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

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Subject: After Action Report (S-3) / AUGUST

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

The following report (After Action) from S-3, 517th Infantry Regiment, is submitted in compliance with Section III, Para 64, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 24 August 1944.

5 August 1944:

Loading elements loaded at Utah Beach at 1400. Started concentration at Yareville.

6 August 1944:

Regiment completed disembarkation; moved by truck to concentration area vicinity Coigny.

7 August 1944:

Regiment completed concentrating at Coigny.

8 August 1944:

OT moved by motor to Pain d' Vaine. At 1735 OT ordered to move motorized on Lorraine without delay and outpost Coigny, Lorraine-St Georges. OT moved out at 2134.

9 August 1944:

OT ordered to seize Evron at 1900. Issued orders 1900. OT moved without delay to assembly area south of Evron.

10 August 1944:

Attack Evron at 0800 with 1st and 3rd Bns in attacking echelons. 3rd on left, 2nd Bn on reserve. Co "A" 702 TD Bn and Co "C" 610 TD Bn attached to OT. Evron occupied 1000 by 1030. OT held high ground NE Evron which was the objective. OT ordered to leave 3rd Bn to occupy Evron, remainder of OT to proceed to vicinity of Bernay to seize Coigny. Occupied Coigny 2000.

11 August 1944:

OT (-) moved on Sillie le Guillume from Coigny at 0800, left one R company to hold Coigny (C Co). By 1200 occupied high ground southeast of Sillie le Guillume. 517th INF determined to occupy Sillie de Guillume and high ground to north.

12 August 1944

At 0900 one R Co (Co "A") ordered to hold Sagne. C Co reverted to Bn control. from holding Coalis. CT started patrolling from Sillie de Ouilhaie to Coalis to Sagne.

13 August 1944

Started movement to concentrate CT at Evron by 0700 had concentrated there. Ordered to move motorized from Evron at 0800 toward Alencon. CT detrucked at Vallaines at 1200. By 2000 leading elements were at Pre en Pail. CT ordered to concentrate south Pre en Pail which was completed at 2300.

14 August 1944

At 0955 one Rifle platoon was sent to Javron to work with the 80th Recon Troops. At 1631 CT started movement to Deux Evailles (motorized by shuttling).

15 August 1944

Closed in assembly area there at 0700.

16 August 1944

Remained in assembly area vicinity of Deux Evailles. At 1500 ordered to concentrate in area vicinity Argentan.

17 August 1944

Started movement at 1700; reached area 2200.

18 August 1944

CT 318th attached to east and north Argentan at 0800. CT 317th in Division Reserve. At 1115 CP moved to Bossis le Lend. 2nd Bn ordered to NE position at 1255 to cover right flank and rear CT 318th.

19 August 1944

CT attacked at 1600 in column of Bns, 2nd Bn, 1st Bn, 3rd Bn.

20 August 1944

CT captured objective at 0600. 3rd Bn attacked towards Argentan at 0945. At 1044 3rd Bn took Argentan; contacted British there at 1405. 1st Bn moved North Sagl objective and cleared area in CP zone of advance.

21 August 1944

CT moved to assembly area SW of Argentan at 2000.

22 August 1944

OT closed in concentration area at 0620 SW of Argentan. CP located near Amou le Faucon.

23 August 1944

Remained in area

24 August 1944

Frontal attack on Hill 215 NE of Argentan. At 1000 by the 3rd Bn.

25 August 1944

At 2200 OT ordered to move vicinity of Sens.

26 August 1944

OT crossed IP at 0701, 1st Bn - 3rd Bn - 2nd Bn motorized enroute to Sens. Continued moving all day. Arrived about 10 miles W of Sens by 2400.

27 August 1944

At 1300 moved to Fevillon. Closed there by 1900. OT ordered to attack to NE at 0600 to capture Chalons Sur Marne.

28 August 1944

OT moved motorized. By 2400 occupied position 2 miles SE Chalons Sur Marne.

29 August 1944

Ordered to attack Chalons Sur Marne at 0100, attack to jump off at 0800. Order 3rd Bn-2nd Bn-1st Bn in columns. At 0900 OT C C coordinated with S-5 WDA 4th Area Div to attack from East bank Marne on Chalons at 1000. Attack jumped off on time, 3rd Bn leading then 2nd, then 1st. At 1120 leading elements of the 3rd Bn took Chalons. At 1700 OT ordered to establish a portion of Division bridgehead S of Marne River.

30 August 1944

At 1300 all elements of OT 317th were in bridgehead position S of the Marne River.

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