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HEADQUARTERS 127TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO #35 US ARMY

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy

TO : The Adjutant General, U S Army, Washington 25, D. C.

1. In compliance with the provisions of Par 10 C3, AR 345-105, submitted below is report after action against the enemy for the 127th Field Artillery Battalion covering the period 1-31 January 1945.

January 1-12, 1945

The 127th Field Artillery Bn maintained its positions in Surre Luxembourg during the above period in general support of 35th Infantry Division combat teams holding and reducing the south flank of the enemy breakthrough. New type "Pozet" fuzes were used extensively with excellent results observed. Some enemy mortar fire was received and several artillery shellings with no damage or casualties inflicted.

Major General Brown, attached to 35th Division as observer, visited Battalion CP and firing batteries 6 January 1945.

January 13-15, 1945

127th Field Artillery Bn moved 13 January to positions at Villers-la-Bonne-Eau, Belgium a march of 12 miles. Enroute A Btry lost one M5 tractor due to enemy mine and 3 Enlisted Men were injured. Hq Btry also lost a $\frac{1}{4}$ ton "Beep" on the same route from enemy mine. The beep was demolished and Lt Slater and Cpl Scarbrough its occupants received bruises and shock. Battalion personnel were enabled to see clearly the effects of artillery fire in this town as it was reduced to rubble and dead littered the ruins. All firing in this period was in support of III Corps Artillery.

January 16-18, 1945

At 0800 16 January the Bn moved 6 miles to positions in Bastogne Belgium. Mission remaining in support of III Corps Artillery.

January 19-22, 1945

On 19 January the Battalion was drawn out of the Bulge battle and proceeded with other units of the 35th Division to billeting area in Metz France. Distance traveled 82.6 miles. Period in Metz was spent in care of equipment and rest.

January 23, 1945

On 22 January the Division was alerted and at 0400 23 January an advance party from the Bn left to reconnoiter area near Saverne France in the 7th Army Sector. At 1615 23 January Bn arrives in bivouac area in town of Gueblange-Les-Dieuze France having traveled a distance of 44.7 miles. Pfc Arthur A Davis A Btry was killed enroute when tractor skidded throwing him off and the towed howitzer ran over him causing instant death.

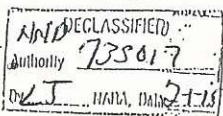
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Battalion is notified that it is now part of XV Corps 7th Army and will reinforce fires of 216 FA Bn in support of 320 GT.

January 24-29, 1945

On the morning of 24 January Battalion moved a distance of 42.7 miles and occupied positions in town of Volksburg in the Vosges mountains. B Btry was instructed to take up positions in Meinsenthal to enable that Btry to fire on town of Bitche which was receiving heavy enemy pressure.

January 30-31, 1945

Major Moore Battalion Executive Officer and advance party left for new destination on afternoon of 29 January and on 30 January the Battalion was relieved and proceeded enroute to Holland. Tractors with Howitzers and crews were shipped by rail from Sarreburg.

Truck convey covered 107 miles on 30 January and billeted overnight in St Mihiel France. The march was continued on 31 January with destination Sibbe Holland in 9th Army sector.

Status of supply for month of January 1945 - Excellent. Morale of troops - Excellent. Weather - Very cold with much snow with exception of last 2 days in month which were warm enough to thaw.

During month a total of 8,360 rounds were expended against the enemy. 939 of this number were the new type "Pezet" fuzes.

Casualties for month of January 1945 were: KIA - Off-0 EM-0; Killed not in action - EM-1; WIA - Off-1 EM-14; MIA - Off-0 EM-0.

Prisoners captured - None.

Awards and decorations during month:

Bronze Stars for exceptionally meritorious service were presented to Lt Henry R Seawell Jr 0535036 Hq Btry and S/Sgt Louis Prevost 20760279 B Btry at Surre Luxembourg on 5 January 1945, also Air Medal presented to Lt John L Venable 01182986 same date and place.

On 9 January at Surre Luxembourg Bronze Stars were presented to Tec 5 Clarence A Woods 36178074 and Cpl Harold L Brackett 20760034 of A Btry for heroic service. Cpl Alexander F Key 38207021 of C Btry was presented a Bronze Star at same place and date for exceptionally meritorious service.

Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal was presented to Lt Warren G Terhorst 01182725 16 January at Bastogne Belgium.

For the Commanding Officer:

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