

344TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (GS)
APO 772 US Army

REGIMENTAL HISTORY, May, 1945

(According to the provisions of AR 345-105, as amended)

13. a Original Unit. No record

b. Changes in Organization. None

c. Strength of unit or parts thereof.

(1). 1 May 1945, 53 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 1134 EM.

(2). 31 May 1945, 52 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 1069 EM.

d. Station of units or parts thereof.

(1). Location of units on 1 May 1945.

Reg Hq., H&S Co., 1st Bn Hq, Donauworth (T-226172), Co B, Co C
Donauworth (T-248173), Co A, Oggersheim (R-448994).

2d Bn Hq., Co D, Co E, Co F, Ulm (X-6883).

(2). Changes of station during the month.

Co "A" moved to Mertingen (T-260110) on 1 May 45.

Co "D" moved to Genderkingen (T-312165) on 1 May 45.

Co "A" moved to Oberhansen (Y-320815) on 3 May 45.

Co "D" moved to Bubesheim (X-860850) on 3 May 45.

Reg CP and H&S Co moved to Gersthofen (Y-324858) on 10 May 45.

CP 1st Bn moved to Oberhansen (Y-320815) on 10 May 45.

Co "B" moved to Worgl (E-258855) on 14 May 45.

Co "C" moved to Brannenbergl (Z-275142) on 14 May 45.

Co "F" moved to Ehgatten (Y-175864) on 16 May 45.

CP 2d Bn moved to Feldgeding (Y-698670) on 19 May 45.

Co "E" moved to Feldgeding (Y-698670) on 19 May 45.

Co "D" moved to Batzenhofen (Y-2886) on 22 May 45.

Co "B" moved to Gersthofen (Y-325855) on 22 May 45.

Co "C" moved to Gersthofen (Y-325855) on 23 May 45.

On May 25th Motor Convoy of trucks and equipment left for
Marseille, France.

On May 26th entire Regt entrained for Marseille, France.

Arrived and established bivouac at Calas, France on May 31
and June 1, 1945.

e. Marches - None.

f&g Projects.

(1). One platoon of Co "A" still with 6638 Mine Clearing Co,
rlvd of asgmt on 18 May 45.

(2). Repair of hwy 10 from Augsburg to Ulm. 2nd Bn 1 May 45
to 2 May 45.

(3). Repair of railroad from Ulm to Gunzburg, 2nd Bn 1 May 45
to 4 May 45.

way class 40-70. 11-30 ft span on timber pile bents. Work started by Co's "E" and "F" on 1 May 45, and completed on 9 May 45.

- (5). Construction of 420 ft bridges over Danube River at Donauworth. Two way class 40-70, 14-30 ft spans on timber pile bents, Work started by Co's "B" and "C" on 1 May 45, and completed on 11 May 45.
 - (6). Repair Hwy 16 in Donauworth, Work started by Co "C" on 1 May 45 and completed on 2 May 45.
 - (7). Removal of Pontoon bridge at (T-413203) on 2 May 45, by 1stBn.
 - (8). Repair of Autobahn from Ulm to Augsburg. Work started by Co's "A" and "D" on May 45 and turned over to 343rd Engr Regt on 22 May 45.
 - (9). Repair double track railroad from Ulm to Augsburg. Including 5 small bridges and track repair. Work started by Co's "A" and "E" on 1 May 45 and completed on 22 May 45.
 - (10). Construction of 18 ft span, double track railroad bridge near Kupstein (Z-317090) work started by Co "C" on 15 May 45, and completed on 19 May 45.
 - (11). Construction of 24ft span, double track railroad bridge near Kupstein (Z-318085). Work started by Co "C" on 15 May 45, and completed on 19 May 45.
 - (12). Repair of double track railroad from Rosenheim to Worgl, with the exception of Inn River Bridge. Work started by Co's "B" and "C", on 15 May 45 and completed on 22 May 45.
 - (13). Alterations for railhead at Augsburg, removing tracks and plank crossings in rail yards. Work started 16 May 45 and completed 22 May 45, by Co "A".
 - (14). Construction of 72ft Hwy bridge on Autobahn. Work started by Co "E" on 19 May 45 and turned over to 343rd Engr Regt on 22 May 45, at 20% completion.
- Rlvd of all work assignments from Seventh Army at 2400 hrs, 22 May 45.

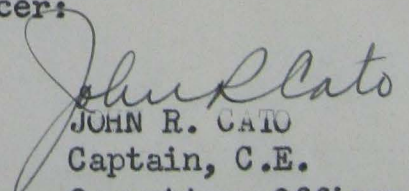
n. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None

i. Losses in Action. None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. Regt received meritorious service Plaque. Purple Heart: 0- Officers, and EM: 1

k. Photos. None

For the Commanding Officer:


JOHN R. CATO
Captain, C.E.
Operations Officer.

REGIMENTAL HISTORY, APRIL 1945

(According to the provisions of AR 345-105, as amended)

13. a. Original unit. No report
- b. Changes in organization. None
- c. Strength of unit or parts thereof.
- (1). 1 April 1945: 53 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 1143 EM.
- (2). 30 April 1945: 53 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer and 1134 EM.
- d. Station of units or parts thereof.
- (1) Location of units on 1 April 1945.
- Regt Hq & H&S Co. (R-030933) Kaiserlautern.
- 1st Bn Hq (M-388153) Pfeddersheim.
- Co "A" (Q-714800) Homburg.
- Co "B" (M-388153) Pfeddersheim.
- Co "C" (M-388153) Pfeddersheim.
- 2nd Bn Hq (M-482175) Horheim.
- Co "D" (M-340155) Monsheim.
- Co "E" (M-482175) Horheim.
- Co "F" (Q-494313) Diedendorf.
- (2) Changes of stations during the month.
- Co "A" moved to Sausenheim (M-305055) on 1 April 45.
- Co "B" moved to Oggersheim (R-465995) on 2 April 45.
- Co "E" moved to Mannheim (R-550955) on 2 April 45.
- C.P. 1st Bn moved to Oggersheim (R-465995) on 3 April 45.
- C.P. 2nd Bn moved to Mannheim (R-550955) on 3 April 45.
- Regt C.P. and H&S Co moved to Ludwigshafen (R-492988) on 4 April 45.
- Co "D" moved to Mannheim (R-550955) on 4 April 45.
- Co "C" moved to Oggersheim (R-465995) on 6 April 45.
- Co "A" moved to Oggersheim (R-448994) on 9 April 45.
- Co "F" moved to Mannheim (R-555948) on 9 April 45.
- Regt C.P. and H&S Co moved to Donauworth (T-226172) on 28 April 45.
- Co "F" moved to Ulm (X-6883) on 28 April 45.
- Co "E" moved to Ulm (X-6883) on 28 April 45.
- Co "C" moved to Donauworth (T-248173) on 28 April 45.
- C.P. 1st Bn moved to Donauworth (T-226172) on 29 April 45.
- C.P. 2nd Bn moved to Ulm (X-6883) on 29 April 45.
- Co "D" moved to Ulm (X-6883) on 30 April 45.
- Co "B" moved to Donauworth (T-248173) on 30 April 45.
- e. Marches. None
- f&g. Projects.
- (1). Maint of roads, Hwys 37, 40, and the Autobahn. 1696th Engr Bn 1 Apr 45 to 5 Apr 45.
- (2). Maint of roads, Hwys 37, 3 and Autobahn, 1696th Engr Bn 5 April 45 to 20 April 45.
- (3). One platoon of Co "A" assisting 6638 Mine Clearing Co throughout the month of April
- (4). Open tracks through Worms railroad yards. Work started by Co "C" 30 Mar 45, and completed on 5 Apr 45.
- (5). Assembling materials for the construction of Rhine River Bridge between Mannheim and Ludwigshafen. Bridge was a combination one way hwy single track railway structure on timber piles. 26 spans at 26 feet, and 3 spans at 85 feet making a total length of bridge 931 feet.

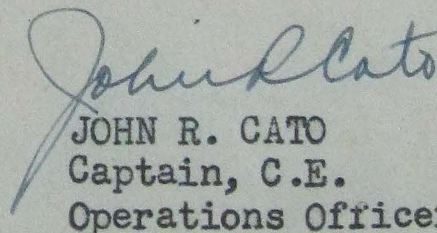
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Assembling of materials was started on 1 April 45, actual construction was started 8 April 45 as a Regimental job and bridge was open for traffic on 23 April 45.

- (6) Repair of Autobahn Bridge by reveting and jill vicinity of Grundstadt (M-322061) work started by Co "A" on 2 April 45 and completed on 5 April 45.
- (7) Repair Hwy bridge in Lumbach (Q-669797) Work started by 1696th Engr Bn on 3 April 45 and completed on 5 April 45.
- (8) Clear railroad line at Kaiserlautern to Hochspeyer. Work started by Co "A" on 3 April 45 and completed on 8 April 45.
- (9) Grading work at 59th QM Base Depot vicinity of Mannheim. Work started by Co "E" on 8 April 45 and completed 9 April 45.
- (10) Clearing areas for Ammo Railhead at (R-468996) Work started by Co "A" on 11 April 45 and completed on 13 April 45.
- (11) Maintenance of Treadway bridge over Neckar River at Mannheim (R-530999) by Co "F" started 12 April 45 completed 14 April 45.
- (12) Maintenance of approaches to ponton bridge over Neckar River at Heidelberg (R-694908) by Co "F" started 12 April 45 completed 20 April 45.
- (13) Construction of single track railroad bridge over Neckar River near Mannheim (R-560985) 4 @36ft spans, 1 @30 ft span, and 1 @80ft span totaling 254 ft. Set on steel grillages welded to existing truss resting on river bottom. Work started by Co "F" on 13 April 45 completed 24 April 45.
- (14) Guarding explosives in Cement plant vicinity Obergimper (R-940744) by Co "F" started 22 April 45 completed 26 April 45.

- h. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.
- i. Losses in action. None.
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. None.
- k. Photos. None.

For the Commanding Officer:


JOHN R. CATO
Captain, C.E.
Operations Officer

REGIMENTAL HISTORY MARCH, 1945

(According to the provisions of AR 345-105, as amended)

13 a. Original unit. No report

b. Changes in organization. None.

c. Strength of unit or parts thereof.

(1). 1 March 45: 53 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 1149 EM

(2). 31 March 45: 53 Officers, 1 Warrant Officer, 1145 EM

d. Stations of units or parts thereof.

(1). Location of units on 1 March 1945.

Regt'l Hq., & H&S Co., 1st Bn Hq., 2nd Bn Hq., Languimberg. (Q-358168)

Co "A". (V-163993). Marianviller.

Co "B". (Q-325064). Nouvel Avricourt.

Co "C". (Q-191241). St. Medard.

Co "D". (Q-456112). Xouxange.

Co "E". (Q-380098). Ketzing.

Co "F". (Q-324064). Nouvel Avricourt.

(2). Changes of station during the month.

Co "F" moved from Nouvel Avricourt on 13 Mar 45, to Q-494313 Diedendorf.

Co "E" moved from St Medard on 19 Mar 45 to Q-543337 Burbach.

Co "A" moved from Marianviller on 22 Mar 45 to Q-714800 Homburg.

Co "E" moved from Ketzing on 14 Mar 45 to Q-483442 Sarralbe.

Co "B" moved from Nouvel Avricourt on 22 Mar 45 to Q-714800 Homburg.

Regt C.P. and H&S Co moved from Languimberg on 23 Mar 45 to Q-714800 Homburg.

C.P. 1st Bn Hq moved from Languimberg on 23 Mar 45 to Q-714800 Homburg.

C.P. 2nd Bn Hq moved from Languimberg on 23 Mar 45 to Q-714800 Homburg.

Co "C" moved from Burbach on 23 Mar 45 to (R-003933) Kaiserslautern.

Co "D" moved from Xouxange on 23 Mar 45 to Q-720800 Homburg.

Co "E" moved from Sarralbe on 23 Mar 45 to (R-010937) Kaiserslautern.

Co "F" moved from Diedendorf on 23 Mar 45 to Q-720800 Homburg.

Regt'l C.P. and H&S Co moved from Homburg on 27 Mar 45 to Kaiserslautern (R-030933).

C.P. 2nd Bn moved from Homburg on 27 Mar 45 to (R-030933) Kaiserslautern.

Co "D" moved from Homburg on 27 Mar 45 to (M-340155) Monsheim.

Regt'l Advance C.P. moved 28 Mar 45 to M-340155 Monsheim.

Regt'l Advance C.P. moved on 29 Mar 45 to (M-388153) Pfeddersheim.

Co "C" moved from Kaiserslautern on 29 Mar 45 to (M-388153) Pfeddersheim.

Regt'l Advance C.P. moved on 30 Mar 45 to (M-435158) Worms.

C.P. 1st Bn Hq moved from Homburg on 31 Mar 45 to (M-388153) Pfeddersheim.

C.P. 2nd Bn moved from Kaiserslautern 31 Mar 45 to (M-482175) Hofheim.

Co "E" moved from Kaiserslautern 31 Mar 45 to M-482175 Hofheim

Co "B" moved from Homburg on 31 Mar 45 to (M-388153) Pfeddersheim).

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f&g. Projects

- (1). Maint roads N4, N55, N59, N399 within the area bounded by Benamenil, Maizieres, Dieuze, Mogenvic, Luneville, and Baccarat. 1st Bn. 1 Mar-2 Mar.
- (2). Maint roads N4, N55, N392, D7, GC30, GC 126 and D126 within the area bounded by Benamenil, Montigny, Domevre, Blamont, Heming, Hangatts, Benestroff and Maizieres. 2nd Bn, 1 Mar-2 Mar.
- (3). Maint roads GC35 from Dieuze to Fenetrangle, 244th Bn 1 Mar-2 Mar.
- (4). Minefield marking Enemy and friendly. Work continued from February (See February History paragraph 13 f&g (17)). Work completed by 1st Bn on 23 March 45.
- (5). Maint roads N4, N59, N392, N435, D8 IC207, N399 and N55 within the area, bounded by Luneville, Raon L'Etapse, Cirey, Blamont, Maizieres, Dieuze, and Moyenvic. 1st Bn 3 Mar-12 Mar.
- (6). Maint roads N4, N399, GC118, GC119, GC115, GC116, GC114, within the area bounded by Blamont, Cirey, Sarrebourg, Fenetrangle, Langatte and Maiziores. 2nd Bn 3 Mar-12 Mar.
- (7). Maint roads GC35 and D126 within the area bounded by Dieuze, Longatte, Fenetrangle, and Benestroff 244th Bn 3 Mar-12 Mar.
- (8). Road work within Class II and IV QM Depot at Sarrebourg. Work started and completed by Co "D" on 3 March.
- (9). Repair and construction work on building at Lixheim QM ration dump. Work started on 3 Mar by Co "E" completed 10 Mar.
- (10). Mine clearance for 696th Engr Petroleum Dist Co to permit laying of gasoline pipe line. Work started by 2nd Bn on 2 Mar and completed 29 Mar 45.
- (11). Repaired double line railroad track from Sarralbe to Sarreguemines. Work started by H&S Co. detail (directing work of SNCF) on 4 Mar 45 and completed 12 Mar 45.
- (12). Road repair within ASP 419 at Heming. Work started by 2nd Bn on 7 Mar 45 and completed 12 Mar 45.
- (13). Construction of single track railroad bridge over the Sarre River at Sarralbe, three-90 ft spans. Meter beams were used and it was necessary to weld approximately 4 ft to each of the available beams in order to span the gap. Work started by H&S Co detail on 8 Mar and completed 25 March.
- (14). Cover large refuse and can dump near Sarrebourg. Work started by Co "D" on 11 Mar and completed on 14 Mar 45.
- (15). Lay pierced steel plank runway for 72nd Liaison Squadron Field at Buhl, Work started by Co "D" on 11 Mar and completed 14 Mar 45.
- (16). Maint roads N4, N59, D7, GC30, N55, and N399 within the area bounded by Luneville, Baccarat, Heming, Dieuze and Moyenvic. 1st Bn 13 Mar-20 Mar.
- (17). Maint roads GC39, IC8a, N61 GC 36 and IC 1a within the area bounded by Sarrebourg, Siewiller, Sarralbe, and Fenetrangle. 2nd Bn 13 Mar-20 Mar.
- (18). Maint roads GC35, D126 and GC126 within the area bounded by Heming, Sarrebourg, Sarralbe, and Dieuze. 244th Bn. 13 Mar-20 Mar.
- (19). Construction railhead facilities at Sarreinsming. Work started by Co "E" on 15 Mar and completed 21 Mar 45.
- (20). Removal of Bailey bridges at Q-598374 and Q-598363 near Mackwiller. Work started by 2nd Bn on 16 Mar and completed 18 Mar 45.
- (21). Improvements including road construction for the 9th and 51st Evac Hosp at Sarre Union. Work started by Co "D" on 16 Mar and completed on 22 Mar 45.
- (22). Maint roads IC 8a and N61 within the area bounded by Diedendorf, Sarre Union and Siewiller. 1st Bn 20 Mar-22 Mar 45.
- (23). Maint roads GC39, IC8a and N61 within the area bounded by Sarrebourg Diedendorf, Sarre Union and Sarralbe. 2nd Bn 20 Mar-22 Mar.
- (24). Maint of roads GC35, GC36 and IC1a within the area bounded by Fenetrangle, Raumberg, and RJ with GC128, 1696th Engr Bn 20 Mar-22 Mar 45.
- (25). Checking for mines and booby traps for 1st Signal Bn in Kaiserslautern telephone exchange. Work started 22 Mar by Co "E" and completed 26 Mar 45.

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- (26). Maint roads GC35, IC8a, N61 and GC39 within area bounded by Sarrebourg, Benestroff, Francaldroff, Sarralbe and Sieiveiler, 1696th Engr Bn 23 Mar - 24 Mar.
- (27). Repair one track of double track railroad line from Ingwieler to Kaiserslautern including the removal of 4 tons of explosive from bridges, construction of three single span bridges and repair of track and switches. Work started by 1st Bn on 23 Mar and completed 30 Mar 45.
- (28). Maint roads NR10 and NR40 within area bounded by Zwiebrucken, Homburg and Kaiserslautern. 1696th Engr Bn 24 Mar - 31 Mar 45.
- (29). Construct class 40-70 highway bridge on outskirts of Kaiserslautern, 200 ft gap. Work started by Co "C" on 24 Mar, dropped 27 Mar 45 at 18% completion. Improved bypass substituted for proposed military bridge on Old Site.
- (30). One platoon of Co A detailed to assist 6638th Mine Clearing Co. in clearing wrecked ammo train from tunnel near Kaiserslautern and other jobs involving mines and explosives. Work started 24 Mar and continued throughout the month.
- (31). Construction of pierced steel planking runway strip near Kaiserslautern. Work started 25 Mar by Co "E" and completed 26 Mar.
- (32). Repair one track of double track railroad line from Kaiserslautern to Worms including construction of two single span bridges (at Kaiserslautern and Mannheim) and removal of debris from one demolished overhead highway bridge. Work started by 2nd Bn on 27 Mar and completed 31 Mar 45.
- (33). Check 6th Army Group Headquarters building at Landstuhl for mines and booby traps. Work started 28 Mar by Co "A" and completed 28 Mar 45.
- (34). Check 137th Ordnance, MRU and 108th QM Bakery areas for mines and booby traps. Work started 30 Mar by Co "A" and completed 30 Mar 45.
- (35). Open tracks through Worms railroad yards. Work started By Co "C" on 30 Mar and 20% completed by the end of the month.

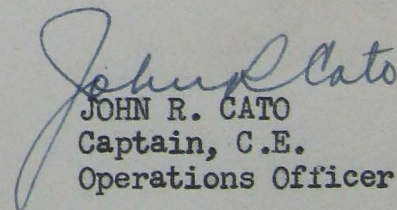
h. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.

i. Losses in action. None

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. None.

k. Photographs of personnel important scenes or events. None

For the Commanding Officer:


JOHN R. CATO
Captain, C.E.
Operations Officer

HEADQUARTERS
344th ENGINEER REGIMENT (GS)
APO 772, U.S. Army

REGIMENTAL HISTORY, FEBRUARY, 1945
(According to the provisions of AR 345-105, as amended)

13. a. Original Unit. No report.

b. Changes in organization. None.

c. Strength of units or parts thereof.

(1) 1 Feb 45. 53 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1145 EM.

(2) 28 Feb 45. 53 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1149 EM.

d. Stations of units or parts thereof.

- (1) Location of units on 1 Feb 45.
Regt Hq and H&S Co (Q358168) LANGUIMBERG.
1st Bn Hq (Q358168) LANGUIMBERG.
Co A (V163993) MARIANVILLER.
Co B (Q325064) NOUVEL AVRICOURT.
Co C (Q191241) ST. MEDARD.
2nd Bn Hq (Q358168) LANGUIMBERG.
Co D (Q456112) XOUXANGE.
Co E (Q380098) KETTING.
Co F (V263836) BACCARAT.

(2) Changes of station during the month.

Co F moved from BACCARAT 12 Feb 45 to Q324064,
NOUVEL AVRICOURT.
One platoon Co C moved from ST. MEDARD 20 Feb
45 to Q505314, WOLFSKIRCHEN R.R. Station.
2730th L.E. Co. arrived 25 Feb 45 at Q358168,
LANGUIMBERG.

e. Marches. None.

f. & g. Projects.

- (1) Maint. roads N4, N435, N59 and convoy
route thru CIREY within the area bounded
by BACCARAT, BLAMONT, SARREBOURG, DONON
and RAON L'ETAPE. 2nd Bn. 1 Feb 45-11 Feb 45.
- (2) Maint. roads N4, N59, N392, N55, GC30 and
D7 within the area bounded by LUNEVILLE,
MONTIGNY, DOMEVRE, BLAMONT, HEMING and
MOYENVIC. 1st Bn. 1 Feb 45 - 11 Feb 45

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- (3) Repairs and alterations for 103rd Evac. Hospital at BACCARAT. Work continued from January (January, 1945 History, paragraph 13 f and g (19)) by Co F, and completed 7 Feb 45.
- (4) Repairs and alterations for APO 434 at SARREBOURG. Work started by Co E on 1 Feb 45 and completed 4 Feb 45.
- (5) Repairs and alterations for 112th Evac Hospital at SARREBOURG. Work started by Co D on 1 Feb 45 and completed 9 Feb 45.
- (6) Replace 100' T.S. Bailey Bridge at RODALBE with Class 40-70 highway bridge. Bridge consisted of one 30' span, one 20' span and two 12' spans. Work started by Co C on 1 Feb 45 and completed 20 Feb 45 after several lay offs due to bad road conditions taking priority on the work.
- (7) Removal of 90' D.S. Bailey bridge near BLAMONT. Work started by Co B on 1 Feb 45 and completed 2 Feb 45.
- (8) Construction of warehouse for Engr Depot E-210 at LUNEVILLE. Work started by Co A on 1 Feb 45 and completed 22 Feb 45.
- (9) Repair and alteration work for 95th Evac Hospital at SARREBOURG. Work started by Co E on 2 Feb 45 and completed 4 Feb 45.
- (10) Check for mines in the towns of MARSAL and LEY. Work started by Co C on 5 Feb 45 and completed 6 Feb 45.
- (11) Sweep Hwy GC 130 for mines from XURES to LA GARDE. Work started by Co E on 7 Feb 45 and completed 9 Feb 45.
- (12) Repair of one way bridge over canal near MOUSSEY. Work started by Co C on 9 Feb 45 and completed 10 Feb 45.
- (13) Repair of unloading track in AVRICOURT R.R. yard. Work started by Co B on 9 Feb 45 and completed 9 Feb 45.
- (14) Maint. roads N4 and D7 within area bounded by OGEVILLER, BLAMONT, HEMING and MOUSSEY. 2nd Bn. 12 Feb 45 - 20 Feb 45.

- (15) Maint. roads N4, GC30 and N55 within area bounded by OGEVILLER, MOUSSEY, HEMING, MOYENVIC and LUNEVILLE. 1st Bn. 12 Feb 45 - 20 Feb 45.
- (16) Repair one track of R.R. line from SARREBOURG to SARRALBE. Work started by H&S Company detail on 15 Feb 45 and completed 28 Feb 45.
- (17) Mine field marking- enemy and friendly. Work started by 1st Bn on 18 Feb 45 and 60% completed by 28 Feb 45.
- (18) Construction of single track Coopers E-40 loading railroad bridge at WORFSKIRCHEN, single 80 foot meter beam span. Work started by Co C on 19 Feb and completed 28 Feb 45.
- (19) Maint. roads N4 and N59 within the area bounded by LUNEVILLE, OGEVILLER and BACCARAT. 1st Bn. 21 Feb 45 - 28 Feb 45.
- (20) Maint. roads N4, N392, D7, GC30, N55, D126 and GC126 within the area bounded by OGEVILLER, MONTIGNY- DOMEVRE, HEMING, LANGATTE, BENESTROFF and MAILIERES. 2nd Bn. 21 Feb 45 - 28 Feb 45.
- (21) Maint. roads N55 and N399 within the area bounded by MOYENVIC, MAILIERES and DIEUE. 290th Engr (C) Bn. 21 Feb 45 - 28 Feb 45.
- (22) Maint. roads GC 35 DIEUE to FENETRANGE. 244th Engr (C) Bn. 22 Feb 45 - 28 Feb 45.

- h. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.
- i. Losses in action. Pvt Allen B. Ware, ASN 14107451, killed 24 Feb 45 in accidental explosion.
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. None.
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events. None.

For the Commanding Officer:

Thomas E. Ralston
THOMAS E. RALSTON,
Major, C.E.,
Operations Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
344th ENGINEER REGIMENT (GS)
APO 772, U.S. Army

1 February 1945

SUBJECT: Railroad Job No. 127.

TO : The Engineer, Headquarters Seventh Army, APO 758,
U.S. Army.

A. Reconnaissance.

1. On 15 November 44, reconnaissance was pushed northward on the railroad line from MARAINVILLERS to our forward infantry positions at a point North of EMBERMENIL (Q-255041). The following conditions were noted:

- a. Reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q199009) dropped on track.
- b. Reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q206015) dropped on track.
- c. Reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q236028) dropped on track.
- d. Reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q255041) dropped on track.
- e. Approximately twenty-five (25) shell craters in roadbed damaging rail and ties.
- f. Approximately 20% of the rail damaged by demolitions.

2. On 17 Nov 44, reconnaissance was pushed northward to our forward infantry positions at (Q-290052). The following conditions were noted:

- a. Mass concrete culvert at (Q-260043) was damaged by demolitions, but enough of the culvert remains intact to carry one (1) track.
- b. Reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q266047) dropped on track.
- c. Approximately fifteen (15) shell craters in roadbed damaging rails and ties.
- d. Approximately 40% of the rail damaged by demolitions.

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3. On 20 Nov 44, reconnaissance was pushed northward to our forward infantry positions at HEMING (Q-433105). The following conditions were noted:

- a. Reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q301052) dropped on track.
- b. Reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q335068) dropped on track.
- c. Heavy reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q348078) dropped on track.
- d. Heavy reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q383095) dropped on track.
- e. Heavy reinforced concrete highway overpass at (Q405095) dropped on track.
- f. Railroad bridge of approximately 75' span over canal demolished at (Q410096).
- g. Track destroyed for 3/4 of a mile by German tie ripped from canal bridge at (Q410096), to (Q420098).

4. On 22 Nov 44, reconnaissance was pushed northward to the East portal of the first tunnel East of SARREBOURG (Q596140). The following conditions were noted:

- a. A 35' R.R. Bridge damaged at (Q448109). Slab intact but one (1) abutment badly damaged. Bridge may be repaired by underpinning slab.
- b. A 100' two (2) span R.R. Bridge destroyed at (Q458114). Both abutments destroyed. Water pier damaged but may be used to carry one track.
- c. High level railroad crossing dropped on low level track at (Q459115).
- d. High level railroad crossing dropped on low level track at (Q468117).
- e. East portal of railroad tunnel blown in at (Q592140). RHINE-MARNE canal crosses over the railroad tunnel at this location. Canal flowing full of water, but it is probable that canal floor is damaged, because water is also flowing out through the railroad tunnel debris. Water is backed up in the railroad tunnel for approximately 1/2 a mile. A small drainage flume also crossed the railroad at the location of this demolition - water from this stream is pouring down on the debris.
- f. Highway overpass at (Q596140) dropped on the railroad track.

B. Reconstruction and Clearing.

1. The highway overpasses were cleared by breaking the concrete with demolitions, cutting the reinforcing roads with torches and then removing the debris with bulldozers. The obstacles were cleared on the following dates:

(Q-199009)	Nov 18-19
(Q-206015)	" 19-20
(Q-236028)	" 20-21
(Q-255041)	" 21-22
(Q-266047)	" 22-24
(Q-301052)	" 23-25
(Q-335068)	" 23-25
(Q-348078)	" 23-26
(Q-383095)	" 26-29
(Q-405095)	" 26-28
(Q-459115)	" 24-28
(Q-468117)	" 24-Dec 2
(Q-596140)	" 28

2. Bridges.

- a. A 70' railroad bridge was constructed at (Q-410096), between Nov 24 and Dec 2nd. Bridge consisted of one (1) span using meter size steel beams and two (2) timber approach spans, two (2) timber bents and two (2) rock-filled cribs to form wing walls for existing concrete abutments.
- b. Concrete slab was underpinned with timber at (Q-448109). Work was started on Nov 25th and completed on Nov 29th.
- c. A 100' bridge was constructed at (Q-458114). Work started on Nov 25th and was completed on Dec 2nd. Bridge consisted of two (2) spans of meter sized steel beams. Rock-filled cribs were built for each abutment, existing water pier was capped with timber sills.
- d. Track work was in progress at many points along the track. However, an effort was made to advance the completed track from West to East as rapidly as possible. All men not required on bridge construction and debris removal from four (4) companies were used on the track work. Civilian labor was also obtained from LUNEVILLE and SARREBOURG. Following is a schedule showing the eastward progress of the completed single track line:

Nov 18	(Q-197007)	
" 19	(Q-200009)	
" 20	(Q-201010)	
" 21	(Q-205012)	
" 22	(Q-208014)	LUNEVILLE
" 23	(Q-238028)	EMBERMENIL
" 24	(Q-244032)	
" 25	(Q-253040)	
" 26	(Q-260043)	
" 27	(Q-286052)	
" 28	(Q-294052)	
" 29	(Q-325060)	AERICOURT
" 30	(Q-384095)	
Dec 1	(Q-410096)	
" 2	(Q-565142)	Tunnel East of SARREBOURG

A total of fifty-four (54) shell and bomb craters in the roadbed were filled. 859 rail lengths were laid- 255 of these rails were obtained from French stocks, 604 were obtained by cannibalizing the parallel line. Approximately 4,400 ties were installed.

- e. On 27 Nov 44, work was started to clear East portal of tunnel at (Q-592140). Canal water was shut off and canal drained out exposing large crater in the canal floor and on through the roof of the railroad tunnel. Debris being removed by five (5) bulldozers, two (2) shovels and approximately twelve (12) dump trucks. (One (1) track opened for traffic 21 Dec 44, two (2) tracks opened and project completed on 29 Dec 44.

For the Commanding Officer:

/s/ Thomas E. Ralston
 /t/ THOMAS E. RALSTON,
 Major, C.E.,
 Operations Officer.

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344th ENGINEER REGIMENT (GS)
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REGIMENTAL HISTORY, JANUARY, 1945
(According to the provisions of AR 345-105, as amended)

13. a. Original Unit. No report.

b. Changes in organization. None.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) 1 Jan 45. 51 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1166 EM.

(2) 31 Jan 45. 53 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1145 EM.

d. Stations of units or parts thereof.

(1) Location of units on 1 Jan 45.
Regt Hq and H&S Co (Q358168) LANGUIMBERG.
1st Bn Hq (Q380098) KETTING.
Co A (Q524380) SARRE UNION.
Co B (Q528375) SARRE UNION.
Co C (Q380098) KETTING.
2nd Bn Hq (Q358168) LANGUIMBERG.
Co D (Q456112) XOUXANGE.
Co E (Q571197) LIXHEIM.
Co F (Q598131) SAINT LOUS.

(2) Changes of station during the month.

Co B moved from SARRE UNION 1 Jan to Q210370,
MORHANGE.
Co F moved from SAINT LOUS 2 Jan to Q383232,
BISPING.
Co A moved from SARRE UNION 3 Jan to Q255240,
DIEUZE.
Co C moved from KETTING 4 Jan to Q191241,
ST! MEDARD.
1st Bn Hq moved from KETTING 4 Jan to Q358168,
LANGUIMBERG.
Co E moved from LIXHEIM 5 Jan to Q380098,
KETTING.
Co A moved from DIEUZE 15 Jan to V163993,
MARIANVILLER.
Co B moved from MORHANGE 15 Jan to Q325064,
NOUVEL AVRICOURT.
Co F moved from BISPING 15 Jan to V263836,
BACCARAT.

E. & g. Projects.

- (1) Maint. main roads within area bounded by BLAMONT, SARREBOURG, SARRE UNION, MORHANGE and MOYENVIC. 1st Bn. 1 Jan 45 - 12 Jan 45.
- (2) Repair of utilities and installation of new facilities for 1st Medical Laboratory at SARREBOURG. Work continued from December (December 1944 History, paragraph 13 f and g (8)) by Co E and completed 4 Jan 45.
- (3) One platoon detailed to assist in operating Engr Depot E 209 at KESKASTEL. Work continued from December (December 1944 History, paragraph 13 f and g (11)) by Co F and completed 18 Jan 45.
- (4) Repairs and alterations for 93rd Evac. Hospital at DIEU⁴E. Work continued from December (December 1944 History, paragraph 13 f and g (12)) by Co C and completed 7 Jan 45.
- (5) Check areas for mines for 685th Ammo Ordnance Company at HEMING. Areas to be used for field storage of ammo (A.S.P. No. 419.) Work continued from December (December 1944 History, paragraph 13 f and g (14)), by Co D and completed 7 Jan 45.
- (6) Repairs and alterations for 27th Evac Hospital at BACCARAT. Work started by Co E on 3 Jan 45 and completed 11 Jan 45.
- (7) Technical supervision for construction work at 2nd Convalescent Hospital, Epinal. Work started by 2nd Bn on 3 Jan 45 and completed 13 Jan 45.
- (8) Preparation of a scheme for defense in the event of an enemy breakthrough including a plan of interlocking barriers created by proposed blown bridges, road blocks and craters. Explosive chambers dug in all bridges, explosive cached in convenient dumps, charges made up in preparation for installation, cut and cover shelters constructed, trees notched and all proposed obstacles marked plainly in the field so that plan could be put into effect instantly. Work started by 1st Bn on 5 Jan 45. Plan held ready to be put into execution until 26 Jan 45.

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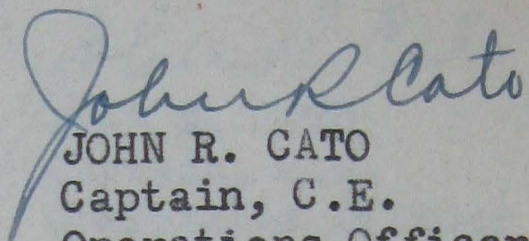
- (9) Maint. of roads N4, N435 and N55 within the area bounded by BACCARAT, DOMEVRE, HEMING and LE4EY. 2nd Bn 13 Jan 45 - 22 Jan 45.
- (10) Maint. of roads N4, N55, GC35 and N414 within the area bounded by DOMEVRE, LE4EY, MOYENVIC, and LUNEVILLE. 1st Bn 13 Jan 45 - 22 Jan 45.
- (11) Clear lanes through mine fields near BLAMONT to permit removal of disabled tanks by 445th Ordnance. Work started by Co E on 14 Jan 45 and completed 15 Jan 45.
- (12) Check area for mines near CHAUFONTAINE. Area to be used by 3611th Ordnance (HM) Collecting Point. Work started by Co A on 16 Jan 45 and completed 19 Jan 45.
- (13) Construction of Class 40-70 highway bridge over canal near MOUSSEY. Bridge consisted of one 60 foot meter beam span and two 18 foot approach spans. Work started by Co B on 18 Jan 45 and completed 30 Jan 45.
- (14) Construction of five small culverts on N399 between MAI4IERES and DIEU4E. Work started by Co E on 18 Jan 45 and completed 22 Jan 45.
- (15) Maint. of roads N4, N435 and Convoy route thru CIREY within area bounded by BACCARAT, BLAMONT, SARREBOURG and DONON. 2nd Bn. 23 Jan 45 - 31 Jan 45.
- (16) Maint. of roads N4, N59, N392, N55, GC30 and D7 within area bounded by LUNEVILLE, MONTIGNY, DOMEVRE, BLAMONT, HEMING and MOYENVIC. 1st Bn. 23 Jan 45 - 31 Jan 45.
- (17) Construction work for Engr Depot E-210 at LUNEVILLE. Work started by 11th Engr (C) Bn on 26 Jan 45 and dropped at 0800 hrs 29 Jan 45 when that unit was relieved from operational control. Project 40% completed.
- (18) Removing mines and booby traps from opera house in CIREY. Work started by Co E on 27 Jan 45 and completed 27 Jan 45.
- (19) Repairs and alterations for 103rd Evac. Hospital at BACCARAT. Work started by Co F on 31 Jan 45 and 20% completed by 31 Jan 45.

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- n. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.
- i. Losses in action. None.
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. None.
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events. None.

For the Commanding Officer:


JOHN R. CATO
Captain, C.E.
Operations Officer