

REGIMENTAL HISTORY, DECEMBER, 1944

(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 Dec 44. 54 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1157 EM.

(2) 31 Dec 44. 51 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1166 EM.

d. Stations of units or parts thereof.

(1) Location of units on 1 Dec 44.

Regt Hq and H&S Co. (V255947) OGEVILLER.

1st Bn Hq (Q380098) KETTING.

Co A (V010970) BLAINVILLE AU GARE.

Co B (Q328069) NOUVEL AVRICOURT.

Co C (Q380098) KETTING.

2nd Bn Hq (V255947) OGEVILLER.

Co D (Q456112) XOUXANGE.

Co E (V255947) OGEVILLER.

Co F (Q490150) SARREBOURG.

(2) Changes of station during the month.

Co E moved from OGEVILLER 6 Dec 44 to Q571197,
LIXHEIM.

Co A moved from BLAINVILLE AU GARE 6 Dec 44
to V255947, OGEVILLER.

Co F moved from SARREBOURG 19 Dec 44 to
Q598131, SAINT LOUS.

Co D moved from XOUXANGE 22 Dec 44 to Q629296,
OTTWILLER.

Co A moved from OGEVILLER 22 Dec 44 to Q538170,
REDING.

Co D moved from REDING 24 Dec 44 to Q456112,
XOUXANGE.

Regt Hq and H&S Co moved from OGEVILLER
27 Dec 44 to Q358168 LANGUIMBERG.

2nd Bn Hq moved from OGEVILLER 27 Dec 44 to
Q358168, LANGUIMBERG.

Co A moved from REDING 27 Dec 44 to Q524380,
SARRE UNION.

Co B moved from NOUVEL AVRICOURT 27 Dec 44
to Q528375, SARRE UNION.

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e. Marches. None.

f. & g. Projects.

- (1) Open single line railroad from LUNEVILLE to SARREBOURG. Work continued from last month, see history for November 1944 paragraph 13 f and g (14) and detailed report attached to that history.
- (2) Maint. roads N4, N59, IC19, N392 within area bounded by LUNEVILLE-BACCARAT-BADONVILLER-ST. QUIRIN-HEMING-RHINE MARNE CANAL- 2nd Bn. 1 Dec- 8 Dec 44.
- (3) Single track railroad bridge at LA FORGE. Single 62' span constructed of captured german railroad bridging set on mudsills. Work started by Co D on 4 Dec and completed 9 Dec 44.
- (4) Repair of roads, railroads and buildings for QM ration dump at LIXHEIM. Work started by 2nd Bn on 5 Dec 44 and completed 30 Dec 44.
- (5) Maint. roads N4, N435, N392, D8, GC120, GC119 within area bounded by LUNEVILLE-BACCARAT-BADONVILLER-NITTING-HEMING. 1st Bn. 9 Dec 44- 16 Dec 44.
- (6) Maint. roads N4, D8, IC20, GC118, GC115, GC116, GC113 and GC36 within area bounded by BADONVILLER, NITTING, SAVERNE, PHALSBOURG, HEMING and DOMEVRE. 1st Bn. 17 Dec44- 19 Dec 44.
- (7) Maint. roads N4, D8, IC20, GC115, GC116, GC113, GC36, IC20, IC1, IC107, and IC13 within area bounded by BADONVILLER, NITTING, SAVERNE, LA PETITE PIERRE, DRULINGEN, FENETRANGE, SARREBOURG and DOMEVRE. 1st Bn. 20 Dec 44-23 Dec 44.
- (8) Repair of utilities and installation of new facilities for 1st Medical Labratory at SARREBOURG. Work started by Co E on 23 Dec 44 and 55% completed on 31 Dec 44.
- (9) Alterations for APO 434 at SARREBOURG. Wark started by Co E on 23 Dec 44 and completed on 28 Dec 44.

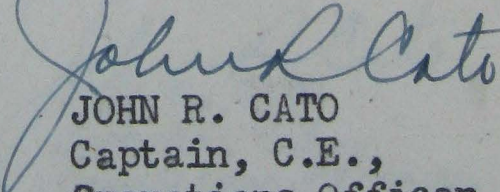
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PROJECTS (Cont'd)

- (10) Drainage and grading work for Class II and IV QM Depot at SARREBOURG. Work started by Co E on 23 Dec 44 and completed on 29 Dec 44.
- (11) One platoon detailed to assist in operating Engineer Depot No. E-209 at KESKASTEL. Work started by Co F on 25 Dec 44 and continued through the balance of the month.
- (12) Repairs and alterations for 93rd Evac. Hospital at DIEUZE. Work started by Co C on 27 Dec 44 and 40% completed by 31 Dec 44.
- (13) Repair single track of railroad line from SARREBOURG to SARRALBE. Work started by 1st Bn. on 28 Dec 44 and 6% completed when project was cancelled at 2400 hrs. 31 Dec 44.
- (14) 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 started by Co D on 30 Dec 44 and continued through the balance of the month.
- (15) Maint. of main roads within area bounded by BLAMONT, SARREBOURG, SARRE UNION, MORHANGE And MOYENVIC. 1st Bn. 24 Dec 44 - 31 Dec 44.

- 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.

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HEADQUARTERS
344th ENGINEER REGIMENT (GS)
A.P.O. 772, U.S. Army

REGIMENTAL HISTORY, NOVEMBER, 1944

(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 Nov 1944. 54 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1166 EM.

(2) 30 Nov 1944. 54 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers,
and 1157 EM.

d. Stations of unit or parts thereof.

- (1) Location of units on 1 Nov 44.
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| Regt Hq and H&S Co. | (2630560) | CONTREXEVILLE. |
| 1st Bn. Hq | (2630560) | CONTREXEVILLE. |
| Co A | (V100465) | ARCHES. |
| Co B | (2630560) | CONTREXEVILLE. |
| Co C | (2455142) | LAMARCHE. |
| 2nd Bn. Hq | (2630560) | CONTREXEVILLE. |
| Co D | (V350380) | MONTIGNY. |
| Co E | (2997685) | NOMEXY. |
| Co F | (2966728) | VINCEY. |

(2) Changes of station during the month.

Co D moved from MONTIGNY 4 Nov 44 to V010690,
CHATEL DE MOSELLE.

Co A moved from ARCHES 13 Nov 44 to V010970,
BLAINVILLE AU GARE.

Co C moved from LAMARCHE 17 Nov 44 to 4810690,
MIRECOURT.

Co B moved from CONTREXEVILLE 22 Nov 44 to
Q328069, NOUVEL AVRICOURT.

Co E moved from NOMEXY 22 Nov 44 to V255947,
OGEVILLER.

Co C moved from MIRECOURT 23 Nov 44 to Q380098,
KETING.

Co F moved from VINCEY 23 Nov 44 to Q509158,
SARREBOURG.

Regt CP and H&S Co moved from CONTREXEVILLE
24 Nov 44 to V255947, OGEVILLER.

Co D moved from CHALET DE MOSELLE 24 Nov 44
to V090995, LUNEVILLE.

1st Bn Hq moved from CONTREXEVILLE 25 Nov 44 to Q380098,
KETTING.
2nd Bn Hq moved from CONTREXEVILLE 25 Nov 44 to V255947,
OGEVILLER.
Co D moved from LUNEVILLE 27 Nov 44 to Q509158, SARREBOURG.
Co D moved from SARREBOURG 29 Nov 44 to Q456112, XOUXANGE.
Co F moved from SARREBOURG 29 Nov 44 to Q490150 SARREBOURG.

e. Marches. None.

f. and g. Projects.

- (1) Construction continued on single track railroad bridge at LANGLEY (4956739). Details of construction given in October, 1944 history paragraph 13 f and g (9). Bridge completed by 2nd Bn. at 1645 hours 13 Nov 44.
- (2) Maint. of Highways GC13, N66, N429, N64, GC18, GC3, GC4, GC6, GC2, N460 within area bounded by LAMARCHE-NEUFCHATEAU-MIRECOURT-DOMPAIRE-DARNEY. 1st Bn. 1 Nov 44- 21 Nov 44.
- (3) Division Rest Area. Prefabrication of tent floors, latrine boxes and mess tables continued until 7 Nov 44. Project dropped 23 Nov 44. All prefab items turned over to 7th Army Engineer Supply.
- (4) Double tracking single track railroad bridge at VINCEY (4963720). (Details on single track bridge given in October 1944 history paragraph 13 f and g (10). Work started by Co F on 4 Nov 44 and completed 18 Nov 44.
- (5) Alterations, repairs and installation of additional electrical facilities for 98th Ordnance Company at VINCEY. Work started 8 Nov 44 by Co D and completed 21 Nov 44.
- (6) Clear wrecked train from railroad line between LANGLEY Bridge and LUNEVILLE. Work started 8 Nov 44 by Co D (with SNCF assistance) and completed 12 Nov 44.
- (7) Maintenance Hwy Bridge over MOSELLE RIVER at FLAVIERS, CREVECHAMP, BAYON, CHARMES, CHATEL and LANGLEY. Started 15 Nov 44 by 2nd Bn. and turned over to 540th Engr (C) Regt 21 Nov 44.

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- (8) Maintenance Hwy N57, N66, GC10, D6, N413 and N404 within the area bounded by FLAVIERS, CHARMES, EPINAL, DOMPAIRE and MIRECOURT. Work started by 2nd Bn. on 15 Nov 44 and turned over to 540th Engr (C) Regt on 21 Nov 44.
- (9) Alterations, repairs and installation of additional electrical facilities for Red Cross Club in Casino at CONTREXEVILLE. Work started 16 Nov 44 by H&S Company and completed 21 Nov 44.
- (10) Construction and repairs for 51st Evac. Hosp. at VINCEY. Work started by Co F on 16 Nov 44 and turned over to 540th Engr (C) Regt on 21 Nov 44.
- (11) Repair of retaining wall for Ordnance Railhead Depot at NOMEXY. Work started by Co E on 17 Nov 44 and turned over to 540th Engr (C) Regt on 21 Nov 44.
- (12) Construction of hard standing for DARNIEULLES Railhead. Work started by Co E on 17 Nov 44 and turned over to 540th Engr (C) Regt on 21 Nov 44.
- (13) Dismantle Bailey Bridge at A^ZERAILLES. Work started and completed by Co E on 21 Nov 44.
- (14) Open single line railroad from LUNEVILLE to SARREBOURG. (See attached report on railroad Job No. 127 dated 1 Feb 45).
- (15) Maintenance Highways N4, N59, IC19, N435, and N392 within the area bounded by LUNEVILLE, BACCARAT, BADONVILLER, CIREY, RECHNICOURT. Work started by Co E on 22 Nov 44 and continued throughout the month.
- (16) Replace Bailey bridge at HERBEVILLER with Class 40-70 highway bridge, single 25' span. Work started by Co E on 25 Nov 44 and completed 30 Nov 44.
- (17) Replace Bailey Bridge at HERBERVILLER with Class 40-70 highway bridge, single 20 foot span. Work started by Co E on 25 Nov 44 and completed 30 Nov 44.
- (18) Replace Bailey Bridge near DOMEVRE with Class 40-70 highway bridge, single 30 foot span. Work started by Co D on 27 Nov 44 and completed 30 Nov 44.
- h. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.
- i. Loss in action. None.
- j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action. None.
- k. Photographs of personnel, important scenes or events. None.

HEADQUARTERS
344th ENGINEER REGIMENT (GS)
A.P.O. # 758, U. S. Army

20 November 1944

SUBJECT: Regimental History, October, 1944.

TO : Commanding General, Headquarters Seventh Army, APO #758, U. S. Army.

Under the provisions of AR 345-105, as amended, the Regimental History, 344th Engineer Regiment (GS) for the month of October 1944 is submitted.

13. a. Original unit. None.

b. Changes in organization, i. e., changes in the designation of units, transfer of unit from one regiment to another as a unit, or changes due to changes in Tables of Organization. None.

c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted.

(1) 1 Oct 1944. 51 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 1170 EM.

(2) 31 Oct 1944. 54 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, and 1166 EM.

d. Stations (permanent or temporary) of unit or parts thereof.

(1) Location of unit and parts thereof 1 Oct 1944.

Regt Hq and H & S Co., (O-790545) BESANCON.

1st Bn (V-100466) ARCHES.

Co A (V-100465) ARCHES.

Co B (O-387374) DOLE.

Co C (V-100465) ARCHES.

2nd Bn (O-387374) DOLE.

Co D (O-440770) GRAY.

Co E (O-387374) DOLE.

Co F (O-310480) AUXONNE.

(2) Location of unit and parts thereof 31 Oct 1944.

Co F moved from AUXONNE 4 Oct 44 to (Z-485570) NEUFCHATEAU.

Co E moved from DOLE 5 Oct 44 to (Z-485570) NEUFCHATEAU.

Regt Hq and H & S Co moved from BESANCON 5 Oct 44 to (Z-630560) CONTREXEVILLE.

2nd Bn moved from DOLE 5 Oct 1944 to (Z-630560) CONTREXEVILLE.

Co D moved from GRAY 5 Oct 44 to (J-350380) MONTIGNY.

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(2) Location of unit and parts thereof 31 Oct 1944. (Cont'd)

Co B moved from DOLE 6 Oct 44 to (Z-630560) CONTREXEVILLE.
Co C moved from ARCHES 10 Oct 44 to (Z-455142) LAMARCHE.
Co E moved from NEUFCHATEAU 17 Oct 44 to (Z-997685) NOMEXY.
Co F moved from NEUFCHATEAU 17 Oct 44 to (Z-966728) VINCEY.
1st Bn moved from ARCHES 26 Oct 44 to (Z-630560) CONTREXEVILLE.

e. Marches. None.

f. and g. Projects.

- (1) Maintenance of Highways 83, 72, 73, and 67 within the area bounded by POLIGNY - BESANCON - BONBOILLON - MONT. 1st Battalion Oct 1 - Oct 3 1944.
- (2) Maintenance of Highways 5, 73, 475, BCL2, 476, 70, 67 within the area bounded by MONT - BONBOILLON - GRAY - DIJON. 2nd Battalion Oct 1 - Oct 3 1944.
- (3) Construction continued on single track railroad bridge over DOUBS River at DOLE (O-420380). Bridge is 460 feet long consisting of three (3) 75 foot spans and one (1) 85 foot span continuous from the other bank to the center pier. Bridge consists of ten (10) Bailey trusses welded together using channel sections to form a rigid box construction. Bridge designed for Cooper's E40 Modified loading. Piers are all of double bent construction supported on concrete foundations reinforced with railroad steel. Some concrete had to be poured below the water line. Forms were sealed off with sandbags to accomplish this. High water during this operation caused some loss of time. Bridge started 15 Sept 44 and completed 5 Oct 44. Built by 2nd Battalion with Company B attached.
- (4) Class 40-70 Highway bridge 250 feet long constructed at JARMENIL (V-130460). Bridge is supported on ten (10) pile bents and two (2) mud seats. Eight (8) of the pile bents were driven by floating the regiment's TBA pile driver on a pontoon raft on loan from the 1553rd Engr Bn (Pontoon). Logs were obtained by this regiment from the forests near SALINS and processed by sawmills in that vicinity into 12"x20"x26'0" stringers. Bridge started 20 Sept 44 and completed 6 Oct 44 by Company A and Company C.
- (5) Double Track Bridge 94 feet long constructed at NEUFCHATEAU (Z-481740). Bridge consisted of three (3) double timber bents resting on concrete footings reinforced with railroad steel. Logs were obtained by this regiment from the forests near SALINS and processed by sawmills in that vicinity into 12"x24"x26'0" stringers. Bridge started 4 Oct 44 and finished 13 Oct 44 by Company E and Company F.
- (6) Maintenance Highways 65, 417, 74 and 19 in area bounded by CHAUMONT - BILLOT - MEUSE - FAYL BILLOT - LANGRES. 2nd Battalion 2 Oct 44.
- (7) Maintenance Highways 64, 429, 460, 74 and 417 in area bounded by BILLOT - MEUSE - NEUFCHATEAU - CONTREXEVILLE - DARNEY - BONNE. 1st Battalion 2 Oct 44.

f. and g. Projects. (Cont'd)

- (8) Landing strip constructed at BULGEVILLE (Z-590610). Temporary strip started and completed on 8 Oct 44. Additional strip completed 11 Oct 44. Work done by Company B.
- (9) Construction of single track Railroad Bridge at LANGLEY (Z-956739). Two remaining spans destroyed by demolitions on 18 Oct 44 in order to save two (2) piers for the new construction. This action necessary since old bridge was of flat arch construction. The thrust of the remaining flat arches would eventually shove the piers over thus making them useless for further construction. High water prevented any work except some channel improvement projects between 19 Oct and 24 Oct 44. Salvage operations were undertaken to right two (2) piers which had been tipped over when the bridge was demolished. One (1) pier was saved. Concrete foundations were poured at or below the waterline for two (2) piers upon which triple timber bents were erected. The other four (4) piers (there was a total of six (6) piers) were capped with concrete and triple pony timber bents were erected on them. Triple bent used to accommodate 22 degree skew. Bridge is 450 feet long consisting of 190 feet of bridge continuous over two (2) piers from one bank to the center pier, and 260 feet of bridge continuous over three (3) piers from one bank to the center pier. Bridge consists of eight (8) Bailey trusses fastened together using Bailey bracing frames, tie plates and transoms. Bridge designed for Cooper's E40 loading. Actual Bridge work started 25 Oct 44 and was approximately 35% complete on 31 Oct 44, by 2nd Battalion.
- (10) Construction of single track Railroad Bridge at VINCEY (Z-963720). Bridge consisted of two (2) rock filled cribs for abatement seats, two (2) timber bents supported on concrete foundations and two (2) steel beams continuous over the supports for the entire length of the bridge (62'-4"). Work started 20 Oct 44 and completed 24 Oct 44 by Company E and Company F.
- (11) Division Rest Area. Reconnaissance for location made in the vicinity of MIRECOURT - CHARMES on 24-26 Oct 44. Project in that vicinity cancelled on 26 Oct 44. Reconnaissance made for location in vicinity of LUNEVILLE 27-28 Oct 44. Prefabrication of tent floors, latrine boxes and mess tables started 27 October. Work done on project in October except reconnaissance and prefabrication.

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.

i. Losses in action; officers and men. 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:

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

REGIMENTAL HISTORY October 1944
(According to provisions of AR 345-105 as amended).

13. a. Original unit. None

b. Changes in organization. None.

c. Strength of unit or parts thereof.

- (1). 1 October 44; 51 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 1170 EM.
- (2). 31 October 44; 54 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 1166 EM.

d. Station of units or parts thereof.

(1). Location of units or parts thereof on 1 October 44.

Reg'tl Hq and H&S Co. (O-790545) Besancon.

1st Bn Hq. (V-100466) Arches.

Co "A" and Co "C" (V-100465) Arches.

Co "B" and 2nd Bn Hq. and Co "E" (O-387374) Dole.

Co "D" (O-440770) Gray.

Co "F" (O-310480) Auxonne.

(2). Changes of station during the month.

Co "F" moved from Auxonne 4 Oct 44 to (Z-485570) Neufchateau.

Co "E" moved from Dole 5 October 44 to (Z-485570) Neufchateau.

Reg'tl Hq. and H&S Co. moved from Besancon 5 Oct 44 to (Z-630560) Contrexeville.

2nd Bn Hq. moved from Dole 5 Oct 44 to (Z-630560) Contrexeville.

Co "D" moved from Gray 5 Oct 44 to (J-350380) Montigny.

Co "B" moved from Dole 6 Oct 44 to (Z-630560) Contrexeville.

Co "C" moved from Arches 10 Oct 44 to (Z-455142) LaMarche.

Co "E" moved from Neufchateau 17 Oct 44 to (Z-997085) Momexy.

Co "F" moved from Neufchateau 17 Oct 44 to (Z-966728) Vincey.

1st Bn Hq. moved from Arches 26 Oct 44 to (Z-630560) Contrexeville.

e. Marches. None

f&g. Projects.

(1). Maintenance of Hghways 83, 72, 73 and 67 within the area bounded by Poligny, Besancon, Ronbillion and Montigny. 1st Bn Oct 1 to Oct 3 44.

(2). Maintenance of Hghways 5, 73, 475, BC 12, 476, 70 and 67 within the area bounded by Mont, Ronbillion, Gray, and Dijon. 2nd Bn Oct 1 to Oct 3 44.

(3). Construction continued on single track RR Bridge over Doubs River at Dole (O-420380). Bridge is 460 ft long, 5 @75 ft spans and 1 @85 ft span. 2nd Bn with Co "B" atchd 15 Sept 44 to 5 Oct 44.

(4). Construction of class 40-70 hghway bridge 250 ft long at Jarmenil (V-130460) Co "A" and "C" 20 Sept and completed 6 Oct 44.

(5). Construction double track bridge 94 ft long at Neufchateau (Z-481740) Co "E" and "F" 4 Oct 44 and completed on 13 Oct 44.

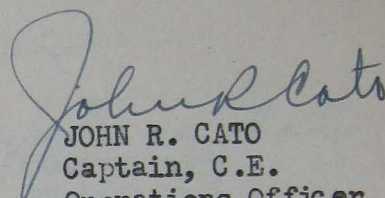
(6). Maintenance hghways 65, 417, 74, and 19 in area bounded by Chaumont, Bourmont, Meuse, Fayl Billot, and Langres, 2nd Bn 2 Oct 44.

(7). Maintenance Hghways 64, 429, 460, 74, and 417 in area bounded by Fayl Billot, Meuse, Neufchateau, Contrexeville, Bahney, Bourbonne, 1st Bn 2 Oct 44.

- (8). Landing strip constructed at Bulgeville (Z-590610) Co "B" 8 Oct 44 completed 11 Oct 44.
- (9). Construction of single track RR Bridge at Langley (Z-956739) 450 ft long 2nd Bn started 25 Oct 44 and was 35% complete on 31 Oct 44.
- (10). Construction of 62'-4" single track RR Bridge at Vincey (Z-963720) Work started 20 Oct 44 and completed 24 Oct 44 by Company "E" and "F".
- (11). Division Rest Area. Mirecourt- Charmes on 24-26 Oct 44., project cancelled, later located at the vicinity of Luneville 27-28 Oct 44. Work done on project in October: reconnaissance and prefabrication.

- 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

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REGIMENTAL HISTORY SEPTEMBER 1944

(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 Sept 44, 47 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 1185 EM.
- (2). 30 Sept 44, 51 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers and 1170 EM.
- d. Station of units or parts thereof.
- (1). Location of units on 1 Sept 44.
- Regt'l Hq., H&S Co., Med Det, & Co "F": Crest.
- 1st Bn Hq.: Manosque
- Company "A": St. Paul.
- Company "B"; 2nd Bn. Hq., Co "D", & Co "E": Sisteron.
- Company "C": Peyrins.
- (2). Changes of station during the month.
- Regt'l Hq., & H&S Co. from 2 Sept to 3 Sept incl. Romans.
from 4 Sept to 8 Sept incl. St Martin du Mont.
from 9 Sept to 10 Sept incl. Quingey.
from 11 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Besancon.
- Med Det: from 2 Sept to 3 Sept incl. Romans.
from 4 Sept to 8 Sept incl. St Martin du Mont.
from 9 Sept to 10 Sept incl. Quingey.
from 11 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Besancon.
- 1st Bn Hq. from 2 Sept to 3 Sept incl. Romans.
from 4 Sept to 7 Sept incl. Lyons.
from 8 Sept to 8 Sept incl. Poligny.
from 9 Sept to 29 Sept incl. Besancon.
from 30 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Arches.
- Company "A". from 2 Sept to 2 Sept incl. Romans.
from 3 Sept to 7 Sept incl. LaVerpilliere.
from 8 Sept to 8 Sept incl. Poligny.
from 9 Sept to 26 Sept incl. Besancon.
from 27 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Arches.
- Company "B". from 7 Sept to 8 Sept incl. Arbois.
from 9 Sept to 17 Sept incl. Quingey.
from 18 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Dole.
- Company "C". from 6 Sept to 9 Sept incl. Pont d'Ain.
from 10 Sept to 10 Sept incl. Villers Buzon.
from 11 Sept to 29 Sept incl. Besancon.
from 30 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Arches.

2nd Bn. From 5 Sept to 9 Sept incl. St Martin du Mont.
 from 10 Sept to 17 Sept incl. Velotte.
 from 18 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Dole.

Company "D". from 4 Sept to 6 Sept incl. Pont d'Ain.
 from 7 Sept to 9 Sept incl. Oussiat.
 from 10 Sept to 11 Sept incl. Devecey.
 from 12 Sept to 13 Sept incl. Boussieres.
 from 14 Sept to 22 Sept incl. Auxonne.
 from 23 Sept to 29 Sept incl. Savoyieux.
 from 30 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Gray.

Company "E". from 5 Sept to 6 Sept incl. Druillet.
 from 7 Sept to 8 Sept incl. Oussiat.
 from 9 Sept to 13 Sept incl. Velotte.
 from 14 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Dole.

Company "F". from 4 Sept to 7 Sept incl. St Sorlin.
 from 8 Sept to 9 Sept incl. St Etienne du Bois.
 from 10 Sept to 10 Sept incl. Fontain.
 from 11 Sept to 17 Sept incl. Arbois.
 from 18 Sept to 28 Sept incl. Auxonne.
 from 29 Sept to 30 Sept incl. Besancon.

e. Marches. None

f&g. Projects.

- (1). Maintenance of Route N538, Crest to Cour. Work started by 1st Bn on 1 Sept 44 and completed on 5 Sept 44.
- (2). Gathering Arms and ammunitions, Co "A" and "C" 1 Sept 44.
- (3). Completed construction of 90ft Bailey Deck RR Bridge at Sisteron, by Company "B" on 7 Sept 44.
- (4). Operation of Railhead at Sisteron discontinued on 4 Sept 44, by Co "E"
- (5). Guarding and maintaining bridge at St Aubans (O-930025) discontinued on 2 Sept 44. By Co "D".
- (6). Maintenance of by-pass around Sisteron discontinued by Co "D" on 3 Sept 44
- (7). Operation of Air Beacon at Crest (O-105763), by Co "D" from 1 Sept to 3 Sept 44.
- (8). Completed removal of debris in streets of Sisteron, Co "D" on 2 Sept 44.
- (9). Construction of P/W cage at Sisteron by Co "E" 3 Sept 44.
- (10). Salvaging captured equipment and supplies, Co "C" 3-5 Sept 44.
- (11). Maintenance of floating treadway at (T-330025) St Sorlins. Co "F" 4 Sept to 7 Sept 44 and bridge removed on 7 Sept 44.
- (12). Erection of 120ft T.S. Bailey bridge over Rhone River at (X-935880) by Company "A" on 4 Sept 44.
- (13). Maintenance of RR Bridge converted to one-way highway bridge at (X-925870) by Company "A" 4 Sept to 8 Sept 44.
- (14). Construction of 160ft Bailey Panel RR bridge at Pont d'Ain (T-320210) work started 4 Sept 44 by Co "D" and project discontinued on 7 Sept 44.
- (15). Construction of 90ft Bailey Panel RR bridge at Pont d'Ain (T-315225) work started by Co "E" on 4 Sept 44 and project discontinued on 7 Sept 44.
- (16). Construction of class 40-70 Highway bridge 30ft long at Pont d'Ain (T-315230). Work started by Co "C" on 7 Sept 44 and completed on 8 Sept 44.
- (17). Construction of 90ft class 40-70 Highway bridge at Besancon (O-785550). Work started by Co "A" and "E" on 8 Sept 44 and completed on 10 Sept 44.
- (18). Maintenance of highway 83 from Arbois to Besancon, also highway from Arbois to St Vit. 1st Bn 9 Sept 44 to 22 Sept 44.
- (19). Maintenance of roads highways 83, 72, 73, and 67 by 1st Bn 23 Sept 44 to 30 Sept 44.

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- (20). Maintenance of roads highways 5,73,475 BC 12,476,70 and 67 by 2nd Bn., 23 Sept to 30 Sept 44.
- (21). Maintenance of bridge at Abbans (O-670430) Company "B", 8 Sept 44 to 22 Sept 44.
- (22). Construction of 25ft Span RR Culvert near St Etienne (t#275075). Work started by Co "F" on 8 Sept 44 and completed on 10 Sept 44.
- (23). Construction of two way class 40-70, highway bridge vicinity of Veray (O-780665), work started by Co "D" on 10 Sept 44 and completed by 11 Sept 44.
- (24). Maintenance of Treadway and Timber Bridges vicinity of Veray (O-780665) Company "A" 11 Sept 44 to 23 Sept 44.
- (25). Guarding RR yards and two Engr Dumps in Besancon, 1st Bn 12 Sept 44, to 23 Sept 44.
- (26). Maintenance of Bailey bridge vicinity of Besancon, Company "A", 11 Sept 44 to 29 Sept 44, and bridge removed by Co "C" 29 Sept 44.
- (27). Maintenance of bridge vicinity of Avanne (O-745510), Company "B", 11 Sept 44 to 23 Sept 44.
- (28). Construction of 105ft of improvised treadway bridge vicinity of Veray by Company "A" on 11 Sept 44.
- (29). Construction of bailey Deck (single track) RR bridge vicinity of Arbois by Co "F" started 12 Sept 44 and completed on 18 Sept 44.
- (30). Guarding captured gas dump vicinity of Besancon by Company "A" 13 Sept 44 to 24 Sept 44.
- (31). Construction of 460ft single track Bailey Deck RR Bridge over Doubs river near Dole (O-420380). Work started by 2nd Bn. with Co "B" atchd 15 Sept 44 and completed on 5 October 44.
- (32). Construction of 30,000 SQ ft P/W cage vicinity of Poligny (O-570115). Work started and completed on 16 Sept 44.
- (33). Erection of 140ft DD Bailey bridge vicinity of Besancon (O-791558). Work started on 20 Sept 44 and completed 21 Sept 44.
- (34). Replaced existing Bailey bridge with 2 way class 40-70 Semi-permanent bridge vicinity Besancon (O-787555). Work started on 21 Sept 44 and completed on 30 Sept 44.
- (35). Construction of 124ft single track RR bridge vicinity of Savoyeux (O-573883). Work started on 23 Sept 44 by Co "D" and completed on 30 Sept 44.
- (36). Electrical work for 46th Gen Hgsp at Besancon. Work started on 23 Sept 44 by H&S Co. and completed 30 Sept 44.
- (37). Two way class 40-70 bridge 250ft long., at Jarmenil (V-130460). Work started by Co "A" and "C" on 20 Sept 44 and completed 6 October 44.

h. Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.

i. Losses in action. None.

j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.
1 Officer and 6 EM.

k. Photos. None

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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HEADQUARTERS
344TH ENGINEER REGIMENT (GS)
APO 772 US Army

REGIMENTAL HISTORY, AUGUST 1944

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

13. a. Original Unit. No report.
- b. Changes in organization. 1st Battalion with 36th Division for training. Returned to regiment 18 August 1944. Co "F" detached to 1st Provisional Armored Group (Butler Task Force) 18 August 1944 to 1 Sept 44.
- c. Strength of unit or parts thereof.
- (1). 1 August 44: 47 Officers, 2 Warrant Officer, 1185 EM.
(2). 21 August 44: 48 Officers, 2 Warrant Officers, 1181 EM.
- d. Station of units or parts thereof. Location of units on 1 August 44.
- (1). Regt'1 Hq. & H&S Co. Teano, Italy.
1st Bn Hq. Salerno, Italy.
Co "A", "B", "C", Salerno, Italy.
2nd Bn Hq. Teano, Italy.
Co "D", "E", "F", Teano, Italy.
- (2). Changes of station during the month.
- Regiment (less 1st Bn) moved from Teano on 6 Aug 44, to Staging Area near Pianura.
Regiment (less 1st Bn) moved from Pianura on 9 Aug 44, to Naples and embarked on the S. S. MARINE ROBIN and departed for Southern France, 13 Aug 45.
1st Bn. embarked with 36th Division and landed in Southern France on 15 August 44.
Company "F", plus heavy equipment section from H&S Co. moved from La Martelle, on 18 August 44, to join 1st Provisional Armored Group (Butler Task Force). Returned to regiment 1 Sept 44.
- H&S Co. : from 15 Aug to 22 Aug incl. La Martelle.
from 23 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Manosque.
- Med Det.: From 15 Aug to 22 Aug incl. La Martelle.
from 23 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Manosque.
- 1st Bn Hq.: from 15 Aug to 16 Aug incl. Drammont.
from 17 Aug to 22 Aug incl. Lemuy.
from 23 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Manosque.
- Co "A".: from 15 Aug to 16 Aug incl. Agay.
from 17 Aug to 17 Aug incl. Le Puget.
from 18 Aug to 21 Aug incl. Draguignan.
from 22 Aug to 22 Aug incl. Sisteron.
from 23 Aug to 31 Aug incl. St Paul.
- Co "B".: from 15 Aug to 17 Aug incl. Boulouirs.
from 18 Aug to 21 Aug incl. Lemuy.
from 22 Aug to 22 Aug incl. Sisteron.
from 23 Aug to 27 Aug incl. Manosque.
from 28 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Sisteron.

Co "C".: from 15 Aug to 15 Aug incl. Drammont.
 from 16 Aug to 16 Aug incl. Bouloirs.
 from 17 Aug to 23 Aug incl. Le Muy.
 from 24 Aug to 27 Aug incl. Manosque.
 from 28 Aug to 29 Aug incl. Nyons.
 from 30 Aug to 30 Aug incl. Crest.
 from 31 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Peyrins.

Co "D".: from 15 Aug to 18 Aug incl. LaNartelle.
 from 19 Aug to 19 Aug incl. Sillans LaCascade.
 from 20 Aug to 20 Aug incl. Riez.
 from 21 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Sisteron.

Co "E".: from 15 Aug to 20 Aug incl. LaNartelle.
 from 21 Aug to 23 Aug incl. Sillans LaCascade.
 from 24 Aug to 24 Aug incl. La Prise.
 from 25 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Sisteron.

Co "F".: from 15 Aug to 17 Aug incl. LaNartelle.
 from 18 Aug to 18 Aug incl. LeMuy.
 from 19 Aug to 19 Aug incl. Ribiers.
 from 20 Aug to 20 Aug incl. St Julien.
 from 21 Aug to 22 Aug incl. Condillac.
 from 23 Aug to 23 Aug incl. Marsanne.
 from 24 Aug to 24 Aug incl. Puy St. Martin.
 from 25 Aug to 25 Aug incl. Crest.
 from 26 Aug to 27 Aug incl. Grane.
 from 28 Aug to 28 Aug incl. St. Denis.
 from 29 Aug to 29 Aug incl. Loriol.
 from 30 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Crest.

2d Bn Hq: from 15 Aug to 20 Aug incl. LaNartelle.
 from 21 Aug to 22 Aug incl. Sillans LaCascade.
 from 23 Aug to 23 Aug incl. Sisteron.
 from 24 Aug to 31 Aug incl. Manosque.

e. Marches. None

f&g. Projects.

- (1). Opening and maintaining road N98 from St. Maxime to St. Aguey.
- (2). 36ft tradway bridge erected at U-551293 to replace improvised timber structure Co "E" 0630 hrs - 0900 hrs 17 Aug 44.
- (3). 60 mines removed at U-540338 by Co "D" on 18 Aug 44.
- (4). Guarding railroad bridge at U-550340 Company "D".
- (5). Air strip constructed by Company "D" at U-350436 on 19 Aug 44.
- (6). Clearing rubble from streets in Sisteron started by Company "D" on 21 Aug 44, completed 2 Sept 44.
- (7). Maint. by pass around Sisteron Company "D", 21 Aug 44 completed on 3 Sept 44.
- (8). Opening railroad from Pertines to Sisteron. Five small bridges constructed. By Co "A" and "C" on 26 Aug 45.
- (9). Operating Air Beacon Vicinity of Sisteron by Company "D" 24 Aug 44 to 31 August 44.
- (10). Maint. ponton bridge at T-695605 St Pauls, by Company "A", Aug 26, 44 to 31 Aug 44.
- (11). Construction of 40 foot Bailey Deck RR Bridge at Montrand Company "E", 28 Aug 44 to 31 Aug 44.
- (12). Construction of 90 foot Bailey Deck RR bridge at Sisteron. Co "B" 30 Aug 44 to 7 Sept 44.
- (13). Operating Railhead at Sisteron Company "E" 31 Aug 44, to 4 Sept 44.
- (14). Guarding and Maintining bridge at St Auband (O-930025) Company "D" 28 Aug 44 to 2 Sept 44.

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(15). Placed 90ft D. S. Bailey bridge at Sisteron. Company "D"
23 Aug 44.

(16). Removed 90ft D. S. Bailey bridge and built 50ft Semi-permanent
bridge in its place. Work started 27 Aug 44, by Company "E"
and completed on 28 Aug 44.

Commanding Officers in important engagements. None.

Losses in action. 0 Officers, 2 EM.

Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action.

Purple Heart 0 Officers, 2 EM.

Soldier's Medal 0 Officers, 1 EM.

Photos. None

For the Commanding Officer:

John R. Cato
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Operations Officer.

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On the 18th of August 1944 at 1730 hours, near LaNartelle, France, Company "F", 344th Engineer Regiment (GS) was attached to the Task Force Butler, to perform all engineer duties for the forces and which were to consist of the laying or clearing of mine fields, preparing by-passes, removing roadblocks, erecting hasty treadway bridges (wet or dry), and any other work pertaining to that of an engineer combat unit. The Company carried the following equipment: 3 Brockways (consisting of approximately 140' of bridging material), 2 air compressors, 1 bulldozer (D-7), 1 angledozer (D-4), 3 weapons carriers, 13 dump trucks, and 3 tool trailers (carrying tools, demolitions and mine equipment).

At the time of attachment Company "F" was ordered to move, by truck convoy to the vicinity of LeMuy, where the CP was set up and outpost guards placed at advantageous positions on all flanks.

The next day, 19 August, Company "F" moved to Ribiers and constructed one by-pass en-route.

The following morning, 20 August, at 1100 hours, Company "F" moved by truck convoy to St. Julien where duties consisted of placing outpost guards.

After leaving St. Julien at 1100 hours on 21 August, the Company moved on, by truck convoy, to the vicinity south of Condillac, constructing one by-pass en-route. At 2100 hours the Company was attached to the 2nd Bn. 143rd Infantry and ordered to take up defensive positions as infantrymen, in order to close a gap in the lines and prevent infiltration by the enemy who seemed to be confused and disorganized in seeking an escape route. With the exception of sufficient guards left to protect the CP, camp area, and equipment, the entire Company took up positions as ordered.

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While still in defensive positions as infantrymen, on 22 August, at 2330

attached to 1st Bn. 141st Infantry, with positions changing but 100 yards to the north. Our former positions were occupied by troops of the French Marquis. Night patrols, by alternate squads, in extensive probing of the high spots overlooking the enemy retreat route west of Condillac failed to make any contact with the enemy.

During the night and early morning of 22-23 August, squad patrols continued probing the wooded areas to the south and west of Condillac but still unable to make contact with the enemy. However, during the entire day P-47 (Thunderbolts) could be seen straffing the retreating convoys. Attempted enemy infiltration, obviously a patrol action, was repulsed at 0300 hours, Company "F" suffering but one casualty.

A daylight patrol contacted the enemy shortly after noon on 23 August southwest of hill 436 while the remainder of the Company held their original positions intact. After being fired upon by rifles and automatic weapons, our patrol dispersed and combed the area in such a manner that the enemy riflemen were forced to the highway where they surrendered to one of the Infantry patrols.

In practically the same position, the Company was relieved by the 143rd Infantry of the 36th Division at 2000 hours on 23 August. During the 47 hours spent there the Company weapons consisted of M-1 rifles, one .30 cal. (water-cooled) and one .50 cal. machine gun. Entrenching equipment was meager, and proper cover was at a premium. However, the mountain foliage was used to the utmost advantage. Simultaneously with the release from the 141st Infantry the Company was attached to the 111th Combat Engineer Bn., 36th Division, at which time they moved by truck convoy to Marsanne and encountered their first artillery barrage from the German S.P. guns which were now being set into position to counteract our intensive shelling of the retreat route.

Activity at Marsanne was solely confined to the placing of area and outpost guards. 1700 hours, 24 August, the Company moved by convoy to Puy St. Martin,

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where the Company received the following orders: At 1830 hours, the 1st platoon was to form defensive positions in the town of Cleon D'Andrian as rifle security for the 753rd Bn. tanks. The 2nd platoon established and defended road blocks between Saou and Puy St. Martin, while the 3rd platoon prepared demolitions and upon orders from higher headquarters blew the two bridges at Bonlieu and St. Gervais at 2230 hours causing perfect road blocks at both places, but only after the men had worked under continuous artillery barrage while preparing the charges. After the bridges were blown, the platoons defending the road blocks were relieved by "A" and "B" Companies, 111th Engineer (C) Bn. The Company was then attached to the 753rd Tank Bn. and awaited further orders.

On 25 August, it was reported that elements of an enemy armored unit were threatening to cut the main supply route south of Crest. The Company was then detached from the 753rd Tan Bn. and attached to the 143rd Infantry. At 1430 hours the Company moved by truck convoy to the vicinity of Crest where defensive positions were immediately established, while our armored units went forward to meet this threat.

On 26 August at 1000 hours, Company "F" was attached to the SUB TASK FORCE WIIBUR, which consisted of Companies "A" and "B", 753rd Tank Bn., elements of the 636th TD Bn., 1 Troop of the 117th Recon Bn., and "F" Company Engineers who were to be employed as infantry support for the advancing tanks and tank destroyers. The Company moved by truck convoy to the outskirts of Grane, where defensive positions were again set up and a road block prepared on the highway east of the village. Here the Company held its positions while an intensive artillery barrage was laid on the town. At 1800 hours on 27 August, without any opposition, we advanced on foot and occupied the town of Grane at 1930 hours. During the night alternate squad patrols probed the area of Grane north and east to a high spot approximately 1 to 2 miles from the outskirts without contacting the enemy.

On the morning of 28 August at 0600 hours, the Company mounted tanks, serving armored infantrymen in the advance on the town of Loriol (the objective of

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the task force). At 0900 hours the advance platoon of "F" Company dismounted, dispersed on both sides of the highway, and advanced ahead of the tanks. After moving approximately 400 yards forward, the platoon was pinned down by enemy automatic weapons and mortar fire, supported by tanks. At this point our tanks engaged the enemy, often firing point blank at objectives while the platoon bettered its positions. After being pinned down from 0900 to 1100 hours, the advance patrol was relieved by our two reserve platoons. During this engagement light casualties were suffered. Following a brief reorganization period the reserve platoon advanced eastward in the direction of Loriol. During the advance slight interference was caused by enemy snipers who attempted to cause a delaying action while covering their troop withdrawal to a junction of the Drone and Rhone rivers, the only possible escape route. The only bridge at this point was destroyed by our planes, thereby trapping hundreds of vehicles and equipment on this side of the Drone.

The entire Company continued its advance on Loriol, 29 August at 1300 hours, and reached the outskirts at 1800 hours. All advancing elements joined forces in Loriol at approximately the same time and all enemy troops who were enveloped here were soon forced to surrender. The Company was then detached from the 636th TD Bn., and attached to the 2nd Bn., 143rd Infantry. Activities on the night of 29 August were confined to the posting of area guards and outpost machine gun crews.

Entering Loriol at 0800 hours, 30 August, the Company proceeded to clear debris from the main roads, clearing minefields, neutralizing booby traps, and constructing by-passes. At 1800 hours the Company was detached from the 143rd Infantry and the SUB TASK FORCE WILBUR.

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