

SCHOOL DAYS By DWIG

14 MEN OF THE 90TH DIVISION ARE RETURNING WITH THE RECORDS

Capture Lots of Ground and Hundreds of Guns, Though Paying a Heavy Price For Victory; Thrilling Is the Full Tale of Their Great Achievements and the Enemy Soon Learned to Fear Valiant Fighters.

(Continued from page 1, This section.) Sterling had relieved Col. Cavanaugh in command of the 359th Infantry. During all this period enemy activity was intense. The front and support lines were almost continuously bombarded with high explosive and gas shells. Much of the fire came from the flank, and from places even in rear of our own lines. While there was no considerable enemy infantry activity at this period, casualties were heavy from artillery.

Patrolling was active and during the night of September 21, the 357th Infantry, raised the Hindenberg line near Stenay and brought in five prisoners with only slight casualties. Last Great Battle of War. On the 23rd of September the first American army offensive was commenced the last great battle of the war, and the divisions between the Meuse and the Moselle assisted that operation by carrying out local operations to give the impression that the great attack extended along the entire front. 26th Infantry Brigade took part in the operation, which was planned as a surprise attack on the Meuse. The raid was preceded by a six hour artillery preparation, and was the big attack of the Meuse, and the 26th Infantry Brigade took part in the same hour as the troops making the real attack. Statements of prisoners and evidence discovered since the armistice prove that the division successfully accomplished its mission and that the enemy believed until well in the morning of September 25 that a great attack was being made on their front. The success was attained, however, only with very heavy casualties, as rading parties were engaged in an artillery bombardment and heavy machine gun fire from concrete emplacements all along the Hindenberg line.

Move to the Meuse. Early in October the division was relieved by the seventh division, the latter being commingled on the 10th of October. The division was reorganized for a few days in billets in the vicinity of Toul and was then moved by train to the Blarcourt area, about 25 kilometers from Verdun. Here the division was billeted for a few days in huts and barracks in the woods and was then moved forward from the blighting area into bivouacs in the vicinity of Montfaucon, Chigny, Nanteuil, Reperage and as part of the third corps.

The Meuse-Argonne Offensive. Communicating with the counter-offensive in July, which cleared the Marne salient, the allied armies, particularly the British army, had steadily driven the enemy back until nearly all of the ground gained in his great offensive of May, April and May, 1918, had been recovered. It became evident that the enemy was planning, if not already executing, a retreat.



until November 1, despite many counter-attacks and continuous, intense shelling. Attack of November 1. With the capture of Bantheville by the 17th brigade, everything was in readiness for the great attack by the first American army and the French armies on its left, by which it was hoped finally to break the enemy's last line of resistance and change his retreat into a rout. This attack was ordered for November 1. On the night of October 30 the 17th brigade relieved the 17th brigade, which had entered heavy casualties during its eight days in line and was withdrawn into division reserve. The 17th brigade went into line and attacked with the 26th Infantry on the left and the 15th Infantry on the right. The 24th machine gun battalion and the 24th machine gun battalion were in position on the front line from which they could cover the advance with overhead fire. On the morning of the 31st the companies fired more than 1,200,000 rounds and contributed largely to the very great success of the attack.

The plan of the attack was that the 26th Infantry on the left, on a narrow front and assisted by counter-battery fire, should drive forward through the Carre farm and the immensely strong wooded position on the left of the sector up to and beyond Andouanne. With this attack a success, the 26th Infantry on the right would be able to advance across the open ground west of Aincreville without disastrous losses. An extremely heavy artillery preparation opened at 5:30 a. m. November 1, and at 5:35 a. m. the infantry went over the top. From the outset the fighting was desperate. The best veteran troops available in the German army were thrown in to stop the advance of the division. Machine gun nests were everywhere, the gunners sticking to their guns until wiped out.

The 30th and 35th Infantry splendidly supported by the 15th field artillery brigade (30th Division), advanced practically without halt. Grand Carre farm was taken and mopped up. The woods to the north were cleared and Andouanne and Cote 242 captured, and the line pushed a kilometer beyond by the 36th Chasseurs armés. Marguerite farm was captured by the 35th Infantry, and by late afternoon our troops were on or beyond their objectives. The French command knew enemy position, was definitely and completely broken.

Break Down All Resistance. On the second of November, the advance was continued against desperate resistance. Villers Dun was taken and passed, Hill 241 was occupied and the Bois de Buxy within the American lines before night. On the right the 15th Infantry advanced across the Bois de Buxy and the 15th Infantry on the left, advanced over into the sector of the 15th division on the right, advanced through the "punch bowl" all the way to the Meuse.

On November 3, the 17th brigade passed through the 16th brigade and advanced with the 35th Infantry on the left and the 15th Infantry on the right. It was evident after a few hours that the attack of the preceding day had broken the enemy's resistance and that he was completely disorganized. By night the 17th brigade had penetrated the woods of the Bois de Tilly and occupied the towns of Montigny, Saulmout, Sassy and Mont d'Orléans. On November 4 and 5 the exploitation was continued and the hold on the river was made at Sassy, Haillet, Wiseppe and Lonsleville were occupied. The divisions on the left of the 90th were meeting with equal success and were driving the enemy back to the Meuse River. With the breaking of the Freya Stellung by the 26th division, the vitally important railroad from Sedan to Montmedy was brought under our artillery fire and the enemy's hold on the river was broken. The fifth division on our right succeeded in crossing the Meuse at Dun-sur-Meuse and was forcing the enemy up the right bank of the river. It was evident that the enemy's retreat was becoming completely disorganized and, if our pressure could be continued, he would break.

17th Brigade Crosses Meuse. On November 9 the 17th brigade crossed the Meuse at Sassy and by all night marching occupied Moucy on the right bank of the river. The next day the 15th Infantry captured Haillet, Fontaine and, after desperate fighting, secured a foothold in Stenay. At the same time the 26th Infantry on the right had advanced over rolling country, swept by machine gun and artillery fire, and reached the heights overlooking Daulon and later occupied the town. On this day the enemy threw into line against the 26th his last reserve division on the western front. The 27th division on our left had in the meantime forced a crossing of the river at Pouilly and was ordered to send troops to protect the left flank of the 15th division near Stenay. When these troops were in position, it was planned to pass the 15th Brigade again through the lines of the 17th brigade and to con-

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