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SUBJECT: Action against Enemy, Report after Action No. 3.

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

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8. Misc including  
FO 20, 21, 22, and 23.  
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HQ 35TH INF DIV, APO 35, U S Army, 12 Oct 44

TO: Commanding General, XII Corps, APO 312, U S Army

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

1 October 1944

**INTRODUCTORY:** This report covers the factual accounts of the operations of this headquarters in combat from September 1, 1944 to September 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, 155mm How. M1 Medium Battalion.  
 CT 320th with 216th FA Bn, 105mm How.  
 CT 137th with 219th FA Bn, 105mm How.  
 CT 138th 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 19, WO 1, EM 103.
3. Casualties:  
 Killed 0.  
 Sick, gassed, or wounded 3.  
 Evacuated 3.
4. Awards: Silver Star Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) 1.  
 Bronze Star Medal 3.  
 Air Medal 1.  
 Air Medal (Oak-Leaf Cluster) 1.
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 R. A. Ellsworth
" " 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 George R Allin
"	"	Asst S-3	Maj James W Davidson
"	"	Asst S-2	Capt Franklin J Downing
"	"	Asst S-1	1st Lt Arthur C Waters
"	"	Spec Serv O	1st Lt Carl F Maples
"	"	Aide-de-Camp	2nd Lt James E Judson
"	"	Pilot	1st Lt Myron Linn
"	"	Pilot	Capt William F Hesselbach
"	"	Surgeon	1st Lt Henry A Roseberry
"	"	Dental O	Maj Chester B Thrift
"	"	Chaplain	Capt James H Stagaman
"	"	Com O	Capt Gerhard L Belgium
"	"	Asst Com O	Capt Marvin A Jones
"	"	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".

0001 1 Sep 44

With the 35th Division mission being that of securing the right flank of 3rd Army vic of Orleans-Cien-Sens-Troyes-Eriene Le Chateau, the beginning of Sept found the 35th Division spread out over this entire area, patrolling and protecting the flank from the South where units of the 7th Army were forcing the Germans to withdraw towards our flank and the escape gap to Germany. To orient; Task Force S including the 182nd FA Group less 255th FA, 320th Inf, 216th FA Bn and other attached Div troops had just completed move from Troyes to Eriene-le-Chateau without opposition, and prepared to defend that area from attack. When the Task Force left Troyes the 3rd Bn, 320th Inf, supported by the 802nd FA were left with one Co of 654th TD to protect area SE of Troyes from attack. Meanwhile the 137th Inf with the 219th FA Bn and the 255th

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remained protecting the vic of Gien and Orleans, while the 134th Inf with a Cavalry Screen covered the area from Troyes to Gien, including Sens. The 127th FA Bn and the 161st FA Bn remained in reserve vic of Aix-en-Othe. The 134th Inf maintained only patrols over the area, keeping the bulk of the forces in Division Reserve. This unit meanwhile was in the vic of Fontvannes just west of Troyes. With this situation and location as stated, Division Artillery started its 3rd month in combat in France supporting the infantry of the 35th Division. During the night of 1 Sep 44 the CT 137th Inf supported by the 219th FA Bn and 255th FA, protecting the area between Gien, Montargis and Orleans, was alerted of the fact that the CT was to be relieved of the area by units of the XV Corps and would move on order to the general vic of Briene-le-Chateau. The 161st FA Bn and 127th FA Bn would remain in their present positions and would furnish trucks for the move of the CT 137th. Organic and reinforcing artillery did not fire any missions and the infantry was not in contact with the enemy. Gasoline supply began to be critical.

#### 2 Sep 44

This unit moved 30 miles to Rosnay-l'Hopital East of Troyes and just north of Briene-le-Chateau where Task Force S was located. 137th Inf with 219th FA Bn further alerted to move 3rd Sep to vic of Precy. At 2000 Task Force S received orders to move to Joinville, directly East and to set up the defense in that vicinity. The Task Force completed the move by early morning and did not contact the enemy. No missions were fired. 161st FA Bn and 127th FA Bn remained West of Troyes at Aix-en-Othe. 219th FA Bn moved to the vic of Joinville. Communications with organic Arty Bns at this time was mainly by agent.

#### 3 Sep 44

The 219th FA Bn enroute to the vic of Precy to be closed by 1300, 1 Sep. The 255th FA reinforcing the 219th FA Bn due to gas shortage had mission changed and moved only to vic of 161st FA Bn and 127th FA Bn. The 802nd

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FA remained protecting SE of Troyes. The 3rd Bn 320th Inf protecting Troyes was relieved by a company from 137th Inf and 3rd Bn reverted to Task Force control. Task Force established Road Blocks and defenses vic of Joinville. The 35th Rcn maintained screen along with the 121st Cavalry Squadron. No missions fired.

4 Sep 44

No changes were made in locations of organic artillery and there was very little activity since the enemy was not contacted. The 691st TD Bn was attached to 35th Div Arty to move to general vic of Rosnay l'Hopital. The 219th FA Bn closed into new positions as scheduled. Reports of strong enemy concentrations vic of Chaumont were reported to Task Force S at Joinville. No missions were fired.

5 Sep 44

The 691st TD Bn closed into new area and was prepared to defend road blocks vic of Briene-le-Chateau from attack from the South. The 219th FA Bn prepared to fire 360 degrees against any threat, and 127th FA Bn and 161st FA Bn were in bivouac prepared to move into position as a mobile reserve against any attack. No missions were fired. Several prisoners, in addition to 63 turned over to Task Force S vic Joinville, were captured as a result of cleaning out the woods in that vic. Most of these prisoners were lost, with no idea of their own lines, as a result of the swift push of the 3rd Army. No missions were fired.

6 Sep 44

The locations and missions of all units remained the same in the defense, and the arty did not fire any missions.

7 Sep 44

Task Force S furnished 89 trucks to report to 134th Inf for an impending move 8 Sep 44. The 161st FA Bn with 127th FA Bn and 255th FA reinforcing was alerted to move with the 134th Inf. No missions were fired.

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8 Sep 44

At 0600 the 134th Inf with the 161st FA Bn, reinforced by the 127th FA Bn and 255th FA, started move as a CT, with 691st TD Bn and attached Div Troups, with mission of securing area to the SE of Nancy and further to screen the move of the Division and protect the Division area as far east as the Moselle River. The 219th FA Bn as part of the CT 137th was alerted to move on Division order. Task Force S to remain intact until closing into new area, their move to be on Division Order. No missions were fired.

9 Sep 44

This unit started move to the new area vic SE of Nancy, a distance of about 60 miles and moved by route through St. Dizier closing in new area vic Grezilles at 1500. All organic artillery with attached and reinforcing units closed into new concentration area by 2400. All FA Bns took up tactical positions to support the advance of the Division to the Moselle River beginning 10 Sep. No missions were fired, and no registrations were permitted. The enemy in this area had been fighting the 80th Division which was now on our left or North. The 80th Division had made several unsuccessful crossings of the Moselle and were only established just East of Toul. The arrival of the 35th Division in the South was controlled as much as possible to prevent the enemy from expecting any new thrust from the South.

10 Sep 44

The fires of the 35th Division Artillery were at this time reinforced by the 182nd Group with the 255th FA and 802nd FA (both 105 How) and the 945th FA and 752nd FA (both 155 How). The 183rd Group with the one Bn (278th FA 240mm How) had the mission of general support of the 35th Division. The 691st TD Bn passed to the control of Corps. The infantry plan for advance to the Moselle River placed regiments abreast, 134th Inf on the left or North and 137th Inf on the right or South. The 161st FA Bn supporting the 134th Inf was reinforced by the fire s of the 255th FA, 945th FA and

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127th FA Bn, while the 219th FA Bn supporting the 137th Inf was reinforced by the 216th FA Bn, 802nd FA and 752nd FA. Co A 654th TD was attached to 134th Inf, Co B to the 137th Inf and Co C in Div Res. The infantry met only scattered resistance getting to the Moselle since the 134th Inf already held the key terrain feature Fort Pont de St Vincent located on the West bank of the Moselle commanding all the terrain in that vic. During the afternoon the artillery fired call missions on enemy strong points on East bank of the River using excellent observation posts (air and ground). A total of 821 rounds were fired by organic artillery. All artillery moved during the evening to better support the attack and mission of crossing Moselle River.

#### 11 Sep 44

Beginning at 0330 Artillery fired Field Artillery Feints East of the Moselle River in zone of the 134th Inf and at 0445 the fires were shifted to the zone of the 137th Inf East of the Moselle where a 15 minute preparation was fired on enemy strong points, road junctions, draws, and enemy observation points. A total of 2690 rounds were fired.

#### 12 Sep 44

Advance command post of this headquarters consisting of Commanding General and S-3 Section moved to new command post vic of Geinray for better control of fire of the artillery to support this river crossing which was proving costly to the infantry. At this time the 137th Inf had been able to establish a bridgehead in small force in their sector and progress on the bridges was slow because of enemy small arms fire and artillery fire. Numerous call missions were fired by 161st FA Bn and 219th FA Bn groupments of artillery, with the groupments being mutually supporting within zone of advance of Division. Several enemy counterattacks were broken up with coordinated infantry and artillery fire, especially being effective at Ft de Pont St Vincent where the enemy made a crossing and attacked the Fort. Interdiction fires were continued into the night as well as fire on known enemy locations and strong points and battery positions. A total of 1536 rounds were fired.

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13 Sep 44

The remaining elements of this unit moved approximately 10 miles to the new command post vic of Ceintrey closing before noon. During the early morning numerous fires were placed on road junctions enemy batteries and special attention on the Forrest B de Flavigny. A 30 minute preparation was fired by seven FA Bns beginning at 0630 on three hills (348, 334, 335) which commanded the route of the advance of the 134th Inf. By this time the bridgehead was definitely established and reconnaissance had been made for the artillery to move across. Effective at 0500 the 216th FA Bn was reinforced by the 255th FA and 752nd FA, with the 219th FA Bn reinforced by 802nd FA, 945th FA and 127th FA Bn. The 161st FA Bn remained in direct support of the 134th Inf. The fires of the 161st FA Bn were to be reinforced by the 127th FA Bn until the 127th FA Bn moved across the river. This regroupment was necessary since the 320th Inf had been committed across the bridgehead of the 137th Inf, and now occupied the South or right part of the bridgehead, with the 137th Inf occupying the North or left part. The 134th Inf, meanwhile held their part of the sector on the West bank of the Moselle. During the afternoon all artillery battalions of Division Artillery with the exception of the 127th FA Bn and the 161st FA Bn moved to positions across the Moselle and further support the infantry in their move to the Meurthe River. Artillery support of the attack was uninterrupted during the crossing as a result of prior planning. A total of 2600 rounds were fired.

14 Sep 44

The 161st FA Bn with the 134th Inf (less 1 Bn) were attached to Task Force S under the command of General Sebree with the mission of forming on the Toul bridgehead and advancing through the woods which were reportedly strongly fortified, to seize the high ground West of Nancy and further to seize and occupy the city of Nancy. Task Force S also included a tank company, one regiment from the 80th Inf Div, and the 110th FA Group, all of which made quite a sizeable fighting force. The 161st FA Bn moved just

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East and South of Toul West of the Moselle and occupied position to support an attack through the woods to Nancy. Commanding Officer 127th FA Bn to be in command of task force including 2nd Bn 134th Inf with 35th Recon Troops to be disbanded on Division order. Mission to hold the West bank of the Moselle in 134th Sector. During the day elements of the 137th and 320th Inf reached the banks of the Meurthe and began preparations for the crossing. A total of 225 rounds were fired during the period.

15 Sep 44

Task Force S proceeding through the forest West of Nancy met no opposition except mines and road blocks (this confirmed reports of the Free French) and successfully accomplished their mission arriving in Nancy by 1100. Only sniper fire was encountered in Nancy. Task Force S ceased and 134th Inf took control of the objective and prepared for further advance to take the high ground East of Nancy. The 161st FA Bn moved into position just West of Nancy to support the 134th Infantry which was now in a defensive position on the Eastern outskirts of the city. The 2nd Bn 134th Inf formerly along the West bank of the Moselle reverted back to regimental control and 127th FA Bn completed movement across the Moselle. This unit moved across the Moselle at 1030 and closed into new area in the vic SE of Rosieres. The 219th FA Bn took positions in the vic of Coyviller. During the day a bridgehead was established across the Meurthe and the artillery planned its reconnaissance for moving across the 16th. The 127th FA Bn at this time was in general support while the 219th FA Bn was reinforced by the 802nd, 945th and the 216th FA Bn was reinforced by the 255th FA, and 752nd FA. Division Artillery fired numerous TOT missions in support of the advance of the 320th Infantry to gain the high ground beyond the river and N of Donbasle. Numerous counterbattery missions were completed and interdiction fires by all artillery was concentrated on roads leading into Bussincourt during the night of the 15th. A total of 1105 rounds were fired.

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16 Sep 44

Numerous TOF missions were fired in zone of advance of 137th Inf and 320th Inf on enemy batteries and observed targets which indicated a general withdrawal of the enemy to the North and East. No change in organic artillery or attachments. A total of 1870 rounds were fired. Artillery crossing the river during this period.

17 Sep 44

A FO was received from XII Corps showing a new plan to be put in effect at once, giving all XII Corps the mission of advancing NE, penetrating the Siegfried line and seizing Darmstadt, Germany. The 255th FA Bn 802nd alerted to furnish trucks for move of 35th Division on new mission and were further passed to the control of the 410th Group to move vic of Nancy on order. The 410th Group was given the mission of reinforcing fires of 35th Division Artillery and specifically the fires of the 161st FA Bn. The 127th FA Bn alerted to move in the afternoon to vic of Heillecourt, mission unchanged. The 255th FA Bnd 802nd reinforce fires of 219th until 180900 Sep when they pass to 410th Group. The 752nd reinforced the fires of the 216th FA Bn and the 945th reinforced fires of the 219th FA Bn. A total of 1403 rounds were fired for the day.

18 Sep 44

The 127th FA Bn attached to CT 134th with the 161st FA Bn as part of Task Force S with mission to drive N and get the high ground East of Nancy, relieving pressure on the 80th Division. This unit moved at 1500 to vic SE of Ramereville in area occupied at that time by most of the organic and reinforcing artillery. During the afternoon and night a threat seemed apparent in the vic of Luneville and by Corps order the 752nd and the 945th were turned to cover that area. Normal support missions were fired by the 216th FA Bn and the 219th FA Bn. The 161st FA Bn reinforced by the 127th FA Bn and four battalions of the 410th Group continued in support of the

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infantry to the north vic of Agincourt and the high ground in that vic. Several counterattacks were broken up during the day and the night by artillery of that grouping. A total of 1128 rounds were fired.

19 Sep 44

The 216th FA Bn with CT 320th Inf detached from 35th Division and attached to CCB (14th Armored Div) to move NE. Artillery groupment at this time is as follows: 219th FA Bn reinforced by 945th FA, 161st FA Bn reinforced by 410th Group (less 278th FA), with the 127th FA Bn and 278th FA in general support. During this period the infantry of the 137th Inf was held up by strong enemy positions in the woods NW of Champenous. The enemy at night constantly received replacements and artillery fire was massed at several locations in these woods (See attached comment of S-2, 137th Inf on result of these fires in the woods. This comment is located in the S-3 reports). A total of 2161 rounds were fired.

20 Sep 44

With the woods still holding up the advance a coordinated plan of attack was established with the armor going around the right or East side of the woods and to the North and then cutting back South through the woods, cutting off the escape routes. The 137th Inf was to proceed into the woods and clean out any enemy still there. All smoke available in three artillery battalions was fired in front of zone of advance of 137th Inf. After that only observed targets were fired due to the presence of the friendly armor. Medium battalions were to be used only in emergency due to shortage of ammunition. Normal support missions were fired during the period. No appreciable gains were made against the high ground vic of Amance and in the woods. A total of 3357 rounds were fired.

21 Sep 44

No change in artillery plan. Use of ammunition for observed fire missions only. During the day the infantry held their ground and prepared for the

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mission of cleaning out the woods and seizing the high ground to the North on 22 Sep. Armor grouped ready for the attack the following day. A total of 334 rounds were fired.

22 Sep 44

No change in artillery plan. Two TOT missions were prepared on the armored objectives to be on call from the armor. Arty fired on enemy strong points and counterbattery. One of these TOT missions was fired at 1100. Other missions fired in zone of advance of 137th Inf included smoke on the forest in front of 137th Inf to cover their displacement in the forest. Devastating artillery fire was placed on large forces of the enemy in the open when German resistance cracked early in the afternoon. Targets consisted of enemy batteries, enemy columns on roads and enemy troops concentrations of company size and larger. Artillery Liaison Planes were particularly effective on these targets of opportunity. The results of the days operations: The Division took all objectives cleaned out the woods and inflicted heavy casualties on the enemy. A Total of 622 rounds were fired.

23 Sep 44

The 752nd FA was reverted to XII Corps control and further attached to 6 Armored Division. The Division consolidated its gains and prepared for further advance to the NE. The 134th Inf held its ground to the NE of Nancy. The Division was alerted to be prepared against counterattack from Delme-Oriecourt-Foret de Chateau, and Sallians area. A total of 62 rounds were fired.

24 Sep 44

A screen of armor from 6 Armored Division still covered the entire Division front. Artillery fired numerous interdiction fires on Ajoncourt and other towns to the North. Infantry advanced through area occupied by 6th Armored Division and mopped up pockets of resistance. A total of 229 rounds were fired.

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25 Sep 44

FO 21: received by units which indicated XII Corps as well as 3rd Army would take up the present positions on the defensive. Infantry continued advance to the NE against scattered resistance in order to reach the MRL as established, and defend. Artillery was given areas for reconnaissance and ordered to make reconnaissance as soon as area was clear. Displacement was to be made giving continuous support to the 137th and 134th Inf. This unit moved to the vic of Amance closing into new position at 1600. The 216th FA Bn with 320th Inf released from control of 4th Armored Division. A total of 135 rounds were fired.

26 Sep 44

A limited number of missions were fired during the period. Units began moving to new positions with the 161st FA Bn and 219th FA Bn displacing to positions the morning of 26 Sep. General locations of units in the defense as follows: 161st FA Bn vic S of Abeneourt; 219th FA Bn vic Greney, 216th FA Bn vic W Biencourt, and 127th FA Bn vic Biencourt. The 752nd FA detached from 6th Armored Division and reverted to 182nd Group still reinforcing fires of 35th Division Artillery. All battalions ordered to dig in positions, stress camouflage and prepare positions for long stay; further, to erect dummy positions and select alternate positions. Infantry, still with armor screen, prepared MRL. A total of 706 rounds were fired.

27 Sep 44

Artillery plan of fires for the defensive as follows: 161st FA Bn reinforced by 216th FA Bn and 255th FA in direct support of 134th Inf; 219th FA Bn reinforced by 802nd FA direct support of 137th Inf with 127th FA Bn, 752nd FA, and 945th FA (all medium Bns) in general support. The Germans barely let our units reach the MRL when they launched a fierce attack in the vic of Chambrey and drove West into our positions. All artillery of this command was notified to remain in position and fight off

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any attacks until ordered to move by this headquarters. All organic and reinforcing Artillery, less 161st FA Bn and 255th FA Bn (which were prepared against attack from the North) fired in support of the 137th Inf to meet the thrust from Chambrey. The 219th FA Bn and other artillery units in vic of Gremecy received small arms fire in their battery positions. At this time on the right of the 35th Div was the 4th Armored Division and on the left was the 80th Division. The artillery of the 4th Armored Div at times reinforced the 35th Division Artillery suitable targets within their range. A total of 2926 rounds was fired during the period.

28 Sep 44

The artillery plan was unchanged and organic and reinforcing artillery continued to fire in the defense of Division against enemy attack. Very effective fire was placed on enemy personnel in the open, vehicles on roads, columns and concentration areas. A large number of enemy tanks were knocked out by Artillery fire, part of which was direct fire by the 752nd FA and 219th FA Bn. Ever useful, the division artillery planes adjusted fire in the destruction of four tanks. The 654th TD Bn destroyed 7 tanks and one half ton truck and one half-track with a loss to themselves of only 1 TD M10, 3 men killed and 5 evacuated or missing. Numerous TOT missions were fired on enemy troop concentrations, the largest of these being on Jallacourt where 11 battalions were concentrated at 280845. Regardless of enemy infiltrators delivering fire, the artillery maintained continuous support to the Infantry. A total of 2536 rounds were fired.

29 Sep 44

Artillery was regrouped for the attack of the 35th Division to regain the ground lost, with 161st FA Bn reinforced by 752nd FA in direct support 134th Inf; 219th FA Bn reinforced by 945th FA direct support 137th Inf, and 216th FA Bn reinforced by 255th FA Bn, 802nd FA and 127th FA Bn direct support 320th Inf. A ten minute preparation was fired at 0455 with artillery massed on Hill 282 and roads leading S from Fresnes-en-Saulnois. Previously G-2

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had reported preparations by the enemy to attack in this area. This attack was successfully broken up before it started by the artillery and attack subsequently of our own infantry. Ammunition situation became critical during this period and other fires of the artillery were on definitely located observed targets, and marking air strikes for the Air Corps. The presence of more enemy artillery began to be apparent and numerous batteries were fired on and neutralized by organic and reinforcing artillery. A total of 1211 rounds were fired during the period.

30 Sep 44

Artillery was regrouped effective 0600 as follows. The 161st FA Bn reinforced by 255th FA in direct support of 134th Inf. The 216th direct support of 320th Inf, and the 219th FA Bn reinforced by fires of 802nd FA, direct support of 137th Inf. The 127th FA Bn, 752nd FA, and 945th remained in general support. The fire of the artillery was very limited due to ammunition availability. Corps Arty reinforced the fires of Division Artillery with interdiction and harrassing fire. At the close of the month artillery was preparing to support the infantry and 6th Armored Division in an attempt to thrust North and East to regain ground lost. A total of 1568 rounds was fired during the period, bringing the total for Division Artillery in France since July 11 to 124,355.

#### General

The fighting efficiency of this headquarters and headquarters battery, and organic battalions remained high and no slump was present at any time in the morale and desire to carry the war to a winning finish.

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During its third month in operation the ten liaison planes of Division Artillery continued to give excellent performance in locating and firing on targets of opportunity on the division front. Often braving ack-ack fire, pilots and eight assigned observers continued air surveillance, most of the time keeping two planes in the air. Mechanically the planes were excellent with only one forced landing caused by a broken rocker arm in cylinder. There were no other accidents. One plane during the month limped hom from heavy ack-ack fire which destroyed most of the tail assembly. No planes were forced down by or actively engaged by enemy aircraft.

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11 Sep 44			3	3:30		
12 Sep 44	2	1:15	3	3:10	1	1:15
13 Sep 44			2	2:05	3	4:05
14 Sep 44			3	2:55		
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18 Sep 44			1	1:00	2	2:50
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<u>Date</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>Time</u>
22 Sep 44	2	2:25	1	1:00	2	3:20
24 Sep 44			2	2:10		
25 Sep 44	1	1:00				
26 Sep 44			1	1:15		
27 Sep 44	1	1:20	1	1:10	2	3:00
28 Sep 44			3	3:00	3	4:25
29 Sep 44			1	1:15	1	1:35
30 Sep 44			2	2:15	3	3:15
<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>15:05</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>11:25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>30:35</b>

43-30314 - Total hrs: 40:15

43-30337 - Total hrs: 46:50

	<u>CA</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>Time</u>
43-30314	13	9:15	19	19:35	8	11:25
43-30337	6	5:50	22	21:50	13	19:10

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<u>Date</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>Time</u>
1 Sep 44	5	7:00				
2 Sep 44	2	2:00				
3 Sep 44	1	1:00				
4 Sep 44	2	2:15				
8 Sep 44			1	1:05		
9 Sep 44	6	6:55	1	1:30		
10 Sep 44			2	2:55		
11 Sep 44			2	3:15	1	2:00
12 Sep 44	1	1:30	2	2:00	2	2:50
13 Sep 44			2	3:00	3	4:48
14 Sep 44			2	2:05	1	1:10

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<u>Date</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>Time</u>
15 Sep 44			1	1:15	1	1:30
16 Sep 44			2	2:15		
18 Sep 44	1	2:15	1	1:05	2	2:30
19 Sep 44			1	1:15		
20 Sep 44			4	5:40		
21 Sep 44			4	3:50		
22 Sep 44			1	1:35	2	3:20
23 Sep 44			1	1:30		
25 Sep 44			1	1:10		
27 Sep 44			3	2:15	2	3:40
28 Sep 44			1	1:15	4	5:45
29 Sep 44					3	4:50
30 Sep 44			3	3:20		
Total	18	18:25	35	41:45	23	35:23
43-30296	10	8:10	18	19:20	9	12:33
43-30406	8	10:15	17	22:25	14	22:50

43-30296 - Total hrs: 40:03

43-30406 - Total hrs: 55:30

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<u>Date</u>	<u>CA</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CR</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>CF</u>	<u>Time</u>
1 Sep 44	7	5:35				
2 Sep 44	1	1:45				
4 Sep 44	4	2:50				
8 Sep 44			3	3:30		
9 Sep 44	2	1:00	3	5:35		
10 Sep 44			2	2:25	1	1:20
11 Sep 44	1	1:00			1	1:25
12 Sep 44	1	1:30	1	1:30	3	3:40

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Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CR	Time
13 Sep 44			1	1:05	3	3:50
14 Sep 44			1	1:20	1	1:10
15 Sep 44	1	1:45	2	3:05	2	3:05
16 Sep 44	1	1:30	1	1:30	1	2:05
18 Sep 44	1	1:15			1	1:45
19 Sep 44			1	1:05		
20 Sep 44			1	1:40	3	1:20
21 Sep 44			3	2:15	1	1:10
22 Sep 44	1	1:30			2	3:25
23 Sep 44					1	2:05
24 Sep 44					1	1:05
25 Sep 44	1	1:45			1	2:00
26 Sep 44					1	1:35
27 Sep 44	3	2:20	1	1:00	3	3:15
28 Sep 44	2	2:40	2	2:15	3	3:35
29 Sep 44	1	1:45	1	1:30	2	3:30
30 Sep 44	1	1:45	2	2:25	2	2:30
Total	28	22:55	25	30:40	33	46:00
43-30444	2	2:20	21	26:55	28	39:15
43-29739	26	20:35	4	3:45	5	6:15

43-30444 - Total hrs: 69:10

43-29739 - Total hrs: 30:35

**216TH FA BN**

Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CR	Time
1 Sep 44	2	2:30	4	5:50		
2 Sep 44	2	1:50	2	2:40		
3 Sep 44	2	1:40	1	1:05		

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Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
8 Sep 44	3	2:50				
9 Sep 44	3	2:00				
10 Sep 44			4	4:45	1	1:35
11 Sep 44	2	1:25	1	1:15	2	2:35
12 Sep 44	1	1:50	3	3:25	2	2:10
13 Sep 44			3	3:35	2	2:35
14 Sep 44			2	2:55	1	1:30
15 Sep 44	1	1:15	1	1:40	1	1:15
16 Sep 44			2	2:50		
17 Sep 44	1	1:30	1	1:40		
18 Sep 44			3	5:00	1	2:05
19 Sep 44			1	1:15		
20 Sep 44	2	1:45	1	1:15	2	2:25
21 Sep 44			4	4:50	1	1:05
22 Sep 44			2	2:10	3	4:20
23 Sep 44					2	3:10
24 Sep 44			5	6:00	1	1:10
25 Sep 44	2	1:45	2	1:20		
26 Sep 44			1	1:35		
27 Sep 44			1	1:10	3	5:10
28 Sep 44			1	1:10	1	1:10
29 Sep 44	1	1:20	2	2:15	2	2:55
30 Sep 44			3	4:00	2	3:30
Total	22	16:40	50	62:40	29	42:30
43-30195	12	8:25	20	25:05	14	21:50
43-30261	10	8:15	30	37:35	15	20:40
43-30195 - Total hrs:		55:20				
43-30261 - Total hrs:		66:30				

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Date	CA	Time	CR	Time	CF	Time
2 Sep 44	1	3:15				
4 Sep 44	2	3:45				
5 Sep 44	2	2:00				
9 Sep 44	2	4:15	1	1:30		
10 Sep 44	1	1:20	2	2:10	1	1:25
11 Sep 44			3	2:40	2	3:00
12 Sep 44	1	1:30	4	4:30		
13 Sep 44			4	4:35	1	1:35
14 Sep 44			5	3:55		
15 Sep 44	1	1:30	3	3:30		
16 Sep 44			2	1:40	1	1:05
18 Sep 44			3	3:45	2	3:00
19 Sep 44			4	2:45		
20 Sep 44			2	2:15		
21 Sep 44			5	5:15	1	1:00
22 Sep 44			2	2:05	2	3:00
23 Sep 44			1	1:20	1	1:20
25 Sep 44			1	1:30		
26 Sep 44			2	1:30	1	1:35
27 Sep 44	1	1:20	3	3:10	2	2:45
28 Sep 44			2	2:25	2	2:25
29 Sep 44			4	4:45		
30 Sep 44			2	2:15	3	4:25
Total	11	11:45	57	56:40	19	27:05
43-30236	7	9:45	34	32:55	11	35:25
43-29393	4	5:00	23	23:45	8	11:40

43-30236 - Total hrs: 58:05

43-29393 - Total hrs: 40:25

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**AIR MEDAL:**

Major James N Davidson, 0294017, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France during the period 9 July to 22 August 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Pilot, Major Davidson distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of front line reconnaissance, and adjustment, surveillance and registration of artillery fire on enemy installations. The meritorious achievement of Major Davidson in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned measurably contributed to the success of the operations. Entered military service from Alabama.

**AIR MEDAL (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):**

Captain Franklin J Downing, 01173590, Field Artillery, United States Army, for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight over France, during the period 3 August to 12 September 1944. While serving as Artillery Liaison Observer, Captain Downing distinguished himself by outstanding service in flying thirty-five sorties near or over enemy lines for the purpose of fire direction and front line reconnaissance. The meritorious achievement of Captain Downing in the outstanding performance of his missions during the period mentioned contributed materially to the efficiency of the Artillery. Entered military service from California.

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**SILVER STAR (OAK-LEAF CLUSTER):**

Colonel Robert A Ellsworth, 015780, Field Artillery, United States Army, for gallantry in action in \* \* \* France, during the period 16 to 19 August 1944. Throughout this period, Colonel Ellsworth, Executive Officer, \* \* \* Artillery, acted as artillery officer for a task force composed of the \* \* \* Combat Team and attached units. On 16 August he accompanied advance elements

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of an armored force in order to obtain timely and accurate information which he relayed, with recommendations, to the commanding general of the task force, and which made possible the expeditious action of all supporting arms. His quick and decisive coordination of artillery fire from his forward position that afternoon made possible proper artillery support in the first day's operation. On the morning of August 17th he accompanied and personally directed reconnaissance in force for advanced artillery locations in areas not yet cleared of the enemy. This show of force, and fire from the reconnaissance platoon and three accompanying tank destroyers, contributed to the voluntary surrender of some fifty enemy soldiers in that area. On August 18th he directed and supervised installation of forward observation posts overlooking the \* \* \* River, and within five hundred yards of the enemy. Colonel Ellsworth personally visited these observation posts which were subjected to enemy fire of all types, in order to insure efficient functioning. Through his calm, display of courage, superior leadership, tenacity of purpose, and unusual devotion to duty without regard for personal safety, Colonel Ellsworth contributed materially to the success of the task force in this operation. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Staff Sergeant Raymond C Westerhaus, 20732809, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service from 10 July to 30 August 1944. Entered military service from Kansas.

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BRONZE STAR MEDAL:

Colonel Robert A Ellsworth, 015780, Field Artillery, United States Army, for exceptionally meritorious conduct in performance of outstanding service on 22 August 1944. Entered United States Military Academy from Washington.

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