

94th Infantry Division Battlefield Tour

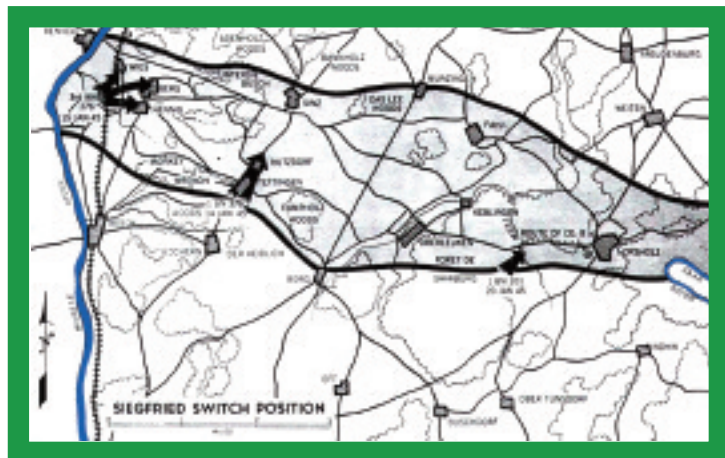


OCTOBER 22 - 29, 2010

We are offering a rare opportunity for Veterans, family members and friends of the 94th Infantry Division to experience an in-depth visit to the 1945 battleground of the Saar-Moselle Triangle with Colonel Tony Le Tissier, author of *Patton's Pawns: The 94th Infantry Division at the Siegfried Line*. Tony is a highly respected military author on World War II and Cold War Germany. Until retirement, he was an Allied military police colonel operating in Cold War Berlin and East Germany. He was the last Allied Governor of Berlin's Spandau Prison, guarding Hitler's Deputy, Rudolf Hess. Since retiring, he has devoted his professional military skills to historical research and writing.

This tour was the idea of 94th Infantry Division Alliance member and Veteran's grandson Dan Runde. He read Tony Le Tissier's book, and very impressed by his military knowledge, expertise and the thoroughness of his research, contacted him.

Tony Le Tissier writes, "After reading my book *Patton's Pawns: The 94th US Infantry Division at the Siegfried Line*, Dan Runde asked me if I would be willing to take a 94th Infantry Division group around the Saar-Moselle Triangle. It was a pleasure for me to say yes. I have conducted three tours for 94th ID veterans in the past and I hope to meet old friends from the 94th again. I have asked Patrick Hinchy of MilSpec Tours to help me organize the tour. Patrick, a good friend, an expert Veterans tour organizer and guide in Europe, well known to many VBOB veterans. He will insure that we have an enjoyable and successful tour.



We will spend three full days retracing the 94th's combat route in the critical Saar Moselle Triangle. The 94th US Infantry Division was one of the later formations raised in the Second World War, and consisted largely of draft-deferred students as enlisted men and an inexperienced officer corps pulled together from some domestic postings. It was initially employed in blocking the German installations in southern Brittany after D-Day. But when the Battle of the Bulge broke out, the 94th was hastily moved forward to cover the Orscholz Switch of the Siegfried Line between the Moselle and Saar Rivers. These two rivers and the Orscholz Switch formed the Saar-Moselle Triangle.

Officially limited to battalion-sized operations, the 94th, now part of General Patton's Third Army, suffered heavy casualties, mainly because of the appalling weather conditions, but attributed by Patton to poor leadership. Patton then ordered an all-out assault. The Orscholz Switch was cracked with armored support and the 94th closed up to the main Siegfried Line facing it across the raging Saar River. This too was overcome, but at a considerable cost. The 94th was eventually able to break through and take the ancient city of Trier. However, it then had to stand up to a major German counterattack in the battle of Lampaden Ridge. The 94th defeated the enemy by its stubborn resistance, before sweeping on to final victory. The way through to the Rhine was open at last."





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Friday, October 22, 2010: USA/Aloft. Each tour participant makes his/her own airline reservations to Paris. You can arrange to fly this day or perhaps a few days earlier to give you more time to explore Paris on your own.

Saturday, October 23: Paris. You join the tour when you check into our Charles De Gaulle Airport hotel in Paris. The hotel information will be in your final documents and is easy to get to from the airport terminals. The balance of the day is free. With handy nearby trains into central Paris, you might consider some sightseeing on your own or just relax in the hotel.

Sunday, October 24: Paris/Luxembourg. This morning Tony Le Tissier, your guide throughout the tour, meets and greets everyone and takes the group by coach from our Paris airport hotel across eastern France to Luxembourg City. Tonight a Welcome Dinner. (B, D)

Monday, October 25: Luxembourg. Today we cover the area of the 94th's initial engagements and eventual penetration of the Orscholz Switch, that extension of the Siegfried Line covering the base of the Saar-Moselle Triangle. Here the 94th was tasked with holding down the opposing German forces during the extremely bitter winter weather of January and early February 1945. We see remains of the formidable German fortifications, visiting in turn Perl, Tettingen/Butzdorf, Sinz, the 94th's unique memorial, Oberleuken, Kampholz Woods, the German cemetery, Nennig and Thorn before returning to Luxembourg City. (B, D)

Tuesday, October 26: Luxembourg/Trier. We start the day with a visit to the American Cemetery in Luxembourg, where General Patton is buried at the head of over 5,000 of his troops killed in the surrounding area. We then go on to view the spectacular terrain where the 94th broke through and crossed the raging Saar River to penetrate the Siegfried Line beyond. We will visit Orscholz, Kirf, Freudenburg, Kastel-Stadt, Taben-Rodt, the Höckerberg (Hocker Hill), the Auf der Hütte cliffs, Serrig and Saarbürg. We finish the day in ancient Roman Trier. (B, D)

Wednesday, October 27: Trier. We begin the day by tracing the fighting involved in breaching the Siegfried Line immediately beyond the Saar River at Ayl, Ockfen and Irsch. Then we visit the site of the Battle for Lampaden Ridge, where the 94th successfully withstood the attacks of the 6th SS Mountain Division. The concluding highlight of our in-depth visit to the Saar-Moselle Triangle is a festive reception and lunch with the people of Lampaden and perhaps some German veterans too. Then we return to Trier. (B, L)

Thursday, October 28: Trier/Brussels. This morning we drive from Trier via Echternach and the Sure River Valley to Diekirch to visit the National Museum of Military History generally acknowledged to be the best Battle of the Bulge Museum. Then to Bastogne to visit the Mardasson Monument, the largest and most important American Battle of the Bulge Monument which features the 94th's insignia. Finally to the Belgian and European Union capital

city Brussels for some free time and our Farewell Dinner. (B, D)

Friday, October 29: Brussels/USA. Easy independent transfer by train or taxi to Brussels BRU International Airport for return flights to USA. (B)



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Payment Option (✓ one)

Option A: I would like to Pay In Full. Payment enclosed.

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I accept the travel insurance at \$164 per person.

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Please add the cost of your insurance to your \$400 deposit when submitting this registration form.

My name as it appears on my passport followed by the names of those registering with me on this reservation form:

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

Name: _____

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I desire: 2-in-a-room. Single Room at \$435 additional.

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