

## 5th Division.

In the beginning in attempting to give an outline of the operations of the 5th Div. in the World War, the outline will of necessity deal more intimately with the operations of the 10th Infantry Brigade of the Div. than of the other units as I served throughout the time with the 6th Infantry.

Organization. Hdqrs. and Trains at Camp Logan, Houston, Tex.  
9th Inf. Brigade, made up of the 60th and 61st Inf. organized from 7th Inf. at Gettysburg and trained at Camp Greene, N.C.  
10th Inf. Brigade, made up of the 6th and 11th Inf. brought from the Border to Chickamauga Park, Ga. to organize other regiments and for training. 13th, 14th, and 15th M.G. Bns.  
5th Field Artillery Brigade, 19th and 20th F.A. regiments organized from the 7th F.A. and the 21st F.A. (heavy) from the 3rd F.A.  
Engineers, 7th from two companies of the 1st. Eng.  
Sanitary units.

Organization began in June, 1917

Training. Few officers, few old men. shelter, clothing, equipment.

Filled up Jan. to MCH. 1918. *French and British instructors.*

Began to arrive in France Mch. 1918. Bar sur Aube area.

Training in France. *Demonstration platoon, French.*

Grenades, offensive and defensive.

Chauchat automatic rifles

Hotchkiss machine guns, very heavy but very reliable  
Range greater than our own Brownings.

Rifle grenades, in the beginning, defective.

6th Infantry to Pagny sur Meuse. Reserve for 26th Div.  
then to Annould Sector attached to the French 77th and 70th Divisions.

First days in the trenches. Very quiet. Told by our French Instructors "This is not the war." Patrolling, training observers. Use of these same observers later in open warfare. Camouflage, supply, liaison, Scouts. French artillery over us. Difficulties due to language.

Listening in set. Electrified wire covering part of German front.

Move to St. Die Sector. Joined by own artillery. Too anxious to fire.

Capture of Frapelle. By two battalions 6th Inf. Penetration 1K on 800 meter front. 36 batteries light and heavy supporting attack  
First change in lines for three years. Casualties 24 officers and 318 men. August.

Move to Neuvilleres Area for six days training in open warfare.

Move by marching at night to Martincourt area. Difficulties in keeping the right road. Secrecy. Keeping under cover during the day.

St Jacques, billeted in wet woods. Skunk gas.



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St Mihiel Drive. Jump off position 6th Infantry, REMANAUVILLE-REGNIEVILLE attacking due north. 2nd Division on the left 90th Division on the right.



Front lines occupied by troops in sector. Reconnaissance. Moving into position. Rain. Lost units. Combat liaison between Divisions. Tanks, Accompanying artillery, Smoke Screen. Wire.

Compass direction, Direction points.

Four hours artillery preparation. Barrage, artillery and M.G.

The advance, marching fire, Germans breaking from short trenches and attempting to reach shelter of woods.

Objective reached, Consolidation. Air Service. Digging in. Strong patrols to the front, Observers in trees.

Battalions in column. Leap Frog movement.

Filling in gap. Counter attack.

Casualties, 68 officers, 1545 men.

Captures, 1139 prisoners, 42 guns, 125 M.Gs.

Relieved by 78th Division. Moved back to Domevre area, then to area south of Pagny sur Meuse for a short period of training.

Pepping up. Attack problems.

Movement at night by truck into Argonne Offensive. Reserve position, Foret de Hesse, Liaison instruction with 88th and 90th areo squadrons.

Move to woods just east of MONTFAUCON on night of Oct. 12th.

Jump off position night of Oct. 13th. on ridges just south. of Romagne-CUnel road.

Hill 264 and "ois de la Poultiere, casualties terrific. Two of three Bn. commanders 7 company commanders and 10 lieutenants 593 men casualties in one regiment.

Bois de Rappe taken and lost by the other brigade on 13th. Finally captured by the 11th Infantry. Infiltration.

Romagne Cemetery.

Relieved by 90th Division Oct. 22.

Out three days and in again with 600 replacements in regiment.

Bois de BRieulles, Bois de Foret. Capture of Brieuilles.

Crossing the Meuse, evening of Nov. 4th followed by the remainder of brigade, same night. Crossing made at Brieuilles.

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9th brigade crossed near ~~Dunn~~ sur Meuse the next day.  
Dunn, Leny devant Dunn, Milly, captured.

Nov. 6 Murveaux.

Nov. 8 Brandeville

Nov. 10, Jametz, Remorville, Louppy.

NOv. 11, End.

Distance from Meuse 18 K.

