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HEADQUARTERS 127TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION  
APO #35 US ARMY

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1 DECEMBER 1944

UNIT: Jumbo

Period from 0001 1 Nov 44  
to 2359 30 Nov 44

SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, reports after/ after Action Reports. (Nov 44)

TO : The Adjutant General, U S Army, Washington, D. C. (Thru Channels)

1. In compliance with AR 345-105 and c-3 thereto the following report is submitted:

1 Nov to 7 Nov 44 incl - Battalion maintained defensive positions in town of Bioncourt. 1st Lt John P Yates presented 1st and 2nd Oak Leaf Clusters to Air Medal on 3 Nov at Bioncourt per Sec VIII GO 49 Hq 35 Inf Div dtd 1 Nov 44. Considerable enemy shelling was received during this period mainly on 105 and 150mm caliber. However this Bn fired only 24 rounds. Men were allowed passes into Nancy for baths and shows and a few men were allowed 48 hour passes to Paris.

8 Nov 44 - On 8 Nov the Division again went on the offensive and from 0459 to 0610 17 missions of 242 rounds were fired in preparation for H hour. It is interesting to note that on this date two missions of smoke were fired using captured German ammunition.

9 Nov 44 - The attack continued successfully on the 9 Nov and harassing fire was delivered on retreating enemy troops.

10 Nov to 11 Nov 44 incl - Movement Order was given at 0800 10 Nov and Bn moved forward 4.2 miles occupying positions in town of Jallaucourt. These positions were maintained thru the 12 Nov and intensive fire was delivered on enemy armor and troops.

12 Nov to 14 Nov 44 incl - A move of 5 miles was made on the afternoon of 12 Nov and positions were occupied after dark in Fonteny. Again on the 14 Nov a move was made to new positions at Vannecourt. Due to overcast weather the burden of support is falling on the artillery. The advance is slow but steady and expenditure of ammunition is very high.

15 Nov to 19 Nov incl - Positions were occupied in Baronville on the afternoon of 15 Nov and the Bn remained in these positions until 19 Nov. 5 rounds of enemy 105mm landed in C Btry area on 17 Nov causing no casualties but knocking out 1 gun until checked by immediate use as mud was terrible in this area. S/Sgt Provost B Btry acting as forward observer was wounded by gunshot wound on leg at 1300 18 Nov.

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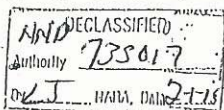
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Ltr Hq 127th FA Bn, Subj: After Action Report dtd 1 Dec 44 contd--

15 Nov to 19 Nov 44 contd-- The enemy continued to retreat and most missions consisted of harassing fires on troops. Brigadier General Allen SHAEF and a British Air Commodore visited Bn CP at 0930 18 Nov. They talked to Personnel and watched a Btry fire an adjust mission.

20 Nov to 21 Nov 44 incl - For the first time since being in combat the Bn moved forward twice on 20 Nov. At 0750 a move was made to Vallerange from which a few missions were fired. Then at 1610 another move of 6 Miles was made and positions taken up in town of Bistroff. Lt John P Yates Ln Pilot presented 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal at Vallerange 20 Nov 44 per GO 52 Hq 35 Inf Div dtd 17 Nov. The majority of missions fired on 21 Nov were in support of 6th Armored Div attack in vicinity of Hellimer. Late in the day heavy enemy shelling was received in Bn area and two men of A Btry slightly wounded. No firing was done in A Btry until howitzers were checked and one was declared unserviceable and replaced.

22 Nov 44 - General Order from XII Corps received on 22 Nov awarding Silver Star to Lt Hugh T Barber Jr Ln Pilot for gallantry in action during October during which he was seriously wounded. Order forwarded to Hospital.


23 Nov to 29 Nov 44 incl - At 1400 on 23 Nov Bn moved 6 miles and occupied positions in town of Hellimer. Prior to the move Turkey was served for the Thanksgiving Day dinner. Division Artillery S-2 and S-3 Sections plus Division Artillery Liaison Officers attached for rations and CP setup. Lt Col Belden, Major Ross and 45 personnel were with the 2 sections. Positions in Hellimer were maintained for the remainder of November the majority of fires being in support of 6th Armored Division.

30 Nov 44 - Officers and men were paid on 30 Nov 44.

A total of 5,803 rounds expended against the enemy during month of November. Weather for the month has been overcast with rain on all except a few days. Mud has been a great obstacle to ~~our~~ advance and this along with lack of air support due to weather placed on added burden on the artillery. However all missions requested were successfully accomplished and great credit is due officers and men for this excellent care of materiel under the circumstances.

Status of supply for the month has been excellent and morale of troops excellent.

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