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APO 35, US Army

1 January 1945

SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, Report after Action No. 6.

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

1. Reference to Par 10, c 3, AR 345-105; the following after battle report covering Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 35th Division Artillery, APO 35, % PM, New York, N.Y. is submitted for period 0001, 1 Dec 44 to 2400, 31 Dec 44.

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APO 35, US Army

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INTRODUCTORY: This report covers the factual accounts of the operations of this headquarters in combat from December 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944 and is based on a day by day account of the operations of the S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, Anti-Tank Section, and Air Liaison Section. Operations of attached organic and separate battalions will be covered in reports from their respective headquarters.

FACTUAL DATA:

1. Organic Battalions of 35th Division Artillery:

127th FA Bn, 155mm How. M1 Medium Battalion.

CT 320th Inf with 216th FA Bn, 105mm How.

CT 137th Inf with 219th FA Bn, 105mm How.

CT 134th Inf with 161st FA Bn, 105mm How.

2. Strength: Headquarters and Headquarters Battery 35th Div. Arty.

T/O, Officers 20, WO 1, EM 108.

Actual, Officers 20, WO 1, EM 107.

3. Casualties:

Killed 0.

Sick, gassed, or wounded 4.

Evacuated 4.

4. Awards: Bronze Star Medal 1.

Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) 2.

5. One prisoner was captured.

6. Officers and assignments, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

35th Division Artillery:

Division Artillery Commander

Brig Gen T. L. Futch

" " Executive

Col Douglas G Dwyre

" " S-3

Lt Col Hugh Belden

" " S-1 & S-4

Maj Forrest H Hagenbuch

" " S-2

Maj Thomas W Ross

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Division Artillery A-T

"	"	Air Liaison	Maj Richard R Coffin
"	"	Asst S-3	Maj James N Davidson
"	"	Asst S-2	Capt Franklin J Downing
"	"	Asst S-1	1st Lt James H Waters
"	"	Asst S-1	1st Lt James E Judson
"	"	Aide-de-Camp	1st Lt Myron Linz
"	"	Aide-de-Camp	1st Lt Carl F Maples
"	"	Pilot	Capt William F Hesselbach
"	"	Pilot	1st Lt Henry A Roseberry
"	"	Surgeon	Maj Chester B Thrift
"	"	Dental O	Capt James H Stageman
"	"	Chaplain	Capt Gerhard L Belgium
"	"	Chaplain	Capt Laforest E Hodgkins
"	"	Com O	Capt Morris H Laatsch Jr
"	"	Asst Com O	1st Lt Lynd E Cohick
"	"	Motor Officer	CWO Clifford D Mullis

Note: Further reference to Headquarters and Headquarters Battery will be referred to as "this unit".

0001 1 Dec 44

The 35th Infantry Division, operating with the XII Corps, 3rd US Army was not in contact with the enemy at the beginning of the month. Units of the Division were withdrawn to an assembly area. However, the artillery of the Division remained in position and answered requests for fire from the 6th Armd Div Arty, in the sector generally from Puttelange to the South. The 161st FA Bn operating near St Jean Rohrbach had formerly been CT'd with the 134th Inf and operating with the 6th Armored. The 134th Inf was withdrawn and the 161st FA Bn remained in that area. The 127th FA Bn and 219th FA Bn were in the vicinity of Hellimer, while the 216th FA Bn remained in the vicinity of Hilsprich. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery at this time was located in the town of Lening. With units of the infantry not in contact

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with the enemy and our artillery answering calls from the armor very little firing was accomplished. A total of 3 interdiction and 4 harassing missions were fired for an expenditure of 368 rounds. Battalions took advantage of this time for maintenance, and care of equipment. The 654th TD Bn, attached to the Division had two companies in direct support of the infantry and one company in Division reserve.

2 Dec 44

Artillery activity with two battalions participating included 11 neutralizing, 2 destruction, 49 harassing, and 22 interdiction. A total of 782 rounds were fired.

3 Dec 44

The XII Corps order placing the 35th Division back into the line between the 6th Armored and the 26th Division was received. The Division was to occupy a position to the Southwest of Puttelange with the mission of attacking to the Northeast and seizing a bridgehead across the Saar River vic of Sarreguemines. The organization for combat, with the 182nd Group reinforcing, was as follows: The 802nd FA, 752nd (Med) FA reinforcing the 216th FA Bn in direct support of the 320th Inf. The 127th FA Bn, 219th FA Bn reinforced the left or North, and the 320th Inf on the right or South. Harassing and interdiction fires within the Division sector were increased the night of 3-4 Dec and artillery of the Division occupied new positions for this new thrust. During the period 6 interdiction, 9 harassing, and 2 destruction missions were fired. Ammunition expenditure was 1590 rounds.

4 Dec 44

This headquarters and headquarters battery moved an FDC to St Jean Rohrbach to support better the attack of the Division which began at 040400. No preparation was fired other than a counter-battery preparation of 45 minutes. During the early stages of the attack targets included enemy batteries, tanks, pill-boxes, strong points, OP's, and dug-in positions along the Puttelange Sarralbe highway, making an expenditure of 3124 rounds and including 61

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neutralization, 7 destruction, 29 harassing, and 25 interdiction fires, with all battalions registering on base points and check points during the period. Division artillery fired its first round into Germany at 1440. The lanyard was pulled by Colonel Butler Miltonberger, CO 134th Inf from a position West of Puttelange. The 2nd Section, Battery B, 127th FA Bn in charge of Sgt Tex Dial did the firing. Round number 2 was fired by the CO 127th FA Bn, and round 3 by S-3, Division Artillery.

5 Dec 44

There was no change in the organization for combat for the division artillery, and the TD continued with one company in direct support of the 134th Inf and one company in direct support of the 320th Inf. The artillery supported the continued attack of the division beginning at 0800 with call missions. Three missions were fired as a preparation in front of the 320th Inf. Organic artillery fired 3 neutralization, 2 destruction, 26 interdiction, and 6 harassing fires during the period, for a total of 1341 rounds. Battery C, 161st FA Bn fired its first round into Germany, the target being Harweiler. This round, from the howitzer position near Puttelange was fired at 1025A, 5 Dec 44. Following this, the 161st FA Bn at 1623, fired the first battalion volley into Germany massing with 100 percent effect with the cannon company.

6 Dec 44

There was no change in the organization for combat with the exception of the 741st FA Bn (8" Howitzer) now in general support reinforcing the Division. The attack continued with normal support missions, beginning at 0700 and the artillery fired 34 neutralization, 4 destruction, 34 interdiction, and 14 harassing fires during the period, expending 2001 rounds. The artillery FDC moved at 1330 and closed into the new area at Woustviller at 1430. The remaining part of headquarters battery moved forward the next day to Woustviller.

7 Dec 44

In preparation for the river crossing of the Saar, Division Artillery was further reinforced by the 404th FA Group with one 105mm FA Bn and a

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155mm How Bn. This gave the 161st FA Bn, the 219th FA Bn, 752nd FA, and 127th FA Bn reinforcing its fire, while the 216th FA Bn was reinforced by the 802nd, 512nd, and 974th FA Bns. Artillery fired 33 neutralization, 5 destruction, and 49 harassing missions during the period for a total of 2176 rounds. All organic and reinforcing artillery displaced to positions west of the Saar River in the Division zone and registered on enemy strong-points in preparation for the 35th Division assault across the Saar River.

8 Dec 44

The organization for combat remained the same with the 775th FA Bn (4.5 in Gun) and 741st FA Bn (8" How) in general support. The Division zone extended roughly from Sarreguemines to Wieseiller. The 26th Division continued on the right flank and the 6th Armored continued on the left flank. There was no preparation for the attack beginning at 0500, 8 Dec. Following the initial crossing artillery missions consisted of enemy pill-boxes, strong points, forts, half tracks, vehicles, machine guns, and enemy batteries, the latter being attacked by TOT's using all available guns. A summary of the firing included 37 harassing missions, 45 interdiction, and 86 neutralization. The TD's proved very useful in helping the 134th Inf cross at Sarresmieg by firing 1300 rounds of 50 cal. and 138 rounds of 3" ammunition. Included in their destruction were one pillbox, three strong points, and one tank.

A counterattack was launched by the enemy in the afternoon and included between 13 and 15 tanks loaded with infantry. This attack came from Neunkirchen and was attacked by all organic, reinforcing, and corps artillery after being spotted by the AOP. The enemy was completely dispersed within 15 minutes after being first sighted. A prisoner stated that the attack was so successfully broken up that elements of his unit were never able to reassemble. A similar counterattack in the vic of Wieseiller, was likewise broken up by the artillery, in conjunction with the air corps. Information that a counterattack was being organized from Reinheim, to be launched the

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following day brought an increase in H and I fires, and several TOT's were placed on likely routes of approach, for a total of 3568 rounds expended during the period.

9 Dec 44

With the bridgehead across the Saar secure, the 26th Division received orders to change their direction of attack to the North vic of Wieseiller, calling for close coordination of artillery fire which was maintained by double liaison. 14 destruction, 51 neutralization, 31 interdiction, and 21 harassing missions consumed 2664 rounds with artillery firing normal support missions. Limited advances by the infantry were made during this period of expanding their bridgehead.

10 Dec 44

The 137th Infantry Regiment was committed on the left, and crossing the 134th Infantry bridgehead at Sarresming, their mission was to clean out the East part of Sarreguemines. This brought a change in the organization for combat as follows: The 127th FA Bn and 802nd FA reinforced the 219th FA Bn in direct support of 137th Inf, while the 752nd FA, 512nd FA reinforced the 161st FA Bn in direct support of the 134th Inf. This left the 974th FA reinforcing the 216th FA Bn and the 775th FA and 741st FA in general support. The AOP located and fired upon 7 enemy battery positions during this period and fire was massed on each battery. A total of 24 neutralization, 7 destruction, 29 interdiction, and 11 harassing missions were fired for an expenditure of 2803 rounds. One counterattack was broken up in the 137th Inf zone of advance before it even materialized. The bridgehead was firmly established at this time with all regiments and accompanying weapons across. Plans for the crossing of the artillery were submitted for the following day.

The 654th TD Bn was now organized with B company in direct support of 137th Inf, each of the other companies in direct support of the 134th Inf and 320th Inf.

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Artillery continued in support of the attack and the AOP neutralized 7 enemy battery positions. Numerous TOT's were fired on Neunkirchen, Felpersweiler, and other road runners were placed on enemy vehicles southwest of Bliesschweyen, all of which consumed 19 neutralization, 2 destruction, 33 interdiction, and 20 harassing fires. In addition to the normal H and I fires interdiction at the rate of 6 rounds per hour was placed on bridges across the Blies River within the Division zone. A total of 1295 rounds were fired.

12 Dec 44

The attack of the Division, supported by artillery, continued with an artillery feint in the zone of the 137th Inf across the Blies River. This feint covered the woods and hills and began at 0530 lasting 30 minutes. The actual bridgehead was made at Habkirchen by the 134th Inf. Critical hills and OP locations capable of directing fire on the bridgehead were smoked on call of the infantry throughout the day. Organic battalions fired 36 neutralization, 7 destruction, 18 interdiction, and 39 harassing fires, for a total of 3469 rounds. Heavy TOT's included in the firing were placed on Bebelshheim, Bliesrensbach, and Bliesbrucken. The bridgehead of the 134th Inf was protected during the night by numerous prearranged missions, all of which were passed on to all artillery in the vicinity capable of hitting those points.

13 Dec 44

Beginning early in the morning the first signs of a counterattack on the bridgehead were received. The prearranged missions were fired with battery volleys until daylight, when the AOP dispersed the remains of the counterattack. Prisoner of War reports indicated that this prearranged fire had completely broken the back of the counterattack. 40 neutralization, 13 destruction, and 40 harassing missions were fired. 2281 rounds were fired by organic artillery.

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During the night 13-14 December harassing and interdiction fires were greatly increased in the Division sector to prevent any grouping of forces for a counterattack, especially in the sector leading on the road south from Bebelnheim. The 6th Armored Div, meanwhile continued H and I fires on targets in the pocket between the Saar and the Blies Rivers. 27 neutralization, 29 interdiction, 8 destruction, and 20 harassing fires were completed. A total of 1832 rounds was expended.

15 Dec 44

The attack continued against fierce enemy resistance as outposts of the Siegfried line came under attack. TOT's were placed on Bebelnheim, Breiter-Wald woods, Buchholz woods, Reinheim, and other strong points. Many enemy batteries were located by sound plot and fired upon. 40 neutralization, 5 destruction, 20 interdiction, and 10 harassing fires were performed. Total rounds expended 2164. Harassing and Interdiction fires at this time became most important in keeping down the enemies movement. No appreciable gains were made.

16 Dec 44

This headquarters moved to the town of Sarreinsming, closing in at 1200. During the morning numerous TOT's were fired in the routes of advance of all three regiments and several air strikes were marked by the artillery. The AOP was most active during this period firing at enemy batteries, infantry, in the open, and one AT gun. During the period 29 neutralization, 6 destruction, 27 harassing, and 23 interdiction missions were fired. A total of 1903 was expended. The 775th FA and 974th FA meanwhile displaced from the zone of the 35th. Of historical interest is the fact that the 161st FA Bn Headquarters moved into Frauenberg, and Battery A went into position across the Blies River in Germany, this being the first artillery battery of this Division Artillery to occupy a position and fire in Germany.

17 Dec 44

The Division order, calling for the 137th Inf to pinch out the sector of the 134th Inf called for a change in the organization for combat with the

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161st FA Bn and the 752nd FA reinforcing the 219th FA Bn when the pinchout was accomplished. The attack of the Division continued slowly with a 15 minute preparation beginning at 0745 on Breiterwald, with corps artillery assisting. During the preceding days the 26th Division was relieved and replaced by the 87th Inf Div who now occupied the sector on the right. The AOP's continued on one of their biggest days firing at a total of 19 enemy batteries between 1400 and darkness. All of the areas were neutralized and fires were started in six positions. Massed fire was brought on these targets 20 minutes after adjustment. Heavy TOT's continued to be placed on the towns and woods in the route of advance. After dark 11 enemy batteries were fired upon. A total of 51 neutralization, 17 destruction, 15 interdiction and 28 harassing fires were completed for a total of 2497 rounds.

18 Dec 44

The organization for combat was as follows: The 191st FA reinforcing the 216th FA Bn direct support of 320th Inf; the 161st FA Bn, 752nd FA, 127th FA Bn reinforcing 219th FA Bn in direct support of the 137th Inf and the 802nd FA Bn in support of the 2nd Cav Gp, now operating in Sarreguemines and North along the Blies River. The 802nd FA, 752nd FA, and 191st FA have the primary mission of general support and the 127th FA Bn has the secondary mission of reinforcing the 802nd FA Bn. AOP's continued their activity locating and firing on 9 enemy batteries, one of which suffered a direct hit on one gun. TOT's continued to be placed on the towns within zone of advance such as Bebelshelm, Rubenheim, Bliesdahlheim, and others. 29 neutralization, 6 destruction, 11 interdiction, 32 harassing, and 3 smoke missions were completed for a total of 2438 rounds.

19 Dec 44

The 752nd FA was withdrawn from the sector during the period and there was very little activity in the way of massed fires for the period. Five enemy batteries were fired upon unobserved. Organic artillery completed 27 neutralization, 5 destruction, 17 interdiction, and 18 harassing missions.

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Artillery activity at this time was mainly to keep the enemy from grouping his forces for a counterattack, since there was no organized effort for an attack because of the low strength of front line companies. A total of 1366 rounds were fired.

20 Dec 44

Poor visibility kept the AOP from firing any missions, while the organic battalions fired in defense against counterattack in the Buchholz woods, Breiterwald, Remheimer woods, Bebelshelm, and Bliesmengen Bolchen. Harassing and interdiction were stepped up during the period to cut down enemy movement for a counterattack. 58 neutralization, 8 destruction, 40 interdiction and 62 harassing fires were fired. A total of 3949 rounds was expended.

21 Dec 44

The 44th Div and 87th Div prepared to relieve the 35th Division. The 182nd Group alerted the 802nd FA and 191st FA to be ready to move by midnight. Elements of the 173rd FA Group reinforcing the 44th Div Arty came into position along with two organic battalions of the 44th Div Arty, all available to the 35th Div Arty. Heavy harassing fires and interdiction fires continued in sector to cover the relief of the infantry by elements of the 44th and 87th Divisions. 4 destruction, 19 interdiction, 47 harassing, and 52 neutralization fires were completed for a total of 3070 rounds. Relief of the artillery of the Division was organized to take place the next day.

22 Dec 44

The 216th FA Bn was relieved and attached CT 320th preceded from the area to a bivouac vic of St Jean Rohrbach. This relief was effected at 0945 after coordination of relief with 87th Div Arty. The 161st FA Bn, 127th, and 219th FA Bn in that order, were relieved during the day and CT'd with their respective regiments, the 127th FA Bn being attached to 137th CT. This headquarters moved to St Jean Rohrbach and closed into new area at 1700. Elements of the CT's received immediate orders to proceed to Metz

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starting late afternoon, 22 Dec 44. The 654th TD Bn was relieved from attachment and attached to the 5th Div. The 448th AAA Bn continued with the Division. There were 1099 rounds expended during this period.

23 Dec 44

This headquarters and headquarters battery moved by motor convoy from St Jean Rohrbach at 1000 and proceeded to Metz, closing into Metz at 1330. There were no other operations for the period.

24 Dec 44

All elements of Division Artillery closed into Metz and proceeded with care of material and personal equipment and vital rest. There were no other operations.

25 Dec 44

The Division continued in the rest area at Metz and there were no operations. Preparations were made for the Division to move to vic of Arlon, Belgium for further orders. The 35th Division came under the control here of Third Corps.

26 Dec 44

Moving by CT with the 127th FA Bn attached to the 137th CT, the Division began the motor move from Metz to vic north of Arlon. This headquarters and headquarters battery, moved by motor from Metz to Tontelange, Belgium, closing in at new area at 1600, 26 Dec 44. All artillery closed into their CT areas by 1900 and were immediately ordered to make reconnaissance and move to positions vic main road from Martelange to Rambrouch. The Division was further ordered to attack the following day with the 4th Armored on the left and the 26th Div on the right, mission being to hit the south flank of the German Breakthrough. The 654th TD Bn reverted back to the Division control and assigned as follows: B and C companies in direct support of 137th and 320th Inf Regts respectively, with A Company in support of the 134th Inf. Initially the attack was regiments abreast with the 320th on the right and the 137th on the left.

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This headquarters and FDC moved from Tentelange and closed into new CP at Perle by 0800, 27 Dec. The organization for combat for the attack was the 127th FA and 161st FA Bn reinforcing the 219th FA Bn in direct support of the 137th Inf, and the 216th FA Bn in direct support of the 320th Inf. These battalions occupied positions North of the main highway between Martelange and Rambrouch. The 179th FA Bn (Medium) was attached to the Division with the mission of reinforcing the 216th FA Bn, the reinforcement being effective at 1800. Very few targets were located, however enemy vehicles and machine guns were located and fired upon. No fires were massed during the period. A total of 1207 rounds were fired.

28 Dec 44

The 134th Inf was committed on the left flank and proceeded to push up to help relief of the Bastogne garrison. This committed the 161st FA Bn to direct support of the 134th Inf. 31 interdiction missions, 3 registrations, 8 smoke missions, 3 destruction, and 28 harassing used a total of 1582 rounds. Poor visibility during the period. Very little enemy activity observed.

29 Dec 44

This headquarters moved to Arsdorf and cleared into new area at 1300. Substantial gains were made during the day. The TD's fired into one house and caused 80 casualties, but lost two M-10's by tank fire. The organization for combat was changed with the order that the 320th Inf would be pinched out. The 127th FA Bn reinforcing the 161st FA Bn, direct support of the 134th Inf, the 179th FA reinforcing the 219th FA Bn, direct support of the 137th Inf, and 216th FA direct support 320th Inf. The attack continued supported by the artillery of Corps, 4th Armored and 26th Div. Harassing and interdiction fires were stepped up during the night because of repeated reports of a counterattack forming to once again cut off Bastogne. The 216th FA Bn used Pozit fuzes for the first time with no prematures, no duds or shorts being reported. A total of 3351 rounds was fired.

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30 Dec 44

The attack of the Division continued supported by artillery. Enemy tanks and infantry became increasingly aggressive during the period. The TD's destroyed 4 MK V tanks and aided in the destruction of 11 more in the vic of Lutrebois, also at the same time killing approximately 100 enemy infantry in American uniforms who were accompanying the tanks. One M-10 was destroyed. Seven tanks were reported at Harlange and in other places of the division sector. These tanks at eight different points were fired on and 3 direct hits were scored. Heavy TOT's were repeatedly placed on towns within the division sector as enemy resistance stiffened. During the night H and I fires were increased to a total of 110 missions in order to hold down the enemy activity. At this time the 6th Armored Div took over the sector of the 4th Armored Div and prepared to attack to the Northeast from Bastogne. A total of 6292 rounds were fired.

31 Dec 44

There was no change in the organization for combat, all three regiments continued on the line with 134th on the left, 137th in the center, and 320th on the right. A preparation beginning at 0630 was fired by the 4th Armored Div in the 35th Div section, preceding the attack of the 6th Armored Div. This preparation lasted one and one half hours. At the close of the period evidence pointed to a possible counterattack through the division zone on 1 Jan 45. The division target area was divided into several areas, three or four thousand yards square, and units were ordered to harassing and interdict that area throughout the night as heavily as possible. During the night 31 - 1 Jan 45 the heaviest harassing and interdiction fire ever fired by this division artillery was placed on the enemy. A total of 7468 rounds were fired bringing the total for the month to 67680 rounds, and raising the grand total since July 7, 1944 to 255763 rounds.

Attached to this after action report is a copy of an article written by a member of this headquarters entitled "The Prisoner of War Can Help You

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Plan Your Artillery Fires". This report is submitted as proof of the effectiveness of this Division Artillery's fire power and accomplishments, entered as part of the history of this Division Artillery.

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TOTALS	42	26:40	29	27:10	15	22:30

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27 Dec 44			2	1:35	2	4:20
28 Dec 44			1	1:00		
29 Dec 44					2	4:00
30 Dec 44			1	1:40	3	4:50
31 Dec 44			1	1:30	1	1:45
TOTALS	17	19:30	31	30:40	39	62:50

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2 Dec 44			3	3:35	1	:50
3 Dec 44	1	:15			1	1:15
4 Dec 44	2	1:35			1	1:00
5 Dec 44	1	1:00				
6 Dec 44						
7 Dec 44						
8 Dec 44			1	1:15	2	3:30
9 Dec 44			1	1:10	1	1:30
10 Dec 44					4	4:45
11 Dec 44	3	3:00				
12 Dec 44					3	4:15
13 Dec 44						
14 Dec 44	1	1:00				
15 Dec 44			2	1:50		
16 Dec 44			2	3:00	1	1:35
17 Dec 44					3	5:30
18 Dec 44					3	4:40
19 Dec 44						
20 Dec 44						
21 Dec 44			2	:55	1	1:30
22 Dec 44	2	2:15				
23 Dec 44						
24 Dec 44	1	1:15				
25 Dec 44						
26 Dec 44	1	1:00				
27 Dec 44	1	3:00	1	1:30	1	2:20
28 Dec 44			2	1:15	2	3:20
29 Dec 44	4	1:45				
30 Dec 44	2	1:20			3	4:55
31 Dec 44			1	:30	2	2:30
TOTALS	19	17:25	15	15:00	29	43:15

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Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Dec 44					2	2:40
2 Dec 44	1	1:00	3	2:05		
3 Dec 44	1	:40	4	1:10		
4 Dec 44			1	1:20	5	7:05
5 Dec 44			4	4:15	3	5:15
6 Dec 44	1	:15	1	1:05	2	2:50
7 Dec 44						
8 Dec 44			1	1:00	1	1:00
9 Dec 44			2	2:10	1	1:30
10 Dec 44	1	1:00			3	4:00
11 Dec 44	1	:35				
12 Dec 44			1	1:30	2	3:00
13 Dec 44						
14 Dec 44			1	1:00	1	1:00
15 Dec 44	1	1:00	1	1:00	1	1:25
16 Dec 44			1	1:10	2	3:30
17 Dec 44			4	3:35	2	2:40
18 Dec 44					3	4:30
19 Dec 44						
20 Dec 44			1	:20		
21 Dec 44			1	1:30		
22 Dec 44	5	3:00				
23 Dec 44						
24 Dec 44	1	:45				
25 Dec 44						
26 Dec 44	3	2:25				
27 Dec 44			4	3:50		
28 Dec 44					1	:45
29 Dec 44			1	1:05	2	4:10
30 Dec 44	1	:40	1	:45	2	2:50
31 Dec 44			2	:55		
TOTALS	16	11:20	34	30:15	33	48:10

219TH FA BN

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Dec 44					1	1:45
2 Dec 44	1	1:10			2	2:40
3 Dec 44			1	:30	2	2:40
4 Dec 44					3	4:00
5 Dec 44			1	1:25	2	4:30
6 Dec 44					3	3:35
7 Dec 44			1	1:15	3	4:55
8 Dec 44	1	1:40	1	:35	2	2:25
9 Dec 44	1	1:05	1	1:30	2	2:25
10 Dec 44			1	1:15		
11 Dec 44						
12 Dec 44			1	1:00	2	3:00
13 Dec 44						
14 Dec 44			1	:30		
15 Dec 44			1	:40	1	2:00

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Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
16 Dec 44			1	1:15	2	3:15
17 Dec 44					5	8:50
18 Dec 44						
19 Dec 44						
20 Dec 44						
21 Dec 44	1	1:00	1	1:00	1	1:30
22 Dec 44	2	2:00				
23 Dec 44	2:30	3:30				
24 Dec 44	2	3:45				
25 Dec 44	1	1:45				
26 Dec 44	1	1:30				
27 Dec 44			2	3:00	1	1:05
28 Dec 44						
29 Dec 44	1	1:30	2	2:00	2	4:00
30 Dec 44					2	3:50
31 Dec 44			1	1:00	1	1:10
TOTALS	13	18:55	16	16:55	37	57:35

Missions Flown During December 1944:

	No.	Total Time
1. Administration	107	93:50
2. Reconnaissance	125	120:00
3. Fire Missions	152	234:20
4. Training	0	0
5. Photo Missions	2	(Time included in Fire Missions)
	<u>386</u>	<u>448:10</u> Hrs.

Air Fields During December 1944:

1 - 4 Dec	Hellimer	22 - 23 Dec	Morhange
4 - 7 Dec	St Jean Robach	23 - 26 Dec	Metz
7 - 16 Dec	Hambach	26 - 27 Dec	Tontalange
16 - 22 Dec	Saarensing	27 - 29 Dec	Perle
		29 - 31 Dec	Arsdorf

Awards During December 1944:

Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)

1st Lt John P Yates	127th FA Bn
2nd Lt Joseph C Fitzgerald	127th FA Bn
Maj Thomas W Ross	Hq 35th Div Arty
1st Lt Henry A Roseberry	Hq Btry 35th Div Arty
1st Lt James E Dempsey	219th FA Bn
S/Sgt Billie J Pemberton	216th FA Bn

Air Medal

2nd Lt Warren G Terhorst	127th FA Bn
2nd Lt John F Rothenberg	216th FA Bn

Planes:

	ACSN	Code No	Time, month.
Hq 35th Div Arty	43-30314	45A	38:00
	43-30337	45 B	48:20
161st FA Bn	43-29669	45 C	21:55
	43-30144	45 D	52:15
216th FA Bn	43-30195	45 E	25:15
	43-30261	45 F	50:25

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Planes:

ACSN

Code No

Time, month.

219th FA Bn

43-30236

45 G

43:30

43-29393

45 H

50:45

127th FA Bn

43-30406

45 J

41:55

43-30296

45 K

65:20

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IX -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 1. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

Major Thomas W Ross, 0334206, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 10 July to 10 November 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

2. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, in addition to the Air Medal previously awarded, a second bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

First Lieutenant Henry A Roseberry, 01173438, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 27 September to 18 November 1944. Entered military service from Florida.

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V -- BRONZE STAR MEDAL. Pursuant to authority contained in AR 600-45, dated 22 September 1943, as amended, and Circular 6, Headquarters Third United States Army, 26 April 1944, a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to the following officers and enlisted men of this command:

Major Chester B Thrift, 0258159, Medical Corps, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States in France from 9 July to 30 November 1944. Entered military service from Illinois.

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