HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP APO 758 U.S. Army

10 March 1945

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal.

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: Commanding General, 7th Army, APO 758, U.S. Army.

Submitted herewith are historical reports for the month of February 1945, for this Hqs and 2826th, 2827th and 2828th Engr C Bns.

For the Commanding Officer:

H. R. COFFER Captain, 36th Engr C Group Adjutant

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## HISTORICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945

During the first 6 days of February the regiment was committed as Infantry in the VI Corps sector of northern Alsace, holding defensive positions on the Moder River - vicinity of Lichtenberg. The 3rd Bn was situated on the regiment's left flank, the 2nd Bn on the right flank and the 1st Bn in reserve. Patrols penetrated the eneny lines every night and harassed the eneny with small arms fire and flares. In some cases patrols had to travel for 2 miles before contacting the eneny. On 2 February 45 a Paymaster from the 11th SS Regt lost his way and wandered into our lines. Except for occasional eneny harassing mortar and artillery fire the entire period was relatively Quiet. The enemy had apparently decided to go on the defensive.

7 February 45 the regiment was relieved from VI Corps and reverted to Army Engineers. The regiment regrouped around Phalsbourg for movement to new assignment. 9 February Regt Hqs moved to Pexonne; 1st Bn moved to Baccarat; 2nd Bn moved to Heming; and 3rd Bn moved to Val et Chatillon. Each Bn was assigned a stretch of road to maintain. The regiment was assigned a total of approximately 96 miles of road to maintain.

On 15 February 1945 the regiment was reorganized and redesignated per G.O. #46, Hq Seventh Army, cs, the 36th Engineer Combat Group. The Bns were redesignated as follows:

> lst Bn - 2826th Engr C Bn 2nd Bn - 2827th Engr C Bn 3rd Bn - 2828th Engr C Bn

The remainder of the month was spent in training and road maintenance which consisted of: mine and mortar schools, sweeping shoulders for mines, improving drainage ditches, filling pot holes and gravelling stretches of road, operating rock quarries and rock crushers, and removing excess mud from roads.

For the Commanding Officer:

Captain, 36th Engr & Group Adjutant

2 Incls. 1-Sitreps. 2-Operations Journal.