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HEADQUARTERS, 517TH INFANTRY
APO #80, U.S. ARMY

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Subject : After Action Report, S-1 (Personnel and Allied Administration),
for Period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944.

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

1. Tabulations as covered by attached sheets include daily and total figures of battle casualties; prisoners of war; reinforcements received; and awards and decorations for the period of this report.

2. On 7 December 1944, John B. Yeater, (Off. 0887705) was sworn in at this Headquarters as 2nd Lieutenant, AUS in compliance with orders of Headquarters Third U.S. Army granting him a battlefield appointment as a commissioned officer.

3. The Graves Registration Team of this organization, consisting of one officer and six enlisted men, collected from the areas of operation 84 American and 57 German deceased. The team made no individual burials and all remains were turned over to the 80th Division Graves Registration Officer for delivery to proper cemeteries for burial.

#6 { 4. In the period 5 December through 16 December 1944, EXTENSIVE use was made of the opportunity to provide for recreation and relaxation of all members of the regiment. Passes to Nancy and Paris, France were issued, and moving pictures provided for entertainment. Magazines, cigars, tobacco and a number of bottles of perfume were offered for sale through the medium of the Regimental Post Exchange. On two occasions the Special Service Officer secured sufficient quantities of beer for sale at minimum price to all members of the regiment.

#6 { 5. A provisional company has been created within the Service Company Train for the processing of replacements and men returning to duty from the hospital. All men are moved from the rear of the Divisional Area under the supervision of a non-commissioned officer, and checked in to the provisional company, where they are picked up on a morning report summary. Replacements are then held for at least a period of 24 to 48 hours, during which time they are given the opportunity to bathe; shortages of clothing and equipment made up; rifles are seroed in; orientation and instruction in battle facts is conducted; and provision for exchange of currency and applications for allotments for saving and purchase of War Bonds is made. This provisional company consists of one officer and three non-commissioned officers, who provide for the details of processing as outlined and maintain the accounting for the replacements from the time they leave the Division rear area until they join the unit to which they are assigned.

6. It has been noted that large numbers of replacements arrive at the Regimental level apparently without full opportunity to convert currencies of the United States or the United Kingdom into the medium of exchange of that country to which they have been sent to perform duty. In the constant survey of the administrative status of these men, and in the soliciting of desired allotments for savings or the purchase of war bonds, full instruction in the advantages of this type of disposal of surplus personal funds has not been applied. It is recommended that such greater effort as may be possible be made to provide for exchange of currencies and preparation of allotments in rear areas.



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