillery and machine gun fire and, particularly, from a large German strong point on the western end of BLANC MONT. The remainder of the day was spent in straightening out our line and in making plans to reduce the strong point above referred to.

October 5.

1. The morning of October 5th, the strong point on our left flank, referred to above, was reduced. The general plan for the operation was harassing fire by artillery during the night, and an artillery preparation of 1/2 an hour in the morning, followed by a creeping barrage, behind which the infantry advanced and mopped up. Without any casualties, we captured at this place 209 prisoners, including 4 officers, 75 machine guns, heavy and light, some trench mortars, and a quantity of ammunition and stores. This enabled the 22nd Division (French) which had suffered from the fire of this strong point, to advance its line to ST. PIERRE-a-ARNES. During the afternoon of the 5th, quite an extensive enemy strong point was located in our front.

October 6.

1. On the morning of October 6th, the enemy's works in our front in square 53 and to the east thereof, was cleared out. We captured about 30 prisoners and advanced our line to the position, shown on the map in red, as turned over to the 71st Brigade, 36th Division.

2. On the night of October 6-7, in compliance with orders from the 21st Corps (French) and per F.O. #37, 2nd Division, the 71st Infantry Brigade, 36th Division, relieved our front line. The 2nd Division maintained combat groups on the flanks, and one battalion in the front line of each of its brigade sectors. The 4th, 5th and 6th Machine Gun Battalions remained in position for 24 hours after relief. Stokes' Mortars and 37 m/m gun units of the front line regiments of the 2nd Division remained in position for 24 hours after the relief was completed. These units were reinforced by the personnel of like units of the incoming organizations. At the end of the 24 hours, the personnel of the Stokes' Mortars and 37 m/m guns of the 2nd Division were withdrawn, turning their materiel over to the units of the 71st Brigade. The remainder of the 2nd Division was held in close support of the 71st Brigade.

October 7.

1. The 7th of October was spent in organizing the front line with the 71st Brigade and in minor action on our flank. All troops north of BLANC MONT RIDGE suffered from artillery and machine gun fire.

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October 8.

1. At 5:15 hours, October 8th, in compliance with "General Operations Order for the day of October 8th, 21st Corps (French)." #3.770/8, and according to F.O. #40, 2nd Division, both orders dated October 7 1918, the 71st Brigade attacked to the front with its flank protected by combat groups from the 2nd Division, and supported by the 2nd and 3rd Battalions tanks (French). The 2nd F.A. Brigade supported the attack. The artillery action consisted of five (5) minutes preparation, and a creeping barrage preceding the front lines, and moving at the rate of 100 meters in 4 minutes.

2. The 2nd Division remained in position prepared to follow and support any advance made by the 71st Brigade.

3. The line was advanced from one half to one kilometer. On the left, a battalion of the 4th Brigade, which was used for combat liaison between the 71st Brigade and the 7th French Division, took and organized for defense ST. ETIENNE-a-ARNES, which had previously been partially occupied by the French.

4. In the afternoon, a battalion of the 2nd Engineers was sent to reinforce each flank, and a battalion of infantry from each of the brigades of the 2nd Division, was placed in close support of the regiments of the 71st Brigade in the front line.

About 6:00 p.m. a determined German counter-attack, preceded by a very heavy barrage, forced part of the front line to fall back on the support battalions. It however was again pushed forward. The 71st Brigade suffered severely from this barrage and counter-attack..

October 9.

1. October 9th was spent in organizing and consolidating the line of resistance.

During the night of October 9-10, the remainder of the 36th Division relieved the 2nd Division (except machine gun battalions and artillery and engineers), which was withdrawn on the morning of the 10th, marching to billets in the SUIPPES-SOMME-SUIPPES area. The machine gun units were relieved on Oct. 10th. They withdrew and joined the 2nd Division. The Commanding General and A. C. of S., G-3, 2nd Division, remained with the Commanding General of the 36th Division for 24 hours after the relief was completed, when they rejoined their division at its new P. C., CAMP MONTPELLIER, near SOMME-SUIPPES.

The 2nd F.A. Brigade and the 2nd Engineers, in compliance with orders of the IVth Army (French) were detached from the 2nd Division and attached to, and remained with, the 36th Division.

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The Commanding General of the IVth French Army, General Gouraud and the Commanding General of the 21st French Corps, General Naulin, informed the Division Commander of the 2nd Division on several occasions that the seizure of BLANC MONT RIDGE by the 2nd Division, and its advance beyond that ridge, had broken the main German line and caused the retreat of the German Army east of RHEIMS, on the front of the IVth French Army to the line of the AISNE. The Commanding General of the IVth French Army so reported officially to the Commander-in-Chief General PETAIN.
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September 15 - Oct. 9, 1918.

OPERATION REPORT SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
Period: September 15 to October 9

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There is appended to this report, the following:

1. List of Casualties in the 2nd Division during the operation on BLANC MONT RIDGE.
This operation was continuous from October 2 to October 10, both days inclusive. The troops were continually under fire and most of the time hotly engaged. Therefore, the report of casualties is not given by days but of the operation as a whole.
2. List of prisoners, arms and stores captured during the operation.
3. Copies of all operations Orders issued by the 2nd Division during the period covered by the report.
4. Order from C.G., 2nd Division, dated Oct. 1, 1918.
5. Order from C.G., 2nd Division, dated Oct. 5, 1918.
6. Memorandum for officers and men of 2nd Division dated October 11, 1918.
7. Extract from Bulletin #13 IVth French Army, General Gouraud dated October 7, 1918 and from Intelligence Report of the 21st French Army Corps, General Naulin.
8. Map covering operations

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7. Extract from Bulletin #13, IV French Army, General Gouraud, dated October 7, 1918, and from Intelligence Reports of the 21st French Army Corps, General NAULIN.
8. Copies of all messages sent and received during the operation at BLANC MONT.

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RECORD OF CASUALTIES REPORTED

Appendix No. 1

Date: October 2 to 10 (inclusive).

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		: Wounds :	: Missing :	: ded :	: wounded :	: Gassed :	: TOTALS			
Organization	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	: Off: Men:	
9th Infantry	: 10:144:	2:154 :	10: 246:	18:414:		: 44:	40: 1002			
23rd Infantry	: 10:152:	4:163 :	10: 94:	27:686:	5: 33:	56: 1130				
5th M.G. Bn.	: 3: 20:	: 27 :	2: 50:	2: 37:		: 10: 7: 144				
5th Marines	: 10:135:	:142 :	15: 233:	27:184:	4: 25:	56: 1029				
6th Marines	: 4:157:	: 52 :	7: 190:	18:414:	2: 73:	31: 916				
6th M.G. Bn.	: : 33:	: 8 :	4: 29:	3:127:		: 8: 7: 204				
12th F. A.	: 1: 3:	: : :	: 7: 1: 5:			: 2: 15				
15th F. A.	: : 9:	: : :	: 29: : 20:			: : 58				
17th F. A.	: 1: 5:	: 3 :	: 6: 3: 19:			: 4: 33				
2nd T.M. Btry:	: : 1:	: : :	: : 2:			: : 3				
2nd Engrs	: 2: 15:	: 24 :	: 16: 3: 57:			: 4: 5: 116				
4th M.G. Bn.	: : 6:	: 4 :	: 8: : 14:			: : 32				
1st F.S. Bn.	: : 1:	: 5 :	: 9: : 17: 1: 2: 1: 34							
2nd M. P.	: : 1:	: : :	: 3: : 4:			: : 8				
Amb. Section	: : 1:	: 3 :	: 4: : 21: : 6: : 34							
2nd Amm. Train:	: : 1:	: 1 :	: : 2:			: : 3				
2nd Supply Tr.:	: : 2:	: : :	: : 3:			: : 5				
Hq. Tr.	: : :	: : :	: 2: : 1: : 2: : 5							
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PRISONERS AND MATERIEL CAPTURED BY
2nd Division (Regular).

Appendix #2.

BLANC MONT RIDGE OPERATION.

Oct. 2 to 10, 1918.

PRISONERS { Officers..... 48
Men..... 1,915

Guns..... 25
Machine Guns..... 332
Trench Mortars..... 20
Anti-Tank Guns..... 6
Ammunition, Art..... 12,000 rounds
M.G..... 240,000 rounds
Rifle..... 100,000 rounds
Vehicles (Wagons, Carts, Ambulances, Rolling Kitchens, etc..... 56

SIGNAL MATERIEL:

Telephone Switchboards..... 4
Field Telephones..... 8
Rolls of Telephone Wire..... 30
Signal Lamps..... 8

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PRISONERS AND MATERIEL CAPTURED BY

2nd Division (Regular).

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ENGINEER MATERIEL:

Picks and shovels.....	3,940	
Other tools.....	1,136	
Wire, Barbed.....	4,390	coils
" Smooth.....	2,828	"
" Chicken and mesh.....	439	rolls
" Insulated.....	3,000	feet
" Hedge entanglements.....	1,000	coils
RAZOR Ribard.....	600	yards.

LUMBER:

1,300 frames for Gallerys (Complete)
45,560 pieces
143 heavy logs.

RAILROAD MATERIEL:

Rails	-	28 standard gauge
	-	44 60 c.m.
Ties	-	290 standard gauge steel
	-	12 60 c.m.
	-	90 60 c.m. wooden
Cars	-	19 60 c.m.

BLACK SMITH MATERIEL:

2 Vices,
6 Anvils
4 Forges
122 Horseshoes,
11 Bags wool
20 lb nails
50 lb rivets
7 tons cement
1,500 blocks concrete
240 sacks cement (100 lb each)
50 pieces concrete tiling
640 concrete bursters

PICKETS, POLES, NAILS, etc.

9,500 pickets, straight
9,580 pickets, screw
932 telegraph poles (25 ft lengths)
100 Poles (15 ft)
1,100 Iron rods,
3,000 Iron Bolts
278 Steel Bars
10,000 Steel Rods
4,000 Angle Irons
682 pkgs. Nails (2-1/2 lbs each)
40 bags nails
25 boxes nails
1,000 spikes
9 boxes staples (50 lb each)
180 packages screws.

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PRISONERS AND MATERIEL CAPTURED BY
2nd Division (Regular).

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MISCELLANEOUS:

43 pieces Pipes
17 boxes Paint (10 bags)
490 Willow baskets
5 rolls camouflage netting
1,360 rolls " cane
75 duck boards
35 rolls hose
15 water carts pumps
9 trench pumps
7 portable bridges (12 ft long)
52 rolls tar paper
175 bundles brush revetment
1,461 bundles sand bags, 50 lb each
123 crushed rock
11 caisson frames
330 elephant shelters
700 Chevaux de Frise ,

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR).
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, 1 October, 1918.

O R D E R:

1. The greatest battles in the world's history are now being fought. The Allies are attacking successfully on all fronts. The valiant Belgian Army has surprised and defeated the enemy in FLANDERS; the English, who have been attacking the enemy without ceasing since August 8th, have advanced beyond the Hindenburg Line, between CAMBRIA and St. QUENTIN capturing thousands of prisoners and hundreds of cannon; the heroic Allied Army of the Orient has decisively defeated the Bulgars; the British have captured over 50,000 prisoners in PALESTINE and have inflicted a mortal blow on the Turk; and our own FIRST ARMY and the 4th French Army have already gained much success in the preliminary stages of their attack between the MEUSE and the SUIPPES Rivers.

2. Owing to its world-wide reputation for skill and valor, the SECOND DIVISION was selected by the Commander-in-Chief of the Allied Armies as his special reserve, and has been held in readiness to strike a swift and powerful blow at the vital point of the enemy's line. The hour to move forward has now come, and I am confident that our Division will pierce the enemy's line, and once more gloriously defeat the HUN.

John A. Lejeune,
Major General, U.S.M.C.
Commanding.

October 3-10, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES.

France, 5 October, 1918.

ORDERS:

GENERAL GOURAUD, the distinguished Commander of the IV French Army to which we are attached, has congratulated the Division on its wonderful success, and has reported to the COMMANDER-in-CHIEF of the French Forces that the German Army, east of RHEIMS, is in full retreat due to the magnificent attacks of the Division, and to its tenacity in holding its advanced positions.

In transmitting this information, the Division Commander also desires to express to the officers and men of the Division his great appreciation of their splendid performance, which demonstrates again their invincible fighting spirit and their superiority over the enemy soldier.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General, U.S.M.C.
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND DIVISION (REGULAR)
AMERICAN EXPEDITIONARY FORCES

France, 11 October, 1918

OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE SECOND DIVISION

It is beyond my power of expression to describe fitly my admiration for your heroism. You attacked magnificently and you seized Blanc Mont Ridge, the key stone of the arch constituting the enemy's main position. You advanced beyond the ridge, breaking the enemy's lines, and you held the ground gained with a tenacity which is unsurpassed in the annals of war.

As a direct result of your victory, the German Armies East and West of Rheims are in full retreat, and by drawing on yourselves several German Divisions from other parts of the front, you greatly assisted the victorious advance of the Allied Armies between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

Your heroism and the heroism of our comrades who died on the battlefield will live in history forever, and will be emulated by the young men of our country for generations to come.

To be able to say when this war is finished: "I belonged to the 2nd Division, I fought with it at the battle of Blanc Mont Ridge" will be the highest honor that can come to any man.

JOHN A. LEJEUNE,
Major General, U.S.M.C.,
Commanding.

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EXTRACT FROM INFORMATION BULLETIN #13
of the IV French Army dated Oct. 7, 1918.

Up to October 4th, at which date the present Bulletin is written, the IVth Army has pushed its advance up to objectives of the very highest importance. A splendid American division full of dash and ardor, the 2nd Division, U. S., placed at the disposition of the 21st Corps on October 3rd, made itself master of MASSIF du BLANC MONT which dominates the valley of the ARNES and gives us excellent outlook on the valley of the SUIPPES, in rear of region of MONTIS; this conquest rapidly brought about the downfall of NOTRE-DAME-des-CHAMPS and the GRAND BOIS de SAINT SOUPLET.

EXTRACT FROM AN INTELLIGENCE REPORT OF THE
21st Army Corps, 6th October, 1918.

Despite the flank fire of extremely numerous machine guns, artillery and even minenwerfers, both on its right flank and on its left flank, the 2nd Division, U. S., was able to maintain, in toto, its advance, and thus, made possible the advance of the 11th Corps on the morning of the 5th and its progress to the river ARNES.

The 4th October at the 20th h. and the 21st h. the 2nd Division, U. S., repulsed, by its infantry fire, two counter-attacks of the enemy:

The 213th D.I. held support positions on BLANC MONT and in reserve in vicinity of ST. ETIENNE at the time of our attack of the 3rd October.

The 195th D.I. and the 17th D.I. were brought hurriedly from other fronts as a result of the success of our attacks and placed into line on our flanks. They are both rated "good" divisions.

EXTRACT FROM INTELLIGENCE REPORTS OF THE
21st ARMY CORPS

October 5th:

213th D.I., 149th I.R.:

According to prisoners of the three battalions to the west of BLANC MONT; the three battalions were called to the alert the morning of the 3rd in the region of ST. HILAIRE-le-PETIT and were taken towards BLANC MONT to stop the advance of the Americans - their counter-attack was broken up with rather heavy losses; a new attack which was tried at the 13. h 30 by the 2nd Company did not succeed any better.

October 6th:

213th D.I., 2nd Bn. 149th I.R.

Effectives: The 2nd Bn of the 149th which held BLANC MONT the 4th October was surrounded the night of the 4th with the 1st Company which had come to reinforce them. Nearly the entire garrison was captured with the Adjutant, commanding at the time the battalton, the battalion commander having been wounded the evening before. This battalion can be considered as annihilated.

October 7th:

213th D.I. 1st Bn. 149th I.R. 2nd Bn 368th I.R.

According to declarations of prisoners of the above units they were for the most part captured in dugouts of a sand pit. These dugouts contained a great many more men, but the prisoners did not believe they had been able to save themselves
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21st ARMY CORPS

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October 7th:

from our artillery fire. The 2nd and 4th Companies of the 149th and the 6th and 7th of the 368th could, according to them, be considered as destroyed.

At 8 o'clock on the 6th the enemy launched a counter-attack on the right of the 2nd Division (U.S.) It was immediately repulsed by the fire of machine guns. One has the impression that the enemy is bringing his reinforcements in front of the French Divisions and on the right and left of the 2nd Division (U.S.) in order to menace the flanks of that unit.

October 9th and 10th:

213th D.I. 147th I.R.

The 1st Battalion in line to the southeast of ST. ETIENNE with three companies, having liaison with the 8th Regiment of Chasseurs to the west and to the east with the 2nd Battalion of the 368th; the 1st Company was captured on the 6th on BLANC MONT with the 2nd Battalion. The remains of the battalions which has sustained heavy losses from our artillery (in the 4th Company there remains 13 men), were captured.

2nd Bn. Captured with its staff on Blanc Mont October 6th.

2nd Bn. Counter-attack on the 3rd October towards BLANC MONT, the 10th Company is said to be the only element of the regt. which can be again put into line.

368th I. R.

1st Battalion, no information.

2nd Battalion: In line since the night of the 5th and 6th on the slopes east of BLODNITE-HOHE (at the height 1200 meters southeast of ST. ETIENNE). Having two companies in line at the start (the 7th and 8th); the two others reinforced them during the attack. This battalion seems to have defended itself vigorously, the combat lasting 4 hours. The arrival of reserves had been announced to the men - the effectives of the company was about 50 men. The battalion can be considered as destroyed.

3rd Battalion: No direct indentifications. The battalion was extremely reduced in strength and probably formed one company, the 9th, which was in line east of the 2nd Battalions.

74th Reserve I.R.

In line between the 368th I.R. and 75th I.R.

1st and 3rd Battalions: Each lost about 65 prisoners owing to the American attack of 4th and 5th October.

2nd Battalion: Badly smashed by the attack of the 3rd of October at BLANC MONT lost about 250 prisoners, now can be considered as destroyed.

213th D.I.

A pioneer of the 2nd Company of reserves of the 18th Battalion captured the morning of the 9th to the east of ST. ETIENNE. According to his statements, 200 to 300 men of all the units of the 213th D.I. scattered by the attacks of the 8th of October, were assembled in the afternoon in the wood to the north of ST. ETIENNE in the expectancy of a counter attack; numerous men who were fleeing were stopped on their way by their officers.

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21st ARMY CORPS

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October 9th and 10th:

The Americans having withdrawn towards the 18th hour under an intense bombardment, the detachment received the order to follow them. Under the fire of our artillery, the prisoners took refuge in a dugout where he was taken the next morning. The company of Pioneers had executed no work which could be considered as indicating a withdrawal; since the 213th D. I. had been engaged in this region; the pioneers had been employed as infantry.

195th D. I. (Elements engaged in front of the Army Corps on our left)

8th Regt of Chasseurs..... 4th and 24th Battalions of Chasseurs Reserve. The 4th B.C.R. was engaged since the night of the 5th and 6th of October at ST. ETIENNE, the 1st and 2nd Companies in the village the 3rd to the east towards the cemetery. The 24th B.C.R. came the 6th, to MONT-ST. REMY, in reserve to the north of ST. ETIENNE, and the morning of the 5th retook the village of ST. ETIENNE. Liaison having been lost to the left, the battalion withdrew in the afternoon abreast of the 4th B.C.R. which reinforced it.

The 2nd Company of the 24th B.C.R., holding the outskirt of the cemetery with the 3rd Company of the 4th B.C.R., were outflanked on both sides, to the east owing to the retreat of the 149th I. R. It was captured almost in entirety.

Strong effectives: Three companies of 90 men per battalion (4 company organizations abolished 3 weeks previously) two companies of machine guns. The valor of the troops seemed superior to that of other troops engaged on the front of the Army Corps - a fresh division which had not been engaged in the last operation.

Prisoners believe that the 195 D. I. has not yet all arrived in the region. A Feldwebel noticed however the presence of the 19th B.C.R. (14th Regt. Chasseurs)

17th D.I. 89th I.R.

1st Battalion (2 companies, two companies dissolved):

Engaged since the night of the 5th and 6th on the MEDEAH ROAD and to the west. 3rd and 4th Companies in the line, 1st company in the rear as support. The companies of the 1st line, as well as the company of support, were surprised by our attack and enveloped without being able to offer resistance.

Effectives are extremely reduced: In the 1st Company there remained on the morning of the 8th 24 men, in the 3rd Company 4 N.C.O.'s and 20 men; in the 4th 4 N.C.O.'s and 19 men. The losses have been heavy in the battalion, especially due to our artillery; the 5th of October, the battalion was to have made a counter-attack, but was not able to launch it.

All that remained of the battalion has been captured - the 1st Battalion 89th can be considered as destroyed.

2nd Battalion (2nd Company dissolved) In first line since the 5th to the west of the 1st Battalion: in liaison to the left with the 75th I.R. There is no information on the subject of losses sustained. The companies were at an effective of 40 to 60 men. The 2nd Battalion was engaged in first line since the 2nd or 3rd of October, and retreated in disorder in front of our attack of October 4th.

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