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314TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO # 80, U. S. Army

5 January 1945.

Subject: After Action Reports Month of December 1944.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Transmitted herewith are after battle reports for December 1944 in accordance with Memorandum 64, Hq 80th Infantry Division, dated 26 August 1944.

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D. J. MINAHAN,
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Commanding.

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5 January 1945.

Subject: Comments of Commanding Officer covering After Action Reports for
Period 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944.

To : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

1. Comments and recommendations concurred in. No additional comments.



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314TH FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION
APO # 80, U. S. ARMY

3 January 1945

SUBJECT: Report After Action Against Enemy During Month of December 1944.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington, D. C.

SECTION I1 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Genweiler, France. Headquarters Battery 31575685, Battery "A" 3139957027, Battery "B" 3095637229, Battery "C" 3036457716, Service Battery - Valmont, France 2454.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Attached Units: Company "B" 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion. Reinforcing units: 315th Field Artillery Battalion, Cannon Company 318th Infantry Regiment.
- C. Missions Fired: 17 - 783 rounds.
- a. Concentrations: Forward Observer - 8
Ground OP's - 1
Air OP's - 1
- D. Remarks:
- a. Enemy Activity against Battalion:
1. Artillery: Stray rounds still falling in battalion area.
- b. General Effectiveness of fire:
1. 1 registration, 5 Infantry and machine gun, 2 vehicles, 1 observation post, 1 building.
- c. Weather: Cloudy, turning to fair with good visibility.

2 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Genweiler, France. Headquarters Battery 31575685, Battery "A" 3139957027, Battery "B" 3095757160, Battery "C" 3036457716, Service Battery - Valmont, France 2454.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Reinforcing Unit: 315th Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 26 - 614 rounds.
- a. Concentrations: Forward Observer - 7
Ground OP's - 5
Air OP's - 4
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Cloudy.

3 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Genweiler, France. Headquarters Battery 31575685, Battery "A" 3139957027, Battery "B" 3095757160, Battery "C" 3036457716, Service Battery - Valmont, France 2454.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Reinforcing Unit: 315th Field Artillery Battalion. 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached for fire control.

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- C. Missions Fired: 10 - 432 rounds.
 a. Concentrations: Forward Observer - 2
 Ground OP's - 2
 Air OP's - 2 (registrations)
- D. Remarks:
 a. Weather: Rain.
 b. General: Prepared concentrations for attack to be fired tomorrow.

4 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Genweiler, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626457925, Battery "B" 3698457714, Battery "C" 3653857931, Service Battery 3156.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 a. Reinforcing Unit: 315th Field Artillery Battalion. 808th Tank Destroyer Battalion attached for fire control.
- C. Missions Fired: 47 - 1216 rounds.
 a. Concentrations: Forward Observers - 15
 Ground OP's - None
 Air OP's - 4
- D. Remarks:
 a. Weather: Rain and cloudy with hail and breaks in sky at different times during day.
 b. Comments and Recommendations: A very effective and complete preparation was fired starting at 0645 with 3 concentrations of Corps preparation being fired by us. At 0715 a fifteen minute preparation was fired in Division Fire Sector, followed by fifteen minutes of fire after H hour then fifteen minutes of accompanying fire.

5 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Farebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Genweiler, France 3156.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 a. Reinforcing Units: 315th and 775th Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 18 - 560 rounds.
 a. Concentrations: Forward Observers - 4
 Ground OP's - None
 Air OP's - 3 (registrations)
- D. Remarks:
 a. Weather: Cloudy.

6 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Farebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Genweiler, France 3156.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 a. Reinforcing Unit: 315th Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 3 - 124 rounds.
 a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 1 (registration).
- D. Remarks:
 a. Weather: Cloudy.
 b. General: No fire lines cut out most of our target areas.
 c. Comments and recommendations: 775th Field Artillery Battalion was relieved of its reinforcing mission at 1000.

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- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Genweiler, France 3156.
- B. Mission: GS (Reinforcing 183rd Field Artillery Group) 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Unit: 315th Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 7 - 158 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Forward Observer - 1 (registration).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy, rain.
 - b. General: At 1630 the battalion received orders that it would reinforce fires of Highpost (183rd Field Artillery Group, 6th Armored Division. The battalion registered in their sector.

8 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Genweiler, France 3156.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions fired: 6 - 209 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 2 (registrations).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Rain and cloudy.
 - b. General: 315th Field Artillery Battalion relieved of its reinforcing mission.

9 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for the 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 15 - 389 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Rain and cloudy (some snow fell this morning).

10 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 12 - 118 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy.

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- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357939, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 6 - 141 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Rain and cloudy.

12 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B", 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for the 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 16 - 267 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 2 (recheck on registrations).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy - finally cleared up.

13 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 23 - 121 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy, cleared up for a while in PM.

14 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 23 - 119 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 2 (registrations).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy.

15 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.

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- C. Missions Fired: 16 - 119 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 2 registrations).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Fair.

16 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 11 - 317 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 2 (check registrations and transfer).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Fair and warm.

17 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Farrebersviller, France. Headquarters Battery 36385799, Battery "A" 3626357937, Battery "B" 3697157684, Battery "C" 3653857927, Service Battery - Hombourg-Haut, France 301588.
- B. Mission: To fire missions within our capabilities for 6th Armored Division.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 6 - 94 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 3 (registrations).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Fair.
 - b. Comments and Recommendations: The battalion was released from its mission of "answering calls for fire" from 183rd Field Artillery Group, 6th Armored Division at 1500.

18 December 1944:

- A. Location of Unit: Dehlingen, France. All batteries, including Cannon Company, 318th Infantry Regiment (Battery "D") 602426.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: 974th and 179th Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Movement: Reason: Change in mission - 80th Division moved to right of Corps Sector.
 - b. Weather: Cloudy with rain.
 - c. Comments and recommendations: 179th Field Artillery battalion had not established liaison with the battalion as of 1800. The battalion displaced from Farrebersviller, France to a bivouac area in the town of Dehlingen, displacement started at 0915 and the battalion closed in area at 1314. Distance 32 Kilometers.

19 December 1944:

The battalion left Dehlingen, France (602426) at 1700, 19 December 1944, on a march to the North in direct support of the 318th Infantry Regiment. The battalion closed in its assembly area at 0535, 20 December 1944. Distance: 101 miles. On orders from Division and Combat Team the battalion left assembly area at Mondercange, Luxembourg and closed in firing position at 1330, 20 December 1944. Distance 23 miles.

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- A. Location of Unit: Weyer, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery, 89402631, Battery "A" 8991427153, Battery "B" 8954226091, Battery "C" 8828926516, Battery "D" 9049027091, Service Battery-Mondercange, Luxembourg.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: None.
- D. Remarks:
- a. Movement: Reason: To protect Luxembourg.
- b. Weather: Foggy.

21 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Weyer, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 81702580, Battery "A" 82142603, Battery "B" 79962614, Battery "C" 79732593, Battery "D" 81362711, Service Battery-Beggen, Luxembourg 841178.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: None.
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Cloudy.
- b. Comments and Recommendations: At 1540 the battalion displaced to present positions.

22 December 1944

No Report.

23 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Bissen, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 80623395, Battery "A" 8131034515, Battery "B" 8193534560, Battery "C" 8061034438, Battery "D" 8080034470 (Welsdorf, Luxembourg), Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 817025710.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Reinforcing Units: 512th and 752nd Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 14 -
- a. Concentrations: Forward Observers - 14.
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Cloudy with snow.
- b. Comments and Recommendations: The battalion displaced 1020, 22 December 1944, forward to Pettingen, Luxembourg, closed at 1115. Distance 6 miles. No change in mission. Advance of Infantry caused second displacement, left Pettingen at 1530 arrived at present position at 1700, distance 5 miles.

24 December 1944

- Location of Unit: Bissen, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 80623394, Battery "A" 8131034515, Battery "B" 8193534560, Battery "C" 8061034438, Battery "D" 80073731 (Welsdorf, Luxembourg), Service Battery Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.
- a. Reinforcing Units: 752nd and 512th Field Artillery Battalions.
- C. Missions Fired: 35
- a. Concentrations: Forward Observers - 5
Air OP's - 7

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D. Remarks:

- a. Movement: Reason: Battery "D" moved its position to present location so as to be within range.
- b. Weather: Fair and sunny.
- c. Comments and Recommendations: At 1600 the 512th Field Artillery Battalion ceased to reinforce our fires.

25 December 1944

A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "C" 7865-237726, Battery "D" 80073731, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.

B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment.

a. Reinforcing Units: None.

C. Missions Fired: 37.

- a. Concentrations: Forward Observers - 7.
Ground OP's - 4
Air OP's - 4

D. Remarks:

- a. Weather: Fair.
- b. Comments and Recommendations: At 1500 the 752nd Field Artillery Battalion ceased to reinforce our fires. The battalion moved forward to present position (except Battery "D"), closed at 1630. Distance 4 miles (Battery "A" displaced last, Battery "A" and Battery "D" supported 3rd battalion 318th Infantry Regiment. 1st and 2nd battalions of 318th Infantry Regiment have been pulled out and are joining 4th Armored Division. The battalion in direct support of 3rd battalion 318th Infantry Regiment.

26 December 1944

A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "C" 7865-237726, Battery "D" 80073731, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.

B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment (3rd battalion).

a. Reinforcing Units: None.

C. Missions Fired: 18

- a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 6

D. Remarks:

- a. Weather: Fair.

27 December 1944

A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "C" 7865-237726, Battery "D" 80073731, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.

B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment (3rd battalion).

a. Reinforcing Units: None.

C. Missions Fired: 13

- a. Concentrations: Air OP's - 1 (check registration).

D. Remarks:

- a. Weather: Fair.

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- A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "C" 78652-37726, Battery "D" 80073731, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment (3rd battalion).
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 15
 - a. Concentrations: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Fair.
 - b. Comments and Recommendations: At 1630 the battalion was informed that Division would go into a defensive position. 3rd battalion 318th Infantry Regiment went into a defensive position. A new defensive fire plan was formulated.

28 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "D" 80073731, Battery "C" 7865237726, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment (3rd battalion).
 - a. Reinforcing Units: None.
- C. Missions Fired: 15 - 241 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy.

29 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg, Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "C" 7865237726, Battery "D" 80073731, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 80073731.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment (3rd battalion).
 - a. Reinforcing Units: 752nd Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 19 - 327 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: Forward Observer - 1
Air OP's - 3 (registrations).
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Air : 7 bombs dropped in vicinity of battalion command post at 1245.
 - b. Weather: Fair.
 - c. Comments and recommendations: At 0830 the 752nd Field Artillery Battalion reinforced our fires. At 0830 the battalion began direct support of 80th Reconnaissance Troops. Pozit fuze fired for first time at 1845

30 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "C" 7865237726, Battery "D" 80073731, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment (3rd battalion), and 80th Reconnaissance Troops, and "G" Company, 2nd battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment.
 - a. Reinforcing Units: 752nd Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 20 - 818 rounds.
 - a. Concentrations: None.
- D. Remarks:
 - a. Weather: Cloudy with light snow. - 8 -

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- b. Comments and recommendations: "G" Company, 2nd battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment helped support 80th Reconnaissance troops on line at 0830. First time the battalion was massed on a target with a high angle fire. Very effective. First time "D" Battery was massed with the battalion.

31 December 1944

- A. Location of Unit: Berg, Luxembourg. Headquarters Battery 79693793, Battery "A" 7854137343, Battery "B" 7883037442, Battery "C" 7865-237726, Battery "D" 80073731, Service Battery - Pettingen, Luxembourg 81702570.
- B. Mission: Direct support of 318th Infantry Regiment (3rd battalion).
- a. Reinforcing Units: 752nd Field Artillery Battalion.
- C. Missions Fired: 14 - 384 rounds.
- a. Concentrations: Forward Observers - 1
Ground OP's - 1
Air OP's - 1
- D. Remarks:
- a. Weather: Cloudy with snow.

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The first three days of this month the battalion continued in direct support of the 318th Combat Team protecting the Division's left flank. On the fourth day the Combat Team was committed. A lengthy and effective preparation was fired by Division Artillery and the reinforcing battalions. The attack was successful and all objectives were taken. On the 7th of December 1944 the Infantry of the Division went into Corps Reserve, being relieved by the 6th Armored Infantry, and spent some time reviewing attack of fortified positions against Maginot Line installations. The Artillery of the Division was attached to the 183rd Field Artillery Group during this period. Since this battalion's Headquarters was in the same town with the Group Headquarters we were instructed to work directly with Group instead of through Division Artillery in answering calls for fire. The plan worked very well and a great deal of firing was done for the Group in support of the 6th Armored Infantry.

During the period 7 December to 18 December 1944 several schools were conducted by the battalion, including radio communication for all radio men and forward observers, a review for Battery Executives on the provisions of War Department Circular 49, to promote accuracy in the firing batteries, and a gunnery school for officers and selected enlisted men.

On 8 December 1944 the 318th Infantry Regiment's Cannon Company was attached to this battalion and was designated, within the battalion, as "D" Battery. The addition of this fourth battery greatly increased our fire power. Another computer was added to Fire Direction and Danger Battery operates in the same manner as the other batteries.

On 18 December 1944 the battalion moved into an assembly area in the vicinity of Dehlingen, France, Southeast of Saaraguemines, the Division having been given a new sector on the right flank of the Corps. One battalion of the Combat Team was preparing to take up positions in the line when new orders were received transferring the Division to the Northwest to protect the City of Luxembourg after the German break through. A one hundred mile night march under Combat Team control was made to an assembly area at Mondercange, Luxembourg from which a 23 mile displacement was made to firing positions at Weyer, Luxembourg. This move transferred the Division to the III Corps under whose control it remained until 27 December 1944 at which time it again became a part of the XII Corps. A change in the Division sector made necessary a displacement to new positions North of the City of Luxembourg in the vicinity of Pettingen, Luxembourg. The Combat Team took positions in the line and on the following day jumped off after a preparation was fired by this battalion. Several displacements were made to give better support to the Infantry. After taking their objective the Infantry took up defensive positions which positions were still being held at the close of the month.

Elaborate defensive fire, counter preparation, and counter attack plans were prepared by the battalion and Division Artillery to take care of any possible German attack.



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Organization for Intelligence during the greater part of the month consisted of one Liaison Officer with the supported Infantry Regiment, one Liaison Officer with each Infantry Battalion, and one Forward Observer with each front line Company. In addition to the above agencies we made effective use of Air Observation Posts and one Liaison Officer with the Company of Tanks attached to the Infantry Regiment. During the last five days of the month the situation had become stabilized to such an extent that we were able to establish permanent Observation Posts. Three Observation Posts were located horizontally and vertically, manned twenty-four hours a day with instruments zeroed on a Reference Point.

Liaison Officers and Forward Observers continue to be our most reliable source of information, especially on activity close to our front lines. The Air Observation Post gives deeper coverage and has operated very effectively, locating and neutralizing no less than ten enemy Batteries during the period.

Map supply continues to be excellent. Continued supply of 1/25000 scale maps will enable continued efficient operation on the part of Fire Direction and observers. These maps supplemented with overprints, and vertical contact prints of recent date are excellent for Field Artillery purposes. The 1/25000 scale map of Luxembourg has many roads and road junctions mislocated on it. If at all possible maps of more recent date should be supplied.

Supply of oblique photos has been very good except that the number is insufficient to supply Forward Observers and Liaison Officers with them.

Supply of vertical contact prints has been insufficient for effective use during period.

Survey control has been brought forward by Corps enabling us to maintain good survey control throughout period. In some instances Corps control has either been too slow getting up to us or else the dissemination of information regarding location of Corps stations nearby has not been as rapid as it should have been.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Corps SIC keep Division Artillery SIC informed at all times on locations of surveyed stations within the Division Zone so as to enable the securing of more rapid control by Field Artillery Battalions.

2. That the Table of Organization be revised to authorize four Liaison Officers and sections instead of three for Direct Support Field Artillery Battalions, because of the continual demand for Liaison from Direct Support Battalions not only to the supported Infantry but also to attached units.

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Supply functions within this organization were satisfactory throughout the month. A report is rendered by respective classifications.

CLASS I

The ration issue has been satisfactory with the exception of condiments. Condiment shortages still exist such as sugar, spices for flavoring meat and vegetable foods, and ingredients for baking cakes and other pastries.

CLASS II

Issues of clothing and individual equipment have been satisfactory with the exception of field jackets. Only a fraction of requisitions have been filled. We still lack a small number of overshoes of large sizes.

CLASS III

Requirements have been very satisfactory and our present supply is sufficient.

CLASS V

Resupply of ammunition has been very satisfactory. No difficulty has been encountered lately regarding lot numbers. Large amounts have been issued in either one or two lot numbers.

MOTOR NOTES

The drastic shortage of tires and tubes for 1/4 ton vehicles and trailers continues to be a handicap.

Recommendations: It is suggested that such condiments as sugar, flour, and spices be issued with 10 and 1, and K rations so as to permit the baking of cookies, doughnuts, et cetera.

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BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY

CANNON COMPANY 318TH INFANTRY

(Figures taken from S-1 Reports and Morning Reports up to and including 31 December 1944 for the period 1 Dec-44 to 31 Dec-44.)

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<u>DATE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>LIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RTD's</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>RTD's</u>
1 Dec							1		
4 Dec			1			1			
6 Dec							1		
7 Dec		1				1			
9 Dec								1	
11 Dec							1		
15 Dec							1	1	
29 Dec								2	
TOTAL		1	1			2	4	4	

OFFICERS

24 Dec			1			1			
TOTAL			1			1			

PRISONERS OF WAR CAPTURED

None

REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED

(Including Hospital Returnees)

ENLISTED MEN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>NO.</u>
2 Dec	1
7 Dec	2
14 Dec	1
15 Dec	1
22 Dec	2
23 Dec	3
24 Dec	1
26 Dec	2
29 Dec	1
TOTAL	14

OFFICERS

5 Dec	1
14 Dec	1
TOTAL	2

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Administrative matters processed thru message center during the month amounted to approximately 550 items.

Personnel in the Battalion sent home approximately \$5,000.00 in money orders, thru the Battalion Mail Clerk during the month.

Mail received during the period was approximately 7,000 letters and 750 packages.

Schedules were maintained on all administrative reports thru message center channels.

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT BY TYPE OF CASUALTY
(Figures taken from S-1 Reports and Morning Reports up to
and including 31 December 1944 for the period 1 Dec-44
to 31 Dec-44.)

ENLISTED MEN

<u>DATE</u>	<u>KIA</u>	<u>DOW</u>	<u>WIA</u>	<u>LIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>RTD's</u>	<u>NBC</u>	<u>RTD's</u>
2 Dec									1
3 Dec								1	
4 Dec			1			1			
5 Dec				1		1			
6 Dec								1	
7 Dec							1	1	1
14 Dec									1
15 Dec							1	1	
17 Dec								1	
19 Dec								1	
21 Dec								1	
22 Dec	1		2		1	4	2		
23 Dec	1		3		2	6	3	3	
24 Dec			2			2	1	3	
26 Dec									2
27 Dec								2	
28 Dec								1	
29 Dec									1
30 Dec								1	
TOTAL	2		8	1	3	14	8	17	6

OFFICERS

5 Dec							1		
14 Dec									1
15 Dec								1	
22 Dec			1			1			
23 Dec	1		1			2			
24 Dec			1			1			
TOTAL	1		3			4	1	1	1

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REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED
CANNON COMPANY 318TH INFANTRY
(Including Hospital Returnees)

DATE	ENLISTED MEN	NO.
1 Dec		1
6 Dec		1
11 Dec		1
15 Dec		1
TOTAL		4

AWARDS AND DECORATIONS

Decorations awarded from 1 Dec-44 to 31 Dec-44 incl.

NO.	
22	Bronze Star Medal
2	Air Medals
6	Oak Leaf Cluster to Air Medal

Five Officers and 17 EM short.

J.F. Roark
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Major, 314th FA Bn,
S-1

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