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HEADQUARTERS 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
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SUBJECT: After Action Report for period 1 September 1944 to 30 September 1944 inclusive. (Section I - Summary of daily operations and action).

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

1. NARRATIVE:

a. Moved to vicinity of COURCELLES-EN-BARRE in support of 317th Inf on 1 Sep 1944, continued in support at crossing of MEUSE RIVER, no artillery action.

b. The direct support mission was continued from positions at APREMONT, 2 Sep 1944. 7 missions fired: 1 Registration, 6 Infantry and Automatic Weapons.

c. 5 Sep 1944, moved by motor in direct support of 317th Inf to positions, vicinity of MAMEY. Mission to force crossing of MOSELLE RIVER. Remained in position at MAMEY until 11 Sep 1944. 140 missions fired, as follows: 17 Check Point Registrations, 5 BP Registrations, 34 Machine Guns, 3 Counterbattery, 4 Observation posts, 44 Interdiction, 8 Mortars, 25 Infantry.

d. Moved to firing positions on night of 11 Sep 1944 to vicinity of GRIS COURT to support crossing of MOSELLE RIVER by 317th Inf. Participated in artillery preparations in support of crossing and continued close support mission from that location until Infantry Battalions had secured objectives East of River. 14 missions fired as follows: 1 Base Point Registration, 2 Tanks, 1 Preparation, 4 Automatic Weapons, 6 Infantry.

e. Continued direct support, 317th Inf crossed MOSELLE RIVER under enemy fire on afternoon 12 Sep 1944 and occupied positions vicinity of BEZAUMONT at 1830 hrs. Remained in this position and on same mission through 20 Sep 1944. Battalion fired on enemy counter attacks against STE GENEVIEVE, (two); BEZAUMONT, FALAISE HILL, (two); VILLE AUVAL and LANDREMENT; under enemy artillery fire 12-16 Sep 1944. 143 missions fired as follows: 11 Interdiction, 1 TOT, 3 Base Point Registration, 79 Infantry, 9 Counterbattery, 6 Check Point Registrations, 7 Mortars, 5 Observation Posts, 3 Machine Guns, 3 Vehicles, 4 Tanks, 12 Normal Barrages.

f. Moved by motor to positions vicinity AUTREVILLE, 21 Sep 1944. Continued mission of direct support of 317th Inf. Remained in this position until 1715, 25 Sep 1944. 61 missions fired as follows: 5 Base Point Registrations, 9 Interdiction, 5 Check Point Registration, 10 Machine Guns, 11 Infantry, 2 Mortar, 10 Propaganda, 2 Smoke, 7 Vehicles.

g. Moved by motor to position vicinity of FAULX, 25 Sep 1944 and continued direct support mission of 317th Inf. Remained in this position through end of September. Prepared defensive positions and prepared plans for defense of 317th Inf Sector. 70 missions fired as follows: 4 Base Point Registrations, 5 Mortars, 3 Counterbattery, 1 Train, 2 Observation Posts, 5 Machine Guns, 7 Preparation 2 TOT, 2 Harassing, 2 Propaganda, 28 Infantry, 9 Check Points. Ammunition expenditure for month of September 1944: 11,514 rounds.

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