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Subject: After Action Report (S-3). /NOVEMBER :

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

The following report (After Action) from S-3, 317th Infantry Regiment, is submitted in compliance with Section III, 2a, Memo #64, Headquarters 80th Infantry Division, dated 24 August 1944.

1 November 1944 - Regt continued to occupy and improve its defensive Pos. Technical and tactical training was conducted. During the hours of darkness, 2d Bn relieved 1st Bn. completed 2230.

2 November 1944 - Regt continued to occupy and improve Def Pos. Technical and tactical training was conducted.

3 November 1944 - Regt continued to occupy and improve Def Pos. Active patrolling was carried out. Technical and tactical training was conducted. The 2d and 3d Bns each sent out a combat patrol with mission of capturing a prisoner - one prisoner was captured.

4 November 1944 - Regt continued to occupy and improve Def Pos W SEILLE R. Technical and tactical training was conducted. Plan for future Atk was received.

5 November 1944 - No change.

6 November 1944 - No change.

7 November 1944 - No change.

8 November 1944 - Regt attacked 0600 w/mission of seizing bridgehead E SEILLE R and Adv to NE. Formation: Two (2) Bns abreast, 1st on Right, 3d on Left and the 2d in Res. Crossing of R was made in Engr boats, foot bridge and fords. By 0700, 1st was across River and had seized high ground S EPLY; 3d Bn had crossed River and had seized high ground N EPLY by 0720. Enemy fire was relatively light during the morning and was ineffective, with the exception of enemy fire from the N flank, which delayed the Adv 3d Bn. At 1200 the 2d Bn was ordered to follow in Z 3d Bn and seize EPLY which was by passed by both assault Bns. F Co was sent to seize EPLY and received only SA fire. After capturing the town, the Bn dug in for the night on Hill N EPLY. Co "A" 702d Tk Bn succeeded in crossing River about 1600, advanced in Z 3d Bn to assist their Adv. The 1st Bn halted Vic RAUCOURT and the 3d Bn on high ground W ST JURE for the night.

9 November 1944 - Regt continued the Adv at 0630. 1st Bn seized RAUCOURT during the morning and 3d Bn seized ST JURE. Forward Bns

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advanced with only slight opposition. By 1630 1st Bn had captured SECQUAT and moved out to high ground NE SECOURT. 3d Bn stopped for the night on high ground N 1st Bn.

10 November 1944 - Regt continued Atk to NE 0900. The Adv throughout the day was met with light SA and heavy Arty fire. 1st Bn succeeded in advancing as far as LUFFY where they halted for the night and the 3d Bn reached Hill 254 at (979421) where they held up for the night.

11 November 1944 - Atk was continued at 0630 w/1st Bn on the left and the 2d Bn on the right. The Bns met only light SA fire, but received heavy Arty fire during the morning Adv. 2d Bn seized TRAGNY and FLOCCOURT. As the Bns reached the high ground W of NIED R, the SA fire and the Arty fire became extremely heavy; also direct fire with AAA weapons. About 1530 the 1st Bn, under extreme difficulty, crossed the bridge and captured HAN-SUR-NIED. The terrain was entirely against the 1st Bn. The high ground was in enemy hands and they had MG crossfire and AAA fire directly on the Bridge. With only a few men left, the 1st Bn secured the town of HAN-SUR-NIED. At this time the 2d and 3d Bns were ordered across the bridge, and to take the high ground on NE and NW of town. This was accomplished about dark, being the first bridgehead across the NIED R in this sector. The Regtl CP moved to HAN-SUR-NIED about 2400.

12 November 1944 - The Regt extended and strengthened the bridgehead and reorganized. The Corps Commander came to CP with express purpose of congratulating The Regtl CO on his fine work and the work of the Regt. Extremely heavy Arty and mortar fire was received throughout the day and night.

13 November 1944 - Resumed Atk 0800 meeting light SA opposition and heavy Arty fire. 2d Bn on right and 3d Bn on left advanced rapidly in Z of Adv. Div ordered Regt to halt. 3d Bn halted on high ground W ARRIANCE and 2d Bn captured HERNY and MANY and halted. 1st Bn moved up and occupied HERNY in Regtl Res.

14 November 1944 - Still no orders for further advances. 3d Bn seized ARRIANCE and the high ground to E. 2d Bn occupied and defended MANY, and the high ground to NE and E. 3d Bn occupied ARRIANCE and high ground to E. 1st Bn occupied HERNY.

15 November 1944 - Regt was ordered to shift Def Pos from E to NE. All Bns remained relatively in the same locations.

16 November 1944 - 2d Bn established their CP in MANY and organized and occupied the high ground N of that town. 3d Bn established their CP in ARRIANCE and organized and occupied the high ground N and E of that town. 1st Bn remained in Res Vic HERNY. "I" Co manned Rd block Vic ADAINCOURT.

17 November 1944 - 3d Bn moved its CP to SEUTRY and organized and occupied the high ground S ARRIANCE. 1st Bn relieved 2d Bn in line during hours of darkness.

18 November 1944 - 2d Bn, in Res, sent "E" Co to relieve "I" Co or their Rd block; completed 1155. Other units, no change.

19 November - No change.

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20 November 1944 - "G" Co relieved E Co on Ad block at ADAINGOURT, completed 0730. 1st and 3d Bns were ordered to push forward, using "A" Co initially, followed by Bns. Both Bns pushed on up to the NIED ALLEMAND R w/o opposition, reaching the R about 1515. 1st Bn remained in FALQUEMONT and the 3d Bn in CREMANGE. Both found bridges already blown, but both sent Flats across River to outpost Pos.

21 November - Only activity was strong patrols to front and flanks, and 3d Bn established Ad block Vic MEMILY and GUINGLANGE.

22 November 1944 - Regt ordered to go into Div Res. 1st Bn moved to MAINVILLERS, 2d Bn remained at MANY. 3d Bn moved to HERNY.

23 November 1944 - No change.

24 November 1944 - 2d Bn moved to FALQUEMONT and relieved a Bn 319th Inf in Pos NE FALQUEMONT. 1st Bn moved to CREMANGE and the 3d Bn moved to MAINVILLERS.

25 November 1944 - 1st Bn - Started moving NE from Vic CREMANGE, reached TRITTELING 1100 and LAUDREFANS at 1130. Encountered little SA fire and moderate enemy Arty and mortar fire. Started moving again at 1400, gained high ground NE of LAUDREFANS, and dug in there for the night.

2d Bn - Attacked to the NE at 0800 from Pos NE FALQUEMONT. Reached high ground NW FOSCHVILLER and halted there at 1600. Small pockets enemy resistance encountered throughout the Adv, but intense enemy Arty and mortar fire received.

3d Bn - Followed 1st Bn in Adv to NE and halted between TRITTELING and LAUDREFANS approx 1600.

26 November 1944 - 1st Bn - Attacked at 0800 to the E. By nightfall Bn had cleared and outposted ALTVILLER. Light SA resistance encountered.

2d Bn - Sent "G" Co to clear FOSCHVILLERS at 1300. Met sniper fire and heavy Arty and mortar fire. Approx 1600 town was cleared and remainder of Bn moved in.

3d Bn - Advanced to Vic VALMONT. Light SA and moderate Arty and mortar fire received.

27 November 1944 - 1st Bn moved to and occupied high ground E of ALTVILLER. 2d Bn moved to Vic EBERSVILLER. 3d Bn moved to Vic LACHAMBRE. Small pockets of enemy resistance encountered with medium Amt of enemy Arty and mortar fire received.

28 November 1944 - 1st Bn advanced to high ground S of FARBERSVILLER. Received heavy Arty and mortar fire. 2d Bn advanced to high ground N of FARBERSVILLER. 3d Bn advanced to and entered FARBERSVILLER, meeting heavy enemy SA, Arty and mortar fire. Received counterattack at nightfall.

29 November 1944 - 1st Bn on Pos received SA fire. 2d Bn received two (2) counterattacks of five (5) tanks and infantry, both repulsed. 3d Bn continued house to house fighting in FARBERSVILLER. Regt received order to revert to Div Res. This was completed at 2330.

30 November 1944 - No change.

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