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**RESTRICTED**HEADQUARTERS 35TH DIVISION ARTILLERY  
APO 35, US Army

1 December 1944

SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, Report after Action No. 5.

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, 7 PM, New York, N.Y. is submitted for period 0001, 1 Nov 44 to 2400 30 Nov 44.

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1. G-3 Reports
2. S-3 Reports and Worksheets
3. S-2 Reports, Worksheets and Messages
4. 35th Div Arty Journal
5. Reports of TD Section
6. Air Liaison Reports and Statistics
7. Misc: Overlays dated this headquarters 18 Nov, 20 Nov, 24 Nov; Overlays dated 6th Armd Div Arty reproduced by this headquarters 24 Nov; Overlays of Defensive fire plans dated 26 Nov by 216th FA Bn and 25 Nov by 219th FA Bn; Operations overlay XII Corps (operational directive 41 and inclosure 1); FO 26 and FO 27 HQ 35th Inf Div; Memo dated this headquarters 7 Nov, 9 Nov, and 10 Nov; Annex No. 3 to FO 7; Changes to FO No 7, dated 5 Nov 44; Additions to FO 7, dated 7 Nov 44; Fires for Preparation dated this headquarters 10 Nov.
8. Awards and Decorations.

*(Inclosures 5, 6, & 8 attached hereto)*

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 AFTER ACTION REPORT  
 HQ 35TH DIV ARTY  
 APO 35, US Army

1 December 1944

INTRODUCTORY: This report covers the factual accounts of the operations of this headquarters in combat from November 1, 1944 to November 30, 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 Sections. 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, 155 mm How. M1 Medium Battalion.

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

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

CT 134th 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 108.

3. Casualties:

Killed 0.

Sick, gassed, or wounded 4.

Evacuated 4.

4. Awards: Bronze Star Medal 1.

Air Medal 1.

Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) 1.

5. No prisoners were captured.

6. Officers and assignments, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery

35th Division Artillery:

Division Artillery Commander

Brig Gen T. L. Futch

" " Executive

Lt 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	Capt Marvin A Jones
"	"	Asst S-3	Maj James N Davidson
"	"	Asst S-2	Capt Franklin J Downing
"	"	Asst S-1	1st Lt Arthur C Waters Jr
"	"	Aide-de-Camp	1st Lt James E Judson
"	"	Aide-de-Camp	1st Lt Myron Linz
"	"	Pilot	1st Lt Carl F Maples
"	"	Pilot	Capt William F Hesselbach
"	"	Surgeon	1st Lt Henry A Roseberry
"	"	Dental O	Maj Chester B Thrift
"	"	Chaplain	Capt James H Stageman
"	"	Chaplain	Capt Gerhard L Belgum
"	"	Com O	Capt Laforest E Hodgkins
"	"	Asst Com O	Capt Morris H Laatsch Jr
"	"	Motor Officer	1st Lt Fred H Baker
"	"		CWO Clifford D Mullis

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

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This Headquarters and Headquarters Battery began the month of ~~of month~~ of November situated in Amance and continuing to support the Division in the defensive. The 35th Infantry Division continued to occupy a defensive area extending from the vicinity of Chambrey N to area S of Fresnes en Saulnois then W to area vic of Jallaucourt (the Foret de Gremecy being occupied by our forces) hence NW vic of Malaucourt and then to vic of Fossieux. The artillery was located as follows: 127th FA Bn vic of Bioncourt, 219th FA Bn vic of Attiloncourt, 216th FA Bn vic of Bioncourt, and the 161st FA Bn vic of Lanfroicourt. Division Artillery continued to be reinforced by the 182nd Group. The 137th occupied an area on the left of the division front and the 134th Inf was on the right. The 654th TD Bn supported the infantry as follows: B and C Companies were in

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direct support of 134th Inf and A Company continued in direct support of 137th Inf. With the ammunition allotment approaching a critical stage, the TD's fired harassing and interdiction missions and fired a total of 124 rounds during the period, while the tanks fired 1716 rounds. Missions for these units consisted of 2 Neutralizations, 44 Interdictions, and 34 Harassing missions. The 610th TD Bn (a 90mm Unit) responded to calls for fire from this headquarters and fired 285 rounds on harassing and interdiction missions. Organic artillery fired only 78 rounds during the period, most of which were during registration.

2 Nov 44

The 35th Inf Div continued on its mission in the defensive and at this time still remained in the XII Corps, Third Army and was flanked on the right by the 26th Inf Div. and on the left or N by the 80th Inf Div. There was no change for organization for combat during this period. The 737th Tk Bn and 654th TD Bn continued to fire harassing and interdiction and fired 16 neutralization, 22 harassing and 42 interdiction mission, expending a total 1624 rds. No missions were given to 610th TD Bn due to change in policy whereby the 90mm guns were only to be used on targets of opportunity which adjustments were to be made during daylight hours. Organic arty completed 7 neutralization and 1 harassing fire during the period and a total of 26 rds propaganda were fired in coordination with G-2. The Tks and TDs continued to use roving gun positions and usually moved into gun positions during the hours of darkness and withdrew prior to daylight. The Air Liaison Section maintained constant air surveillance over the division area during each operational day. Organic arty fired 54 rds during the period.

3 Nov 44

There were no changes in the order of battle in Div Arty, and routine missions were continued by the Arty in support of the Inf. Three neutralization missions were fired by organic arty with the bulk of the firing continuing to be accomplished by the TD and Tk Bns, who fired 22 neutralization, 28 harassing, and 24 interdiction missions, firing a total of 1710 rds. Targets fired upon

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by these units were selected by Inf Bns and relayed to this headquarters by the direct support Bns. This harassing fire continued during the night at irregular intervals and covered the network of roads and highways upon which the enemy must move its supplies. The 610th TD platoon fired 4 interdiction and 4 harassing missions, expending a total 106 rds. The Div defensive fire plan for the Arty remained the same with additions as previously reported in last month's report. The 4th Armd Div Arty which previously had operated in the area now occupied by the 26th Div on the right or S flank of the 35th Div, continued to respond to calls for fire from organic direct support Bns on 35th Div flank. The 177th FA Gp occupying the same general area as the 4th Armd Div Arty also responded to calls for fire from direct support Bns, this close coordination between Arty Hqtrs resulted in the massing of fire of the combined guns of the 4th Armd Div, 177th FA Gp, and 35th Div Arty. The planes of these three units covered the sector completely. Organic Arty fired a total of 104 rds.

4 Nov 44

During these days of routine artillery firing it was found beneficial to have frequent meetings of the COs, S-3s of organic and reinforcing artillery. At these meetings, artillery technique was discussed and reviewed leading to closer harmony and smoother operations in combat. A plan labeled top-secret was formed which indicated that the division at a future day not announced would attack in conjunction with XII Corps. This plan is attached accompanying FO #7 with Annex 1, 2, and 3. This plan made available, twelve Bns of arty to support an attack. Tentative targets were selected on the Div front consisting mainly of towns, RJs and known enemy strong-points, and was confined to close-in fires leaving targets 4000 yards from the front lines for Corps Arty coordination. This plan included a 60 minute preparation. The Tks and TDs continued to fire and completed 2 neutralization, 43 harassing and 22 interdiction missions. Each platoon which fired of these units registered at least once during the period; only 1 harassing and 1 neutralization mission was completed by organic Arty, expending a total of 116 rds.

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5 Nov 44

Changes to FO #7 appeared with deletions of certain targets and additions of certain targets as in attached memo C1 to Annex #2, dated 5 Nov. There was no change in the organization for combat, and organic arty fired 1 harassing, 5 neutralization, and 6 propaganda missions for a total 185 rds. The Tks and TDs fired 25 interdiction, 20 harassing and 16 neutralization missions, while the 610th TDs were allotted 16 interdiction and harassing missions. Very little enemy activity was observed in Div zone, however enemy arty increased at dusk primarily in the front line areas. All organic bns conducted base point and check point registration, and the 127th FA Bn successfully fired HC smoke using M67 time fuze with booster removed.

6 Nov 44

Prior to dark with AOP observation, arty bns fired a total of 6 neutralization missions on enemy batteries. Forced down because of darkness the AOP was unable to observe the results. During the night the Tks and TDs fired 36 harassing, 24 interdiction, and 2 neutralization missions expending a total of 983 rds. The 610th TD Bn which was responding for calls of fire from the 35th Div Arty fired 2 harassing missions with an expenditure of 30 rds before displacing during the night for maintenance. Enemy arty activity increased during the period, and prior to darkness. 15 shell reps were received, nine of which were reported during the period 3 hrs before darkness. These shell reps averaged 48 rds apiece with the shelling being done in our front lines and battery positions. 10 rds of propaganda ammunition was fired in front of the 137th Inf, a total of 86 rds were expended during the period.

7 Nov 44

The organization for combat as follows: The 216th FA Bn direct support of 320th Inf, further reinforced by 253rd FA Bn, 179th FA Bn, 127th FA Bn, and 738th FA Bn. The 320th Inf in this proposed attack plan was to move up through the 134th Inf which occupied the position on the right of Div sector. The 219th

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FA Bn direct support of the 137th Inf, further reinforced by 802nd FA Bn, 22nd FA Bn, 66th FA Bn, 191st FA Bn, 94th FABn, and 161st FA Bn. This unit moved to Attilloncourt and closed in the new CP at 1520, where final preparations and plans for the attack were perfected. The 737th Tk Bn fired 18 harassing missions for a total of 312 rds. The 654th TD Bn now had A and B Companies in direct support of the 137th Inf Regt while C Company was in support of the 320th Inf Regt. The general plan for the attack was as follows: The 320th Inf and 137th Inf Regts were to jump off and advance to their front. The 4th Armd Div CCB was to follow this initial thrust and attempt to break through when their commitment seemed advisable. A total of 1077 rds were fired during the period. At this time, with the primary missions of the Tks and TDs being that of direct support they were not used for harassing and interdiction fires. In order to screen their movement our own artillery continued firing at a reduced rate harassing and interdiction fires.

8 Nov 44

Prior to 080500 organic Bns fired a total of 36 harassing, 5 interdiction, and 37 neutralization missions. At 0500 all organic and reinforcing artillery begin a 70 minute preparation for a Div attack which proceeded according to plan. During the day AOPs reported very few targets, however, organic Bns performed 23 interdictions, 35 harassing, 39 neutralization, 10 smoke, and 4 destruction missions; expending a total of 2273 rds. This period was marked by closely coordinated Arty fire with advancing Inf. Additional TOTs were necessary on Bois Juree woods, Bois-d'-Aulnois woods and Jallaucourt. At the close of the day 5 Bns fired on retreating enemy columns of Arty on rds leading from Delme, Viviers and Tinery. The 161st and 219th FA Bns displaced during the day to better support their respective units.

9 Nov 44

The 134th Inf was committed at this time on the right boundary and 320th Inf was assigned a mission of cleaning the woods to their immediate front. This changed the organization for combat as follows: The 219th FA Bn reinforced by

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the 127th FA Bn in direct support of the 137th Inf; the 161st FA Bn reinforced by the 802nd FA, the 738th FA in direct support of the 134th Inf; the 216th FA Bn in direct support of the 320th Inf. CCB 4th Armd Div was committed and passed through the 137th Inf on the left or N of Div area. Operations at this time were held up by rain, snow, mud, and several anti-tank guns which were implaced in the woods to the immediate front. Organic Bns performed 38 neutralization, 31 harassing, 10 interdiction, and 9 destruction missions and fired a total of 1980 rds during the period. In addition to the normal missions in support of the attack numerous TOTs consisting from one to five Bns were fired in support of CCB 4th Armd Div on towns, enemy columns moving along rds on their front. The operation of the Armd in our sector called for close coordination and liaison between Arty units. Clearance of fires often held up quick delivery of call missions. The fires of CCB 4th Armd were coordinated by the 177th FA Gp with whom we had command liaison.

10 Nov 44

There was no change in organization for combat and Arty continued to support the Inf by firing 8 destruction, 22 neutralization, 18 harassing, and 12 interdiction; expending 1431 rds total. A plan for a 30 minute preparation to be fired beginning at 110730A Nov 44 was completed and sent to units. This plan consisted of known enemy strongpoints, RJs, and towns and consisted mainly of targets in Foret de Chateau Salins, where enemy TD guns emplaced had been causing many headaches for the Armd. The Inf was ordered to keep contact during the night 10-11 Nov and Arty S-3s were ordered to keep in close touch with Inf S-3s. If patrolling had disclosed that the enemy was withdrawing, the preparation for the 11th was to be cancelled by the CO of the direct support Bn. In addition a 30 minute preparation was planned by the 216th FA Bn along the Western edge of the Foret de Chateau Salins for the Armd. The 127th, 161st, 216th FA Bns displaced in their respective sectors during the period. The 654th TDs continued to support the Inf and had one M10 destroyed by enemy fire; however, they dispersed a force of enemy tks causing them to withdraw from the area.

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11 Nov 44

Organization for combat remains the same and the Arty fired 71 neutralization, 55 harassing, 47 interdiction, and 14 destruction missions for a total of 2607 rds. The 30 minute preparation was fired as planned, the AOP had their biggest day for some time firing 18 missions, targets consisting of enemy tks, troops, horse and truck drawn arty, enemy vehicles, mortars, and pill boxes; 6 enemy batteries were fired upon with 4 neutralized and 4 destroyed. The Corps Arty officer ordered that all towns would be harassed 24 hours a day beginning at this time. This harassing would deny the enemy the use of the town and harass its activities. This fire was continued at a rate of one gun, 4 times per hour, and PW reports indicated that this fire was most effective.

12 Nov 44

This unit moved to Oriocourt and closed in the new area at 1400. The 320th Inf by this time had completed cleaning out Foret de Chateau Brehain and were thus committed to the reserve. The organization for combat was changed as follows: The 216th FA Bn, 127th FA Bn reinforcing the fires of the 219th FA Bn, direct support of the 137th Inf. The 802nd FA Bn and 738th FA Bn reinforcing fires of the 161st FA Bn, direct support 134th Inf. Organic Arty, firing a total of 1085 rds completed 17 neutralization, 28 interdiction, and 10 harassing fires during the period. The 24 hr harassing and interdiction fire continued during the period. The 216th and 161st FA Bn moved to new positions during the period. The Div objective at this time was the East-West railroad located to the N of Morhange. Operations of Arty and Inf became difficult due to increased rain and soggy ground. Two or more tractors were often required to march over a 155 How. and each round fired by light arty and medium arty buried the trails and hindered operations. No adjustments were made by AOP because of inclement weather. The use of a code word by Div Arty was now spreading throughout the Inf and atchd units as a quicker and more reliable means of designating coordinates.

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13 Nov 44

No change in organization for combat, and 1821 rds were fired by organic Arty completing 31 neutralization, 4 destruction, 10 interdiction, and 22 harassing missions. H & I fires continued on towns, CRs and RJs on a 24 hour basis. No other unusual activity was reported during the period. There were some indications of a withdrawal and Inf units approached Destry and Morhange without opposition.

14 Nov 44

A 30 minute preparation beginning 140830 Nov was fired by all organic, reinforcing and certain Corps Arty Bns on Morhange and woods SE of Vallerange. A 15 minute preparation beginning at 0715 was fired on Destry, later occupation of these towns indicated devastating results from these fires. 36 neutralization, 112 harassing, 24 interdiction, 5 destruction, and 3 smoke missions were fired during the period, expending a total of 4850 rds, the largest amount fired during the month. AOP conducted fire on 6 enemy batteries and dispersed a formation of enemy tks. The 654th TD Bn suffered 2 MLO hit by enemy tks and destroyed one MV tk and one 88mm SP and one AT gun, along with a MIV Tank. This unit moved to Dalhain and closed into new area at 1000.

15 Nov 44

No change in organization for combat and Inf continued to mop up Morhange and secure railroad to N of Morhange. Organic Arty fired 19 neutralization, 21 interdiction, and 38 harassing fires during the period, for a total expenditure of 2465 rds. AOPs were able to make only two adjustments during the day because of visibility. Numerous TOTs using two to four Bns were fired on towns along Div sector during the period. The 80th Div continued to operate on the left flank and the 26th Div on the right flank. The Inf consolidated their position after reaching their objective and it was believed the Div would be withdrawn for a rest. Valuable time was needed for the Inf and Arty to dry out their equipment.

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16 Nov 44

There was no attack and Arty fired 24 interdiction, 20 harassing, 4 neutralization, and 1 destruction; firing a total of 3084 rds. Enemy activity was very quiet during the entire period and AOP did not locate any targets because of limited visibility. Only one Shell Rep was received during the period. It became evident that the Div would continue the attack. The 4th Armd in the plan, would move to the sector of the 26th Div while our own organization would be aided by the 6th Armd Div.

17 Nov 44

The organization for combat for the attack was as follows: The 179th, 253rd, 22nd, 127th, and 802nd FA Bns reinforcing 219th FA Bn, direct support 137th Inf on the left of Div sector. The 22nd, 253rd, and 179th FA Bns were to reinforce 219th FA Bn until relieved the 4th Armd Div order. The 738th and 161st FA Bns reinforced fires 216th FA Bn, direct support 320th Inf. The 6th Armd Div Arty was to respond to calls for fire from 219th FA Bn until commitment of CCB, 6th Armd Div. Organic Bns fired 10 neutralization, 21 harassing, and 22 interdiction during the period with an expenditure of 2326 rds. AOPs located and neutralized an enemy Inf column of 50 Germans and two enemy batteries. All Bns fired 24 hour harassing and interdiction scheduled reduced now to two targets instead of three and one target instead of three for medium Bn.

18 Nov 44

Organization for combat changed as follows: With 752nd FA Bn reinforcing 219th FA Bn, and 127th FA Bn reinforcing 216th FA Bn. The Inf jumped off with a 30 minute preparation fired by organic and reinforcing Arty beginning at 0730. Normal support missions during the day expended 3355 rds. Air observers neutralized 2 enemy batteries and fired on tks, enemy vehicles, traffic on rds, machine guns, mortars, and rocket guns. CCB 6th Armd S-3 called on our headquarters now located at Morhange and submitted his plan which our Arty was to support. The mission of our Inf being to follow the advance of the Armd down the main road leading through our area. Atchd overlay dated this headquarters, 182200A

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shows the areas, mostly edges of woods, that the Armd desired to have on call. It was the belief of the Armd that their main trouble would come from TD guns located in the edge of woods and towns. These areas as indicated were assigned to organic and reinforced arty on call.

19 Nov 44

Seven areas were neutralized by organic arty in a preparation beginning at 0815 ending at 0845, for 6th Armd CCB attack. No preparation for the 35th Div attack. Normal support missions continued during the day on targets of opportunity resulting in neutralization of MG nests, destruction of rocket guns, vehicle traffic on rds, mortars, and numerous positions and emplacements. Organic Arty fired 42 neutralization, 19 interdiction, 30 harassing, and 8 destruction missions expending a total of 2287 rds. In addition at the request of the Armd their call missions were repeated several times. Light opposition was encountered, however, enough to hinder our advance. The AOP had an active day firing on mortars, arty positions, emplacements, MGs, AT guns, vehicles, enemy tks, and personnel. One TOT vicinity of Bistoff is credited with the destruction of two tks.

20 Nov 44

Overlay dated this headquarters 20 Nov which is atchd indicates areas desired by the Armd CCB to be fired on call during their advance. This overlay covers towns, woods, and other likely enemy AT gun emplacement and was designated as a master plan to accompany the Armd mission to their objective. All organic and reinforcing units were notified of this plan, and fired a 30 minute preparation beginning at 0830 in support of the attack of CCB 6th Armd Div. At 0930 reports AOP indicated activity in at least 6 enemy battery positions which was unusual for that time of day. Organic Arty completed 15 interdiction, 18 harassing and 15 neutralization missions during the period; firing a total of 1463 rds. High winds and altitude above 300 feet made it impossible for AOP to operate. Numerous TOTs of three or more Bns were fired on woods adjacent to route of

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advance of CCB 6th Armd Div. H & I fires continued on 24 hour basis on towns, farms, GRs, RJs, within zone of advance.

21 Nov 44

Our Inf during the attack of the 6th Armd closely followed and often preceeded their advance. A 30 minute preparation began at 0730, prior to the attack of the CCB 6th Armd, on Hellimer and Diffembach. Organic Bns fired 62 neutralizing, 2 destruction, 12 harassing, and 24 interdiction fires during the period while the AOP neutralized 2 enemy Inf positions, 1 AAA position, and 5 enemy battery positions. Numerous TOTs were fired at the request of the Armd on Fremestroff, Hellimer, Lening, Francaltroff, and Freyhouse and hills SE of Hellimer. The 654th TD Bn meanwhile rotated its companies for maintenance with A Co now in support of 137th Inf and C Co in support of the 320th Inf. Organic Bns fired a total of 2500 rds.

22 Nov 44

In coordination with the attack of 137th Inf and CCB 6th Armd Div, organic and reinforcing Arty fired a preparation beginning at 0830, and thereafter answered call missions on Hillmer, Diffembach, Petite Tenquin, Nelling, and Grening. During this operation the 127th FA Bn reinforced fires of 216th FA Bn which was in direct support of 320th Inf. The 752nd FA Bn and 802nd FA Bn reinforced 219th FA Bn, direct support 137th Inf. The 320th Inf at this time occupied the right of Div sector, and 137th Inf occupied the left of the Div sector. A new boundary pinched out Inf of the 35th Div on a general line, Hilsprich to Gubelange, leaving the 6th Armd Div coverage of the sector. CT 137th Inf with 161st FA Bn was atchd to CCB 6th Armd Div. Organic Arty completed 11 Interdiction, 11 harassing, 31 neutralization, and 2 destruction missions for a total 1584 rds. Harassing and interdiction fires continued at a rate of 2 per light Bn, and one per medium Bn. Limited visibility hindered operations of the AOP. TDs continued their effective help by destroying one pill box and five MG nests.

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23 Nov 44

The primary mission of the 35th Div Arty at this time was to continue to support the Inf in mopping up last pockets of resistance in their sector, and to reinforce any missions requested by 6th Armd CCB who were pushing their attack toward Puttelange. The Div CP and Div Arty CP remained in Morhange; however, a Fwd FDC from Div Arty moved to Hellimer arriving at 1300. From this point, communication with Arty was established. Organic Arty completed 29 Neutralizing, 24 harassing, 3 destruction, and 14 interdiction missions during the period; firing a total of 1786 rds. H & I fires were stepped up for light Bns during the night 23-24, averaging 5 H & I missions per Bn. A counterattack in the vicinity of Hilsprich was effectively broken up by a TOT of 13 Bns on the town at 2230. The town was set on fire and later occupation proved devastating results.

24 Nov 44

In support of the 6th Armd CCB attack at 1300, a preparation for 15 minutes was fired in conjunction with call missions and prearranged fires as shown in atchd overlay dated this headquarters 24 1130A. The plan of the Armd which we were to support is shown on the atch overlay reproduced by this headquarters 24 Nov. Numerous TOTs were fired on critical terrain features in conjunction with this plan during the period. Profitable targets presented themselves in the Armd right sector as enemy withdrew. Organic Arty fired 1367 rds in support of the Armd attack.

25 Nov 44

Using the same plan as mentioned above, a 15 minute preparation was fired by organic Arty at 1000, in support of CCB 6th Armd Div. Numerous interdiction fires were maintained along the route of advance. Our Inf at this time was consolidating their positions and their requests for fires consisted of harassing missions to their front. Our Arty had a dual mission of supporting the Inf as well as reinforcing the Armd; As the Armd advanced our range capabilities limited the number of missions we could fire for the Armd. 20 Neutralizing, 9 harassing,

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3 destruction, and 8 interdiction fires consumed a total 1287 rds. Numerous TOTs continued to be fired on enemy batteries and strong points in the vicinity of Puttelange, Remering, Richeling. Under present orders, further displacement of our Arty was hindered, but they continued to respond to calls for fire from CCB 6th Armd Div. Atchd overlay dated 26 Nov 44, and 25 Nov 44 from the 216th FA Bn and 219th FA Bn respectively show the defensive fires plan at this time. TDs continued their direct support missions.

26 Nov 44

Div Arty rear moved to new position to the town of Lening closing at 1315, while Div Arty Fwd FDC remained at Hellimer. Organization for combat was as follows: The 802nd FA Bn reinforcing 219th FA Bn, direct support 137th Inf; 127th FA Bn in general support, and reinforcing fires of 216th FA Bn. 11 neutralization, 1 destruction, and 23 interdiction fires expended a total of 1584 rds. AOP continued operations firing at enemy tks, and forcing their withdrawal. No H & I fires were performed by organic and reinforcing Arty at the request of CCB 6th Armd Div Arty.

27 Nov 44

Very little activity for Arty during the period. No change in organization for combat and a total of 542 rds was expended by 161st FA Bn, firing 9 neutralizing, 7 interdiction missions for CCB 6th Armd Div Arty. AOP fired one mission during the period on two enemy tks forcing their withdrawal. During this lull maintenance and drying of equipment continued.

28 Nov 44

Organization for combat was changed leaving 127th FA Bn and 161st FA Bn responding calls to fire from CCB 6th Armd while 216th FA Bn remained in position and responding to calls for fire from 26th Div and CCB 6th Armd. The 219th FA Bn remained in the vicinity of Hellimer to respond for calls from 6th Armd Div. A total of 6 interdiction, 3 neutralization, and 1 harassing fires used a total of 335 rds. No missions were performed by AOP during the period. The 654th TD continued in direct support, but were rotated for maintenance.

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29 Nov 44

The mission accomplished, Div Arty FDC moved back to Lening and joined Div Arty Hq. No organic Bn fired any missions with exception of 161st FA Bn who fired 6 Neutralizing, and 6 interdiction missions for a total of 464 rds. Direct support Bns were notified to maintain liaison with respective Regts for possible move of the CT on two hour notice. Plans were made for pistol marksmanship training the next day.

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No change in organization for combat. Arty remained in place, however, Inf was displaced to the rear in bivouac areas. Only 5 interdiction, and 5 neutralization missions were fired by light Bns for total of 385 rds. Detail arrangements were made by Arty Bns with Inf commanders for transportation of the Inf by Arty vehicles when necessary. The month ended with the Div in much needed rest bivouac and total for the month's expenditure of ammunition reached 44594 rds. The total for the inclusive period July 100600 to Dec 1, 0600 was 188083 rds.

GENERAL: Morale and efficiency in this headquarters and headquarters battery continued at the same high level already established by several months combat which by now had efficiently ironed out all kinks of operation.

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## AIR LIAISON SECTION

## DIVISION ARTILLERY

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

## 127TH FA BN

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Nov	44	2 1:15				
2 Nov	44					
3 Nov	44		2	2:30	1	2:00
4 Nov	44					
5 Nov	44	1 :30	1	1:05	2	2:30
6 Nov	44	1 :30	1	1:00	1	1:05
7 Nov	44					
8 Nov	44	2 :50	3	3:40		
9 Nov	44		4	5:50		
10 Nov	44		1	1:15		
11 Nov	44	1 :20	2	3:00	2	3:15
12 Nov	44		1	2:00		
13 Nov	44		2	2:15		
14 Nov	44	1 :45	1	1:10	1	1:10
15 Nov	44		2	2:10		
16 Nov	44		1	1:10	1	2:10

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127TH FA BN (Contd)

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
17 Nov 44	2	1:45	2	2:35	1	2:00
18 Nov 44			1	1:00	2	4:05
19 Nov 44					4	8:10
20 Nov 44	1	1:30			1	1:20
21 Nov 44			3	3:15	1	1:45
22 Nov 44			1	2:15		
23 Nov 44						
24 Nov 44					1	1:30
25 Nov 44	1	1:00			3	4:40
26 Nov 44			2	2:30	1	1:30
27 Nov 44	3	1:55	1	1:00	1	1:35
28 Nov 44						
29 Nov 44						
30 Nov 44						
TOTALS	15	10:20	31	59:40	23	38:45

161ST FA BN

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Nov 44						
2 Nov 44						
3 Nov 44			1	:25	2	3:05
4 Nov 44						
5 Nov 44			3	2:15	1	1:35
6 Nov 44					1	1:00
7 Nov 44	1	1:30	2	2:30	1	1:50
8 Nov 44					1	2:25
9 Nov 44			2	2:45		
10 Nov 44					1	2:05
11 Nov 44			2	2:40	3	4:10
12 Nov 44						
13 Nov 44			2	1:00	2	2:40
14 Nov 44			2	2:20	2	2:25
15 Nov 44			1	1:15	1	1:15
16 Nov 44			1	1:15	4	5:15
17 Nov 44	1	:55			1	1:30
18 Nov 44			3	3:15	4	5:45
19 Nov 44	1	1:20			1	1:30
20 Nov 44					1	1:15
21 Nov 44					3	4:35
22 Nov 44					1	1:20
23 Nov 44					2	2:05
24 Nov 44						
25 Nov 44					3	5:15
26 Nov 44					4	4:30
27 Nov 44					1	1:20
28 Nov 44						
29 Nov 44						
30 Nov 44						
TOTALS	3	3:45	19	19:40	40	56:50

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## Air Liaison Section (Contd)

## 216TH FA BN

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

## 219TH FA BN

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
1 Nov 44						
2 Nov 44						
3 Nov 44	1	:30	1	1:05	1	2:15
4 Nov 44						
5 Nov 44			1	:45	1	1:50
6 Nov 44			1	:45		
7 Nov 44						
8 Nov 44			2	3:20	1	1:40
9 Nov 44			2	2:40	2	2:45
10 Nov 44			3	2:10		
11 Nov 44					4	5:25
12 Nov 44						
13 Nov 44			2	1:20		
14 Nov 44			1	2:40	1	1:15
15 Nov 44			1	:40	2	2:30
16 Nov 44					2	3:00
17 Nov 44					2	3:20
18 Nov 44			1	:30	8	10:35

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## Air Liaison Section (Contd)

## 219TH FA BN (Contd)

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
19 Nov 44			2	2:55	2	3:15
20 Nov 44			1	:45		
21 Nov 44						
22 Nov 44			1	1:15		
23 Nov 44						
24 Nov 44			1	1:50	1	1:00
25 Nov 44			1	:45	2	3:25
26 Nov 44			1	1:05	2	1:45
27 Nov 44	1	3:00	1	1:20	1	1:15
28 Nov 44						
29 Nov 44						
30 Nov 44						
TOTALS	2	3:30	23	23:55	32	45:20

## Missions During Month:

	No.	Time
1. Adm.	42	35:05
2. Recon.	124	138:55
3. Firing	139	204:35
4. Photo	0	0
5. Train.	0	0
	305	378:35

		Time this Month
Hq 35th Div Arty	43-30314	35:40
	43-30337	29:05
216th FA Bn	43-30195	43:50
	43-30261	28:05
219th FA Bn	43-30236	34:40
	43-30393	39:05
161st FA Bn	43-30444	44:10
	43-29739	36:05
127th FA Bn	43-30296	48:45
	43-30406	41:25

## Air Fields Used During Month:

Nov 1-8	Ianeuvelotte
8-12	Attiloncourt
12-14	Oriocourt
14-18	Vannecourt
18-24	Morhange
24-30	Helliner

## Awards During Month:

Capt William F Hesselbach	One Air Medal Oak Leaf Clusters
1st Lt John P Yates	One Air Medal Oak Leaf Cluster
2nd Lt Charles J Fitzgerald	Air Medal
1st Lt John L Cecil	Silver Star

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Awards During Month(Contd):

1st Lt James E Dempsey  
1st Lt Mark J Stoeger  
1st Lt Hugh T Barber

Air Medal Oak Leaf Cluster  
Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)  
Silver Star

Damage to Aircraft:

Propeller, Air Scoop, and left landing gear Vee, landing at new field crashed into fence due to motor failure. No injury to pilot or observer.

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

The following officers were presented awards at Lening France, 27 Nov 44.

Major Thomas W Ross	Air Medal
Capt William F Hesselbach	Air Medal (Oak Leaf Cluster)
Capt Morris H Laatsch Jr	Bronze Star

Extracts from General Orders:

GO 50 Hq 35th Inf Div 4 Nov 44:

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:

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Captain Morris H Laatsch Jr, 0360861, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States, in the \* \* \*, France, from 28 September to 5 October 1944. Entered military service from Ohio.

GO 51 Hq 35th Inf Div 8 Nov 44:

VIII -- AIR 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, an Air Medal is awarded to the following officers of this command:

Major Thomas W Ross, 0334206, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight, in the vicinity of \* \* \*, France, on 9 October 1944. On the morning of 9 October, Major Ross, S-2 of \* \* \* Artillery, was assigned the mission of acting as an air observer to make front line reconnaissance near \* \* \*. Adverse weather conditions necessitated flying at an altitude of from 200 to 300 feet, and his plane was subjected to intense ground fire while over enemy lines. He remained in the air for about an hour, relaying information of enemy activities and dispositions, until the ceiling became so low that his plane was forced to return to its field at tree-top level. His outstanding performance contributed to the success of the combat operations then in progress. Entered military service from Kansas.

I X -- AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER). 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 and two bronze Oak-Leaf Clusters previously awarded, a third bronze Oak-Leaf Cluster is awarded to the following officer of this command:

Captain William F Hesselbach, 01177836, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 22 September to 20 October 1944. Entered military service from New York.

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SUBJECT: After Action Report - 35th Infantry Division - Nov 44.

SOURCE: Hq, 35th Infantry Division. (10 Dec 44)

Report includes: Narrative of events - Attack from positions NE of NANCY and drive to within 15 miles of GERMAN border (8-30 Nov); List of captured or destroyed enemy materiel; Battle casualties; Awards.

Report was also received from 35th Division Artillery (Log-No. 6143(1)), including: G-1 data; Chronological narrative; Statistics of air liaison.