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SUBJECT: After Action Report for Month ending 30 November 1944.

TO : Commanding General, 35th Infantry Division, APC 35, US ARMY.

1. Submitted herewith is the After Action Report for the month ending 30 November 1944.

For the Battalion Commander:

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311200-011200 November 1944

C.P.: No change.

Company "A" continued to support 137th Infantry. 3rd platoon fired 124 rounds indirect fire. No enemy contact.

Company "B" continued to support 134th Infantry. At 010200 November 1944 a six man enemy patrol in two United States Army jeeps were fired upon by 3rd platoon. Patrol dismounted and escaped, abandoning the jeeps. No other contact.

Company "C" continued to support 134th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

011200-021200 November 1944

C.P.: Brig. Gen. Earnest and Lt. Col. Cadenhead, 1st Tank Destroyer Brig. visited CP at 1100 hours. One enemy plane over area at 2300 hours.

Report that enemy is dropping paratroops equipped with radios.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No contact.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. 2nd platoon fired 271 rounds indirect fire. No contact.

Company "C": Continued to support 134th Infantry. No contact.

020200-031200 November 1944

CP: No change. Show at Chateau-Fontaine.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact. Movie.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. No enemy contact. Movie.

Company "C": Continued to support 134th Infantry. 3rd platoon fired 252 rounds indirect fire with 127th Field Artillery Bn. No enemy contact.

031200-041200 November 1944

CP: Captain Benton relieved command Company "C" and assumed duties of Bn S-2. Captain Berry relieved as Bn S-3 and assigned as ~~Assistant S-3~~ Movie at Chateau-Fontaine.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. 2nd platoon fired 252 rounds indirect fire. No enemy contact.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "C": Continued to support 134th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Lt. Bach promoted to Captain.

031200-041200 November 1944

CP: Movie at Chateau-Fontaine: 7 Enlisted Men to Paris.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. 2nd platoon fired 246 rounds of indirect fire with 127th Field Artillery Battalion. Movie at CP.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Inf. No enemy contact. Movie at CP.

Company "C": Continued to support 134th Inf. No enemy contact. Movie at CP during the period.

Reconnaissance Company: No change. 2nd Lt. Lafond promoted to 1st Lieutenant.

041200-051200 November 1944

CP: Church Services at Chateau-Fontaine. Red Cross Donut Girls visited all elements of Battalion.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "B": Forward CP moved to Attiloncourt. Continued to support 134th Infantry. No contact. 2nd platoon indirect fire mission with 127th Field Artillery.

Company "C": Continued in support 134th Infantry. No enemy contact.

051200-061200 November 1944

CP: No change. Enemy planes over area at 2320 hours.

Company "A": Continued in support of 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "B": No change. 1st platoon fired 207 rounds indirect fire in support 127th Field Artillery Battalion. No enemy contact.

Company "C": No change. Continued to support 134th Inf. No enemy contact.

061200-071200 November, 1944

CP: No change. Enemy planes over area at 00030 and 0330. No bombing or strafing reported

Company "A": No change. 1st platoon fired 156 rounds indirect fire in support 127th Field Artillery Battalion. No enemy contact.

Company "B": No change. No enemy contact.

Company "C": No change. No enemy contact.

Lt. Col. Darling, Commanding Officer, 9th Tank Destroyer Group visited CP.

071200-081200 November 1944

CP: Violent artillery duels throughout night in the rain. At 0500 hours the entire front lit up with artillery fire for one hour. Division attacked at 0600 hours.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "C": Continued to support 134th Infantry. No enemy contact.

091200-091200 November 1944

CP: Moved from Chateau-Fontaine and closed in assembly area at Bioncourt (094226) at 081230 hours.

Company "A" Continued to support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. One M-10 lost as result of mine. No casualties.

Reconnaissance Company: 1 platoon attached to each gun company. 1 pioneer section attached to "A" and "C" Companies.

091200-101200 November 1944

CP: No change in location. Commanding Officer captured 4 prisoners vic. Lemoncourt at 091500. Snow fell during day. Air strike at 1000 hours in XII Corps sector by 2000 planes. Some artillery fell in area during period. Division continued to advance. Gained all objectives. Enemy planes over area 0330.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. 3rd platoon fired on enemy positions in Jalloncourt, causing unknown damage and casualties. Mud is severe but no casualties during period.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. Advancing with Regiment. No casualties during period.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. At 090645 leading destroyer of 1st platoon disabled by enemy mine at 051273. No personnel casualties.

Reconnaissance Company: 1 Reconnaissance platoon attached to each gun company. 1 pioneer section attached to companies A & C. Cleared 24 mines out of road at coordinates 052273.

Headquarters Company remained at Chateau-Fontaine during period

101200-111200 November 1944

CP: No change. Snow at CP. Headquarters Company joined CP group at 1300 hours. Weather raining and overcast during period.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. 1 M-10 hit by enemy tank fire, wounding 2 Enlisted Men.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. Fired on enemy tanks causing them to withdraw. No casualties.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. Destroyed 1 MK IV tank at 065295. One M-10 destroyed by enemy tank fire, killing 1 Enlisted Man wounding 4; 2 seriously.

Reconnaissance Company: 1 Reconnaissance platoon attached to each gun company. 1 pioneer section attached to Company "A" and "C" during period.

111200-121200 November 1944

CP: No change. Brig. General Ernest visited CP at 1530 hours.

Enemy planes over area at 0330. No bombing or strafing reported

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. Destroyed 1 enemy tank

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. Destroyed 1 enemy tank

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. Destroyed 1 enemy tank

Reconnaissance Company: No change. 1 Reconnaissance platoon attached to each gun company. 1 pioneer section attached to Co. A and C.

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121200-131200 November 1944

CP: Closed in Bioncourt, France at 121330 hours and established in Fresnes -on Saulnois (048274) at 121430. Snow and sleet fell over front during afternoon and evening. 16 enlisted men assigned and joined from 610th Tank Destroyer Battalion.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. Destroyed 1 MK IV tank; two 20 MM AA guns, killed 5 Germans. 1 Enlisted Man WIA. 1 Tank Destroyer stuck in mud.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. 1st platoon fired 30 rounds into Vassy in support of attack. No casualties.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. Destroyed 1 pill box, killed four Germans; 2 PW's.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

131200-141200 November 1944

CP ~~established~~ at Fresnes-on-Saulnois, France at 1330 and closed at 1630 hours at Dalhain, France under enemy artillery fire throughout period.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No casualties.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. 13 prisoners captured. 1 Enlisted Man killed; four wounded.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. Went into reserve at 131000 hours.

Reconnaissance, Headquarters Company, Medical Detachment remained at Bioncourt.

141200-151200 November 1944

CP remained established at Dalhain. Several rounds of heavy caliber artillery fell in the area during period. Headquarters Company moved from Bioncourt and established at Dalhain. Rain, sleet and snow during period.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. One M-10 hit by enemy tank fire; wounding 1 enlisted man, one MK V Tank destroyed 13 November vicinity 122367.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. One enemy tank destroyed. One enemy AT Gun destroyed. One M-10 destroyed by enemy tank fire at coordinates 168358. Killing two enlisted men and severely wounding 1, and lightly wounding 1 enlisted man.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. 2nd platoon attached to Company "B" at 141500. No enemy contact.

Reconnaissance Company: Reconnaissance platoons attached to gun companies. 1st pioneer section attached to Company "A"; 2nd section to Company "C", and one improvised section to Company "B". CP established at Dalhain at 1430.

151200-161200 November 1944

CP: No change. General Eisenhower and Gen Eddy visited Division CP at 1530 hours.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. Destroyed 1 pillbox 14 November. Destroyed 1 38 MM towed gun at coordinates 167366.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry in attack.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. 1 platoon attached to Company "B". 1 M-10 stuck mine. No personnel casualties.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

161200-171200 November 1944

CP: No change.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No contact.

Company "B": Continued to support 134th Infantry. No contact.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. 1 platoon attached to Company "B". One M-10 of platoon attached to Company "B", reported to have struck a mine 16 November at coordinates 124362 and determined to be a 250 aerial bomb planted in aid to blow crater.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

171200-181200 November 1944

CP: remained at Dalheim. Alerted to move to Norhange.
Company "A": Relieved from support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact
1 prisoner of War captured.
Company "B": Relieved from support of 137th Infantry and placed in
support of 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.
Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. 1 platoon attached to
Company "B".
Reconnaissance Company: 1 Reconnaissance platoon attached to Company "B"
Company "A" and Company "C". 1st and 2nd Section pioneer platoon attached
to Company "A" and "C".

181200-191200 November 1944

CP: Moved from Dalheim to Norhange at 1340.
Company "A": Remained under Battalion control. No enemy contact.
Company "B": Continued to support 137th Infantry in attack.
Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. Destroyed 1 machine
gun, destroyed one tank, type unknown at coordinates 247377.
Reconnaissance Company: No change.
Enemy planes over CP at 1600 hours.
CP established in former German Barracks.

191200-201200 November 1944

CP: No change. Headquarters Company joined CP Group at 1300 hours. Two
enemy planes over area at 1600 hours. CP established in German Barracks.
Company "A": No action. In reserve.
Company "B": Continued to support 137th Infantry in attack. Destroyed
2 M V Tanks. at coordinates 256413 and 1 Pillbox at 267440.
Company "C": Continued in support 320th Infantry. Destroyed one $\frac{1}{2}$ track
at 250374 on 18 November 1944. No casualties.
Reconnaissance Company: Joined CP Group at Norhange at 1300 hours.

201200-211200 November 1944

CP: No change. Two enemy planes over area at 1200 hours.
Company "A": In direct support 137th Infantry as of 210900 November 1944
Company "B": Relieved direct support 137th Infantry and reverted to reserve
to do Motor Maintenance.
Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. No contact.
Reconnaissance Company: No change in attachments to gun companies.

211200-221200 November 1944

CP: No change. Brig. Gen. Ernest visited CP at 1500
Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.
Company "B": Continued in reserve. 2nd platoon while in support of
137th Infantry on 21 November destroyed 5 machine guns, 1 Pillbox,
captured 7 prisoners and killed 20 German soldiers.
Company "C": Continued in support of 320th Infantry. No enemy contact.
Reconnaissance Company: CP no change. Attachments no change.

221200-231200 November 1944

CP: Area occupied by CP. Headquarters Company, Reconnaissance Company
CP and Medical Detachment was shelled by enemy heavy caliber artillery,
thought to be 280 MM beginning at 0445. A total of 20 rounds were fired
and fell in the immediate area. From 0445 to 0600 hours; the heaviest
projectile landing on the CP area. The shelling was followed by the enemy
blowing up the CP area with high explosive shells, blowing the building with
shrapnel. 1st Sgt [redacted], Headquarters Company and Private Kelly,
Reconnaissance Company on guard, were slightly wounded.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. Fired 4 rounds HE at
foot troops. 2 Enlisted Men DWA.

Company "B": In reserve performing motor maintenance.
Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. No contact.
1st Section [redacted] attached to gun company.
2nd Section [redacted] attached to [redacted] Company "A", 2nd platoon [redacted]

221200-231200 November 1944

CP: No change. Forward post was under enemy fire from 0245 to 0430 hours. Six rounds of 88 mm fire fell in the area, demolishing installations and no casualties were suffered.

Message at 0400 giving D or Dinner signal to Battalion.

Company "A": Continued in direct support of 137th Infantry. Fired on enemy in vic. St. Jean-Touhank with unknown results. 1 enlisted man WIA.

Company "B": Continued in support 320th Infantry.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

Tech. Observer Archer later visited CP.

241200-251200 November 1944

CP: Six rounds heavy artillery (280mm) fell in the area between 0300 and 0420 hours. No casualties. Gun reported silenced by 240mm gun at 0427.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. One M-10 received a direct hit, but continued to remain operational. One section and one M-10 tank vehicle hit by artillery fire. One Enlisted Man WIA on 23 November during A-1 Tank, make unknown, 1 AF gun destroyed and killed unknown number of Germans vicinity Hillsprick.

Company "B": Continued to remain in battalion reserve. No contact.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. No contact.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

251200-261200 November 1944

CP: No change. Preparing to move to new area. One enemy plane over area at 1730 hours. Driven off by Anti-Aircraft fire.

Company "A": No change.

Company "B": No change.

Company "C": No change.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

Headquarters Company: Lt. Harper, Master Sergeant Cain presented Bronze Star at Battalion CP by Commanding Officer.

261200-271200 November 1944

CP moved to Tening Airbase (coord 322402) 261300 3 flying bombs flew over area and were fired on by AA at 251715 November.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No contact. One enlisted man WIA.

Company "B": Continued in reserve doing motor maintenance.

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Reconnaissance Company: 1 Reconnaissance platoon attached to each gun company. One section pioneer platoon attached to all gun companies.

271200-281200 November 1944

CP: No change.

Company "A": Continued to support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "B": Continued in Battalion reserve performing motor maintenance

Company "C": Continued to support 320th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Reconnaissance and Headquarters Company: No change.

281200-291200 November 1944

CP: No change.

Company "A": Continued in support 137th Infantry. No enemy contact.

Company "B": Continued in Battalion reserve performing motor maintenance.

Company "C": Relieved from supporting 320th Infantry as of 280900 November and reverted to Battalion control. Moving by infiltration to assembly area during A.Y.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.

291200-301200 November 1944

CP: No change.

Company "A": Relieved from direct support 137th Infantry and reverted to Battalion control. Performing motor maintenance.

Company "B": In Battalion reserve performing motor maintenance.

Company "C": Under Battalion control performing motor maintenance.

Reconnaissance Company: No change.