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Dear Howardite: Please accept my thanks for the most interesting letter sent to alumni everywhere. This battalion debarked upon Utah Beach, France complete equipment and personnel, the battalion started to move with the third U.S. Army in hot pursuit of the fleeing German force and [illegible] days marched more than 180 miles in [the] face of armed resistance, occupying thirteen positions. From the position at Arracourt and at Mantes, Messi Court, occupied on the infantry outpost line, over 10 tons of ammunition were exploded in helping the 79th Division established a bridge lead over the Seine River. This action sealed off the last escape route for Seventh German Army, which had been evicted by the swift advance of the Americans. During this time every night, the Seine was lighted by the heaviest concentration of artillery ever assembled.

After this offensive, positions were occupied near Chambley and Gorze. Before reaching these positions the battalion passed through Verdun, battle site of World War I. From there positions, which were beyond a doubt the hottest for our ground offense and wire crews, fire was placed on forts surrounding Metz. The battalion then moved South, supporting the 79th Division and the Red French River. Ending a period of general support near Lureville, the battalion again joined in the pursuit and destruction of routed German forces culminating in the capture of the important city Sarrebourg and after crossing the Vosges mountains, took Savene and finally the Rhine City of Strasbourg. In one of these positions, Baker Battery was the most forward and [illegible] trained artillery of the Allied Armies on the western front. Near Bitale, one platoon of Baker moved forward on short notice and aided materially in the neutralization of Pt. Simserhof, an important point in the maginst line. Nearby twenty-five hundred rounds were expended in one of the most daring and spectacular advances made by the allies.

Next came the battle of the Colmar pocket, were by aggressive American and French forces. Since that time the battalion has crossed the Rhine River twice