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HEADQUARTER 8 SIXTH INFANTRY  
APO #60, U. S. ARMY

3 September 1944

Subject: After Action Report S-2

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To : Commanding General, 80th Infantry Division, APO # 80, U. S. Army.

5 August 1944 through 17 August 1944:

No enemy forces contacted.

18 August 1944:

4 or 5 rounds of enemy artillery fell in the Regimental area. No casualties occurred.

19 August 1944:

88 mm, small arms and 20 mm AA fire were received by our attacking echelon in the afternoon. Enemy were organized on the high ground NE of Argentan. During the night enemy artillery fire continued to fall in our sector.

20 August 1944:

Enemy column of Mark V tanks, and assorted other types of vehicles moved NE out of Argentan attempting to escape from the pocket, they ran into our 2nd Battalion advancing N and all but a few were destroyed or captured. By late afternoon the enemy had been completely driven from the regimental objective. Many prisoners were brought in who were stragglers from escaping units or remnants of units destroyed in the Falais pocket.

21 August 1944 through 23 August 1944:

No enemy contacted. Large quantities of Ammunition and supplies of all kinds were found in the woods NE of Argentan during this period and the regiment recovered numerous serviceable enemy vehicles of all types.

24 August 1944:

SS Captain, in civilian clothes, was captured during a practice attack on Hill 213 NE of Argentan by Company "L", 3d Battalion. He was from the SS Division "Hitler Youth".

25 August 1944 through 27 August:

No enemy contacted.

28 August 1944:

Remnants of enemy units were contacted between Pavillion and Chalons-

sur-Marne. Enemy delaying forces were dispersed to hold Chalons-sur-Marne to allow withdrawal of enemy Panzer units to E. Enemy blew Chalons bridge during the night.

29 August 1944 through 31 August 1944:

Enemy withdrew from Chalons, only a few stragglers were encountered. Our field train was strafed on the 31st by 3 ME 109's. We suffered two casualties.

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