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SUBJECT: After Action Report for period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944 inclusive. (Section I - Summary of daily operations and action).

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C. (Through Channels).

1. NARRATIVE OF EVENTS:

a. At the opening of the period the Battalion occupied positions in the vicinity of SENGBUSH with the mission of general support. There were no changes in position and little activity by the enemy or by us until the 4th of December. On that date the 318th Infantry attacked to clear the town of PFARREBERS VILLER and to capture the high ground to the north and east of town. The Battalion supported the attack which was successfully carried through at 1400 hours. On 5 December 1944 the firing batteries displaced to positions south of BENINGEN. There was no change in the location of the CP which remained on the outskirts of SENGBUSH. The 6th of December 1944, the last day spent in this sector, passed with no change and little enemy activity.

b. On the 7th of December the Battalion marched to the town of CHICOURT. The purpose, to prepare a demonstration of Pozit fuzes for the XII Corps. Also participating in the event, under our control, were Battery "C" of the 974th Field Artillery Battalion (155 mm Howitzer), 1 section of the 741 Field Artillery Battalion (8 " Howitzer) and one section of the 267th Field Artillery Battalion (240 Howitzer). On the 8th of December FDC and the OP were set up at FONTENOY. All batteries were registered and several rounds of Pozit were fired. The results were very successful. The next day, 9 December 1944, the demonstration was performed for the XII Corps.

c. On the 10 of December the Battalion moved to bivouac at ST. AVOLD with the mission of rehabilitating personnel and equipment and to accomplish some training. Cannon Company of the 317th Infantry Regiment was attached to the Battalion for administration and operations. On the 11th of December the CP moved from ST. AVOLD to EBERSWEILER. The rest of the Battalion remained in ST AVOLD. During this period, from the 11 December 1944 to 17 December 1944, much needed maintenance was performed on all vehicles, personnel were rehabilitated and gunnery schools and other types of instruction were carried out.

d. On 18 December 1944 the Battalion moved to an assembly area at VITTERSBOURG. We left EBERSWEILER at 0700 hours and arrived at the new area at 1100 hours. Reconnaissance was made for position areas and plans made to move into them the next morning. The night

