



When the Ardennes Offensive began, the "Octofoil" Division was already engaged in battle against the Sixth Panzer Armee, as it was locked in combat with the 272th Volkgrenadier Division, to the north of Monschau on the northern shoulder of the "bulge". As part of the attack towards the Rur and Urft dams, it had bumped into the edge of the German forces arrayed for the start of the great offensive. The 60th Rgt was left behind to pin the Volkgrenadiers and the rest of the division was sent south to Elsenborn ridge where it helped defeat the last attacks of the 3rd Panzergrenadier Division. The 9th Division then relieved the 2nd and 99th Divisions and held the ridge until the end of January.