



## American Battle Monuments Commission – World War One Sites

### Routes of Interest – Saint Mihiel American Cemetery to the Montsec American Monument

**Note: From Montsec you will have an unobstructed view of the area of the Saint Mihiel offensive. The Saint Mihiel Offensive was the first major American The colonnaded monument includes a bronze relief map of the surrounding area. This is a good tour for binoculars in clear weather.**

1. Leaving the Saint Mihiel American Cemetery turn left onto D67/D3.
2. Drive for a little over a mile through Beney-en-Woëvre to the intersection with D904
3. Turn left, toward Toul/Nancy/ Pannes.
4. Drive through Pannes in a long “S” curve, toward Toul/Essey-et-Maizerais.
5. Go into Essey-et-Maizerais to the 4<sup>th</sup> cross street.
6. Turn right toward St. Bussant onto D28, it curves left shortly.
7. Drive on the D28 to a fork at St. Bussant
8. Bear right at the fork toward Lahayville/Richécourt
9. D28 becomes D33 entering Lahayville.
10. Continue south about three miles to a rural crossroad with a thicket on the left.
11. Turn right onto D119 toward Richécourt /Montsec.
12. After a little over two miles you’ll come to a crossroads at Montsec.
13. Turn sharp left onto D12 toward Loupment/Butte de Montsec
14. Pass a cemetery on the left.
15. Take the right fork up the hill to the Butte de Montsec Monument.
  - The Connecticut Memorial Fountain at Seicheprey. Here on April 20, 1918 men of the 102<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Infantry Regiment, of the 26th “Yankee” Division were attacked here by a powerful German trench raid. In close combat the Germans took this village but were forced out by a violent counter attack of the 102<sup>nd</sup>. Most of the men in the 102<sup>nd</sup> Regiment were from Connecticut.
16. Return through Montsec and Richécourt to the intersection of D33 and D28.
17. Go straight through Southeast toward Seicheprey.
18. Follow this road to the end.
19. Turn left.
20. In the park just past the church on the right is the grey stone fountain.
  - American Jump off Point Monument at Flirey. This French monument stands on near the “Start Line” of the St Mihiel Offensive and commemorates American and French soldiers that liberated this area.
21. From in front of the church in Seicheprey drive south.
22. Drive straight out the South side of Seicheprey toward Beaumont.
23. Stay on this road to the end.
24. Turn left on the D958, toward Pont a Mousson/Flirey.
25. Drive straight toward Flirey, almost 3 miles.
26. Two monuments are in the Parks in the in the square and park in front of the Church.

27. The monument on the right. It is stone with a Bronze relief of soldiers.
  - The Volunteer Ambulance Fountain at Pont-a-Mousson. This commemorates American Field Service Ambulance drivers who served as volunteers between 1915 and 1917, when the United States entered the war. Pont-a-Mousson on the Moselle River was an important point in the Allied lines since 1914.
28. From the town center of Fliery proceed East on D958.
29. Continue east for a little over 10 miles.
30. Entering Pont-a-Mousson D958 is Avenue de General Eisenhower.
31. Merge to the right lane when it appears.
32. Turn right at the traffic light toward Pont-a-Mousson Centre
33. At the traffic circle go around toward Pont-a-Mousson Centre, Avenue Patton.
34. At the next intersection bear right up the ramp.
35. Bear left at the traffic light at the top of the ramp.
36. Go straight at the next light at the bottom of the ramp.
37. At the next light turn right toward Centre Ville, Place Duroc.
38. Go straight until you arrive at a grand town square, Place Duroc.
39. Park in this historic town square.
  - The ornamental fountain in the center of the square is the Volunteer Ambulance Fountain.
40. There is an Office de Tourisme on the north side Arcade next to the Cinema.

### **Returning to Saint Mihiel American Cemetery from Pont-a-Mousson**

1. Return to the northwest corner of the Place du Roc.
2. Go southwest on the Rue Victor Hugo, D657, retracing your approach.
3. Bear left at the major intersection.
4. Get into the right lane. (still on D657)
5. After the traffic light go up the ramp.
6. Stay in the right lane.
7. Bear right at the traffic light on the ramp.
8. Bear left at the bottom of the ramp toward Briey/Commercy/Verdun. (you are now on D958)
9. At the traffic circle go right toward Verdun/Bar-le-Duc
10. At the next traffic light turn left toward Verdun/Bar-le-Duc (still on D958)
11. Go about 3 miles and look on the right for signs for Verdun/ Thiaucourt
12. Take the next right toward Verdun on the on the D3.
  - By Regniéville you will pass a white scarred church on the right. This is where the American 5<sup>th</sup> Division attacked to the north on September 12 1918.
13. The road continues straight toward and then it curves right and left several times.
14. There is a right hairpin turn then...(caution)
15. Turn hard left on toward Thiaucourt on D3C.
  - Here you are in the middle of the path of the American 2<sup>nd</sup> Division's advance toward your front right.
16. On the right you will pass a World War 1 German Military cemetery behind a low stone wall.
17. Follow the main road into Thiaucourt.
18. Go under a train overpass.
19. Bear right at the intersection.
20. Turn left over the bridge driving up the hill toward the steeple.
  - Adjacent to the church is a very fine statue of an American and French Soldier in front of an obelisk. There is street parking across from the church.

21. Continue up the hill past the church.
22. Bear left at the fork toward Verdun/Beney.
23. St. Mihiel American Cemetery is ahead on the left in less than half a mile.