

HEADQUARTERS 313TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO #80, U. S. Army

5 December 1944

SUBJECT: After Action Report for period 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944 inclusive. (Section I - Summary of daily operations and action).

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

1. NARRATIVE OF EVENTS:

a. At opening of period of this report, battalion was occupying defensive positions in the FORET DE FACQ, west of FORT SUR SEILLE, in direct support of the 317th Inf who were in defensive positions west of SEILLE RIVER. Remained in this position until 9 November 1944. There was very little enemy activity during this period. Liaison officers and Forward Observers remained with the infantry. Complete plans for defensive fires were prepared and maintained. Firing was restricted to necessary registration and return of enemy fire. Harrassing and interdiction fires were delivered by supporting Tank and Tank Destroyer Units. Training of personnel, especially in conduct of fire and maintenance of equipment and materiel was stressed.

b. On 8 November 1944, direct support 317th Inf attacking to East to establish bridgehead on the SEILLE RIVER. Reinforcing Artillery for this attack consisted of 6th Armored Division Artillery (128 FA, 231 FA, 212 FA), the 183 GP (276 FA, 696 FA, 752 FA) the 512 FA and 974 FA; in addition to this, one platoon 808th TD Bn, one platoon 633d AA Bn, and Cn Co, 317th Inf. An extensive preparation was fired and the crossing was successful. Displaced to vicinity of EFLY at 0300 hours, 9 November 1944. Ground very soft and muddy due to continuing rain and bad weather. Seven prisoners taken in vicinity of CP. Displaced to vicinity of RESSINCOURT, direct support 317th Inf, 1530 hours, 10 November 1944. Reinforcing Artillery consisted of 974th FA and 512th FA. Displaced to vicinity of SECOURT at 0800 hours, 11 November 1944, and to LOUPY 1630 hours, same date. No change in mission. At 0900 hours, 13 November 1944, displaced to vicinity of HAN-SUR-NIED continuing direct support 317th Inf in pursuit of enemy. At 0900 hours, 15 November 1944, displaced to vicinity of HERNY. 0700, 16 November 1944, displaced to defensive positions north of HOLACOURT, direct support 317th Inf. Mission of Division to protect Corps left flank. Stress placed on rehabilitation of personnel and equipment. Weather still bad, ground soft and muddy.

c. Division attacked to East and Northeast on 20 November 1944. Displaced to MAINVILLERS, 2100 hours, direct support of 317th Inf. Occupied defensive positions to protect left flank of the Corps. 974th FA relieved from reinforcing mission. 1400 hours, 22 November 1944, displaced to CHARBONNAGES. Mission, general support. 317th Inf to Division reserve. Group WYETH formed for general support, consisting of 313th FA, 512th FA and 974th FA.

d. 26 November 1944, mission, direct support 317th Inf attacking to the East. 512th FA relieved from reinforcing mission. 974th FA reinforcing fires of the battalion. Preparation fired in support of the attack.

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