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Appendix A

HISTORY OF THE SEVENTY-EIGHTH DIVISION IN THE WORLD WAR 1917-18-19

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FIELD ORDER.
No. 25.
Maps: BUZANCY—1/10,000.
VOUZIERS—1/10,000.

1. Pursuant to instructions from the I Corps, the 78th Division, (less Artillery Brigade), will relieve the 77th Division in its present sector, on the night of the 16/17th October, 1918, under arrangements made by the C. G. 77th Division.

2. (a) The 77th Division holds its sector with the 153rd Infantry Brigade on the right, and the 154th Infantry Brigade on the left.

(b) The 153rd Infantry Brigade holds its brigade subsector with the 308th Infantry on the right, and the 309th Infantry on the left.

(c) The 154th Infantry Brigade holds its Brigade subsector with the 308th Infantry on the right, and the 307th Infantry on the left.

(d) The flank regiment on each Brigade furnishes one battalion of infantry as Brigade Reserve, and the interior regiment of each Brigade furnishes one battalion of infantry for division reserve.

(e) The Divisional Machine Gun Battalion is also in Division Reserve.

(f) Latest information places F. C.'s as follows:
   P. C. 77th Division at CHATEL CHEHERY.
   P. C. 153rd Infantry Brigade at LA BESOGNE.
   P. C. 154th Infantry Brigade at LA MALASSINE FME.
   P. C. 308th Infantry at 30.6-31.6.
   P. C. 309th Infantry at CORNAY.
   P. C. 307th Infantry at CHEVIERS.
   P. C. 308th Infantry at LA MALASSINE FME.
   P. C. Division Reserve at LA BESOGNE.

(g) BOUNDARIES OF SECTOR now held by 77th Division:
   EAST (Right) BOUNDARY: ST. JUVIN (inclusive)—COTE 182 (inclusive)—Eastern edge of the BOIS DES LOGES—RESILLE FME. (exclusive).
   WEST (Left) BOUNDARY: GRAND-PRE (inclusive)—TALMA (inclusive)—HAUTS BATIS FME. (inclusive)—BOULT AUX BOIS (inclusive).
   INTER-BRIGADE BOUNDARY, (from North to South)—Meridian 292—Hill 230—Hill 230—FME. DES LOGES (to Right Brigade)—CHEVIERS.

S. (a) The 153rd Infantry Brigade will relieve the 153rd Infantry Brigade.

(b) The 154th Infantry Brigade will relieve the 154th Infantry Brigade.

(c) The 153rd F. A. Brigade will relieve the 152nd F. A. Brigade on the night of 16/17th October, 1918.

(d) All concerned will make the necessary reconnaissance at once (down to and including i. o. f. from each Company and 1 N. C. O. from each platoon). Special services (Engineers, Signals, Medical, etc.) will confer at once with their corresponding number in the 77th Division with a view to taking over the corresponding service.

(e) Each organization will report to the next higher commander upon completion of the relief.

This report will cover the following points:

(1) Disposition of units down to and including battalions.

(2) Location of F. C.

(3) Location of front line and how held.

(4) Location, composition and name and organisation of commander of combat liaison groups.

(5) Casualties during relief.

(x) The Divisional Reserve, consisting of one battalion of infantry from each Infantry Brigade, and 307th Machine Gun Battalion, will take over the present position of the 77th Divisional Reserve. Lieut. Colonel A. D. Buell, 511th Infantry, will assume command of the Divisional Reserve at 6 hours.

(y) ALL MAPS, ORDERS, ETC., WILL BE TAKEN OVER BY INCOMING UNITS.
In the 156th Brigade, the front line was held by two battalions of the 311th Infantry. The 3rd Battalion under Major Cooke, reinforced by a machine gun company, was to remain in position holding the southern edge of the Bois de Bourgogne from Talma to a point about 700 yards northwest of Bellejoyeuse Ferme, and maintain liaison with the French on our left. The 2nd Battalion, under Lieutenant Colonel Budd, in position along the ridge extending north from Grandpré and connecting with the right of the 3rd Battalion, jumped off at the appointed hour. Its first objective was a general east and west line connecting the northwest point of Bois des Loges with the Bois de Bourgogne. The attack of this battalion was in a northeasterly direction, across deep, open valleys and ravines; every foot of the ground being swept by enemy machine guns from the high ground to the north and east. The most serious difficulty was encountered in attempting to get across the valley immediately north of Bellejoyeuse Ferme, for the ridge extending from the point of the Bois des Loges was strongly held by the enemy and their flanking fire throughout the early part of the day could
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not be overcome. By late afternoon, however, the right company succeeded in working up the ridge from the road west of Ferme des Loges and the 311th Infantry attained its objective.

Night came and with it a new plan of attack. The way was now open; the Bois des Loges was to be attacked from the west. The 312th Infantry moved up during the night into position in the vicinity of Ferme de Loges, to strike this stronghold on the flank at the same time that the 155th Brigade renewed its attack from the south. The Bois des Loges, as one of the enemy’s main points of resistance was doomed, and the Germans knew it.

With the morning light the front lines moved forward. Steadily through the thick woods they advanced without a suggestion of opposition. Men who had dodged and crawled and walked between bullets half the night could not believe their senses until they came on the tangible evidence of the retreat. Deep buried in the woods, carefully dug and skillfully protected, were the countless dugouts and emplacements. Beside the Maxims and plentiful supplies of ammunition, the Germans in their haste had left helmets, packs, pistols, personal equipment, wine and maps in reckless and wholesale abandon. But of themselves there were none except here and there a body shattered out of human resemblance by our artillery. So ended the worst of their rear guard action by a quiet, sudden withdrawal of the last gunners during the early morning hours of November 2nd.

No time was lost in taking up the pursuit, one feature of which was to immediately load a detachment consisting of several companies of the 311th and 312th Infantry and one from the 307th Machine Gun Battalion into motor trucks and rush them forward until stopped by mined roads and blown out bridges north of Briquenay.

BUDD, ARTHUR D., Lieutenant Colonel, 311th Infantry.

Arthur D. Budd, lieutenant colonel, 311th Infantry. For extraordinary heroism in action near Grandpré, France October 25, 1918. After our troops had established a new line and before the position had been consolidated, the enemy put down an extraordinary heavy barrage on the position. Col. Budd went through this barrage from one end of the line to the other to prepare for the expected counter attack before returning to his post of command.
FOREIGN DECORATIONS

ADAMS, JAMES S., Private 1st Class, 310th Infantry.

Awarded French Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star.

"A soldier of an admirable courage while under violent machine gun fire did not hesitate, though being on open ground, to give first aid to a wounded officer and bring him back to shelter."

ALDRIDGE, JOSEPH S., Jr., 2414750, Private, Co. B, 811th Infantry.

Awarded French Croix de Guerre with Gilt Star.

"Soldier of an admirable courage. From September 24th to 25th, 1918, carried rapidly and under a violent barrage fire messages between his company and Staff of the battalion. He also took the place of a wounded stretcher-bearer and accomplished this service under a heavy bombardment."

BUDD, ARTHUR D., Lieutenant Colonel, 811th Infantry.

Awarded Italian Commander of the Crown of Italy.
Awarded Italian War Cross. (No citation for either).
Awarded Greek Military Medal (3rd class).
Awarded Greek War Cross (no citation).
Awarded Montenegrin Order of Danilo I (no citation).
Awarded Romanian Order of the Crown (Commander) (no citation).
Awarded Serbian Order of the White Eagle (Commander) (no citation).
Awarded Panamanian Le Solidaridad (no citation).
Awarded French Legion of Honor (Chevalier).
Awarded French Croix de Guerre with Palm.

French citation as follows:

"His regiment being subject to a very violent bombardment on a newly conquered position, he went in person from one end of the position to the other for the purpose of re-establishing order in his unit and taking all measures with a view to warding off an enemy counter attack."
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Map No. 8
Showing Posts of Command, Division and Brigade boundaries, our front line on November 1st, 1918, and subsequent advance.
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