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Subject: After Action Report (S-2).

To: Adjutant General, Washington D.C., through Commanding General,
80th Infantry Division, APO #80, U. S. Army.

The following report (After Action) from S-2, 317th Infantry Regiment, is submitted in compliance with Section III, 2a, Memo #64, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 24 August 1944.

1 March 1945 - Enemy seemed to be forming the remnants of his forces into small battle groups, referred to as "CT's"; these CT's consist of badly beaten units and stragglers. Enemy harassed our forward positions, using mortar, Arty and direct fire weapons. Intermittent mortar fire fell in SCHLEID.

2 March 1945 - Enemy activity in Regimental sector consisted of very light Arty, mortar and SA fire.

3 March 1945 - No enemy contacted throughout the period; very active patrols sent out during the night.

4 March 1945 - No change.

5 March 1945 - No change.

6 March 1945 - No change.

7 March 1945 - No change.

8 March 1945 - No change.

9 March 1945 - No change.

10 March 1945 - No change.

11 March 1945 - Sent overlay to troops of enemy identifications in Regt's new zone.

12 March 1945 - No enemy contacted during period. Sent Recon patrol to Vic OBER-ZERF.

13 March 1945 - Received heavy nebelwerfer, mortar and Arty fire in Regtl sector. Sent strong combat patrols out night of 13-14 March.

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14 March 1945 - Heavy nebelwerfer, Arty and mortar fire received in Regtl sector. Strong Inf resistance encountered throughout the day.

15 March 1945 - Enemy counterattacked with undetermined number of Inf and no armor. Strong enemy Inf resistance encountered Vic SCHEIDEN.

16 March 1945 - Enemy counterattacked at 0700, which was repulsed by 0800; force consisted of undetermined No of Inf and one Tk.

17 March 1945 - Enemy made attempts to withdraw forces in Regtl sector. Enemy Trs appeared to be in a disorganized state, and their morale was very low.

18 March 1945 - 26 March 1945 - No change.

27 March 1945 - Enemy appeared to be defending E bank of RHINE R Vic MAINZ. Intermittent 20mm AA and Arty fire fell in Regtl sector.

28 March 1945 - Enemy resisted our crossing of the RHINE R by placing Hvy Arty, Dir fired Wpns, AA, mortar and SA fire on our Br sites, as well as on the city of MAINZ. After our Trs were firmly established on E bank of the RHINE, the enemy infiltrated small groups out of the sector. Approx 900 PW's were taken during operation.

29 March 1945 - 317th Inf (Reinf) in Res positions, outposted area. No organized enemy contacted. PW's continued to be captured, Approx 1200 taken during the day.

30 March 1945 - Regt continued to pick up German PW's, and took Approx 1000 during the day.

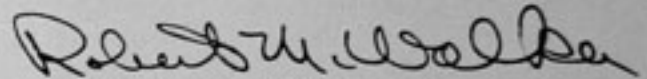
31 March 1945 - During the day's progress to the N, SA, light mortar, AT and Arty fire were received on Bridgehead across FULDA R. It is estimated the enemy is attempting to delay on FULDA R line S of KASSEL with a force of 1000 Inf, 15 Tks, 1 Bn Arty, unknown No AT guns and possibly 3 Bns of flak AA guns Vic of KASSEL to reinforce. PW's identified 2 Bns, 661st and 662d, 166th Inf Div, which arrived in this area from Denmark 3 days ago. According to PW's, Bns have strength of 400 men each.

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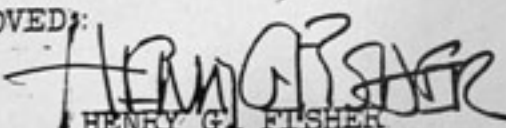
During the past month, and the further penetration of the 317th Infantry Regt into Germany, a SECURITY POLICE PATROL system was organized and put into effect. Each Bn, upon acquiring new billets in new areas, immediately enforces a Security Police Patrol in all towns occupied. Members are required to dress as neatly and uniformly as possible, carry .45 Cal side-arms, and enforce the following measures:

1. Non-fraternization between any member of US Armed Forces and any civilian.
2. Prevention of drunkenness and looting by US soldiers.
3. Camouflage vehicles and personnel.
4. Detention of suspicious persons and capture of enemy deserters and stragglers.

This system is initiated immediately upon occupation of new billets and stopped as unit evacuates old billets.


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