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HEADQUARTERS 127TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO #35

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UNIT: Jumbo

Period from 0001 1 Sep 44
to 2359 30 Sep 44

SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, Reports after/ after Action Reports.

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

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

1 Sep to 7 Sep 44 incl - Aix-en-Othe, France - Battalion in general support of 134th CT in Division reserve. No organized resistance in this sector. Red Cross Clubmobiles served coffee and doughnuts, shows given and men allowed time for passes and baths in nearby villages.

8 Sep 44 - Battalion moved to vicinity of Moutrot distance of 14.3 miles and went into positions in support of 134th CT. 15 trucks furnished to have Infantry forward.

9 Sep to 10 Sep 44 incl - Battalion moved to new positions near Viterne and commenced Nancy operation. Enemy strongly entrenched on East bank of Moselle River and FFI reports forces at Nancy greatly increased. Major George Moore, Battalion Executive Officer, Captain Donald E Kennedy awarded Bronze Star for heroic service at Orleans France, Extract 35th Division General Order atchd hereto. Capt Milton L Price awarded Bronze Star for heroic service at St. Lo 11 Jul 44, Extract 35th Division General Order atchd hereto.

11 Sep to 13 Sep 44 incl - Battalion moved to vicinity of Pulligny 11 Sep 44. Enemy harrassed Division advance to Moselle River with artillery and small arms fire. Battalion fired 994 rounds during period. Enemy resisting our attacks fiercely on Moselle River and making numerous counterattacks. Fort of Maginot Line being used for Artillery OP. Concentrations fired on enemy infantry in open directed from Liaison Plane very effective.

14 Sep to 16 Sep 44 incl - Col Thompson, Battalion Commander placed in command of Task Force consisting of 2nd Battalion, 134th Infantry and this Battalion, with mission of holding Fort Vincent and river crossing at all costs. Major Moore Battalion Executive assumes command of Battalion. Task force commanded by Col Thompson dissolved at 1615 15 Sep 44. Col Thompson resumes command. 200 rounds fired during period.

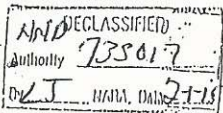
17 Sep 44 - Battalion moved to Vandœuvre distance of 14.4 miles and established CP and gun positions - much rain all day.

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18 Sep 44 - Battalion moved 6 miles to Essey and established position. 272 rounds fired. One PW captured by attached 448th AAA Battery.

19 Sep to 23 Sep 44 contd - Battalion moved across river to positions NE of Nancy in edge of town. Enemy resistance in this area very stiff. Reported that OC School formerly located at Nancy formed into Combat Team and offering skilled resistance. Total of 912 rounds fired during this period. Our advance very slow due to heavy resistance and repeated enemy counterattacks.

24 Sep to 25 Sep 44 contd - Battalion moved distance of 6.6 miles on 24 Sep 44 and established positions in Eulmont. Strong enemy forces reported consisting of elements of 2 Divisions moved up late on 24 Sep 44. On 25 Sep 44 Battalion prepared defensive positions and BC's were instructed in defensive plan of action - 205 rounds fired during period.

26 Sep to 30 Sep 44 incl - Battalion moved 9 miles on 26 Sep 44 and went into positions in town of Bioncourt. Enemy attacked strongly on 27 Sep 44 and some elements of the Division were forced to evacuate positions. This Battalion prepared gun positions for direct laying and placed security in front of guns. Several missions fired against enemy tanks with very good results. A total of 350 rounds fired on 27 Sep 44. Bronze Star awarded Tec 5 Charles E Smith Btry A for heroic action in St. Lo engagement (GO 36 Hq 35th Div dtd 24 Sep 44) Major Calvin F Finn Battalion S-3, Capt William J McAllen Battalion Assistant S-3, M/Sgt Harold E McDermott Battalion Sergeant Major and T/Sgt Earl R Wolf Battalion Communications Chief awarded Bronze Stars on 29 Sep 44 for exceptionally meritorious service during period 11 July to 17 Aug 44 (GO 38 Hq 35th Inf Div 29 Sep 44). On 30 Sep 44 action continued heavy with accurate enemy artillery falling in and near positions. During 28, 29, and 30 Sep 44 Battalion fired a total of 294 rounds and on 30 Sep 44 received permission to exceed its ammunition allowance. Weather for month - Cool and overcast with intermittent showers. Status of supply for month - Excellent.

For the Commanding Officer:


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