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0010 - Msg to Fox for transmission to Sunray Charlie: Div advises that Hwy 7 cleared S of VELLETRI to RR. Baker Company is attacking SW with its left flank on the RR. Able Company attacking in some to RR. Move your company forward, maintain pressure on the Ey with RR as your objective. Keep this Hqs advised of your progress.

- 0040 Robert 3: TFC captured 2 Russians who say Germans pulled back of RR leaving Poles, Checks etc. in front. S-ys they would like to surrender. NB Notify Serpert LO if route 7 opened or we cross RR so guns can move forward.
- 0055 Ranger Blue: George and H, we comapnies moving forward slowly. Howe Co. receiving fire from flank. George from direction of RR.
- 0210 G-3: Job tomorrow mop up VELLETRI and any centers of resistance along RR to our front. Thereafter revert to Corps reserve in vic of VELLETRI. Sunray Ranger.
- 0325 Baker crossed cross roads at 001434 and no Ev fire encountered. No Ey activity expected out to RR track. A le has not heard or seen any S/A or mortar fire.

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- 0410 George Company cut RR approx vic of 958417. Howe company cut RR approx vic of 962421 and bearing right cleaning up resistance.
- 0440 Baker moving NE from 004441. Abia has no contact with CO at front. Very little fire heard out and beyond our sector.
- 0450 Wicked 3: An outfit has moved in left flank VILLA CROCETTA 928406 and reports contact light.
- 0515 Baker at 907436 and at 0415B. Met no resistance.
- 0535 Baker at RJ 990434 at 0510B. Met no resistance.
- 0600 141st Inf moving S from 970450. Bn's notified.
- 0620 Baker sending in 10 prisoners. Anle moving to RR. Coord not known at this time.
- 0655 Easy and Rog patrols approaching RR and meeting with no resistance. Fox reached RR and picking up some prisoners. No resistance.
- 0830 Red Sunray: Situation quiet on front. Contact reestablished with platoon of A. Company A patrol fired on during night.
- 0840 Partial shippent of triailers arrives this date by water PD. Remainder will arrive tomerrow. From PERRIELLO

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# 1 June to 2 June (Cont'd)

- 0845 White Sunray: Considerable activity in front of Easy about 0300. Called Arty - Ey smoke now in front of right platoon.
- 0945 Send two trucks to S edge of VELLETRI on Hwy 7 to pick up 40 P.W.'s. Ranger Sunray.
- 1015 142d Inf claim to have people in town. (Velletri)
- 1030 SP's and mortar fire extreme right of Baker.
- XXXX Fox 5 MG's into Fox main line. George Mortar and MG. Charlie patrol on right - trying to locate Dog - 3 or 4 MG's from road ahead center and left. Patrols out to loacte MG and mortoring.
- 1045 Easy has advanced 1100 yds tactically due W to point 2115. Have lost radio contact with Fox: Ranger White.
- 1115 Fox has contacted their frinends on their front which you told them. We have good reason to believe that Easy has contacted their friends in their left since they are abreast of Fox. Awaiting your order as to action desired. Sunray White.
- 1140 A to old positions little bit of rifle fire. B on line with A sporadic fire.
- 1155 A 200 yds B - 400 yds: - Sporadic S/A fire
- 1215 Advise big SEAGULL of my present location and schedule of assembly for truck movement. Ranger Sunray.
- 1225 Col. Chubbuck Contacted A Co, wire man. He is 3-400 yds in front of A Co.'s former position-pinned down by mortar fire. A Co. is still farther to front. He doesn't knew how far. Occasional mortar and S/A fire.
- 1235 Easy patrol in. 413 between 97-98 parallel road to front. 300 yds in front of road. Lot of snipers not much MG fire. One man killed and one man injured. Fire not too far in front.
- 1245 B Co's CP approx 013437. A Co. sdy 200 yds beyond old position.
- 1300 Report A Co. about 1000 yds ahead of old position. Col. SLAYDEN from CG 36th Div: Puch task force ahead and break thru North so as to surround VELLETRI.

1305 - Notified Sunray Renger of order. He advises order already issued and can see GI's advancing on left. Thinks TFC on move. Also pushing between Dog and Easy.

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1505 #	can see GI's advancing on left. Thinks TFC on move. Also pushing be- tween Dog and Easy.
1310 -	Ordered NICHOLS to move forward under own mortars and fire to Bring fire on Easy strong point ahead of Fox.
1315 -	STADIG reports 141st Inf fwd CP 013456.
1320 -	Instructed Red to push Baker contact patrol to 141st on right.
1345 -	Notified Rovert 3 (Maj Travis) of our situation and plan including operation of THC.
1420 -	Able Sunray: Able line 998425 CP approx 002423. MG, mortar and sniping. Sending patrols out. Baker CP 013437. No contact with 141st Inf. Patrol out. Request arty on 993427.
1/30 -	Item in assembly area designated and awaiting orders.
1440 -	Able received heavy fire back to 003429 - Dog 009433. 2 killed and 7 wounded.
1445 -	Dog trying to contact George across draw.
a a two tars t	White Sunray Minor: D-fure from 3-400 yds ahead. MG, sniper and mortoring draw between Dog and George. E- Sniper fire patrols N of 413 Baker position 007435-015442.
1830 -	Robert 3: All arty and mortor fire to be lifted from VELLETRI. Our troops are in the town.
1835 -	Positions 141st Inf 1720 P. Red 997441 White 974440 Blue 988445
1850 -	LOMBARD wants to commit Item between George and Baker
2300 +	Red Sunray: Able-ALLEN claims White cut off. Sent 8 men with ammo and 2 men from TD with radio to them. Generally quiet in rest of area. Baker still has no contact with McLean's platoon-however man just came in who claims he knows where they are. Patrol being organized to go out and contact them.
2335 -	Charlie reports orders fro company to return to original position received

#### 2 June to 3 June

- 1050 Advise Red, White and Blue expedite assembly. Sunray.
- 1155 Have Blue report when he will be closed in assembly area. Sumray.

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#### 3 June to 4th June

- 0200 Sunray White maintain close contact with both 168 and 157 as shown your sketch of 2300B 2 June. Follow up as either 168 or 157 advances. CO of 1 Bn 157 indicated he might shift Baker to N of Hwy 7, in which case you can close on his Able. Scour ravines for any skulking enemy, in your zome, as you proceed. Are you in contact with E & F by jeep yet? Sunray.
- 1425 Area designated for assembly is being used by larger unit for same purprise. Will be near road E of position originally picked. Are there any further orders? Sunray White.
- 2000 New coordinates of units of 2nd Bn, 36th Engrs:- Bn Hqs & F Co. 926414, E Co. 932424, D Co. 923429. Sumray White.

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#### 4 June to 5 June '44

- XXXX Renger Red CP's Able 872454, Baker 874445, Charlie 875445 and Red #1 and 6 at: 875448
- 27.15 Have, two, two and one half ton trucks from H & S Co. report to Redwood Eng r at 0730 tomorrow morning. Sunray.
- 2335 R jad CARROCETO-ROME reconneitred by me to 826557. Very little Corps Engr work necessary to this point. Following are company assignments -Co. A ALBANO - 870450 Co. B 870450 880413 Co. C 880413-879381. Road 878448-850465-850500. No army Engrs working between CARROCETO and CAMPO DI CARNE as of 2000B 4 June. Have not notified 39th Engrs of relief. Will be in in ROME tomorrow. LT Col CHUBBUCK

# 5 June to 6 June

- 0915 Phone Thomas at #2 was opened & 0630 this morning. Sunray
- 0830 Be prepared to move in hour notice. Sunray
- 1150 C Co assigned task of clearing mine field at 892398. Field consists of "S" and Box mines. Sight seems undesirable for dump, due to uncertainty of mines being entirely clear. Charlie Sumray
- XXXX Mine field at 892398 consists of S mines and Box Mines. Site undesirable for dump due to uncertainty of mines being entirely cleared. No mines found yet in vic. 874407. Red Molar
- XXXX Road between ALBANO and ROME reconcitered Found to be in excellent condition - No Engineering work Necessary. Red Molar
- 1900 Both big cats are now in use and cannot be spared for at least an hour. 685605 approx location of Bn CP. Blue Molar
- 1910 Sitrep 041800 to 051800. Bn moved to bivouac area 685605. Building Floating Treadway at 686589. Estimated completion date 052200. Blue Molar.

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#### 6 June to 7th June

0855 - Mave signs posted at each entrance to Class 40 Treadway Ponton Bridge. Sunray. Notify Div. Dump Class 40 was opened 2100 June 5th. Sunray

- 0923 Do we now have LO with Corps advance? If not, send one immediately. Sunray
- 1100 Is there a by-pass on RR bed at F 899388 so that treadway bridges can be removed? Please report Regt & Bn CP coordinates. VI Corps You are directed to procure from the Engr Dump In Anzio 3000 Lin. ft. 2"x12" lumber or its equivalent in other widths and deliver to Bridge site at 638568 above to deck Bailey Ponton Bridge. VIC
- 1600 Sunray Red you are relieved of all road work from CAMPOLEONE N to ALBANO-ROME as of 1200 B. Prepare to move Bn to area to be designated. Send LO immediately to Regt'l Hqs. LO will lead Bn into new area sometime tomorrow. Regt'l CP at 595745. Ranger Seagull.

1900 - Take over maintenance of Route D (Hwy#1) up to 55 Eastings and further if possible. Contact Col. INSKEEP, at 557683. VIC

6 June to 7th June (Cont'd)

- 2030 Where can we borrow a 16-T Trailer and Prime Mover to move one of our heavy cats up here? We would like to be able to pick up trailer and P.M. at dawn tomerrow. What are the co-ordinates of point at which we man pick up same? Please send answer by this messenger. Sunray White. Location of 2nd Bn Hq and companies: Bn Hqs 644707, D 645706, E 645707 and F 645708.
- 2100 Sunray White attached messages self-explanatory. Please advise any elements of 16th Engrs you see that we are taking over. (Ref. to Msg 16th Engrs. requesting Corps take over Hwy #1 (Rt C) to 557688-RJ/ Corps indorsed to us for compliance). Stanley.

#### 7 June to 8th June

Coord Blue Bn vic 674611. Request location of other Bn's this Regt. XXXX -

- XXXX -Ranger Red CP now vic 748576.
- Ref Bailey Bridge job coord that Bridge not same as Bailey we furnished XXXX cat for. If coord given are correct then the Bridge is in White territory. Confirm location this job. Sunray Blue.
- Send two (2) 22 ton cargo trucks immediately to this Hq to be used in 1000 the forward movement of Engr CP. Messenger will act as guide. Trucks . will be returned tonight. DARLING VIC

Take over and floor Bailey Bridge at F470718. Perform and necessary work on approaches. LEE VIC

1015 - Bridge being constructed by I Company is nearly complete. Blue Sunray

1030 - Sunray Red take over and floor Bailey Br dge at F470718. Perform any necessary work on approaches.

- Drop all work S of TIBER R. Complete heavy ponton bridge with good 1300 approaches for MSR until Army takes over. Report as soon as possible estimated hour of opening of ponton crossing so 16th Engrs can remove M-2 Treadway bridge adjacent ponton bridge. Is temporally rein orced permanent bridge at site #2 reliable for continuing traffic so that 16th Engrs can immediately remove M-1 Treadway that site. Instruct CO 85th Engrs, for me to maintain both Treadway Bridges until removed by 16th E and ponton bridge and all three close in approaches when satisfactorily completed by you. Repair and maintain Route C. Repair and maintain Hwy No. 1 and construct good double track bypasses and double track bridges for Corps MSR. Place main effort on advancing Hwy No. 1 as far forward and as fast as possible for uninterrupted traffic important. Move your Regt forward on Hwy No. 1 in advance of coordinates 408760. Clear routes etc., thru CIVITAVECCHIA and to its port facilities as soon as you can get into town. This office moving vic CERVETERI, coordinates 422788, this afternoon. Send Liaison Officer present office immediately. Have contect with 39th Engrs but not with your operations important. Will move Contact Plat and 130 ft D/D Bailey bridge on wheels forward with us and an trying to get timber and culverts, etc., forward from Army fast as possible. Acknowledge this with requested information immediately. Will be forward personally with radio jeep on Hwy No. 1 this afternoon. Contact me if possible without handicapping your activities. Hq 36th Eners deliver this message to your CO and S-3 at once. THOMAS, VIC.
- I have been contacted by 109th Engrs. They wish that we relieve them 1330 of highway No. 1 up to and including Bailey Bridge vic 378779. What are your orders concerning this extension of our sector? Sunray White.
- 1525 We have already been assigned responsibility for construction of Bridges at 470720 and 407760. Sunray White.

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#### 8 June to 9th June

- XXXX Coord Blue effective 1100 215835. Blue
- 1400 Ranger Red CP's Red 1 & 6 172952, Able 172953, Baker 169950 and Charlie 171951.
- 1630 Alert detail with one (1) Quickway Crane to unload twenty (20) heavy ponton truck loads of Engr supplies including 130' D/D Bailey Bridge. Dumb to be generally NE CIVITAVECCHIA and will furnish guide at your CF to guide detail to dump site. DARLING VIC

1845 - Ref Msg No. 6 your Hq dated 7 June regarding installation of Treadway Br at 538659. Disregard installation. Army will take over maintenance of read C and D to RJ Hwy No. 1 at 510695. DARLING VIC

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# 9 June to 10th June

- 0937 Ask Thomas for release of 130' Bailey Bridge to span blow N of CARQUINA (TARQUINA?). SUNRAY RANGER
- Ask Thomas for release 45' Treadway Bridge for Temp. by-pass blown out on Hwy # N of Tarquina. Ranger Sunray.
- 0950 Alert C Company for work N of Tarquina. Ranger Sunray
- 1345 Find out where 45' of Treadway Bridge is now, and sent to "O" company as soon as possible at bridge N of Tarquina. Ranger Sunray
- 1350 Please check again with Red as to where abouts of "C" company. They are not yet at bridge site. Ranger Sunray.
- 1415 Sunray Ranger Treadway Bridge on Highway from 39 somewhere on road. Will send up to Bridge site as soon as it gets here. Check with Red on Charlie. They were supposed to be on the way out. Additional Check being made. Seagull Ranger.
- 1440 Charlie company now at site. Considerable work required. Suggest Red send additional platoon skilled in assemblying Bailey Bridge if available. Ranger Sunray.
- 1845 Traffic delay crossing upstream bypass immediately, after Tarquina serious. Requires your immediate attention. North approach also bad and too narrow. Doubtful if Bailey Bridge will be finished tonight at present rate of progress. THOMAS VIC

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# 10 June to 11th June

	Maj Darling 39th brought up remainder 130' Bailey to MANTALTO. D/D Bridge at TARQUINA open to traffic - also Treadway by-pass. Col. Thomas wants a water sprinkler on that by-pass. Large Culvert at 171012 should be opened within several hours. Seagull Minor.
0299	-Colonel-SFANLEY-killed-in-motor-accident-(Josp)-NE-by-pass-TARQUINA.
0345	-Lt-Colonel-CHUBBUCK-lst-Bn-CO-in-command-of-Regt,
0815 -	Have Red post signs at entrance to Able bridge as soon as it will take traffic. That should be in about 1 hour. Sunray Ranger
0846 •	Advise Thomas expected completion time of Bailey Bridge is 1100 hrs. Expected completion time of Treadway by-pass approx. 1 mile Hbove Bailey Bridge at 1000 hrs. Sunray Ranger
0951 -	Gather all types of explosives. 3rd Bn needs a lot of it. Sunray Ranger.
1615 -	Sumr y Blue can you spare Heavy trailer to move Able cat from vic of Item to their work site. Seagull.
1620 -	Sunray White "E" Co vic of BORGOTELLO; may be shifted farther norht. You are to move up as soon as you can complete your work and shake loose the companies. Where are your heavy cats at the present? CO wants there disposition. Seagull.
1625 -	Seagull impossible to spare heavy trailer to move Able cat. Sunray Blue.
1910 -	Sunray White - Army is supposed to take over read up to and including CIVITAVECCHIA temorrow, 11 June as soon as they take over you are to move N of MONTALTO. We come under control IV Corps 11 June - Engr - Col GILLETTE. Seagull.
	C.O. Co. "E" check road (Hwy #1) N into ORBETELLO, PORTO S. STEFANO and PORT ERCOLE for mines and clean up. Do this as soon as Ey is cleared out from these areas. Report completion of task to this Hq as soon as finished. Searull Renger
*17 <b>55 +</b>	TOMORRYW MORNING X REQUIST INSTRUCTIONS XH RETURN RADIO ONLY X THREE TRAILERS LESS PRIME MOVERS HAVE ARRIVED AT LIGHTENING X PRIME MOVEWS DUE TONIGHT. Hqs VIC
1830 -	Col Thomas directs 90' treadway trestle bridge be delivered immediately to George companies bridge site. Send officer as guide at once to bring to site. Nothing must interfere. Urgent. (Site just North of MONTALTO -

1840 - TO CO 36TH ENGRS AND CORPS ENGR FROM THOMAS URGENT B Y PASS SOUTH MONTALTO ON HIGHWAY ONE BE OPENED TONGITH FOR TWO WAY TRAFFIC TIMBER TRESTLE BRIDGE TO SLOW INITIAL INSTALLATTION DOUBLE TRACK BY PASS TIMBER CULBERT OR ANY OTHER QUICKER MEANS PROMPT ACTION DESIRED AM AT LARGE ELBOW ON H HIGHWAY ONE NORHT MONALTO, COL THOMAS

# 10 June to 11th June (Cont'd)

1845 -Have any free companies of Red and Blue make up sections for 6' x 6' box culverts, which can be trrown together for quick by-pass construction. Ranger Sunray.

- 1950 Sunray Ranger Lt Carstens left brige park with Treadway over & hour ago. Col. GILLETTE was in and wants road checked and deloused thru ORBETELLO into PORTO S. STEFANO and PORT ERCOLE. Have given assignment to Easy company. Seagull Ranger
- 2000 Sunray Blue Have any free company in your Bn make up section f for 6' x 6' box culveres which can be threen together for quick by-pass construction. Army is supposed to relieve us to and incl. CIVITEVECOHIA 11 June. Do not stop work intil they actually relieve you. Ranger Seagull.

2400 - Please bring your S-3 to this Hqs A176039 for a conference at your earliest convenience, GILLETTE IVC

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0200 - Colonel STANLEY killed in Jeep accident NE of by-pass near TARQUINA. Sunray Blue: - You must give Lt GUSTAFSON all the assistance you can 0355 on blow N of MONTALTO. We are getting rubber floats and Sommerfelt together to send up to him. Have enough floats to make one floating span. The Bailey must be in by tomorrow night and treadway as soon as possible. Col. STANLEY was killed in auto accident tonight. 39th Engrs will have officers at GUSTAFSON'S and MINORS jobs to offer any assistance needed. Get a fresh company out to relieve GUSTAFSON'S crew first thing this morning. Ranger Seagull 0912 -Engr VI Corps: - Col. GILLETTE asked me to tell you that he cannot come down to see you today due to the work on hand. He asked, that if it was at all possible, he would appreciate if you could come up and see him. W. Rybak, Maj. \*\*1200 1220 -Engr IV Corps - C.P. 36th Engr Regt. at 040170, directly across road from entrance to IV Corps C.P. Ranger Seagull \*\*1200 -39th Engrs have contacted me and a e to relieve me of bridge job at-987220 and of road assignment 015195 to 867265. Awaiting confirmation and further orders. SFAILOS

- 1445 Enemy opposition encountered at 811266. Unable to proceed to S. STEFANO PORT ERCOLE and ORBETELLO, Sunray Easy.
- XXXX Sunray Red: Arrange detail to get two 39th Brockways and pull "C" Co. Treadway at TARQUINA when "B" Co. completes their bailey. Brockways at Corps Bridge Dump 175036. Report completion of Bailey <u>immediately</u>. Also have detail blow rubble from center of stream beneather Co. Bailey at TARQUINA. Don't blow <u>Bridge</u> or abutment out. Have them also pick up the steel "I" beams from beneath same bridge. Have Sunrays orderly report back here. He desires to keep him. Seagull Minor.
- 2010 Check for mines area to be occupied by 95th Evac. Hosp coordinates A033189. Check for mines area to be occupied by 8th Evac. Hosp. coordinates A001209. Approximately 10 acres plot needed at both sites. IVC

# 12 June to 13 June

Sunray Blue: - Check for mines area to be occupied by 95th Evac Hospital 0810 coord (A033189) and by 8th Evac Hosp. coord (A001209) approx 10 acre plot needed at both sites. There will be a load of bridge timber unloaded from IV Corps Bridge Train.at your new CP at MONTALTO this morning. Seagull Minor

- 0930 Present Ranger Red CP at 018197 and Able CP at 022192. Red Surray.
- XXXX -Dump the 3 trailer loads of Bailey timber at your 2nd Bn area and notify 39th and 111th Engrs. GILLETTE
- 1520 Baker CP 013171. Charlie CP 035190.
- \*\*1115 Engr IV Corps: Ranger opened new CP at coord. 061213 at 1100B. Ranger Seagull Minor.
  - Sunray Red: Div. Engrs bridged a Tank Trap just North of CIVITACECCHIA. 1325 -Truck broke through this afternoon. Have a detail start filling immediately this afternoon. Seagull Minor.
  - Sunray Red: Sweep sho lders road MONALTO CANINO VALENTANO and post. 1510 -Keep officer with column moving along that route to keep us informed of work to be taken over from the Task Force Engrs. Seagull Minor
  - 2220 -Sunray Blue: - Check 1-B for condition and report. MONTEROMANO-VETRALLA-VITERBO. Patrol #1 to CIVITECECCHIA. Smooth off culvert at 172013. Braining in Mine Detectors, Engr Reconn, Map Reading and Demolitions.
  - Sunray Red: Road Patrol CANINO-VALENTANO and Training in Mine Detectors, 2225 -Engr Reconn. Map Reading and Demolitions.
  - 2236 -Baker maintaing Bailey Bridge they constructed and have guard on same. Should they continue?

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.0907 - Send two Brockways to "G" Co. bridge 022193. Send note to 2nd Bn to send off forward to contact 39th Engrs to see if there is any work we can take over.

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# 14 June to 15th June

- XXXX Move one Bn to RJ 731328. Construct Bailey Bridge then and follow up road SANSANO DOGGIO CAVALLO in close support 111th Engrs. Prepare to take over No. 1 from 731328 to MONTALTO inclusive. GILLETTE
- 2130 Sunray White: Make your request for Bailey Bridge yo are to build thru Col. GREENE - 39th Engrs. After Bailey is completed, post a competent man on duty to make a traffic count. Count must be accurate for traffic going both ways. Seagull.

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# 15 June to 16th June

- 0310 Dog company needs 140' Double-Double Bailey Bridge at Bridge site N of ORBETTLO, Sunray
- 0430 IV Corps Bridge Train: 140' of Double-Double Bailey Bridge needed at Bridge site 731328 N of ORBETELLO immediately. Seagull.
- 0830 Your instructions were to prepare bridge site and then stand by for instructions to build. Seagull notes imply construction. Am I being instructed to build or not? Sunray White.
- 0910 Sunray White: GILLETTE wants you to mark and open a by-pass around the bridge you are going to build N of OBRETTO to pass traffic until the bridge is constructed. Seagull Minor.
- 0955 Water is too deep for ford. Cannot build by-pass without bridge or large culvert. Sunray White.
- 1000 Cannot build the by-pass, when stream is 60' wide mim. and 5' deep, running 3 M.P.H. Seagull was in and advised that no Bailey Bridge would be built. It is unavailable. Is a wood bridge desired instead? Sunray White
- 1012 Sunray White: Sunray says no wood bridge. Bailey Bridge on order. Will have to wait for it. Seagull Minor
- 1030 C0 2d Bn 36th Engrs (Thru Seagull 36th Engrs ) Corps Bridge Train will return to Army Dump to pick up your bridge as soon as present load is discharged. You may expect the bridge load not earlier than 2000B hours this date delivered at the site. The Lt in charge of the bridge train will contact you direct for delivery of the bridge to the site. Bake Seagull.
- 1900 Sunray White: Hold up construction of Bailey until you receive further orders. Do not unload equipment. It is possible that bridge may not be constructed. Seagull

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# 15 June to 16 June (Cont'd)

2015 - Sunray White: - Go ahead with Bailey. Corps has decided they want it in and as soon as possible. Report completion without delay. Seagul

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# 16 June to 17 June

- 0020 Capt DUNN Engr Sec IV Corps: Request area for Evac Hosp coordinates E838265 200 yds by 200 yds be checked for mines. Area is on Seaside of main highway and E of secondary road leading to C. BURANO. Area to be cleared by 1100 hrs 16 June '44.
- 0035 Sunray White: Check area for mines, coord. E 838265 200 yds by 200 yds for Evac Hospital. Area is on Seaside of main hwy and East of secondary road leading to C. BURANO. Area to be cleared by 1100 hrs 16 June 1944. PARKS, S-3
- XXXX CP's Ranger Red Able 816395, Bn Hqs 822409, Baker 820406 and Charlie 823404.

1225 - Sunray White: - Ack-Ack outfit ran into mine-field vic 3 miles south of ORBETELLO on left of road going N. Desired to locate and mark extent of field. Capt SONNEISHSENN here says give detail to Easy company. Seaguil Minor

1945 - Sunray White: - Col. GILLETTE is ver anxious to unload the floating equipment for the Bailey Bridge. Will it be possible to send these trucks down to the site tonight to unload? Rake Seagull

XXXX - Above message (1945) sent to Red for compliance. Ranger Seagull

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### 17 June to 18 June

1250 - Sunray White: - Move bridge train to vic of SCANSANO. \* Post signs closing by-pass and ford across ALBEGNA River. Post town and directional signs on C.R.'s and R.J.'s as traffic guides as well as signs on by-passes and bridges. Widen out hairpin turns on mountain roads wherever possible to permit movement of 155's. Send copy of the inventory you are making of bridge train to this hqs. Seagull

- 1327 Sunray Blue: Ranger 745426 Follow signs up road to MAGLIANO. Thanks for loc. Blue. Was there yesterday. Seagull Minor
- XXXX Send Grader and D-4 to IV Corps Hqs Engr Section. Msg to 2nd Bn.
- XXXX 3rd Bn: Alert tomorrow selutes and uniform. All vehicles and MG's to manned. Road thru SCANSANO - RUSH! TREADWAy to go in at ISTIA. 30 trucks to Army Engr Dump and pick up 150' T/D Bailey.
- XXXX 2nd Bn: Fourth Coros insigna on all signs.
- XXXX Amount of traffic crossing "D" Company Bailey bridge between hours of 2300B 16 June to 1500B 17 June. North Bound - 72 vehicles. South Bound -90 vehicles. Sunray White
- 1400 Sunray White: INPORTANT Patrol grader coming to your Hqs. Send it and a D-4 to report to Engr IV Corps to improve Corps Hqs. Send these as soon as grader can get there. Very important job. Seagull Minor
- 1530 Do you want two way culvert where we are picking up Treadway Bridge? Sumray Blue.
- 1535 Sunray Blue: Yes! (Msg to Blue 1530B)
- 1540 Sunray White:- Check area for 163rd Med. Bn for mines. Seagull
- 1600 Sunray Blue: Treadway is on its way up to ISTIA. You are to put the Treadway in before 0600 18 June. Urgent that this be put in quick. Be particulary careful on uniform and salute tomorrow. Man all truck mtd. guns. Seagull
- 1610 Sunray White:- You will construct 150' Triple Double Bailey at 642670 to be in by 191200. It will require 30 trucks to pick up this equipt. This has will arrange for 20 trucks to report to our Has this evening. Send officer down to make sure you get sufficient bridge. The road thru SCANSANO is a rush job. Must be opened as soon as possible. Warn everyone to be particularly careful re: uniform and salute tomorrow. Paint IV Corps insignia on all signs that you put up. Pick bridge up at Army Equip't pool 6 mi N of CIVITEVECCHIA on W side of rd. Seagull
- 1645 A 4-T Prime Mover is needed immediately by "D" company to haul D-4 'Cat' to job site at IV Corps. None available in Bn. Pleese send 4-T Prime Mover to "D" company CP to haul D-4 and Trailer as soon as possible. Sunray White

17 June to 18 June (Cont'd)

- 1710 The approaches to first floating Treadway Bridge above Keystone CP are very rough and becoming worse. Col. GILLETTE wants us to attend to it immediately.
- 1730 Sunray Blue: Above Msg to your Hqs.
- 2010 I am sending our 6-T Prime Mover up to H & S as of now. If motor pool has another pintil up there, it may be possible to repair and use if you are unalble to obtain another 6-T Prime Mover. Sunray White Pintel on our 6-T Prime Mover broke while hauling "E" company cat to job. Can you get us another 6-T Prime Mover at once? Have it report to this Hqs. Sunray White.

# 18 June to 19 June

1100 - Sunray White: - Sweep area vic E 650597 for mines. There will be someone there from 8th Evac and area is supposedly already laid out. Seagull.

1510 - "F" company box culvert opened at 1400 near SCANSANO.

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### 19 June to 20. June

- XXXX Col. GILLETTE asgd maintenance of floating Treadway bridge to Baker. Are they reld. of this work simultaneously with Bailey Bridge work? If so, notify cyclist to notify Baker company. Red Sunray
- A convoy is forming up in our area here. So far 2 truck loads 3 x 12 0800 plank 1 truck load I beams formed into Hexagons. Will there be a guide coming here for them? Molar White
- 1310 -39th left 6 Brocks, 1 Quickway, 1 Tow-Grader and some lumber with me. Corps Engr says it goes to you. Will you send for it? Located at E 658470. (CO Co. E 175th Engrs IV Corps Bridge Train)
- 1320 Sunray Red:- At 1600 this date, 2nd Bn will take over maintenance and guard on Floating Bailey. Seagull
- Sunray White: Take over maintenance of all bridges across ALBEGNA 1325 -River as of 191600B. Move your Bn. vic. GROSSETTO tomorrow 20 June. Seagull.

- Have you moved? If so; where is your new locations? so I can get telephone comm in? Capt SADLER IVC 1420 -Inform me
- Entrance to 5th Army Class III depot approx 4 mil South of GROSSETO \*\*1400 needs improving. All by-passes from the ALBUNA Rives North to GROSSETO on Hwy 1 need maint. (Capt LOMBARD notified) Message from 91st Ren. Forward elements at 835747. Bridge mined. No by-pass as yet. Heavy fighting West of this point. Capt SADLER IVC
  - I have one squad maintaining and guarding Steel Treadway Bridge at 1500 -698372 as ordered by Corps Engr. 39th Engrs pulled out and left it needing maintaining. Sunray Baker.

1600 - Sunray White: - Maintain and guard Treadway Bridge at 698372. Seagull

- Other Engrs constructing two-way by-pass vic of Dog company. Propose \*\*1515 -Bailey Bridge. Sunray Dog 69 company of opinion Bailey not needed. What is verdict? 2nd Bn.
  - XXXX -What do you want us to do with the extra Bailey Bridge parts that were excess in the "E" company job? Do they go to Army Bridge dump or to the 175th Engr Bridge Train? Sunray White
  - XXXX 🕳 Excess parts of Bailey Bridge to be turned in to Army Bridge Dump.
  - XXXX 🛥 Col. GILLETTE stopped in and asked me to pass on to you that the 343rd are is taking over to GROSSETO. He wanted to be sure that we left bridge guards on all bridges until we are physically relieved, The thing that brought it up was that the 39th pulled their men off the Floating Treadway just just above the junction of #1 and 74 and when he got up there, the tie bars had all come off between the treadways and they were spreading - traffic tied up. Sunray White

### 19 June to 20th June (Cont'd)

1640 - Sunray Blue: - Imporve entrance to 5th Army Class III Depot approx 4 mi S of GROSSETO. You are responsible for maint. on route 1 from ALBEGNA R (excl.) E to GROSSETO. Keep eye on by-passes and fill. Seaguli

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## 20 June to 21 June

- 0720 Sunray White:- Sunray Ranger 111. (Lt. Col CHUBBUCK). Going to hospital. You are in command of Regt. now. Regt'l Hqs moving 1/2 mile N of GROSSETO. Seagull
- 0745 Engr IV Corps:- CP moving to 623669 this morning. New CP marked and will open about 1100. Seagull Minor
- 0747 Sunray Red:- Bailey not available for sight we spoke about last night. Cel. GILLETTE - quote: "How abour courduroy, Sommerfelt track? How's pressure up there?". Seagull
- XXXX Crane #/bridge equipment has not shown at as of 1000 hrs. More critical is <u>Cats</u> - Don't have any - need immediately minimum of 2 cats, one for Bridge, one for by-pass. Putting in culvert in place of Bailey. Need one grader to keep by-pass open at 744690. Send note back by bike rider on above. Red Sunray
- 1200 Ref message Red:- Sending Brockway pulling D-4 to Red will then bring up "A" D-8 to Red - and also "B" D-7 if wanted. Blue has one grader-other broken blade - tow grader broken tongue.
- 1345 TFR called cat at 732795. Already on way to that point. Seagull Minor
- 1505 Sunray White:- Make immediate recon N of RJ where #1 and #73 meet. Report whether Bailey's needed at the two blows Norht of this intersection and how much bridge required. Report to this Hq all info immediately. The second blow was reported to be still under S/A fire. Seagull
- 1530 E co working quarry at 642641. E company can draw gravel there. Called Lt CUMMINGS of same. Seagull Minor
- 1555 Bn C.O.'s:- Make inventory of all timber loaded on the pole type trailers. Submit copy of inventory to this Hq by 221200B. Seagull
- 1602 Sunray White:- There is Bailey Bridge material in GROSSETO, stacked there by 111th Engrs. Get rollers and other accessories laid out on site and commence loading this Bailey on organic transp. for movement to site. Seagull

### 21 June to 22 June

- 1600 What is present status on turning in of xs Ordnance equipment? "E" company just turned in xs Mort rs and 37's. S-4 st ted that he wants all our B.A.R.'s and xs. M.G.'s and Tommy Guns. Molar White.

1950 - Capt SARVER IVC:- Our 1st Bn is pulling out as you said. Bn C.O. says no 19th at PAGANICO (710844) yet. Could you call them and have them send at least a platoon there for T.F. RAMEY? Also a platoon to for 774753 to maintain. Some pieces of Treadway there still which we did not have Brockways to pick up. 19th should have someone with T.F.R. Seagull Minor

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### 22 June to 23 June

0920 - C.O.'s all Bn's - Regt. will move tomorrow. (GROSSETTO) Make every effort to get cleaned up today. Move will be in four (4) serials. Each Bn being a seperate serial. Uniform: Fatigues, Leggings, Helment (complete), Arms and Bedding Roll with men. Bivouac area must be thoroughly policed before pulling out. Seagull

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23 June to 24 June.

1700 - Regiment commenced move back to Naples area from GROSETTO.

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24 June to 25 June

0600 - Regiment arriving in vic of LITTORIA Airport for bivousc.

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### 25 June to 26 June

2200 - Regiment commenced move form LITTORIA Airport to vic of POZZUOLI.

0545 - Regiment arriving in vic of POZZUOLI for bivolac.

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## 20 June to 21st June (Cont'd)

- 1930 Capt SADLER called Wanted 45' of Treadway at 1st Bailey N of GBOSSETO. Report to 111th Engrs. Will send some as soon as it arrives from rear. Seagull Minor
- 2000 Radio White Recon complete bridge trains at Blue and White coming to pick it up and start work immediately. Col. GILLETTE at Blue wants to organize party from Blue and increase capacity of bridge on Hwy constructed by 111th Engrs. Seagull Minor
- 2115 Sunray Blue:- Check RR track N of GROSSETO for mines. Start from RR station to Junction Hwy #1. Check path along pole line. Seagull
- 2135 Turn over 1 Tow-Grader and 6 Brockways to 19th Engr Combat Ragt. They will make arrangements for transfer. Capt SABLER IVC
- 2220 S-3 175th Engr Bn:- Will you send empty Brockways to Bridge put in today at 774753. Have them there tomorrow morning so Bridge can be taken out? Road being abandoned. Seagull Minor

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29 June to 30 June

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XXEX - Send Jeep to pick me up at Building "E" of the 45th General Hospital tomorrow at 1030B. Lt Col CHUBBUCK

1630 - Submitted herewith is overlay of Route of March for 12 mile hike on 30 June. Molar, White.

# AUGUST 1944

### TERS 36TH ENGINEER (C) REG W A.B.O. 758

### 15 September 1944

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Subject: Operations Report - Aloha Beaches.

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To

: Commanding Officer, Beach Control Group,

The 36th Engineer Beach Group supported the landing of the 3rd Inf Division (Reinf) on the southerwcoast of France on 15 August 1944, in the vicinity of Anse de Pompetone and Baie de Cavalaire,

The 36th Engineer Regiment (Combat) with the following units attached constituted the Beach Group:

52nd QM Bn (M67) Hq & Hq Group Co's. - 3333rd QM Trk (Dukw) 3334th QM Trk (Dukw) 3335th QM Trk (Dukw) 3336th QM Trk (Dukw) 3353rd QM Trk (Dukw) 3355th QM Trk (Dukw) 1st Plt 21st Chem Decon Go 52nd Med Bn, Hq & Hq Det Co's - 376th Med Coll 377th Med Coll 378th Med Coll 52nd QM Bn (M67) Hq & Hg Group 378th Med Coll 682nd Med Clearing 12522 616th Med Clearing (less 2nd Plat) 63rd Chem Depot Co 69th Ord Amm Co 72nd Sig Co (Spec) Det 77th Ord Depot Co 1st Plat 93rd QM Rhd Co 177th Sig Repair Go Det 207th Sig Depot Co Det 377th PW EG Co 1 Sect 3rd Plt 450th Engr Depot Co 530th QM Bn, Hq & Hq Det Co's = 327th QM Serv 4133rd QM Serv 4134th QM Serv 4135th QM Serv 4136th QM Serv Co A 759th MP Bn Det 977th Ord Dep Co 3407th Ord M Auto M Co (Dukor) 3634th QM Trk Co 3856th QM Gas Sun Sec Det 6690th Reg Co 157th MP PV Det 706th MP PV Det 790th MP PW Det

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The 3rd Division (Reinf) landed on two beaches, Yellow (Anse de Pompelone) and Red (Baie de Cavalaire).

The 2nd Bn, 36th Engineer Regiment (Combat) supported the landing of one LaT of the 3rd Division (Reinf) on Anse de Pompelone (Alpha Yellow Beach) reinforced by the following listed units:

> Co. C 1st Naval Beach Bn Det 72nd Sig Co Det 52nd QM Bn (Dukw) Det 52nd Med Bn Det 69th Ord Co Amm Det 93rd QM Rhd Co Det 790th MP EG Co Det 207th Sig Depot Det 377th MP EG Co Det 377th MP EG Co Det 3856th QM Co (GS) Det 450th Engr Depot Co Det 63rd Chem Depot Det 530th QM Bn Serv Det 6690th Reg Co

The 36th Engineer Beach Group less the 2nd Bn and attachments landed at Baie de Cavalaire (Alpha Red Beach). At approximately 0800, 15 August 1944, the initial assault elements landed as planned and were immediately followed by reconnaissance parties of the Beach Group.

Enemy resistance was scattered and light. Mines of the wooden box type variety were found on the left flank of the beach, laid in a pattern, at 5 yard intervals. Concrete tetrahedrons, approximately 5 feet high with a 4 foot square base, containing an encased tellermine with an exposed pressure plug on the seaward side, were encountered about 30 yards off-shore. These were laid on 12 foot centers over 600 yards of the beach front. There was also found a double section of these tetrahedrons about 100 yards off-shore in a line about 100 yards long. These obstacles prevented the use of the right flank of Red Beach until they could be removed, and it was not until 1400 hrs of D-day that a channel could be cleared and that portion of Red Beach put into use. It was by far the most suitable part of the beach.

Two LCI's and two LCVP's ran into tetrahedrons and were damaged sufficiently to necessitate a salvage party to commence work immediately offshore. Two other LCVP's were lost due to enemy shell fire. One LCT was hit and slightly damaged by enemy fire. Minefields were located in the dump area sites consisting of 150mm, 155mm and 170mm English, French and German artillery shells set with trip wires equipped with pull igniters inserted in the nose of the shells with the aid of an adapter. Tellermines without antilifting devices were found. (See overlays for location of obstacles and minefields).

On Alpha Red practically all personnel were used on D-day to construct beach exit roads and clearing mines as well as getting vehicles and personnel of the 3rd Division across the beach.

It was not until the evening of D-day that the obstacles on the right flank of Red Beach had been cleared and sufficient Engineer equipment and supplies had been landed to make it possible to spread the incoming vehicles and supplies over the entire breadth of the beach. By  $D \neq 1$  the entire beach was well enough established to handle supplies, vehicles and personnel with a minimum amount of confusion. By  $D\neq 2$  sufficient roads and causeway's constructed so as to enable an efficient discharge.

Alpha Yellow Beach remained in operation from D-day through to D/3, when it was closed. Yellow Beach was wholly unsuited for off-shore unloading. Beach gradients and loose sand made it very difficult to work across this beach.

On D/3, Beach #260 (Alpha Green) was cleared and opened for the discharge of all personnel and vehicles so as to keep Alpha Red open only for discharge of cargo. This separation of activities worked exceedingly well and eliminated the confusion incident to French troops landing with excessive personal and organizational baggage.

Leconnaissance elements, consisting of depot operating personnel checked the previously map selected dump sites for suitability and road net with view to further development and expansion. In all but a few cases, the dump sites used were those selected as planned from studies made on aerial photographs and existing planning maps. Recommendations of depot C.O.'s as to Engineer work necessary to develop sites were checked by the C.O. 1st Bn and acted upon immediately. The 1st Bn was charged with mine and obstacle removal behind the beaches, as well as the engineering features of dump installation.

Communications were rapidly established to Division and from Beach Group C.P. to the Beaches and all Beach Group installations. This excellent communication system aided materially in the control of the operation.

The 36th Engineer Beach Group was originally set up to function as shown on enclosed organization chart. Responsibilities were clearly defined and attached unit C.O.'s clearly understood their tasks. The organization was checked & tested thoroughly before the operation by conferences, dry runs, RCT exorcises and the divisional exercise. After the start of the operation there was only a minor change made. The detachment of the Regulating Company was made responsible for checking vehicles and personnel landing across the beaches.

Full advantage was taken of the use of civilian labor. Their employment was closely coordinated by the C.O. of the 530th QM Bn (Serv'ce), who was responsible for all labor on the Alpha Beaches.

All mechanical aids and equipment were dispatched through the Headquarters of the Beach Group so that it would be used where needed and a close running check could be had as to its immediate employment. Comments - The following difficulties succeptible of immediate correction were encountered:

- a. In general the TQMs were completely worthless on unloading.
- b. Relations with the Navy afloat were unsatisfactory and the Navy was unaware of the strictly limited estent of their responsibilities.

Recommendations

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- a. Permanent, well trained TQMs, should be assigned to all cargo, personnel and MT Ships.
- b. That, on embarkation sufficient space be allotted to take two (2) drivers per DUKW on assault lift.
- c. That, sufficient space be allotted Beach Group in high priority bracket so that necessary equipment be available immediately upon landing.

For the Commanding Officer:

Kak in WILLIAM RYBAK. Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt. S-3

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# DISCHARGE ACROSS ALPHA BEACHES D to D/14

There were available approximately thirty (30) LCT's and forty (40) LCM's for unloading at the beach at all times.

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Date	Cargo Long Tons	Vehicles	Personnel
15 Aug - D-day 16 Aug - D/1 17 Aug - D/2 18 Aug - D/3 19 Aug - D/3 19 Aug - D/4 20 Aug - D/5 21 Aug - D/6 22 Aug - D/7 23 Aug - D/8 24 Aug - D/9 25 Aug - D/10 26 Aug - D/11 27 Aug - D/13	225 2821 3586 2990 3758 4939 4068 2696 4997 4820 3106 2173 3662	2154 847 2571 1718 1262 135 361 862 575 143 1066 744 266	15938 4915 10673 4488 <b>1957</b> 2522 3855 3104 6606 2095 7433 2759 635
$29 \text{ Aug} = D \neq 13$ 29 Aug = D $\neq 14$	4004 1844	29 48	0 489
. 1	otals 49,679	11,781	67,469

Note -- During later stages of the operation, more tonnage could have been handled if that had been necessary, and the originally assigned personnel remained on the beach. 194 74 The Beach Group was handicapped in the initial stages of the operation by the lack of transportation. On the evening of D-day the only vehicles available to the Beach Group were 12 DUKW's that carried in initial and very limited amount of Beach Group equipment. Sixty-six DUKW's were committed to Field Artillery Bns, hauling their guns, ammunition, personnel and organizational equipment. It was not until D/5 that the last of the DUKW's were returned to the Beach Group. Organic vehicles of Beach Group units were incorporated in the Beach Group Motor Pool and all dispatch of vehicles were coordinated by C.O. of the 52nd QM Bn (Mobile).

#### VEHICLES FOR DISCHARGE OF CARGO ON ALPHA RED D to D / 14

Date	Number available for 24 hr period	Number Used During Day	Number Used During Night
15 Aug - D-day	Organizatio	nal Assault Vehicles	
16 Aug - D/1	84	59	84
17 Aug - D/2	184	1.84	159
18 Aug - D/3	162	162	127
19 Aug - D/4	183	173	135
20 Aug - D/5	253	198	157
-21 Aug - D/6	279	217	186
22 Aug - D/7	321	240	163
23 Aug - D/8	343	250	160
24 Aug - D/9	340	297	157
25 Aug - D/10	347	301	1.60
26 Aug - D/11	274	230	135
27 Aug - D/12	271	240	141
28 Aug - D/13	246	217	140
29 Aug - D/14	242	221	174

#### EVACUATION ACROSS ALPHA BEACHES

Date	,	Prisoners	Casue ties
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15 Aug - D-day		1306	122
16 Aug - D/1		473	46
17 Aug - D/2		344	151
18 Aug - D/3		500	174
19 Aug - D/4		917	ò
20 Aug - D/5	· .	401	0
21 Aug - D/6		0	0
22 Aug - D <b>/</b> 7		517	0
$23.\mathrm{Aug} = \mathrm{D}/8$	·	1054	0
24 Aug - D/9	*	0	· 0
25 Aug - D/10		<b>O</b> . 1	0
26 Aug - D/11		149	0
	Totals	5661	493

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The assault convoy for the Alpha Beaches consisted of thirty-nine (39) LCT's, thirty-six (36) LCI's and twenty-five (25) LST's. The following ships by name and number constituted ships arriving in the D-day convoy:

Ship	No.	Ship	No.	Ship	<u>No</u> .
Alcott	51	Rosalind	76	Chase APA	26
Blackhavk	44	Vesper	103	Arundel XAP	76
Beecher	47	Unican	77	Thurston XAP	77
Rush	53	Sambre	104	Obercon AKA	14
Blount	55	Marian	88	Andromeda AKA	15
McHenry	48	${\tt Chesterfield}$	81	Derbyshire	504
Warren	52	Gallant	96	Donera	506
Eells	45	Frontenac	84	Castle	507
Burleson	46	Noble	74	Pride	509
Keigne	49	Sampan	106	Valendon	519
Hood	17	Clarion	73	Staffordshi re	517
Loop rd	15	Hardlesdon	93	Sableski	515
$\mathbb{M}_{\mathcal{F}}$ , $\mathfrak{h}$	13	Outpost	75	Fort Maisoneau	87
Rungey	35	Hart	94	Polk	50
Aklavik	79	Samfleet	109	Dallas	29
Cumberland	82	Flobisher	83	Sterns	27
Monarch	°952	Pope	50	Ocean Traveler	102
Beausejoir	80	Henrico APA	45	Ocean Rider	101
				Ocean Messenger	99

SHIPS DISCHARGED ON D / 5 CONVOY

. <u>Ship</u>	No.	Ship	No.
Samdak	126	Corcrest	150
Rittill	125	Chateau Lataus	189
Williard	133	Henrico	,,
Sumpter	128	Prince Henry	
Samkey	120	Prince David	
Marion	136	Prince Beatrice	
Foster	117	U.S.S. Roper	
Irving	135	Prince Boudoui	•
Juneau	134	U.S.S. Greene	
Samglory	119	Prince Albert	
Samblade	118	ICI	674
Orpheus	139	ĪĊĪ	45
Star	149	LCI	38

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#### SHIPS DISCHARGED D / 10 CONVOY

<u>No</u>. Ship Ship No. McLane 147 194 Payne Bland 176 Carrol APA 28 Carlton 170 Betelguese AKA 11 169 53 67 Acheron AKA Lennox Hardingan 167 Dix XAP Stranger 168 Nightingale XAP 70 Cypheus AKA Hornthorst 18 166 192 Longfellow Jefferson APA 30 Gale 193

The following ships were discharged over Alpha Beaches on the D  $\neq$  15 Cenvoy:

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Ship	No.	Ship	No.
Cerion	197	Dickman APA	13
Peter Minnet	225	Arctuous AKA	1
Ft. Laverence	211	Stanton XAP	69
Mayo Bros.	222	Arundel XAP	76
Edvard Hurley	218	Thurston XAP	77
Geo. Patton	217	Andromeda AKA	15
Michael Pupin	220	Chase APA	26
Robt Stockton	219	Lyon XAP	71
Carter Braxton	204	Obereon AKA	14
Henrico APA	45	Preycon AKA	2
Barnett APA	5		

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#### 14th Aug to 15th Aug

XXXX - 2d Bn CP located as planned five one two one two three.

XXXX - Blue CP 423073.

- XXXX Cargo:- Four one three three and four CMA four CMA five CMA six and three two seven seven <u>RERVIFE</u> Co. have lended on Yellow Beach What should they do signed Capt. Meury
- 1000 36th Engr Beach Grp CP open at 420078.
- 1030 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Regt C.P. open at 1000 at 420078 France 1:25,000 XXXV-46 1 and 2. Seagull Minor C.G. 3rd Div:- C.P. 36th Engr Regt open 1000 at 420078 France, 1:25,000 XXXV-46 1 and 2. Seagull Minor
- 1150 C.O. 2d Bn:- Is beach cleared of mines? Have you landed all your equipment. What info have you on status of offshore obstacles. Give location of your C.P. Seagull Cargo

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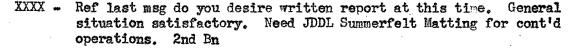
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- 1225 Has reserve Tank Co. landed? Maj Barnes Colbra 3
- 1230 If LCT's not unloaded get them in. Maj Barnes
- 1240 3d Div Air Strip open for operation.
- 1420 Speed up unloading. Check Yellow Beach possibilities. Col. Johnson 3rd Div.
- 1425 Sunray Cargo White:- Is your beach organized to handle more vehicles. Are you prepared to handle supplées. What is general condition of your beach. Start moving QM Co's to Red. Seagull Cargo
- 1430 Detail mine clearance and Dukw to report to Mr. Beardsley 3rd Bn CP immed to check 260. Cargo Sunray.
   C.O. Cargo Red:- Send mine clearance detail and Dukwy to report to Mr. Beardsley 3rd Bn CP immed to check 260. Seagul1
- 1500 Beach is cleared of Anti-tank mines Anti-Personnel mines. '3rd Bn
- 1640 IST's being unloaded (173, 914).
- XXXX Third Div P.W. Enclosure opens 1615 at 438099. WATTS, P.M.
- XXXX Beach is cleared. Beach organized to pass all traffic.off shore obstacles weak. 2nd Bn



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#### 14th Aug to 15th Aug

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- XXXX Cannot handle more vehicles until Dukw's <u>AOMTS</u> with sommerfelt come in. Can handle supplies if Dukw's are available. All Underwater Obstacles cleared. Left flank only channels for LCT SL all small boats in on right flank. 2nd Bn
- 1650 "A" Co. CP at 407056. Col. Boatner wants 6 Dukw's. Call back as soon as we get them.
- 1720 Col. Boatner notified of fact, Dukw's, not available.
- 1805 IST 173 unloaded. IST 914 approx 1/2 hr till unloaded. IS<sup>T</sup> 906 on ramp. Started unloading. 3rd Bn
- 1810 Area cleared except motor park area. Able

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- 1825 1 LST completely unloaded. 3 pontons have been put in and 3 LST's are being unloaded simultaneously. 3rd Bn
- 1830 Div. notified of above. Seagull Minor
- 1840 Advise if road between Red repeat Red and Yellow Beaches is still closed due to enemy action. 2nd Bn
- 1855 Div reports no enemy action South of East-West line through RAMONTELLE. C.O. 3rd Bn:- Div reports no enemy action Sout of East-West line through RAMATUELLE (473107). Seagull Minor
- 1900 TQM 202 (Lt. Hudson) reported LST 202 unloaded and passenger and vehicle list turned over to 3rd Div. representative.
- 1925 LST 211 and 263 now unloading. 906 on ramp. LST 178 has been unloaded by LCT at sea.
- 1930 Col. Kind requests status of unloading at Yellow Beach. Also entire status in detail on Red Beach.
- 1950 C.O. 2d Bn:- Request latest info in regards to unloading of equipment, goats, and general situation. Seagull Minor
- 2057 URGENT: Sunray Yellow: Call in and unload Supply LCT earmarked for Yellow Beach. Must be unloaded prior to daylight. Cargo Seagull

#### 15th Aug to 16th Aug

0635 - 3 LCT's 50% unloaded on Red Beach. Ammo, Rations and Assault Packs.

0730 - Div P. W. Cage opened at 0730 at 407145. WATTS, P.M. 3d Div

0800 - C.O.'s all Beach Group Units: - All cargo vehicles are to be unloaded at once and sent to 3rd Bn CP on Red Beach. URCENT! Seagull Minor. 3rd Div CP opened at 160730 at 398149. O'DANIEL

- 0830 211 finished and 174 coming in.
- XXXX Where is Navy located in CAVALIERE? Red Molar,
- 0900 Liberty's pulling in, one starting to unload Dukw's. Blue Sunray. Supplies (LCT) must be unloaded tonight. LCT on Yellow to be unloaded. Col. KING. Yellow notified to unload LCT earmarked for Yellow.
- XXXX C.O. Yellow Beach Control has received orders from C.O. Task Force Eight Four to unload five Liverties over P.D. Can you get this order countermanded? Sunray White.
- 0955 1st Bn Hqs moved to area in vic of Co. "C".
- 1000 C.O. 2d Bn:- Info desired as to which craft have been unloaded and which craft are being unloaded. Keep this Hqs informed regularly. Seagull Minor.
- 1055 C.O. 1st Bn:- Start clearing for landing points at CAVALIERE, contact Navy party there now. Send detail to Regt. Hq for purpose of clearing mines - (8 men sufficient). URGENT! Seagull Minor.

1110 - Red Beach - Liverty's being unloaded - No.'s 47 - Beecher

- 51 Alcott
- 46 Burleson
- 17 Hood
- 45 Cushing Falls

1155 - Red Beach Liberty's being unloaded - Black Hawk

- 1300 One Cat lost on Green Beach. 3d Bn.
- 1330 Exec of 382d Port Bn reported in to Hqs 36th Engrs. Will keep in contact of Bn's unloading status direct with us.
- 1425 3634 and 3359 Trk Co's reported in.
- 1445 Sunray White:- P.W.'s are to be evacuated on any craft available. Do not wait for LST's. Cargo Seagull.

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#### 15th Aug to 16th Aug

- 1520 Bn C.O.'s:- All Bn's will submit Engr Sitrep daily by 0800 B covering period 2400 to 2400 B. Cargo Seagull.
- 1630 Clearing Beach Grp Motor Pool to entirety. Will use portion of Vehicle assembly area for pool. Godfrey working in CAVALIERE area removing mines. Need Naval Demolition crew to remove underwater obstacles. Sunray Red.

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- 1635 Navy sending crew out to CAVALIERE to work on underwater obstacles. Jetty no good-to narrow and water shallow.
- 1636 52d Med Bn needs a man and explosive to blow holes for laterines.

1900 - TQM LST 201 unloaded as of 1800 15 Aug.

\*\*1932 2000 - 3359 Trk Co reported in to Red Beach with 11 trucks to haul supplies.

- 2015 One crane sent to Engr Dump-unload bridge equipment.
- 2030 Capt LONN reports location of 5th AA Grp 500 yds SE of LaCROIX on left side of road.
- 2240 Lt. CUMMINGS reports Dukw's are being sent to their bivouac areas to be unloaded tomorrow. Sent from ration dumps by an unknown-being investigated.

2250 - Gas being unloaded and sent to Gas Dump from Red Beach.

- \*\* 1932 Sunray White:- Re your message, your instructions are in conflict with all orders or instructions received by me. You must be ready to move at short notice. Have sent msg to Navy that we have closed Yellow Beach. You reply that orders received by you are in conflict with my orders and that you are awaiting further instructions before complying. I will investigate and advise further. Sunray Cargo.
  - 1940 C.O. Beach Control Group:- C.O. Yellow Beach has received orders from Task Froce 84 to unload five Liberty's over P.D. I have directed C.O. Yellow Beach not to comply with order until you direct me to that effect. C.O. 36th Engrs.

#### 16th Aug to 17 Aug

0700 - Div P. W. Cage opened at 0700 at 225119. WATTS, P.M.

- XXXX Seven Army requests 1st Sig Bn detachment on JOHN HOOD be given <u>Top</u> <u>Priority</u> in unloading. Have this unit unloaded as soon as possible. Col. GARDES, Ex B.C.G.
- XXXX Beachmaster contacted on above msg. Will accomplish. \*\* 0912
  - 0920 3 trucks reported to Lt DAVIS to work in Ration Dump.
  - 0925 Recon group from 2d Bn to check through le CANDEL before going to le LAVANDAU.
  - \*\*0912 C.O. 450th Engr:- Send 40 Engr Dukw's loaded with Bailey to St. TROPEZ where they will contact their own outfit. Seagull Minor
    - 0925 Sunray White:- Your reconn group has not reported in this morning. Am proceeding on myself. Have reconn group follow out. Cargo Seagull
    - 0945 1 Officer and 22 EM from 382d Port Bn loose in area. Details from 382d Port Bn to be sent to Delta Beach. 175 EM and 3 Officers - 10 2 1/2 Tons. On the night of 18th or morning of 19th will check.
    - 1020 382d Port Bn has 70 men for operation.
    - 1025 Ship No. 81 needs following parts for unloading 4 wire strap slings 9' long 3/4" cable. 4 Spreaders extension. Will unload as priortiy calls.
    - 1030 Request overlay of all installations and dumps be furnished this Hqs without delay, Col. ELLERS, 7th Army
    - XXXX Above msg accomplished.
    - XXXX All Unit C.O.'s and Atchd Units:- No piece of transportation pertaining to any unit of the Beach Grp will be used for recreational or sight seeing m purposes without the personal permission of the C.O. of the Beach Grp. This pertains to all officers and enlisted men. Cargo Molar, Cargo Sunray
    - XXXX Request thorough reconnissance le LAVANDOU Beaches pending further instructions. Also request report on operations from D-Day to present. Col. GARDES, Ex. Beach Control Grp
    - 1105 Send 50 men from 382d Port Bn to Red Beach.
    - 1120 Capt BURNETT from 379th Port Bn reports in. Given instruction for location.

#### 16th Aug to 17th Aug

- 1135 Get a 12 man detail from 520th Q.M to work in Air Corps dump.
- 1105 C.O. 382d Port Bn:- Send detail of 50 EM and 1 Officer to Capt LOMBARD at Red Beach for purpose of unloading ships. Seagull Minor.
- XXXX Vehicle blackout in areas under control of Beach Groups will be as prescribed in Par. 12 e. Administrative Instructions No. 1, Hqs 7th Army dated 20 July 1944. Maj CRONKHITE, BCG
- 1310----C.9.-of-381-Port-Bn-report-in---W111-layout-in-area-with-382d-Port-Bn--
- 1200 C.O. BCG:- A quick reconnaissance of le LAVANDOU was made this morning. The beach in this area is heavily mined. There are several belts of barbed wire along the whole beach. There are concrete tetrahedrons along 60% of the beach and placed in depth along several stretches. From conversation with the natives the water is shallow along most of the beach and would not be suitable for landing craft. Would not advise attempting to open beaches at le LAVANDOU. Awaiting your instructions. Cargo S\_agull.

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- 1250 C.O. 3d Bn:- Personnel of 484th Port Bn on following craft to be moved to St. TROPEZ upon completion of unloading of craft: Sambee 104, Ft Marin 88, Ft Probisher 83. Arrange thur beachmaster to send them by sea. If impossible to do so notify this Hqs three hours prior to their completion of task. Cargo Seagull.
- 1300 C.O. Cargo White: Send reconn party to LAVANDOU immediately to make thorough reconn of Beach area. Submit report this Hqs as soon as possible. Cargo Seagull.
- 1310 C.O. of 381 Port Bn reports in. Will layout in area with 382d Port Bn
- XXXX George Meade-priority 7th Army and Beach Control Grp.
- 1355 379th Port Bn-4 Co's 175, 176, 177 and 178. Hqs Detachment ashore. Rest of Bn will debark in about 2 days.
- 1400 C.P. Beach Control Grp opened 6001 17 Aug 1944 at U 464189 Map France 1:25,000 Sheet No. XXXV-45, 5 and 6. CROCKER, Adm Off
- XXXX 3d Div Fwd P.W. E. opens at 205210 at 1600. WATTS, P.M.
- 1645 1st Bn changed back to Red. Lt. CUMMINGS needs Crane, 50 personnel and 12 trucks.
- 1653 Flatted material will not be unloaded until ordered by this Hqs. Send party to reconniter beaches at HYERES as soon as possible. Take all possible precautions to prevent fires in dumps, particulary AMMO, and GAS. Suggest clearing fire lanes. GARDES, Ex BCG

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#### 16th Aug to 17th Aug

1700 - 1 Crane to Engr Dump. O.K.

- 1730 One-half Serv Co 36th Engr Regt will report to QM 3rd Inf Div at COQULIN 3rd-Inf-Div at 0700 18 Aug 44. ELLER, CO BCG
- 1800 Our message of 1730 17 Aug is changed to read "One half of A QM.Serv Co to report to QM 3rd Inf Div at COQULIN at 0700 18 Aug 44. ELLER, CO BCG
- 1820 3359 QM Trk Co has 26 trucks to work with Red Beach. Will start to work as soon as contacted
  - 1832 Manifest of S.S. JAMES MCHENRY turned in. Ship unloaded.
  - 2120 Guide to report to S-3 for purpose of picking up 2 cranes for Ammo Dump.
  - 2130 Disregard previous orders to move one-half QM Serv Co ordered to 3rd Div by our Mses of 1730 and 1800. Seventh Army has made other arrangements. CO BCG

#### 17th Aug to 18 Aug

0001 - Orders issued by 3rd Div as pertains to Daily Train to COGLIN <u>cencelled</u>. 3rd Div to get 20,000 gal. V-80 this A.M., and a follow up of 15,000 gal. later in the morning. Arrangements made with Red Beach to give priority to unloading of gas to Dump.

3 trucks to report to Capt. STADIG at town square in COGLIN for purpose of picking up 100 Civilian Laborers to be used in connection with Beach Grp-(Report to me at 0600 hrs for proper routing). 1 truck to report to Sgt PENTI (52d at 0600 hrs.)

- 0545 11 trucks loaded with 11,000 gals. of gasoline for 3rd Div.
- 0600 4 trucks reported in and sent out 3 for Capt STADIG and 1 for Sgt PENATI, S-2 Section.
- 0610 Lt. HILDEBRAND from VI Corps, 3426 Trk Co with 9 trk to pick up 10,000 gals gas for 117 Ren. Sqd. 0.K.
- 0630 Lt. HOLLANDER reported that 382d Port Bn people working Ship 81 have left and relief has not arrived. 382d Port Bn Hq contacted and releif arranged for.
- 0855 1 truck sent to 381st Port Bn.
- 0920 396th Port Bn #17 (Hood) 70 men to be moved to Delta Beach. 3359 - Returning to 7th Army.
- 0950 Liberty Ship 49 unloaded.
- 1020 Liberty Ship George Meade unloaded.
- 1040 Give priority to unloading gas and rations for 24 hours starting 1200 18 Aug 1944. GARDES, Ex BCG Beach notified.
- 1145 C.O. BCG:- We are returning personnel from Port Co's to Beaches they were intended for as per your instructions. Units-397 Port Co., 676, 484 and 396 Co's. However we are not getting any at these assigned to as back. As a result we will be shy Port Co's to unloed the craft coming in. Can use additional labor. We are hiring natives but that is not sufficient. Cargo Seagull
- 1150 Sunray White:- You are to move your Bn vic Red Beach. Send party up immediately to reconnoiter for bivouac area and starting moving personnel up immediately, repeat immediately. Cargo Seagull.
- 1300 We are at present held up at a point one (1) Km East of St NICOLAS (142992) Infantry holding positions about ½ mile West and North of this point. Impossible to get to our objectives at the moment. What further orders have you for us?

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#### 17th Aug to 18th Aug

1300 - Shall we wait here and go forward as soon as the Inf clears out strong point now holding up the advance? Strong point may be reduced shortly according to Inf source. Please contact Col. WELMER as to the situation and as to any orders you may have for us. White Molar. Chemical Depot Yellow Beach, taken over by 6th Depot Det. 6 men from 63rd joined Det. of 63rd Chem Red Beach.

- 1335 1st Bn sent 1 platoon to Ammo Dump. Will attempt to procure another for work at dump.
- 1400 1 Shovel report to Co. "A". Do you desire attachments to revert to their parent organization upon arrival at Red Beach. 2d Bn. Answered. Do you desire 6690 Regulating Co to report to Red Beach. 2d Bn. Yes!
- 1440 Capt SONNICHSEN: Col. BOATNER orders you to return at once to this C.P. Seagull Minor.
- 1448 BCG:- Ref transportation of Port Co's on this beach to their originally assigned beach. Navy refuses to furnish sea transportation. No land transportation available here. Instructions requested. C.O. 36th Engrs.
- 1518 C.O. 2d Bn:- Attachments will revert to parent organizations on arrival at Red Beach. Seagull Minor.
- 1740 Det of 11 Chem maint reported in. Request info on what to do in this area? Bivouaced at LaCROIX, will report in at 0800 19 Aug. Put in with CWS Depot.
- 2130 C.O. 2d Ba:- You will prepare to take over operation of Green Beach from Cargo Blue. Tomorrow LCT 31 will report to Yellow Beach to transport equipment and personnel to Red Beach. Cargo Seagull.
- 2200 Commander RUTTS ordered Green Beach Closed down, in charge of LST Convoy. Liberty's diverted to Red Beach, Operations will continue in the early morning.
- 2330 Msg Col. ELLARD, expect 5 ships from Delta to Alpha at about 1000 19 August 44. To be confirmed later.
- 2430 Beachmaster notified that Liberty's numbers 95, 17, 15, 81 and 47. are ready to sail. request came from the Admiral.

### 18th Aug to 19th Aug

- 0910 C.O. 52d Q.M. Bn:- Request 4 trucks (2 ½ T) to report to 36th Engr Hq at once. Seagull Minor.
- XXXX C.O. Naval Beach Bn:- (conf tel. instr. 18 Aug) The following listed ships expected unloaded by TQM's and ready to sail:

95 MONARCH
51 ALCOTT
17 HOOD
15 LEONARD
13 MEADE
88 MARIN
77 UNICORN
81 CHESTERFIELD
47 BEECHER
25 BLOUNT

- XXXX Econdias Polk reported sailed from Camel August 18 after discharged of vehicle to complete discharge, of stores at another beach. TO: C.O. 36th Engrs-Check all beaches. Advise present status and location. McCONNELL.
- 1030 Hold 2nd Battalion alerted for immediate movement into TOULON upon capture for initial port repair and operations. Recce party should proceed as soon as tactical situation permits. No further orders of this Hqs necessary for movement to accomplish mission. Keep us advised of situation and immediate estimate of port condition desired after entrance to city. ELLER
- 1130 C.O. 2d Bn:- You Bn alerted for movement into TOULON upon capture for initial port operation. Recc party should proceed as soon as tactical situation permits. Report condition of port and work required to open port as soon as possible. Cargo Seagull
- 1500 C.O. 2d Bn:- Send a detail of 8 men with 2 detectors to Green Beach, purpose clearing a strip for personnel bivouac. Report to McCoust at Naval C.P. on beach. Seagull Minor.
- 1615 COMWITF requested to provide water transportation to move 2200 personnel of Special Service Force to Camel. Will advise when craft designated. GARDES, Ex BCG.
- 1795 C.O. BCG (Attent: Maj McConnel) The following listed ships have moved out to transport area: 52, 17, 15, 104, 38, 81, 96, 74, 109, 82, 103, 77 and 95. Cargo Seagull.
- 1950 Each paper of each report to BCG must bear name of originating Beach only such as Alpha, Delta, or Camel. Red, Blue, gree, Beach notations not desired. ELLER.

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#### 18th Aug to 19th Aug

- 2115 C.O. BCG (Att: Maj. McConnel) Leonidas Polk at Alpha Beach finished unloading 1800 B. Seagull Minor.
- 2325 Give John Trumbull, #19, Higest Priority for unloading all vehicles except V-100 gasoline and aviation lubes in #1 hold-when completed request Navy to shift to Alpha for unloading remaining cargo. GARDES BCG

#### 19Aug to 20th Aug

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0230 - 1 crane sent from rations dump to ammo dump.

- 0250 Navy called and said they had secured 3 LCI's for S.S.F. but could not give the numbers. Capt. ROLL returned to his organization.
- 0430 Crane broke down in Ammo Dump.
- 0800 C.O. S.S.F.:- 3 LCI's to transport your personnel standing by off Red Beach. Navy callinf for personnel. Craft cannot standyby all day. They will pull them out shortly. Cargo Seagull.
- 0845 #109-Sam Fleet (Thistlemuir) ready to sail. Beachmaster notified.
- 0900 72d Signal requests 4 trucks to move signal equipment from Green Beach to St. TROPEZ. Accomplished.
- 0920 1 Crane report to "A" Co. Unload British trucks at Gas Dump. 0.K.
- 0935 10-16 EM, 11 Chemical Main. reported in to 63rd Chemical for operation of dump.
- 1020 4 trucks from 138th QM reported in and are handling equipment for the 72d Signal Depot to St TROPEZ.
- 1040 #82 Fort Cumberland unloaded.
- 1041 Ammo Dump needs more labor.
- 1050 2 platoons from 1st Bn are to report to Ammo Dump at 1300. Get some arrangements for both night and day detail.

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- 1130 Richard Rush #53 complete.
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  - 1300 1st Bn to deliver more rock on Red Beach for readway.
  - 1330 3rd Chem ordered 11th Chem Det to move up with 3rd Chem.
  - 1335 Merch Warren #52 ready to sail. Beachmaster notified.
  - \*1149 You are given the responsibility of maintaining traffic control, to 36th Engrs (C) from ELLER on highway #559 from CAVALAIRE to the junction with highway #98 (442159). Road Patrols will be established immediately. ELLER.
- \*\*1203 Have representative report to C.O. BCG (To C.O. 36th, 40th and 540th from ELLER) 1600, 20 Aug prepared to coordinate movement of Port Bn personnel between beaches. ELLER
- \*\*\*1112 Responsibility of 36th Engrs will be initial clearing, repair, and operation of Port of TOULON under direct supervision of the Engr 7th Army, LT Colonel SMULLEN will be the Army Engr for liaison with the Nayy for Port repair and priority program. First priority will be to provide facilities for the unloading of the three Port Bnls Repair

#### 19 Aug to 20 Aug

- \*\*\*1112 ships (Liberties) arriving D plus 10. Names of the three ships are as follows. Robert Tare Payne, Henry Longfellow and Charlie Gale. ELLER.
  - 1445- 95th Evac located at GONFARON
  - XXXX Situation around TOULON unchanged since yesterday. Infantry has advanced only slightly. Still unable to reach objective. WELKER, 2nd Bn.

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- 1450 3 Liberties from Camel in: 101, 87 and 99.
- 1500 Lt. T. DOWD, 193rd Port Co, 381st Port Bn reported he has 80 men at St MAXIME. Transportation arranged for.
- XXXX Our Ordnance MM Co's attached to Beach Groups will perform third echelon maintenance on no Beach Group vehicles. (From Col Eller To C.O. 36th Engr Hq and 540th Engineers) however beach group vehicles will be given priority in repairs. C.O. 52d Dukw notified.
- 1630 C.O. BCG:- The following ships were minus TQM on Alpha Beach: 101, 102 and 53. TQM ship 84 left ship after vehicles were unloaded. Cargo Seagull.
- 1830 The following equipment sent to Engr Dump, reported by Capt KATZENBERG 126 rubber boats, 20 large pumps and 1055 paddles.

#### 20th Aug to 21st Aug

- 1100 Liberties-McHenry and Able Stern completed.
- 1120 Capt FARRELL 381st Port Bn (213 Port Co) 215 EM at present 79 EM, who are at St MAXIME, will leave by LCI for Alpha at 1600. Request 1 truck to haul TAT from MAXIME. O.K.
- 1200 5 ships from D-Day convoy reported not being worked: Fort Trobsher,#83, Empire Rosyln 76, A.J. Dallon 29, Ocean Traveler 102, Fort Aklabik 79. Give status of above to Col GARDES. Notified. 79 finished.
- XXXX C.O 52d QM Bn:- You will detail one (1) officer with transportation whose duties will be to patrol the Alpha Dump and Beach areas. He will see to it that all transportation is being used in the fullest extent, particular attention will be paid to driver loafing in and around the dump areas. URGENT! CHUBBUCK.
- 1300 The following ships will be moved from Alpha to Delta. #114, #119, #118, #149 and #150. #114 has some sort of priority here. 1051st is the priority. Maj LOMBARD notified. Order from BCG is going to that effect.
- 1300 1 NCO and 5 drivers from 1st and 2nd Bn to report to Mr. Meadows. Bag and baggage.
- 1500 CO 1st, 3rd Bn., 6690 Reg. Co 3856 QM Gas Sup, 93rd Rhd, 1st Naval Boh Bn, S-2:- Order has been received from Beach Gontrol Grp that the following units coming in on D plus 5 convoy are relieved from assignment to Beach Control Grp and are assigned to 36th Engr Beach Grp.: Rem 6690 Reg Co., Rem 3856 QM Gas Sup., 95th QM Rhd Co. (-1 Blatoon). Units all notified. Seagull Minor
- 1520 Gas and Rations are to be pushed to the utmost. Get at vehicles and other cargo so as to push these items. Col GARDES. Maj LOMBARD notified.
- 1700 1 2 1/2 ton truck over to French 201st Pioneer Bn at Beach Group Bivouac.
  300 men await transportation to Ammo Dump opposite R d Beach at 0730B 22 Aug. Get 15 Dukw's from 52d QM to haul to Ammo Dump. Will report then to Red Beach. Call on Maj LOMBARD to furnish 10 NCO's to be used as checkers in Ammo dump, hours to work 0800 to 0600. Notified.

1830 - 1st Bn only able to furnish 2 drivers for night driving to H & S Co. \* 1950

2030 - Ships 114, 119, 118, 149 and 150 received orders to sail to other beaches.

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#### 20th Aug to 21st Aug

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2055 -	Send 484th Port	: Bn personnel to 2nd Bn 40th Engrs.	
	15 Dukw's 0730,	, pick up French at Beach Group assembly ar	ea.

\*1950 - Unload personnel and vehicles of the 1051 Port construction and repair group as soon as possible. ELLER, BCG

#### 21st Aug to 22nd Aug

- 0030 S/Sgt J. SIM-Rem 3856 QM Gas reported in -23 EM.
- 0300 Lt CUMMINGS wants priority on Air Corps equipment, none as yet.
- 0730 200 French Troops reported to Ammo Dump for work.
- 0959 Upon arrival on beach of French Troops, notify immediately French Liaison Officers with Beach Group and French Liaison Officer with Beach Control Group, Colonel MAMIER, phone Crimson 34. ELLER. French Liaison notified.
- 1230 484 Port Bn has troops on 4 craft the 87, 99, 101 and 102. All ships being worked.
   Call Maj McCONNEL at Crimson 29 and notify him as to what type air corps equipment is on (4 LST's).
- 1320 #99 completed unloading. Personnel from 484 on board #99 being shuttled to St TROPEZ.
- 1325 The 682 Med Clear Co to 7th Army less 1 platoon
- 1345 Only 1 LST in and it cannot be contacted, too far out from beach. Send copy of outlay to Lt Col BEARDSLEY with Lt Col KERGAN
- 1415 Col GARDES reports that he saw about 100 men laying around doing nothing and trucks tied up at the Ammo Dump. Capt LOPEZ investigated.
- 1615 Col WELKER reported that he and recomm party were stopped 5 miles out of TOULON.
  1 truck for 450th Engr Dump 23 Aug 44 0730. 0.K.
- 1645 One of Col WELKERS ron parties reported having tried to enter TOULON from all sides including MARSAILLES side without success.
   6 trucks for Ration Dump 23 Aug 44 0730. O.K.
- 2010 Total of 8 night intruder sorties will be flown during the hours of dark 22-23 Aug. Route will be direct from CORSICA across Naval Convoy in RHONE Valley. Please advise all St BARTHEOM ships and Craft. Admiral LOWRY, Nav West Task Force.
- 2150 From Beach Green to Beach Red; Col BOAINER requests wrecker immed. to Green Beach. O.K.
- 2257 3-20 ton trailers with Prime movers from 540th Engr Regt will report to you 1200 23 Aug to move mats to TOULON. Upon completion of move they will be released to 540th Engr Regt. CO, BCG

#### 22nd Aug to 23rd Aug

- 0820 Engr Dump wants another A frame. O.K.
- 0840 52d Dukw Bn notified that Port Bn Officers are to be allowed to ride the Dukw's.
- 0930 Lt. KELLY 1722 Ord., S & M Co. 34 EM, 16 vehicles and 8 trailers reported in and will proceed to destination (Fregus). Sedans for three Generals - White Brittingham and Davidson - arriving Alpha D plus 15 on XAP 69 Elizabeth Stanton. Instruct driver to report to Col. ZINNECKER Transportation officer 7th Army.

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- 0940 Col. ATKINSON reported that Lt. CUMMINGS and Maj. LOMBARD have been changing their crews with out nogifying his office. O.K.
- 1020 1 Prime Mover and trailer from 540th Engr reported in and sent down to Regt'1 Motor Pool.
- 1022 Ship 189.unloaded.
- 1025 1 Quickway Grane from 100 Octane gas Dump sent to Sig Dump. On release from there it will report to Engr Dump
- 1150 Make every effort to complete unloading of ships of the D-Day convoy. GARDES. BCG
- 1355 Prisoners cannot repeat cannot be used for unloading ammunition. GARDES
- 1530 Get 6 men day and 6 men night from 1st Bn to work in Med Dump.
- 1545 C.O. 1st Bn:- You will furnish a detail of 12 men to work in the Medical Dump. (6 men at day and 6 men at night). Seagull Minor
- 1900 Capt. FISKE reports that some of our trucks are not stopping at Beach Checking points, consequently descripiciencies arise. Motor Pool notified.
- 2000 Liberty 82 finished. Engr Dump request additional labor.

#### 23rd Aug to 24th Aug

- 0930 1 crane sent to gas dump.
- 1045 Maj. CRONKHITE called and said that Rem 93rd Rhd will not be assigned to 36th Engrs.

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- 1055 80 Octane gas dump wants 1 bulldozer at 1300.
- 1110 Ship 76 unloaded.
- 1130 1 Co 2nd Bn to TRETS 7133 Sheet 84 1:200,000. Delouse Port of MARSEILLES. Officer to report to Lt Col. KING at BRIGNOLLES. Get road clearance from Maj. GUNDARSAON 7th Army rear.
- 1645 Provost Marshall will replace EM from 1st Bn working on roads with prisoners. One officer from the Bn will report in and get the info about 1900.

#### 24th Aug to 25th Aug

- 0800 Maj. McCONNEL request the information as to which XAP APA's have arrived. Call Crimson 29 - Lt CUMMINGS will notify us.
- 0940 Ship 133 unloaded.
- 1035 XAP & APA's reported here: 70-Nightingale--unloaded 2030 67-Dix--unloaded 2030 30-Jefferson--unloaded 2030 53-(Cargo) Acheron Maj. McCONNEL informed

18-Septus (Cargo)--unloaded 2030 28-Carrol--unloaded 2030 11-Bettlejuice 147-McLane ŝ

- 1100 Lt MATHERS 450th Engr Depot reports German Engr Dump at (902101 Europe Rd Map 1:20,000 Sheet 84) LeCRAU at RR station consisting of: B.W. Staples-1<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> Tons, Reinforcing Steel-2 Tons, Barbed Wire-10 to 15 truck loads, Concertinas-20 truck loads, Small Stoves (Tent) 2 truck loads, Heavy Steel Pipe (all sizes up to 9") and 4 water tanks.
- XXXX 7 days rations needed at: LEVANT (40) PORQUEROLLES (184) and Giens (137)
- 1530 The Troop Replacement area has been moved to the vic. of the Troop Assembly Area.
- 1540 2 Co's of 381st Port Bn (193rd and 212th) to be sent to 40th Engrs., loan, when information is given by Col. ATKINSON, call 40th Engrs and ask for transportation. Be ready to leave at 0730 B. (440 persons) About 34 trucks necessay.
- XXXX APA's and AK's 70 Nightingale, 18 Sepheus, 67 Dicks, 28 Carrol,
   30 Jefferson, 11 Beetlejuice and Acheron
- 1900 1st Bn notified to send a cat to 52d Dukw.
- 1935 2nd Bn reconn; Capt KATZENBERGER reported killed, Col WELKER and Capt SONNECHISEN missing. Lt SIMPSON (City of TOULON)
- 2020 Lt. CUMMINGS wants 12 "Ne Swimming" signs with 6" letters mounted on four foot stakes. Lt. CUMMINGS reports, XAP's no's. 70, 18, 67, 28, 30 and 11 unloaded.
- 2140 Capt. SOMNECHSEN returned.
- XXXX One Co 52dd Dukw alerted to move 0900 B 26 Aug.
- XXXX- Remainder of 2nd Bn to move out and join "F" Co at TRETS, 26 0700 Aug. Lt Col CHUBBUCK to report to Army Engr tomorrow morning at BRIGNOLES.
- XXXX 20 trucks from H & S Co to report to 2nd Bn at 0700 B.
- 2400 135 finished unloading.

#### 25th Aug to 26 Aug 1944

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0235 - Move Dukw company to SALON where it will be met by a French Engr Major at Traffic Regulating station. Load (10) days rations for unit personnel and complete load with gas. Notify G-4 amount of gas loaded. Provide company with French interperter. GARDES, BCG

- 0320 Change SOLON to SALON Sheet 84 Rd Map 1:200,000, 35 Km N.W. of Mars., on Msg Re: 52d Dukw Co movement.
- 0918 2nd Bn moved out.
- 0925 Co. B (3334), 52d QM Bn, Capt BULLOCK, comdg departed for SALON. Col. GARDES informed.
- 0930 Truck convoy arrived from 40th Engrs to pick up Fort Co's (213 and 191)
- 1000 Crane needed at Bomb Dump, will send "A" frame in Ammo Dump.
- XXXX 2 trks from H & S Co to report to Hqs 0700 27 Aug to shuttle Fr. Pioneers. Fr. Liason Officer to have 1 guide here 0700.
- XXXX 1 mechanic from motor pool to repair Maj. RANDOU's auto at Hqs 1300. He will furnish guide.
- 1203 Col. ELLERS:- Desired mass and Engr equipment are buried in lower holds under approx. 400 tons general cargo. Request further instructions. From: Ship #194
- 1615 Co's D and E (w/Bn Hqs) arrived new location at 1430 hours. Present location of 2nd Bn Hqs is 1.4 miles west of TRETS. 2nd Bn
- 1700 Crane to Sig Dump from H & S Pool.
- 1840 LST 77 did land on D-Day on Yellew Beach. Cargo: 1 Tank, 9 halftracks and 60 other vehicles. Total 70
- XXXX 8 trks for Ration Dump 6730. 10 civilians for Radion Dump. O.K.
- 2350 Ship #117 finished unloading. Ready to Sail. Lt. CUMMINGS, 3rd Bn

#### 26 Aug to 27th Aug 1944

- 0920 1 crane in Engr Dump to unload 3 to 4 ton loades.
- 1355 Maj. LOMBARD reported that there are no manifest on ships 192, 193 and 194.
- 1400 81 tons of maps total. 12 tons left 5 trk loads.

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1605 - Maj. LOMBARD requests that we furnish the beach with additional transportation of 36th Engrs which have just arrived. O.K. Mr. MEADOWS informed.

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- 1905 Capt. JURGENSEN reports that 1st Bn trucks can/be used at night because he lacks the drivers.
- 2105 The following ships will not be unloaded until further orders from this Hq:- 192 Longfellow, 193 Gale, and 194 Paine.

#### 27th Aug to 28th Aug

- 0750 Lt. WRIGHT \*- French Labor failed to show up at Ammo Dump. Needed badly. Notified.
- XXXX Army request that 1 Peacock and 2 Koshers accompany Musics 192, 193 and 194 to cyril to unload them.
- 1020 Sunray Cargo:- Sitrep covered by report 001 to 2359 B 28 Aug. Entire Bn located at 503-188. Unable to make recon of west section of Port due to presence of enemy troops. Recon of Vieux Port, demolitions charges around edge of docks, transportation bridge blown. Ships sunk across channel into port. Preliminary recon of RR tunnels indicate they have not been mined nor otherwise harmed. Cargo White.
- 1220 100 French soliders sent to Ammo dump. Arrange for transportation to pick them up at 2000 and get 100 more to work in Ammo Dump. O.K.
- XXXX All maps must come off the 192, 193 and 194.
- XXXX 700 gals gas to Marines. Have Liason instruct them where to draw. O.K.
- 2330 147 complete. Maj. KOUKEL notified.

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- 0750 800 prisoners due in. Guard will escort to PW then shuffle to St MAXINE.
- 0825 C.P. located as planned. Situation normal. SNAFU. BOATNER. Arrange for 20 trucks for Col. ATKINSON to report to Beach Grp. Bivouac area at 1200., Maj. LOMBARD notified to send trucks.
- 1030 When 192, 193 and 194 leave we are to have 2 Port Co's aboard.
- 1035 Get 6 Dukw's from 52d to be loaded on crafts 192, 193 and 194. Check on 2 LCM's to be loaded aboard.
- 1200 432159 to BCG Hqs has around 20 fox holes in shoulders. Have them filled this afternoon. Col. GARDES
- 1205 1st En notified of fox holes and given coord.
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- 1410 2 2<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub> ton trucks to go west of MARSEILLES to pick up surviors from an LCT. Naval officer will pick up vehicles. Maj. KRONKHITE.
- \*\* 1343 Essential this office be notified by telephone (Crimson 29) of arrival off beach of LST 1019 ex Naples X Request look out for this vessel and notice in advance on expected time and place of discharge. BCG.

#### 28th Aug to 29th Aug (Cont'd)

- 1454 All CBS personnel and all vehicles of 121 Car Co upon arrival are to be directed to report to CBS Hqs MARSEILLES. ELLER.
- 1505 C.O. 3rd Bn:- All CBS personnel and all vehicles of 121 Car Co upon arrival are to be directed to report to CBS Hqs at MARSEILLES. Seagull Minor (Mag also sent to 6690 Regulating Co.)
- 1530 Have 2 companies of 399th Port Bn, alerted and ready to board 3 craft (192, 193 and 194) upon orders. Maj. LOMBARD will notify us when ready.
- 1540 1 Dukw from 52nd and 2 Dukw's from beach with A frame are to report to Ammo Dump.
- 1600 Lt Colonel CHUBBUCK to call Col. GARDES regarding boading of rations, gas and QM materials.
- 1605 191st MP Co to go by trucks overland.
- 1645 540th Engre will send back 2 Co's of Port Bn utilizing transportation sent up to them.
- 2100 C.O. ECG:- Fire fighting section of 1202 Engr Fire Fighting Platoon which was provided by verbal agreement with 7th Army are ordered by 7th Army to move forward. This leaves no fire protection on Alpha Beach, except hand extinguishers. Request provision of a similiar unit. Seagull Minor.
- 2220 Have a detail of 6 men report to Air Corps Ammo Dump as soon as possible. Seagull Minor.

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0545 - Call Capt FISDALE at Caustic 3 about switching Port Bn's.

- 0950 Ex Off: Send explosives for work on port immediately. Also advise as to progress of unloading and general situation there. Seagull Minor
- 1015 0.0. 3rd Ba:- Upon arrival of any members of the following units, they are to be directed to report to St MAXINE. 706, 157 and 790 Boat Guards. Seagull Minor. (Msg. also sent to 6690th Reg. Co.)
- 1728 Following cleared MARSEILLES area. Ohannel 1 mile wide from 43-04 North 05-13 East to 43-17 North 0520 East thence on 345 Degrees to anchorage bounded by line extending from <u>HAWO</u> Light along 43-17.7 North thence along 05-17 East thence along 40-20.7 North to breakwater and along breakwater. Entrance to Avant Port and Bassin De La Joliette blocked by boom. Area swept to boom entrance. Navy OTG 80.10
- 1805 Ex Off:- Keep personnel section in rear. Have COFFER report here for instructions tomorrow Aug 31. BOATNER Oo. C.O. Co. "C", and 1st Beach Bn personnel now detailed to MARSEILLES hereby detached temporary duty 36th Engrs Regt. Direct report CTG 80.8 MARSEILLES for temporary duty. LSNF (Beach Bn notified)
- 1810 0.0. 3rd Bn. URGENT :- You will start work on road from the Red Beach area to the Ammo Dump (located NW of LA CROIX), and fill in all for holes along this route. Seegull Minor.
- 1900 Lt DAVIS requests 6 trucks for Ration Dump.
- 1930 "B" 3334 of the 52d Dukw bivousced in ARIGNONE, Operations: Ferrying supplies, vehicles, troops and light artillery across the Rhone and Durance Rivers, in conjuction with the 101st French Engr Regt. (73 Dukw's 8 Off and 187 EM). "Capt FISKE reports operations proceeding excellent.
- 1935 Maximum Dukw's on craft will be 2 on 194, 1 on 193 and 1 on 192. 168 Liberty finished. Maj KOUKL notified.

2145 - Liberty 166 completed. Maj. KOUKEL notified.

#### 30 Aug to 31 Aug 1944

- 1015 Hq Det and 2 Co's of the 399th Port Bn are to load in craft 192, 193 and 194.
- 1030 Notify Maj MCCONNEL when D/15 arrives.
- 1130 LST 525 is in.
- 1130 V-80 gas dump wants dozer. Mr. MEADOWS notified. Sending one up pronto. Dozer returned.
- 1410 Immediate positive action will be taken to prevent the usathorized movement of Beach Group transportation beyond the limits of the Beach Group areas. Numerous reports have been received of Beach Group vehicles particularyly Dukw's being seen miles inland beyond the dumps. It is the responsibility of each Beach group Commanding Officer to see that this condition is corrected. ELLER, BOG
- 1425 V-80 gas dump. 1 dozer and one crane. Mr. MEADOWS sending it out.
- 1435 LOM to be loaded on 194.
- 1450 0.0. 52d QM Bn:- Immediate positive action will be taken to prevent unauthorized movement of Beach Group transportation beyond the limits of the Beach Group areas. Seagull Minor. (Msg also sent to 759 M.P.'s and Beach Grp Motor Pool)
- 1455 Col. KENNEY to get 2 trucks to transport personnel to BCG. All CBS personnel to remain here instead of going to MARSEILLES. Units rep. notified.
- 1515 Lt MATTERS wants crane at Engr Dump in the morning to load up a convoy with heavy timber.
- 1640 Gol. HENDERSON will call at this Hqs. Give him your assistance in removing personnel and materials from boats 192, 195 and 194.
- 1740 1 Off will stay full time in troop assembly area. He will notify us as to status of personnel in area. We will in turn notify G-3 of the BOG twice daily as to which units are in area. 1st Bn notified.
- 2125 Ex Off:- Am keeping the two H & S trucks that came up today. Send two (2) additional trucks in morning loaded with gas and oil. Will use trucks for unloading craft. Cargo Seagull

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#### 31 Aug to 1 Sept 1944

- 0400 Crane dispatched to Air Copps Ammo Dump.
- 0730 20 French to Med Dump to unload French Supplies. V-80 gas dump has two cranes and 1 A-Frame. Could use another A-Frame.
- 0740 2 Off and 10 EM form 6690 Reg. Co to join parent unit at 1300.
- 0750 0.0. 52d Q.M. Bn:- All drivers will be instructed that hitch-hiking is prohibited in the Beach Group area. Pick-up points will be established at a later date. Seegull Minor.
- 0800 C.O. Co. A 759 M.P.'s:- Drivers of all vehicles are instructed that "hitch hiking" is prohibited. Give warnings for a period of 24 hours to all offenders, then report offenders to their unit commanders. Pick up points will be established at a later date. Seagull Minor. Motor Officer, Beach Grp Hqs:- All drivers will be instructed that "hitch hiking" is prohibited, in the Beach Grp Area. Pick up points will be established at a later date. Seagull Minor.
- 1110 Ex Off:- Dispatch 12 trucks for duty in MARSEILLES. They are needed for unloading craft her. Do not send trucks up empty. Load with fuel and rations. Oargo Seagull.
- 1230 1 Nukw dispatched to Air Corp Bomb Dump with A-Frame.
- 1525 Report statue of vehicles of atchd units to BCG.
- 1530 Notify Port Bn to seperate gear in Engr Dump. 379 Port Bn will do! \*\*1720
  - 1730 Maj LOVRY:- Will commence unloading ships tonight using LOT's and Dukw's. Will start as soon as they can on board. Word sent out to ships approx 1700 3. Cargo Seagull.
- \*\*1720 Nevy Signal Tower:- Please send the following message to ships lying in wait to be unloaded - Unload Dukw's from MT's and commence bringing in personnel from 1051st Fort Bn. Start unloading crane ships using LCT's. Priority of unloading-holde 1 and 5 on M.T. GALE. Cargo Seagull.
  - 2015 Sent to MARSEILLES for 36th Engrs (Fwd):- 6 trucks fations, 2 trucks diesel, a truck oil and 32 trucks gas.

12 vehicles (22 ton) from 138 Truck Co report to C.O. 36th Engrs . Forward.

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#### 30 Sept to 1 Oct 1944

- 1040 C.O. 1st Bn:- All Special Court-Martial cases referred to your court, and for which witnesses to other testimony are available, will be tried before 4 October. CHUBBUCK, Ex Off
- 1300 New location of 2nd Bn Hqs and "F" company at 184713 Map France 1:100,000 sheet 15 G. 2nd Bn
- 1350 Army is supposed to take over guard of Lumber Yard at EPINAL. If not relieved by 0800, 2 Oct pull guard off regardless. 48th Engrs will take over maintenance of Bailey at REMIREMONT. DARLING, VIC
  - Both Bn's notified. (Msg to 2nd Bn and telephoned to 3rd Bn) Seagull

"B" and "C" companies and Bn Hqs located North edge of DOLE. No maps available from which to obtain coordinates. 1st Bn.

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C.O. 2nd Bn:- Army has been requested to take over guard on Lumber Yard at EPINAL. If you are not relieved by 0800, 2 Oct pull your guard out regardless. Seagull

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- 0830 Engr Dump needs two A-Frames.
- 0930 -0.0. 36th Engrs :- Request you be present at Hq Beach Control Group at 0900 3rd Sept for conference with General DAVIDSON. GARDES, BOG
- 1000 -379th Port Bn will send detail of 35 men to Engr Dump to straighten out Port gear.
- 1005 -Get TAT from Gas Dump to II & IV.
- 1030 A-Frame to Air Corps Ammo Dump.
- 1145 C.O. 36th Engrs (Fwd) :- Request confirmation of arrival of 12 trucks loaded with gas, rations and fuel. Seagull Minor
- 1230 12 trucks loaded with rations, gas and fuel arrived this A.M.
- 8 1335 - 441st Collecting Co. (Med) wants garbage pit blasted today if possible. (1st Bn assigned task)
- (P-36-3 Each Beach Grp will submit prior to 22 Sept a report on their operations 1351 up to D plus 15. Final reports will be required 5 days after the completion of operations. ELLER, BCG
- 1500 Notify Maj. McCONNEL when life belts are shipped out and whatship.
- 1800 Send 10 trucks to Ration Dump tomorrow.
- 1915 759th M.P.'s have three bikes from 1st Bn. One will be turned back 3 Sept 0730. 1st Bn to have rider here. (618413)

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#### 2 Sept to 3 Sept 1944

- 0820 0.0. BOG thru Alpha Red:- All unloading ceased 2100 B 2 Sept due to heavy swell and high wind. Weather continues to be bad this morning. Will continue discharge as soon as conditions permit. Cargo Seagull
- 0905 Bike from H Co #618413 turned in.
- 0925 0.0. 3rd Bn:- Request this headquarters be furnished the information called for in letter (Operations) for the period D Day thru D/15. Seagull Minor.
- 0930 C.O. 52d Q.M. Bn (Dukw):- Request this headquarters be furnished the information called for in letter (Operations) for the period D Day thru D/15. Seagull Minor
- 0945 1 crane to Engr Dump. Sgt MEYERS notified.
- 1145 Maj. McCONNEL called. Keep 3,000 life belts here until he gives orders as to their removal.
- 1240 3,000 life belts loaded on Ship 211. Destination NAPLES. 200 life belts in Duky Pool.
- 1250 Maj LOMBARD notified that all life belts which troops bring ashore in the next convoy are to be held at the beach until further orders.
- 1350 Fire fighting unit reported in and are moving up the line this avening.
- 1600 Can you furnish more than 20 trucks tomorrow if the replacements come in on Green Beach? GARDES, BCG
- 1640 Col. R. E. SMITH to see Lt. Col CHUBBUWK. Col BAROTT will run beaches.
- 1720 Lt. ROTHMAN at Ration Dump went floodlights tonight.
- 1805 Lt Col CHUBBUCK: Send Port Co, Q.M. Serv Co and a Dukw Co in the morning. Send advance party for details on bivouac. Arrange for convoy to halt outside of town and be guided in by advance party. Seagull
- 1830 C.O. BCG: Additional trucks can be furnished 4 Sept for replacements. Seagull Minor.
- 1900 0.0. of 675th Med Coll Op replaces 441st Coll Co.
- 1945 401st takes over water point here.
- 2040 Ration dump requests floodlights. Furnished.
- 2215 1 man from Sig Depot Det to report to Regt'l Hqs for transportation to MARGEILLES.

#### 3 Sept to 4 Sept 1944

- 0825 Maj KRONKHITE called. Truck left Camel Beach 0800 to pick up Sig Det man 0930 for MARSEILLES.
- 0940 Capt STADIG \$2489.37 paid to civilian labor. Capt. JUERGENSEN
- 0925 1 dozer to V-80 Gas Dump.
- 1045 Put heavy guard on Currency being unloaded today. GARDES, BOG Lt. HOLLANDER notified.
- 1100 Det. 3405th Ord coming down today to replace 3407th Ord. 3407th Ord will stay for several days. BOG
- 1140 Maj KOUKEL :- Report due in to BOG tonight on "Captured Vehicles", by 1700.
- 1145 You will immediately place a fully adequate guard on the currency (French) now being unloaded over Alpha beach to ensure its mafe keeping and delivery to proper destination. GARDES, BCG
- 1200 C.O. Alpha Beach: Send Maj. THAMYS up immediately. French troops arriving in port on these ships. Seagull Cargo. 1305
- 1305 Maj. KOUKEL:- Send up forms for craft discharge reports immediately, as well as a clerk to make out the necessary reports. Seagull Cargo
- 1435 Send 18 trucks to Lt. HOLLANDER to take 55 tons of money to MARSEILLES. Stacked upon beach. More to be unloaded.
- 1445 Hold 214 Kwaising (Coaster) until further orders. Maj. KRONKHITE. Lt. HOLLANDER notified.
- 1515 Need truck to pull 2 salvage trailers off LST for 219th Salvage QM Co. 1 dozer to Ration dump to level off new site. Mr. MEADOWS notified and dozer dispatched.
- 1550 3rd Bn will furnish 1 squad supervised by an Officer to guard Currency.
- 1840 Lt. GELLES transportation will not be here to pick up Currency until 0900 Sept 5 1944. G-5. Lt. GELLES notified at Red Beach.

#### 4 Sept to 5 Sept 1944

- 0945 2 A-Frames' dispatched to Engr Dump.
- 1039 C.O. Alpha Red:- Send remainder of Cargo White's D-7's up immediately. Cargo Seagull
- 1150 French request an area east of Air Strip to be cleared for supplies.
- 1220 894th AAA with 33 Off and 475 EM, 95 vehicles checked out of Assembly area.
- 1700 Lt KRPIN left and will be at BCG.
- 1800 Cargo Seagull:- Sent one D-7 up from 3rd Bn. Seagull Minor
- 1825 Maj. KOUKOL:- When you come up in morning for conference at Base bring dump Status report with you. Cargo Seagull

#### 5 Sept to 6 Sept 1944

- 0830 Beach Grp S-4:- Please forward following tonnage report to Beach Control Group for period 020800 Sept to 051800 Sept: Cargo 2968 Tons, Vehicles 112, Personnel 735. Cargo Seagull
- 1325 Tonight: North easterly gales 30 to 40 knots Riviera area. Gulf of Lions, Southeasterly shifting to Northwest all areas 35 knots early tomorrow. Heavy seas developing to 10 feet. CTF 84
- 1415 ELLER:- Gan MARSEILLES handle 25 LST's, 4 APA, 4 AKA and 4 XAP's of D/25 convoy in addition to 10 MT's? GARDES, BOG
- 1510 Lt. Col OHUBBUCK: Dispatch at once six Dukw loads eighty Octane gas. URGENT! Dukw's will remain here. Col ELIER clearing this matter with Col GARDES. BOATNER, 36th Engrs (52d Q.Mm notified)
- 1645 C.O. 52d Q.M. Bn:- Send six (6) Dukw's to V-80 gas dump to be loaded. These dukw's will then proceed to C.O. 36th Engrs at MARSEILLES. They must leave today. They will remain in MARSEILLES. URGENT! Seagull Minor.

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- 1830 6 Dukw's sent to 0.0. 36th Engre loaded with V-80 gasoline. Will remain.
- 1925 1 wrecker to Ammo Dump to pull Dukw out of ditch.
- \*\*1700 Admiral LOWRY has ordered to cease unloading. Request made to reconsider order.
  - 2355 Base section will take over unloading at all beaches and MARSEILLES midnight Dog hour 2425. To Beach Control Grp att Col GARDES 36th Engr base unable to receive S TS or personnel ships. Engr troop except one Bn 40th can be released to Army as of above date to Harvey who is here concurs. ELLER (Maj KRONKHITE BCG notified)

#### 6 Sept to 7 Sept 1944

0900 - Tonnage report on board: 236-35 tons, 237-56 tons, 240-193 tons, 241-430 tons, 212-189 tons, 223-1106 tons, \*214 not to be unloaded. Beach Grp S-4:- Tonnage report for period 051800 Sept to 061800: Cargo-615 tons, Vehicles -160 and personnel none. Cargo Seaguli

Call Duky drivers back belonging to 36th Engrs from 52d C.M.

- 0910 M.O. McQUADE of 52d Q.M. (Dukw) will proceed as ordered. Request for promotion not jepordized by transfer. Maj KRONKHITE. (Capt FISKE notified).
- 0915 C.O. 36th Engrs:- Release the 1st Platoon 450th Engr Depot Co. Their place is to be taken by a detachment 460th Engr Depot Co. GARDES, BCG
- 1000 Bikes to be returned at 1800 this P.M. to the Bn's. 759th M.P.'s notified.
- 1130 Have 1 Crane, Quickway on Brockway ready to leave tomorrow. Motor pool notified.
- 1322 Lt Col OHUBDUOK:- When LOT's are diverted from Alpha Beaches to MARSEILLE, load all port gear and all heavy equipment in excess of the regiments allowance for shipment to MARSEILLES. Seagull Cargo
- 1520 Lt Col CHUBBUCK: BERNHAUER left this AM to report to Army Engr. Send at once one officer from 1st Bn and one from 3rd Bn to carry out Army directive. You take command both Bn's. We turn over here Sept 081800 B. Time my departure at present undetermined. Boatner.
- XXXX- Lt Col OHUBBUCK: Send this Hqs list of heavy equipment loaded on LCT's for shipment to MARSEILLES to be turned into Engr Depot. Include serial number of each piece of ecuipment. Inform this Hq date of departure of LCT's. Cargo Seagull
- 1530 Capt SCHUAUB:- Ships worked: 2 Sept Longfellow 192, Gale 193,
  3 Sept Longfellow, Gale, Paine 194, Empire Valour, Empire Lorenzo,
  4 Sept Longfellow, Gale, Paine, Valour, Lorenzo, 5 Sept Longfellow,
  Gale, Paine, Valour, Star, 6 Sept Longfellow, Gale, Paine, Star,
  Harvard 182. Cargo Seagull
- 1730 There are still six (6) drivers (Dukw) missing. 1st Bn.
- 1950 Upon arrival, direct rear echelon of 240 CM Bn to report to Bn Hqs at MARSEILLES. GARDES, BCG
- 2305 Kwaisang No. 214 is to proceed to Port De Bourg for discharge. Escort has been requested for immediate departure. McCONNELL, LSNF

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#### 7 Sept to 8 Sept 1944

0805 - Alpha Beach Grp 5-4:- Tonnage report: 061800 Sept to 071800 Sept. Longfellow-30 T Cargo, 5 vehicles, U Pers. 93 Gale-81 T Cargo, 16 Veh O Pers. 94 Paine-138 T Cargo, Ø Veh, O Pers. Star-273 T Cargo, O Veh, O Pers. 82 Harvard-O Cargo, 123 Veh, O Pers. Reed-O Cargo, 60 Veh, O Pers. 239 Samleven-O Cargo, 1 Veh, O Pers. Empire Valour & Empire Lorenzo not worked. No new shipe arrived.

- \*\*0823 -
  - 1210 Get together all info on operations on Yellow Beach and consiladate info to you in files and KOUKOL's report. Cargo Seagull
- \*\*0823 Lt Col GARDES:- Have been instructed that all orders will come from you. To date have received instructions to move 1st and 3rd Bn's only. Regimental Hqs planning to move 10 Sept, 2nd Bn 10 Sept if possible, but definitely no later than 11 Sept. Instructions and necessary road clearance desired. An order in writing not necessary but would help. BOATNER, CO 36th Engrs
  - 1400 Col ELKINS: Col BOATNER would like to see you this afternoon at 1630 in his office. Seagull Cargo
  - 1450 00 36th Engrs (Fwd):- Will trucks (12) of 138th QM Trk Oo return to parent unit at Alpha, if so when? If not, what will be status of said vehicles? URGENT! Reply requested. Seagull Minor.
  - 1525 Capt LOPEZ:- Trucks of 138th Q.M. Trk Co will not return to Alpha Beach. They have already received instruction to report to 54th GM Bn (Trk) N of AIX. When relieved here. Seagull Minor.
  - 1900 0.0. 36th Engre:- Have been advised 36 Engr relieved 1800 hrs 8 Sept. If possible move Regt'l Hq, second En 9 Sept otherwise 10 Sept. Obtain road clearence from MARSEILLES. No regulating authority here. Assume BERNHAUER was given orders for your new assignment. If not advise me and will get seme.
  - 1950 Forward with Daily reports to Hqs Beach Control Grp, Troop and station list of all units and your command, with exception of Engr Regt 1 units. Any unit on station list, once complete, will not be moved between beaches or out of the beach area without clearance of S-3 Hqs, BOG. BAROTT

#### 8 Sept to 9th Sept 1944

- O813 Alpha Beach S-5:- Tonnage Unloaded:-- 071800 Sept to 080800 Sept.
  192 Longrellow, 172 Tons, O Veh, O Pers. 193 Gale-104 T, 13 Veh, O Pers.
  194 Paine-170 T, O Veh, O Pers. Star-315 T, O Veh, O Pers. Reed-O T
  33 Veh., O Pers. Samleven-O T, 49 Veh, O Pers. Other ships not worked.
  Oargo Seagul1.
- 0850 C.O. 36th Engrs: Clarify message on craft loads to MARSEILLES giving type of vehicle and serial numbers. MOSS

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- 9 Sept to 11th Sept 1944 XXXX - Regiment on move from MARSEILLES and CAVALIAIRE to forward positions from 464156 to 860909 Europe Rd Map 1:200,00.
- 2100 1st Bn:- Correction to message #2 Dale to move Bn should read 12 Sept instead of 13 Sept. Cargo Seagull

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# **11** Sept to 12 Sept 1944

- 1400 C.O. 36th Engra:- On completion of fixed bridge veing constructed by 344th Engra at VORAY (0-7867) it is directed you remove Treatly of that site. Brockways may be had at Twy. Br. Co. at (0-7973). DARLING, Ex, VIC. (Mork completed, Rybak, 36th Engra)
- 1800 G-3, VI Corps:- G.P.'s 36th Engr Regt opened as of 1800-12 Sept '44. Ref, Europe Road Map, 1:200,000, Sheet #66. Regt Hq-860909, 1st Bn 968827, 2nd Bn-850780 and 3rd En-850930. Seagull Minor.
- 2030 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Reconnoiter for area as close to VESOUL as practicable for your Bn first thing in morning 13 Sept. Move Bn at area selected 13 Sept and repor tlocation this Hqs. Seagull Cargo
- 2035 C.O. 1st Bn:- Select bivouac for your Bn vic MONTBOZON and move Bn 13 Sept. Reconnoiter area in morning and move Bn later in day. Report location to this Hqs. Seagull Minor.

#### 12 Sept to 13th Sept 1944

- 0920 C.O.'s lst, 2nd and 3rd Bm: Engr Sit Rep will be submitted to this Hqs by 0800 daily. Seagull Minor.
- 1020 3rd Bn:- Send D-4 Cat to vic 890301 COMBERJON to clean debris off Hwy #7.
- 1120 C.O. 1st Bn :- Corps directs prepare for mass air attack. Maximum dispersion required. Take cover under trees, use camouflage nets, etc. Seagull Cargo
- 1135 Ex Off and Op's Off:- Am leaving with 2nd Bn representatives bridge recon st GRAY. Sit seems changing. LOMBARD told to construct bridge. Cannot use big I beams. Is seeking others at BESANCON. Am doubtful he will be successful. Bridge must be built w/o large members now at VESCUL. Corps directs prepare for mass sir atk - max dispersion - under cover of trees, camouflage etc. Take actiw with H & S at once and inform lst and 3rd -Bn's. BOATNER
- 1330 All Bn's.:- Engr Situation Report will be submitted as of 1800 daily to be at this Hqs no later than 2000 daily. Disregard Msg this date to have report in at 0800 daily. Seagull Cargo

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- 1530 C.O. 1st Ba:- Bridge out at 962017 CALMOUTIER, Hwy #19. 35' gap; 12' deep.
- XXXX Bridge site reconnoitered. Serviceavle by-pass is in operation. Requisitioning materials for installation of Bridge tomorrow. Sgt CASTRODALE, 1st Bn
- \*\*1437 2nd Bn:- Please send overla showing mines and charges removed last day of operation. Also total number of mines removed and type. Seagull Minor
  - 1540 C.O. 1st Bn:- Bridge out at CALMOUTIER 962017 on Hwy 19 NE of VESCUL. Make recon and repair. Map ref 1:200,000 Europe Road Map. Seagull Minor.

# 13 Sept to 14th Sept 1944

- 0845 0.0.'s 1st, 2nd and 3rd Bn's:- When making reports to this Hqs on bridge work include the following: Coordinates, type, class, span and percentage completed. Seagull
- 1022 Lt. DEMENT of 469th Engr Platoon reported in to find out if they are atchd to us. Location spoted on map.
- XXXX Work on brdige at CALMUTIER delayed due to lack of stringer. Being sent out and will be available 15 Sept.

1400 - C.O. 2nd Bn:- Reconnoiter route shown on overlay and comply with instructions. If you run into extensive bridgework report to this Hqs before proceeding with construction. Send report to this Hqs as soon as completed. Seagull

1450 - Request officer, preferably one with some knowledge of French, be dispatched to LYONS with Lt MARCH (Fr.) of this office to visit the director of the Ponts et Chausses and secure all the information available on roads and bridges forward of our lines. DARLING, VIC

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#### 14 Sept to 15 Sept 1944

- 0830 0.0. 2nd Bn:- Have officer who made recon on bridge report this Hqs immediately. Seagull
- 1600 Bridge at BAUDONCOURT (0118) on Hwy 57 is out. 90' span, 18' from road level to stream. Water 4'-5' deep, swift. 1 pier 0K, 1 pier damaged. Timber trestle or Balley Bridge can be put in. 111th Engrs have ford operation downstream.
- 1630 VI Corps is sending Bailey Bridge (enough to build 100' triple single bridge) to SAULX. 36th Engrs to pick it up there. Also 2 way timber treatle bridge to be built underneath it at BAUDONCOURT.
- 1650 H Co to construct Bailey at BAUDONCOURT.
- 2024 Send signpainter REDDING, Co. B to report as soon as possible to Capt STADIG, Regt'l Hqs. Seagull



15 Sept to 16 Sept 1944

- 0845 Request officer report to this office to be brieffed in change in disposition of troops. Regt should be alerted to move N of VESOUL within 24 hrs. DARLING, VIC
- 1205 C.O. 1st Bn:- You will reconnoiter for Bn bivouac area vic BOUHANS 0708 Bn will move and close in bivouac by 1000 B, 17 Sept. Regt<sup>1</sup> Hqs moving to vic 9810. Seagull

C.O. 2nd Bn:- You will reconnoiter for Bn bicouac area vic COLOMBIER 9103. Bn will move and clese in bivouac by 1500 B, 17 Sept. Regt'l Hqs moving to vic 9810. Seagull

C.O. 3rd Bn:- You will reconnoiter for Bn bivouac area vic ABELOOURT 9717. Bn will move and close in bivouac by 1000 B, 17 Sept. Regt'l Hqs moving to vic 9810.

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16 Sept to 17 Sept 1944

- 0800 Regt'1 C.P. closed at 860909.
- 1045 Regt'1 C.P. opened at 942102.
- 1055 C.O. 36th Engre:- Following signs to be fabricated as soon as possible. (See atchd sheet). F.O. 3 VI Corps puts a Bn of 36th Engre in support of 36th Div. Suggest C.O.'s establish constant liaison with their respective Div's also the into telephone switchboards where possible. DARLING, VIC
- \*\*1440
  - 1600 Location Cargo Blue units as follows:- Bn C.P. 951192, George 951192, How 003156 and Item 022207, Map France 1:100,000. 3rd Bn
- \*\*1440 C.O. 3rd Bn:- The 4th Pl Co C 378th Engre Bn is attached to you. This is the Bailey Bridge Train which will follow behind 36th Div with you. Whenever you move, you still notify this Hqs of your exact location. Try to get a line thru 36th Div so that we can maintain communications with you. There are some I beams 30- 12"x6"x28" at 782052. Seagull

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#### 17 Sept to 18 Sept 1944

- XXXX "A" Co 6 Ton prime mover broke down while enroute to 2nd Bn. Deadlined 7 to 10 days. 1st Bn
- 0920 C.O. 3rd Bn:- VI Corps wants you to keep liason officer with 36th Div Engrs. Seagull

18 Sept to 19 Sept 1944

- 1035 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Proceed as planned on bridges at LUXEUIL and BAUDONCOURT. LUXEUIL midnight 19th Sept and BOUDONCOURT midgight 20th Sept. Fords must be kept open during that time. Seagull
- 1100 New location of 661st Engr Surv Plat., 036197 St SAUVEUR.
- 1400 C.O. 3rd Bn:- There are a number of DUKW's with mixed loads of Bailey. Corps wants them unloaded and sorted. You are to provide 4 men who are familiar with Bailey parts to sort and stack in ferry loads. These Bukw's will be at airfield vic 0218 at 1600 B today. Seagull

C.O. 2nd Bn:- Your Bn will support 45th Div. Contact Lt Col MOUNIER, C.O. 120th Engr Bn vic FARRENERY (8214). Prepare to move 20 Sept behind 45th Div. Segull

1500 - C.O. 3rd Bn:- Take the Treadway Bridge at ST MEURY up imadiately and load on truck provided by 378th Engre. and delivered to 111th as soon as possible. Seagull

1515 - 0.0. 3rd Bn:- Contact 36th Div. Engr. immediately. Seagull

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# 19 Sept to 20 Sept 1944

- 0555 G.O. "H" Co.:- Unload two trucks of assault boats immediately upon delivery. Trucks must be emptied and returned as soon as possible for Corps. Notify you Bn Hqs of delivery of boats to you. Parks, 5-3
- 1125 New bivouac of 2nd Bn now located at 819118 (Map ref, France, 1:100,000, Sheet 14 H). 2nd Bn.
- 1655 C.O. "H" Co.:- Commence taking out Bailey at BAUDONCOURT at 2100. Reroute traffic as shown on overlay furnishing guides. Check bridge at La CHAPELLE 0216 for Class 40 loads. If bridge will not carry class 40, route class 40 loads over ford. Seagull
- 1710 G-3 and Engr VI Corps:- New C.P. opened 1500 B at FOUGERALLES 035278. Cargo

#### 20 Sept to 21 Sept 1944

- XXXX Location of C.P.'s. 1st Bn Hqs 065300, Able 042295, Baker 085335 and Charlie 045305. 1st Bn
- XXX Re your message concerning our attachments Bailey Bridge Train loaded on 20 Dukw's of the 3340th Dukw Co. Commanded by Lt BENTZ. Strength 1 Off and 37 EM. Assault Refting Equipment loaded on 14 Dukw's of the 831st Dukw Co. Commanded by Lt. HART. Strangth 1 Off and 35 EM. Treadway Bridge Train loaded on Brockways of Co. D, 378th Engrs Commanded by ?. Strength ?. 2nd Bn.
- 1100 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Send the following information concerning attachments to your Bn. Unit number and C.O. of: Bailey Bridge Train. Treadway Bridge Train and Dukw Companies (3340th and 386th). Seagull
- 1145 C.O. 1st En:- Have one officer and one squad report to Regt 1 Hqs. They are to clear booby trapped abatis. Send one truck with winch and one gasoline saw. Seagull
- 1330 G.O. 1st Bn:- Be prepared to move Bn forward on short notice. Keep continuous recon fwd for bivouac area along axis PLOMBIERES-JARMENIE BRUWERES. Last two towns named still in enemy hands this morning. Seagull
- 1350 0.0. 1st Bn:- Bailey Bridge at airfield S of LUXEUIL. Needs to be sorted and stacked in lorry loads. Grane from 378th on site. Small detail of men familiar with bridge and lorry loads. Seagull
- 2330 0.0. 2nd Bn. URGENTI: Informed that you will be expected to put in two bridges early morning of 22nd. Move company you have with you forward by daybreak. Will have 1st Bn take over finishing up on FAVERNEY and CONFIANS, Officer 1st Bn will report for detail immediately. Seagull
- 2332 C.O. lst Bn. URGENT! You are to take over work at FAVERNEY and CONFIANS from 2nd Bn. Send Officer immediately to Hos 2nd En for details. Seagull

#### 21 Sept to 22 Sept 1944

1015 - 3rd Bn:- Bridge Train - Bailey and Treadway assembled vic ST NEBORD. G and H Co's standing by at same place ready to construct bridge on receipt of orders. Bailey to go in at ELOYES and Tready ford half-way between ELOYES and REMIREMONT.

1030 - Treadway started 0830, 162415 .: 100,000.

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- 1230 C.O. 1st Bn:- Move Bn this afternoon vic XERTIGNY (0347). Be prepared to give assistance to 2nd and 3rd Bn's on bridge construction. Seagull
- 1520 Request 4 or 5 Brockway Truck operators be sent to Treadway Bridge Site. DARLING, VIC
- 1555 0.0. 2nd Bn:- Send the following Brockway Truck operators to Treadway bridge site 162415 immediately: NELSON, D Co. RHODES, D Co. NOROROSS, E Co. If these men are not abailable send any other 3 Brockway operators you may have. Seggul1
- 1600 C.O. lst Bn:- Send the following Brockway Truck operators to Treadway bridge site 162415 immediately: GRIEVE, B Co. MOORE, B Co. ROBERTS, B Co. If these men are not available send any other 3 Benckway operators you may have. Seagull
- 1704 C.O. 2nd En:- 4 rakers, bracing bolts, panel pins available at airport. Seagull
- 1710 0.0. 1st Bn:- Have detail sorting Baile Bridge at Airport remain with Dukw Co., until released from this Hqs. Lt in charge can report back to his Co provided a responsible non-com is left in charge. Seagull
- 1730 Will get men out as soon as possible for Brockway operators. BROWN, 1st Bn
- 1845 3rd Bn:- Bridge at (FONTENOY) PONGITME completed 1700 hours. Bailey Bridge train is moving to 3rd Bn Bivouac area. Additional bridge train 130' Bailey Bridge. One company reserve Bn is to be alerted to build that bridge at REMIRENOMT. Go to C.P. 3rd Bn to receive its instructions. Bridge to be built on orders of 36th Div. Capt GILBERT Redwood 15.

#### 22 Sept to 23 Sept 1944

- 0915 Armored Treadway Bridge at ARCHES constructed by "F" Co. Opened to traffic at 0815 A, this date. 2nd Bn
- 1205 Constructing Bailey Bridge at REMIREMONT. Callin in one company from 1st Bn. Need trucks - 10 from 1st Bn and 5 from H & S. BOATNER
- XXXX Treadway S of ALOYSE completed and opened to traffic at 2300, 22 Sept.
- 1525 There is about 100 yds stretch on the road between PLOMBIERS and VI Corps C.P. where the road shoulder has sheared from the pavement. DARLING, VIC
- 1550 C.O. 1st Bn:- 100 yd stretch of highway between PLOMBIERS and CR 095435 in bad condition, ie, the shoulder has shearêd off pavement. Send 2 squads and 4 dump trucks to repair it. Seagull
- XXXX S-3, 36th Engrs:- 1st Bn Hqs now vic 015400. B Co. vic 012407. C Co. vic 013407. Would it be possible to either get some Bailey Bridge for training purposes or send a platoon at a time to a bridge dump for practice construction. Third- where are the 4 trucks from "A" company and 2 trucks from "B" company which were sent on a ration detail to S-4 - 5 days ago. Capt JUERGENSEN.
- 1600 Capt Miller, 3rd Bn.- Only 4 trucks from 1st Bn have reported. Message sent to 1st Bn.
- 1615 Adjutant, 1st Bn:- Corps informs us no Bailey Bridge available for training purposes. The 6 trucks on ration detail returned to their respective companies early on morning of 21st Sept. Please check on 10 trucks from 1st Bn that were to report to 3rd Bn this afternoon. Seegull.
- 1700 Maj DARLING 1 company from 1st Bn is to assist 3rd Bn with work on approaches at ELOYES. 1 company from 1st Bn to assist 2nd Bn with work on approaches at ARCHETTE. When company from FONTENOY reports back to 2nd Bn they are to relieve the company from 1st Bn who in turn will revert to 1st Bn control.
- 1730 C.O. 1st Bn:- Send 1 company immediately to report to C.O. 3rd Bn. Check on 1 company from your Bn that was to report at REMIREMONT to assist 3rd Bn put in Bailey Bridge there. If this company has not been sent, send it immediately. Send 1 company (minus 2 squads) at once to ARCHETTES 100472 to assist 2nd Bn on approaches to bridge. Seagull
- 1740 C.O. 2nd Bn:- One (1) company from 1st Bn will report to ARCHETTES 100472 to assist you there. When your company that was working at FONTEROY REports back to you they will relieve company from 1st Bn who will revert to 1st Bn. Seagull

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#### 23 Sept to 24 Sept 1944

- 1200 Disposition of 1st Bn:- "A" Co. REMIREMONT. "B" Co. 1 platoon with 111th Engrs. 1 platoon used to relieve above platoon. 2 squads on g ard. 2 squads finished working at 2100, 23 Sept and are resting. "C" Co. 1 platoon repairing road out of PLOMBIERS. 2 platoons minus 1 squad assisting "I" Co. 1 squad at airport sorting Bailey.
- 1630 Road blocks in REMIREMONT. Have them cleared. DARLING, VIC. 3rd Bn notified.
- 2130 Maj. LOMBARD informed that Treadway and Assault Boat Bridges to be dismantled 25 Sept. Message to 1st Bn thru 3rd Bn. Be prepared to dismantle Treadway and Assault Bridges 25 Sept. Assembly Dukw's for Assault Equipment and Brockways vic bridge site. 3rd Bn will have information as to location of Dukw's and Brockways.

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#### 24 Sept to 25 Sept 1944

0925 - Take down Treadway and Assault Boat Bridges in 36th Div Sector. Dukw's at 050015 and Brockways at 117432. DARLING, VIC

0930 - C.O. 1st Bn:- Dispantle Treadway and Assault Boat Bridges in 36th Div Sector. Brockway trucks on Rd between Corps C.P. and RIMIREMONT at 117432. Dismantle and load on vehicles immediately. Seagull

- 1600 C.O. 2nd Bn:- The 120th have had their dozer blown up on mine, need another until it can be replaced. Send them one of your D-7's to them. They will have guide at JERMENIL to meet cat. Notify 120th of time you expect to get cat to them. Corps is attempting to get the side walk for Bailey at EPINAL. If attempts are unsuccessful you will have to improvise a walk on that bridge. New Regt'1 Corp. 125475. Seagull
- 1615 Regt'l C.P. closed at 035278. Sheet 66 Europe Rd Map 1:200,009 Opened new C.P. at 125475, Europe Rd Map 1:200,000 Sheet 62
- 1900 C.O. 2nd Bn:- Corps expects to have necessary equipt to install walk on Bailey at EPINAL up some time tonight. Equipt will report to bridge site. Walk must be put in as soon as it gets up. Seagull.

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#### 25 Sept to 26 Sept 1944

- 1040 3rd Bn Hqs C.P. approx 140462. 1 squad from "A" Co working on approaches of Bailey Bridge at RIEREMONT with "H" Co. LOMBARD, 3rd Bn
- 1055 Maj PETRIE 36th Div Engrs wants Officer from 3rd Bn to contact them to get dope on bridge to be put in at DOCELLES.

1105 - C.O. 3rd Bn:- Send Officer immediately to 111th Engrs C.P. to get information on putting in bridge in the vic of DOCELLES, Seagull

- 1340 45th Div need assistance on mine clearance, clear shoulders of secondary road. Capt BILLUPS. 2nd Bn notified to get in touch  $\pi/45$ th and give them the necessary assistance.
- 1345 C.O. 2nd Bn:- 45th Div Engrs need assistance in clearing shoulders of mines on some secondary road. Contact Capt BILLUPS - 120th Engr Bn for details and give them the desired assistance. Seagull.
- 1450 Dismantle ARCHETTES bridge. 2nd Bn notifed thru 45th Div. Seagull
- 1840 Have started putting in Bailey Bridge, 90' gap at DOCELLE. Approx time of completion, 0200 27 Sept 1944
   2130 - Bailey completed and traffic going over bridge at DOCELLES. 3rd Bn.

#### 26 Sept to 27 Sept 1944

1055 - 2nd Bn bridge train will move to vic SECOUR. LT Col MONNIER.

1145 - C.O. 1st Bn:- Send officer immediately to report to Lt Col SCHOLENBERGER W of RR bridge at DOLE. Your Bn will prepare to move vic DOLE 28 Sept complete with equipment. You will train under 7th Army supervision for major river crossing. There are Bn's from 40th and 540th there now. Have your officer check with Lt Col SHOLENBERGER if hvy equipt will be required. Instruct officer to get location of your bivouse vic of DOLE and convoy route to be followed. Will be down to see you this afternoon. Seagull

1250 - Stretch of scattered mines around EPINAL turned over to 2nd Bn 120th. - Check.

1315 - Make recomm of the secondary road S of CG 44 (Yellow road DOCELLES-LEPAGES) from DOCELLES to BAPAGES so that Bailey can be taken out at DOCELLES and traffic routed over secondary road. 3rd Bn notified.

1400 - Send 1 Officer to contact 27th Evac at XERTIGNY and 93rd Evac Hosp at BELLEFONTAINE to give them assistance. Army Orders. DARLING, VIC

1620 - C.O. 2nd Bn:- Send 1 Officer immediately to contact 27th Evac Hosp at XERTIGNY 032465 and 93rd Evac Hosp vic VELLEFONTAINE 050430 to get information on assistance you are to give them. Keep the amount 6f work down to a minimum. Seagull

1700 - German Engr Dump - lumber, V-031572. Large affair. Approx. inventory. Place guards. Description of yard. Can it be used for Engr Dump? DARLING, VIC

1800 - C.O. 2nd Bn:- Large German Lumber yerd and dump reported at V-031572. Send officer to make approx inventory of all stock. Reported to be large affair. Corps wants a description of dump in view of setting un Army Engr Dump. Place guards if necessary. Submit report thru this Hqs. PARKS, S-3

#### 27 Sept to 28 Sept 1944

1820 - 1 squad "H" company constructed wooden foot bridge 70' - 4' wide at DOCELLES. 0900 - 1600. Used salvage material

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#### 28 Sept to 29 Sept 1944

2nd Bn:- Send Capt LONN done on minefield that your Bn has located.

This Hq moving C.P. to EPINAL. Same group of building that "F" company occupies. Lt PHELPS, C.O. of the Treadway Bridge Train sent to 93rd Evac Hosp 28 Sept. Train now in command of S/Sgt. Please notify his company - Co. "D" 378th Engr. 2nd Bn.

What is status of Tech/5 Redding of "B" company now that his 7 day TD has more than elapsed? 1st Bn

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#### 29 Sept to 30 Sept 1944

Give location of your 1st En as soon as possible. DARLING, VIC

2nd Bn:- Detail of 6 men and one crane to move Coke to bath house in EPINAL for Capt STADIG.

0940 - C.O. 36th Engrs:- Mej DARLING called and said General DAVIDSON would like to see you at the office at your earliest convenience. It GARCIA, Seagull Minor

1000 - C.O. 2nd Bn:- This Hqs received never received inventory you had made of lumber yard at EPINAL. Instruction were to submit report thru this headquarters, and not directly to Corps. In the future no reports will be submitted to higher Hqs unless you are instructed to do so by this headquarters. CHUBEUCK, Ex Off

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C.O. 1st Bn:= Large amount of work at Regt'l Hqs warrants T/5 Redding remain here-for the time being. Send coordinated of your C.P. Seagull

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# 1 Oct to 2 Oct 1944

- XXXX -If 2nd Bn's carpenters work completed, return to Bn.
- 1235 -School for outboard motor mechanics will begin 3 Oct and continue to 5 Oct. Lt. SIMPSON. 3rd Bn notified, Lt SIMPSON to notify 2nd Bn.
- Ponto<sup>n</sup>and Treadway bridge school finished tomorrow ("G" company attending). New course starts on 4 Oct. ants us to designate company to attend. Maj 1550 -HARRIS. ENGP-36-3,2

1815 - G-3, 36th Div not ready to take out Bailey at DOCELLES. Maj LOMBARD

#### 2 Oct to 3 Oct 1944

- 0955 S/Sgt VELINSKY-Message given to Blue operator. 30' Treadway Bridge put in at 225492, installed by 111th Engrs.
- 1245 3rd Bn commence training with Bailey 5 Oct.
- 1410 C.O. 2nd Bn:- Officer from Corps Arty will contact you to get dozer to dig in their guiss. Seagull

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#### 4 Oct to 5 Oct 1944

0740 - Anything of any importance happen during the night? Capt LEE, VIC

- 0745 Bailey Bridge taken down at DOCELLES. Finished at 0200, 4 Oct. 22 hours to do job. Maj LOMBARD. Corps notified.
- 1305 Send Tank Dozer to Div Engr (36th Div) to work with them for tonight and maybe tomorrow night. DARLING, VIC. 3rd Bn notified

2000 - Co. 3rd Bn - Bridge School.

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#### 5 Oct to 6 Oct 1944

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1132 - Send one company from 2nd Bn toobridge site at 0730 A Stoct for bridge training. 2nd Bn sending one officer to report to 1553rd Heavy Ponton this afternoon to complete arrangements. PARKS. S-3

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#### 7 Oct to 8 Oct 1944

0700 - Bailey Bridge at REMIREMONT dismantled at 0330 A. Maj LOMBARD

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- 0715 Engr Section VI Corps:- Bailey Bridge at REMIREMONT dismantled at 0330A.
- 1000 3rd Bn to pick up Bailey at REMIREMONT and deliver to Engr Depot at EPINAL.
- 1600 2nd Bn detail to report to Capt LEE at ARCHES 0830A, 9 Oct to haul timbers to sawmill.

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# 8 Oct to 9 Oct 1944

- 0940 1 squad from 3rd Bn to report to 1553rd Heavy Ponton Bn Area to load Bailey Bridge on trucks. Make up 4 or 5 loads. Seagull
- 1300 Heavy Ponton Training "I" company to go on 12th. Also one other company to commence 4 day training on 12th. (3rd Bn notified re: "I" company.)

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9 Oct to 10 Oct 1944

- 0700 VI Corps:- N.T.B.
- 1230 1st Tank Grp ordered to hold school at V-0057, del B'oris Abbey. Drawbridge entrance. Prepare for class 40 load. DARLING, VIC. (2nd Bn assigned task.)

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1635 - Exact list of floors being built for Hospitals:
 200 8' x 12' tent floors for 10th Field Hospital
 72 8' x 12' " " 11 th Field Hospital
 96 8' x 12' " " 56th Medical Bn

#### 10 Oct to 11 Oct 1944

0700 - VI Corps:- N.T.R.

- 1030 2nd Bn:- Call from Power 3. Power 6 would like to see Lt Col WELKER. Seagull
- 1100 2nd Bn attached to 45th Div. DARLING, VIC. 2nd Bn replacing Bn of 180th Infantry in line. 1st Bn to take over bridge job at 0057.
- XXXX 3rd Bn to carry on some experimental work on ramps and methods of bringing Dukw's out of water. Use treadway, sommerfelt and pierced plank. Squad with Dukw's on river.
- 1700 Airfield take-off strip needs work on tonight.
- 1725 Coord. of VI Corps AOP Strip at 090462.

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#### 11 Oct to 12 Oct 1944

- 0710 VI Corps:- N.T.R.
- 0815 Bailey Bridge train will be taken over by our 1st Bn while 2nd Bn is in line. VI Corps notified.
- 1300 Bridge to be reinforced at Fort (0057) N.W. of EPINAL hasen't been worked on as of 121190A. Request reason. VI Corps
- 1330 1st Bn starting on bridge at V-0057 this afternoon. Company assigned job called into line as infantry.
- 1445 "H" company to be relieved in line by "I" company tonight. G-3 VI Corps (Col CONWAY) cleared matter.
- 1620 Can we expect "H" company in morning for ponton training? Maj HARRIS.
- 1650 1553rd Hvy Ponton:- "H" company unable to have bridge training in morning. Will not be relieved from line (Inf) in time. Parks, S-3

# 12 Oct to 13 Oct 1944

0700 - VI Corps, N.T.R.

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- 1500 1st Bn instructed to reinforce drawbridge at Fort D'Boris L'Abbe vic 008570. Bridge entrance to fort. Seagull
- 1645 "G" company must move out of present area to clear it for an Army Ord maintenance unit. DARLING, VIC. 3rd Bn notified. Seagull

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13 Oct to 14 Oct 1944

0705 - VI Corps, N.T.R.

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14 Oct to 15 Oct 1944

0705 - VI Corps, N.T.R.

#### 15 Oct to 16 Oct 1944

- 1000 Opened forward C.P. at 199663 (Eastern France 1;50,000 Sheet XXXV-17)
- 1305 "E" Co jeep run over suspected "R" Mine on way to company C.P. One man wounded.
- XXXX 645th T.D. Bn (Decoy) C.P. in ST HELENE. (Direct communications. Line in to our board.
- XXXX Capt BILLUPS wants loan of shovel and dumps. Will contact Lt HARDMAN on troucks and Sgt HUNT "F" company on shovel (Clamshell).
- 1400 C.O. 180th Infantry:- 1st Bn 36th Engr Regt relieved elements "E" company by 0730 A and in position by 1030 A 16 Oct 1944. PARKS, S-3
- 1530 Bridge on road into AUTREY prepared for demolitions. To be blown on orders of C.O. of regiment, previously on orders of 180th Inf. LT Col WEIKER
- 1630 2 MG's and 2 Burps guns top of Hill 385.
- 1835 Charlie report in position.
- 1900 Commencing 0800, 17 Oct., Division presses forward as originally planned. Want us to do all we can to clean off Hill 385.
- 2025 Passport 2:- All Quiet
- 2130 Passport:- "C" into AUTREY and "F" to rear and between "D" and "F".

2250 - Passport: - N.T.R.

2400 - Passport: - N.T.R.

16 Oct to 17 Oct 1944

- 0100 Passport 3:- N.T.R.
- 0200 Passport: N.T.R.
- 0250 N.T. R. Red N.T.R. White
- 0315 Passport:- N.T.R.
- 0450 N.T.R. Red
- 0500 Passport: N.T.R.
- 0610 N.T.R. White
- 0810 Request location of company C.P.'s. Power.
- XXXX Submit S-3 Report period 2400 to 2400 to be delivered by 0900 A. Sitrep by phone 0530, 1130, 1600 and 2100 to Power.
- 1030 Ist Bn patrol ("C" Co.) to house edge of woods vic 2368. Observed 2 Ey digging and chopped tree down. Ey took to cover when they spotted patrol. Patrol returned. Will go out again after Arty called down on house. 1st Bn.
- 1110 Power 3:- 1st Bn report 1030A reported to Power 3.
- 1515 2 Ey heading N.W. from 210885. Poison notified. "A" company has search party out. 1st Bn
- 1530 "C" company patrol reports house at 229683 empty. 10 man patrol remaining at house until push. Arty fired on suspected C.P., mortor and kitchens at 235658.
- 1600 Sitrep to Power 3
- 1745 "D" company captured 1 FW vic Hill 385. Power Red Baker:- Check line back as far as bridge.
- 1845 "E" company reports S/A fire from direction of AUTREY. Suspect from wood vic 228660. 1st Bn not firing report same activity.
- 1930 Red reports patrol drew MG fire from house at 240665. White MG fire from wood at 228660.
- 2030 Red reports all quiet.
- 2100 N.T. R. Power 3 Passport Abel attacks AM 18th. Are to clear area to Bn boundry to RR per Passport 3. White notified.

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16 Oct to 17 Oct 1944

2200 - Red and White report all quiet.

2300 - Red Patrol to 240678. No contact. " " to 228662. Empty emplacements.

2400 - Red reports all quiet.

# 17 Oct to 18 Oct 1944

- 0200 Red all quiet White received 30 rds Arty fire at 0100. One man hurt in "D" company.
- 0500 Red, N.T.R. White, N.T.R.

- 0530 Power 3 informed results of Red patrols
- 0600 Power 2 informed results of Red patrols Red. N.T.R.
- 0800 3 French civilians from Red sector (218688) sent to FW cage 180th.
- 0910 "D" company platoon on right flank. 8 or 9 casualties. Center line moved up 200 yds. No contact. Platoon of Fox into FREMIFONTAINE.
- 0930 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Submit Engr Sitrep direct to VI Corps until further orders from this Hqs. Send Info copy (carbon) for our files. Parks, S-3
- 0940 Red on forward crest of Hill 385. Outposting to RR right flank. Not yet to RR. "F" replacing "D" at 1900. S/A from woods 228660. Arty firing. Report to Power 3
- 1125 1st Bn warned to be ready to take over to trail 222654 on right.
- 1135 Report to Power 3. Dog outposted RR track otherside of Hill 385.
- 1200 Sitrep to Power 2
- 1215 2nd Bn notified of intended change in boundaries.
- 1400 S/A fire woods vic 228662.
- 1500 1 FW picked up from 1316 Reconn (Ey) vic 225653.
- 1530 "F" company relieved "D" company in sector. Outpost along RR bottom Hill 385.
- 1600 Sitrep to Power (1530)
- 1800 Sitrep to Power 2
- 1900 Relief of "A" company 180th to be made by mutual aggreement with C.O. 180th.

1915 - Col DELANEY - re relief of "A" company 180th by "E" company 36th Engrs early tomorrow morning 0700-0730. Come in thru lower town? "E" Co. Cmdr to Maj COOPER CP (C.O. 180th, 1st Bn)

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17 Oct to 18 Oct 1944

- 1915 2nd Bn notified relief to take place in morning. 1st Bn notified of same.
- 1930 C.O. 36th Engrs & 180th Inf:- 36th Engr C Regt (-) will relieve elements 180th Inf to new boundary indicated on overlay. Relief will be accomplished as directed by CO 180th Inf. Comd will pass upon completion of relief. REYNOLDS, G-3, 45th
  - 2010 Red, N.T.R.

2100 - Sitrep to Power - All quiet.

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18 Oct to 19 Oct 1944

- 0100 Ey mortar fire vic 270655. Estimated 20 rds.
- 0200 All quiet.

0400 All quiet.

0540 - All quiet to Power 3

0600 - All quiet to Power 2

0730 - All quiet to Redwood 15

0930 - "B" company relieved "E" company in sector 0600 A.

- 1030 Power 3:- All quiet. Power reports 2nd Bn 180th Inf running into Ey in 100 to 200 yds in front of their lines.
- 1100 Relief of "A" company 180th completed. R\_ceiving mortar and S/A fire.
- 1130 Sitrep to Power:- Relief of A 180th by "E" company. Mortar and S/A fire in that sector.
- 1400 Call Sitrep to Redwood 15 every morning at 0700 A. Give information on patroks and wounded. Lt Col CHUBBUCK

1430 - Approx 18 shells landed area Regt'l Hqs vic 199662.

1600 - Sitrep to Power (1430)

1800 - S-2 Sitrep to Power (1430)

1935 - "E" company receiving scattered S/A fire from Ey across stream. Arty concentration thrown into area opposite "E" and firing ceased.

2030 - Report above (1935) to Power 3

2035 . "E" company reports S/A fire ceased 20 minutes ago. All quiet now.

2100 - Unidentified planes flew over area at low altitude.

2200 - N.T.R., Red

2300 - Red patrols to 242664-227662. No contact. One tracer from N fired at patrol at 242664.

2400 - Red and White - N/T.R.

19 Oct to 20 Oct 1944

- 0200 N.T.R. Red N.T.R. White
- 0300 N.T.R. White
- 0400 Red reports Ey Arty fire W of AUTREY in front of OP at 232668. Mike called down.
- 0530 Sitrep to Power 3 N.T.R.

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- 0907 Fox no contact with "B" company flank. Left flank wide open.
- 0950 Red patrols got lost last night. Phone being run across today. Patrols yesterday, today and tonight. Draw on "B" companies right covered by M.G.
- 1100 Baker had one casualty at 0500.
- 1130 N.T.R.
- 1300 N.T.R. to Power 2
- 1305 "E" company C.P. hit by Ey mortar busst. 2 Officer's wounded. (Lt Sfaelos, Lt Zapitello and 2 LM wounded: Extent of injuries unknown.
- 1615 Mortars in "E" sector. Sitrept to Power 3
- 1745 "C" company receiving Ey mortar fire at 228661. Also report smoke in front of 2nd Bn 238644 about 1700. 20 Ey digging in vic 238644.
- 1800 Sitrep to Power.
- 1900 "A" company reports shells landing at 215685.
- 1930 4 rds estimated 105 MM vic 198665.
- 2100 Sitrept to Power 3 "C" Company patrol challenged by Ey outpost vic 242679.
- 2200 "A" company received 12 rds Ey Arty fire at 213686 from 3268. N.T.R., White
- 2400 N.T. R. form Red and White

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### 20 Oct to 21 Oct 1944

- 0100 Baker contact patrols report loud voices in vic of 157 outpost. Flare went up and they returned. "B" company of 157th out of contact with OP for 12 hours. Sending out a patrol and will call in results.
- 0200 N.T.R. Red N.T.R. White
- 0305 Poison Baker Patrol 3/4 way out to outpost.
- 0400 N.T.R. Red
- 0411 Patrol from Poison Baker back. Says OP O.K. Line was out. Red
- 0417 All clear. White
- 0535 Sitrep to Power 3
- 0559 N.T.R. Red
- 0602 All quiet, White
- 1051 Has Rear notified to get 3rd Bn up to RAMBERVILLERS today and be prepared itself to move.
- 1110 2 Eny planes N to S over St HELENE.
- 1115 White "F" patrol report steel girder footbridge vic 237647, 50' long. Phone lines across bridge.
- 1130 H & S to remain in place. 3rd Bn one company alerted to go into position, remainder Hn Hqs into RAMBERVILLERS. Reconn must be made this afternoon. Sitrept to Power 3 - N.T.T.
- 1200 Sitrep to Power 2 N.T.R.
- 1240 Notify Power 3 of arrival of 3rd Bn
- 1430 2 French civilian picked up by "F" company outpost in vic 232652. Delivered to EW cage 180th Inf.
- 1435 House at 239661 set on fire by our Arty at 1230 A. Believed Ammo exploding.
- 1600 Sitrep to Power 3 (1435) "G" Company not to relieve "B" company 157th.

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#### 20 Oct to 21 Oct 1944

- 1800 Receiving S/A and mortar fire 238647-239645. Arty and mortar fire layed down on area. 2nd platoon "D" company alerted to move fwd in support.
- 1820 Hvy arty fire on left flank. 155 How laying fire down opposite "E" on hilltop.
- 1830 "F" company receiving mortar and Arty fire. No S/A. Power 3 informed
- 1840 Arty and mortar stopped. Only scattered S/A fire along front.
- 1845 Scattered mortar and S/A fire. S/A from people on bottom of hill. All companies 3rd Bn in RAMBERVILLERS.
- 1850 Sitrep to Power
- 1900 4 casualties. One in "F", and 3 in "E". One platoon "D" with "E", one platoon in reserve and one platoon in building NE FREMIFONTAINE.
- 2120 "C" Company patrol to 242679 observed Eny truck move S from HOUSSERAS toward AUTREY. Stopping every 50 yds and drooping something metallic to 239678. Heard 2 or 3 trucks at about 245676 pulling as though stuck in mud and then getting on road and moving SE towards woods. Also observed intermittent shooting flames about 245675. No sound. Reported to Power 2 Heard 1 or 2 track vehicles at 1800 about 240648. Bridge at 237649 boobytrapped.
- 2225 Patrol to 228660 heard nothing. Returned 2215 A.
- 2305 German vehicular movement heard vic 242645. Arty put on it.
- 2330 Power 3 wants us to poke out. Suspect Eny of pulling out especially in front of AUTREY.

#### 21 Oct to 22 Oct 1944

0010 - 1st Bn instructed to patrol forward toward HOUSERASS, WQILLAUME FONTAINE and woods in fornt of right of "B" company, to contact Eny if out there. 2nd Bn to poke out in left sector. Report all reactions immediately.

- 0205 "C" company patrol no weakening of resistance. Arty to front right. Other patrol still out.
- 0330 Red reports 2 men of Contact Patrol missing. Checked with 157th, No contact made.
- 0355 Baker's 2 men return and report contacted 157th 0.P.
- 0400 Patrol to WUILLAUME FONTATINE heard sounds of hammering steel on steel. Patrol to RJ 242680. No contact. 1 EM shot by our OP (2nd Bn) on return. Patrol to HOUSSERAS at dawn. Able reports Inf contact patrol has not reported.
- 0405 Red and White report all quiet.

- 0600 Red and White N.T.R.
- 0700 "C" company patrol to RJ 242680, N.T.R.
- 0715 Report to Redwood 15.
- 1000 3rd Bn can remain in RAMBERWILLERS if in area now. Stay there and should be prepared to move back. Will check with 6 on whether we can train and use for patrols. Lt Col REYNOLDS (Power 3)
- 1015 Fox patrol back. Poked out and report Eny still present on "E"'s right and still digging in.
- 1140 At 2330 yesterday guard vic 228646 challenged, received password and shot thru arm. Search failed to relieve party who did shooting.
- 1200 2 Sitrep to Power
- 1455 "F" company patrol reports no Eny S of RR, over approx 3/4 of way across "E" company front. Germans are mortaring balance of area. 7 Eny observed digging in at 239649.
- 1500 3rd Bn to relieve 2nd Bn 157th Inf and come under their control.

1730 - 2 Sitrep to Power

- 1815 Eny footbridge de-boobytrapped. Strong 0.P. on this side.
- 1840 5 R-mines removed 230654. One casualty in "D" company.

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#### 21 Oct to 22 Oct 1944

1945 - All quiet to Power 3

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2050 - 180th jumps off at 0530. Put up fire demonstration N of 65 Northing. Work out with 180th. Lt Col REYNOLDS (Bower 3)

Mortar	Arty
242653	238663
245655	251656
243654	253660

C and A attacking - secure ground across bridge. Recon troops thru. Easy foot-bridge to cut rd 241647. Start 0300 to LD

- 2140 White given mortar targets. Red notified of impending events in morning.
- 2150 AUTREY receiving smoke from SE, (Capt TERRETTA)
- 2200 "E" company heavy mist on river.
- 2205 N.T.R., Red "F" company - Heavy smoke to their front. WP possibly.
- 2210 "D" company. Not their mortars laying down smoke.
- 2220 Burp gun heard between OP and RR crossing and AUTREY. Capt TERRETTA
- 2230 Company "C" 157th Inf No activity observed from OP 219691.
- 2235 Company "C" 157th Inf No contact.
- 2240 "E" company receiving no smoke. "F" company smoke on extreme left. Some mortars firing to their rear. Capt Somnnichsen.
- 2245 Company "C" 157th Inf Patrol made contact. Burp gun we heard probably actualy to their left.
- 2305 Chem mortars laying out 60 rds per hr. 50% WP
- 2400 N.T.R., Red

#### 22 Oct to 23 Oct 1944

# 0200 - N.T.R., Red

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1100 - 36th Engr C Regt is relieved from attachment to 45th Inf Div and reverts to Corps control. In 0 36th Engr C Regt report to CG VI Corps for instructions. CONWAY, G-3

- 1130 Sitrep to Power 3 N.T.R. One R-mine removed from 227651
- 1200 2 Sitrep to Power

**C.6.36th** Engrs instructed by Gen EAGLES to get after 120th on bridge N of FREMIFONTAINE. Have 120th Engrs orders to put bridge in during daylight? They have not had reconn fwd on site to date. Possibility of using bridge at AUTREY. Poison 2:- Two patrols - "E" company leave AUTREY at 1430 A, follow axis of road to WUILLAUME FONTAINE. Recon and determine when town is occupied or outposted by Eny. "F" company leave AUTREY 1430 A, go to stream at 230673, follow SE to 247665 cut N towards LESANGLES. Recon for possible flank crossing and Eny along route.

1345 - Regt to take over sector in Corps and revert to Corps. 1st and 2nd Bn's under control of 157th until relieved by 45th Div. Supporting arty to remain in place until Corps makes other arrangements. TD's will continue support. Can call on 157th for Inf support until Bn's relieved. Gen BUTLER

1700 - Redwood 3:- Notified of new Regt'l C.P. coord 185727 Blue set houses in BRU afire. 59th Armd FA Bn reld atchment 45th Inf Div and reverts to Corps control effective 231800A Oct. 59th Armd FA Bn in direct support 36th Engr C Regt. CONWAY, G-3

1930 - Lt Col WELKER informed to contact Col O'BRIEN regarding relief 2nd Bn and to contact regt with "D" company C.O. tomorrow A.M.

#### 23 Oct to 24 Oct 1944

- 0350 0.P. reports MG fire vie 217731
- 0545 G-2 and G-3 Sitrep. G-3 request info on relief.
- .0600 Cargo White: Close in assembly area in RAMBERVILLERS by 1200A less two squads. Cargo Red: Don't know details on relief.
- 0605 Report to 8-3
- 0705 Redwood 15:- 0.P. observed MG fire at 217731. Relief made without further trouble.
- 0710 2 French civilians picked up by 3rd Bn.
- 0940 1st Bn (-"C" Co.) to come out today. Build bridge on "B"'s right for Div.
- 1015 Co. "B" 83rd Chem En is detached from parent unit and 45th Inf Div. and is attached to 36th Engr C Regt for operations. In O Co B 83rd Cm1 Bn report at once to CO 36th Engr C Regt for instructions. CONNOR, AssT-G-3
- 1025 Baker Co.:- 83rd Cml will be attached. Will not be able to move into position until morning.
  CIC team of 2 team attached to remain here same as 157th and maintain contact with enemy and French on flanks.
  D and E companies in at 1030 (186713). 2nd Bn C.P. 186713.
- 1130 Burp pistol opposite "G" company outpost 0800. Sitrep to Corps: 2nd Bn relieved, 1st Bn, 2 Co's relieved and 1 company remaining in AUTREY.
- 1200 2 Sitrep to Corps (Teletype)
- 1500 It Col EFNOR 83rd Cml dropped by.
- 1600 Lt GROOM 636th TD has checked in and given permission to pull one TD for repairs. (157th sector.)
- 1615 117th Cav Ren Sq fired upon 219745 (pistol). A.T. company relieved 1200.(157th) by "D" company. 3 - 57's dug in position for 80 men at 195720. Have 2 platoons.
- 1630 Houses edge of BRU shelled. Enemy seen running out. 2 houses on fire. \$\\$/A ammo going off - (reported)

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- 1800 Sitrep (2 and 3) to Corps. (Teletype)
- \*1645 Col BOATNER received thru General BUTLER instructions from Corps to

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23 Oct to 24 Oct 1944

\*1645 - relieve 1st Bn 157th Inf. 2nd Bn to relieve "F", JEANMENIL and E to South.

1900 - 215750 to 215754 vehicles heard moving East. Engaged by arty. No results observed.

2015 - 2nd Bn:- T.D.'s remain in position at 200707 for tonight.

2310 - For relief complete 22154.

2340 - "E" relieved "A" 157th at 2335 A. Relief without incident.

2345 - "G" O.P. received S/A fire.

#### 24 Oct to 25 Oct 1944

- 0330 Bridge finished at 230657
- 0700 Report to Redwood 15
- 0845 2nd Bn receiving 50 MM mortar and S/A fire from in front of JEANMENIL. F and E Co's report the same.
- 0855 N.T.R., <sup>B</sup>lue
- 0900 157th Inf will not attack JEANMENIL
- 0930 117th Cav Ron Sq patrol fired upon by Eny from 222763 (Quarry). Report rd clear at RJ 216754.
- 1125 French Donicers strongly held, mortar section at 200732 and MG section at 180757. Patrol daily along route 200732 - 191757 - 201753 - 207745.
- 1150 117th Cav Ren Sq patrol reached vic 224745. Tree sniper wounded EM. Patrol engaged enemy in fire fight. MG and 2 dug in trenches that vic. Patrol returned.
- 1155 3rd Bn will send squad to occypy woods E of road at 217730 and send patrol to check houses set afire edge of BRU.
- 1230 117th Cav Ren Sq patrol got to 219746. No MG or riflemen on southside of wire. Enemy ran to dugout 220746. 3 dugouts within 20 yd area. Enemy returned heavy fire from MG, 3 machine pistols and 3 or 4 rifles.
- 1500 "C" Co started to pull out at 1100 A. Will close by 1700 A.
- 1630 Patrol engaged enemy in firefight vic BRU 217730. Receiving heavy S/A and mortar fire. "I" patrol to 2225-7400 - 2225-7415 and returned. No contact.
- 1730 "H" patrol fired upon at 226740. 2 enemy MG's and 5 riflemen at 228740. Patrol returned at 1215 A. Blue patrol to BRU. Fired upon by 2 MG, burp pistol and mortars. One (1) EM wounded.
- 1800 Sitrep to Corps
- 1820 Enemy vehicular movement heard in JEANMENIL
- 1835 Enemy arty landing 205752 (105). 14 rdd. 7 duds
- 1840 " " " " 18 rds. 3 duds

#### 1850 - " " " 200715. 7 rds. 117th Cav Ren &q patrol to 223768. Report at 1515 motorcycle heard in MENIL. At 1510 vehcile heard in MENIL. Received S/A fire at 225764. Tree road block at 225766 and 224767, 2245-7685. Partial block at

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24 Oct to 25 Oct 1944

1850 - 223764.

1900 - Power states password compromised (no change). All notified. 2 enemy vehicles mortared at 222748.

2020 - 1 French Civilian picked up by "E" company.

2130 - 3 Sitrep to Corps

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Lt Col WELKER. White flares. Mortar at "F" from in town. Vehicular movement was heard but not seen. Both wheeled and tracked vehicle. SCHAPLOW.

1930 - Fire in vie two houses.

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25 Oct to 26 Oct 1944

1940 - "H" - Enemy 20 MM gum fire fråm direction of MENIL. (1615) - Enemy personnel in front 2nd platoon "H". Mortars fired. (1915) - Enemy vehicle noise at #1 concentration 222746. 4 rds fired.
1945 - Fire in JEANMENIL apperently started 1/2 hour ago by 4.2's. What's burning? Not ammo. (Scennichsen)

- 2045 Small enemy patrol. (Blue). 217747 S/A and MG and mortars. Enemy replied with S/A
- 2145 "A" completed relief of "F" at 2030 A.
- 2220 "C" completed relief 2220 A.

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2400 - Red reports all quiet.

26 Oct to 27 Oct 1944

- 0200 Red reports all quiet
- 0400 Red reports all quiet
- 0550 N.T.R., Blue
- 0600 2 Sitrep to Corps
- 0630 3 Sitrep to Corps
- 0715 Gin Mill drew 50 MM mortar fire, MG, rifle and rifle gun fire Patrols into woods pulled out at 0755 A.
- 0900 Lt PETROCCIONE has just started out. Maj LOMBARD
- 0915 Red reports MG firing from S side of BRU
- 1017 Drew fire from enemy. Shooting up our OP. Enemy OP, platoon strong point with plenty of auto weapons. Mortar fire thrown in on Bru. Blue
- 1035 Progress of two patrols reported to Corps G-3
- 1050 Blue reports 12-14 rds enemy 105 arty at 216745 to 213747.
- 1110 Blue reports 30 rds enemy 105-150 MM arty N of MENIL at 218748
- 1135 Patrol to Menil located enemy MG positions, complete with guns and and equipt. 4 MG's at 216752
- 1200 Flat trajectory weapon firing at tanks 218752
- 1210 Sitrep to G-3 cleared. Issums phoned in to G-2
- 1240 G-3 informed of patrol to MENIL
- 1315 3rd Bn notified TD's coming out replace with AT guns
- 1455 S/A, MG and mortar fire from vic JEANMENIL
- 1515 1st Bn "C" company reports vehicle sounds in BRU. Observed 2 enemy run out of BRU and ump into dugouts.
- 1610 "A" and "C" report vehicle movement in JEANMENIL
- 2045 Blue informed to probe out in morning. Red to probe out again.
- 2140 3 volley's Nebelweffer landed at 207747 from N of NOSSONCOURT.
- 2200 Cargo red forward reports all quiet.
- 2400 Cargo red all quiet.

27 Oct to 28 Oct 1944

- 0200 Red reports all quiet.
- 0400 Red reports all quiet.
- 0600 Red reports all quiet. 3 Sitrep to Corps
- 0630 = 2 Sitrep to Corps
- 0720 # Sitrep to Redwood 15
- 0905 "I" company patrol out to wire 224734. Received engay arty.
- 0920 Received enemy rifle grenades from BRU after daylight.
- 0922 Received 15 rds 105 at 0845 A from direction of BRU.
- 0945 "I" reports enemy mortar at 218742. After mortar barrage enemy patrol fired S/A and MG from 220745.
- 1130 3 Sitrept phoned in to Redwood 3.
- 1140 "A" reports enemy MG between BRU and them 222724. Silenced by mortar. Mortar east of BRU silenced by arty. S/A fire between JEANMENIL and "A" company silenced by S/A and mortar.
- 1240 2 Sitrept to Copps
- 1350 8 enemy reported on road moving into JEANMENIL from east along road on 213 grid line. Shelled
- 1540 Blue patrols back. Heard sunds of digging and coughing at 219746.

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- 1630 3 Sitrep to G-3
- 1800 2 Sitrep to Corps
- 1825 "C" starting to move out, 1815 "B" all out 1800
- 1845 Mortar fire from vic 214733
- 1855 Light arty vic 210734.
- 2145 Blue reports voices in BRU, Mortared, Silent!

2155 - N.T.R., "A" company.

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27 Oct to 28 Oct 1944

- 2220 14 rds of 150 or 170 enemy arty landed 213748.
- 2330 Enemy vehicular movement report at BRU.

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2355 - "A" company receing enemy mortar from 233728. Arty countered.

28 Oct to 29 Oct 1944

- 0155 N.T.R., "A" company
- 0235 Able O.P. reports enemy vehicular movement on east edge of BRU.
- 0400 One platoon "A" company finished relief.
- 0415 Able has spliced the line to the outfit relieving them. Enemy vehicular traffice east of BRU.
- 0730 Sitrep to Redwood 15.
- 0800 Relief completed by 0100 A.

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### 29 Oct to 30 Oct 1944

1125 - 831st Bridge Train located just below Corps in woods. 613230.

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#### 30 Oct to 31 Oct 1944

0930 - Treadway Bridge to come down. 240643. Trucks to be there shortly after noon. 2nd Bn notified.

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# November 1944

#### 1 Nov to 2 Nov 1944

XXXX - 1st & 2nd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 3rd Bn acting as Infantry.

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XXXX - Latjand 2nd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 3rd Bn acting as Infantry. 0705 - N.T.R., to Corps

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- XXXX 36th Engr to hold mine school at 216668. 111, 120, 48 and 10th Engrs all have mines and igniters. The people who are going to run the schoo will pick up same from these engr outfits. DARLING, VIC
- 1500 1st Bn to take over Mine School assignment. Lt CARSTENS will be down to give necessary details.
- 1345 Lt CALLAHAN borrowed crane from Army several days ago. Have him return it. He is with 2nd Bn Bridge Train. (Sgt LITTLE, VIC) Msg sent to 2nd Bn
- XXXX lst and 2nd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 3rd Bn acting as Infantry.

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#### 3 Nov to 4 Nov 1944

0915 - Maj DARLING would like to have the personnel of the Engr and Pioneer platoons that are undergoing mine school to have practical work. Make arrangements to work on "Hot Stuff". 2nd Bn area suggested. 1st Bn notified.

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4 Nov to 5 Nov 1944

21580 Recont

1325 - 100th Div is moving 2nd Bn out of some of their buildings by order of VI Corps. Lt BALL is back! Lt Col WELKER would like to know if he should (Lt Ball) report to Regimental or take over his platoon.

XXXX - 1st and 2nd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 3rd Bn acting as Infantry.

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#### 5 Nov to 6 Nov 1944



XXXX - 1st and 2nd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 3rd Bn atchd to 117th Cav as Inf.

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6 Nov to 7 Nov 1944

- 0715 Report to Redwood 15
- XXXX let and 2nd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 3rd Bn atchd to 117th Cav as Inf.
- 1700 2nd Bn:- Request the following tent floors be built for the 10th and 11th Field Hospitals: 32 - 8' x 12' sections for 4 ward tents, 16 - 8' x 8' sections for 4 pryamidal tents. Also request the engrs assist in the making of a ambulance turn-around at the III Unit, 10th Field Hospital, 1 km SE of RAMBERVILLERS. DARLING, VIC.
- 1800 Arty borrowed bulldozer and power saw

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

7 Nov to 8 Nov 1944

- 0945 Send detail to Maj GRAHAM, 103rd Inf Div to aid setting up lumber, duck boards and entrance road. DARLING, VIC
- XXXX 1st and 2nd Bn's engaged in engr work. 3rd Bn atchd to 117th Cav as Inf.
- 1500 Have some work to do for 93rd Evacuation Hospital in a barracks here in RAMBERVILLERS. Will have a reconn made and send in a report tonight. Lt Col WELKER.

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8 Nov to 9 Nov 1944

- 0655 Report to Redwood 15
- 0945 S-4 requested to make available necessary materials for training in "Cable Erection" manuver.
- XXXX 1st and 2nd Bn's engaged in engr work. 3rd Bn atchd to 117th Cav as Inf
- 0945 C.O. 1st Bn:- Request overlay be submitted with Engr Sitrep's daily on road maintenance.

0950 - C.O. 1st Bn:- Have detail approx one squad with 2 trucks and squad tools

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8 Nov to 9 Nov 1944

report to Maj GRAHAM at DOCELLES. Squad is to build some duck boards, fix up entrance road and few other odd jobs. Do not do any house work for them. This is to be CP of 103rd Inf Div. Have detail report as promptly as possible. Seagull

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#### 9 Nov to 10 Nov 1944

XXXX - 1st and 2nd Bn's engaged in engr work. 3rd Bn atchd to 117th Cav as Inf.

- 1000 C.O.'s 2nd and 3rd Sn's:- You will train at least one company in your Bn in the erection of a manuver cable, using ANNEX C, CABLE ERECTION DRILL, recently distributed. Necessary items of equipment will be made available by regt'l S-4. Improvements and constructive developments are encouraged and should be reported. PARKS, S-3
- 1720 We, being of an obliging nature, will be more than glad to comply with your message pertaining to a "Manuver Cable", when and if, in the near or distant future, we may be so fortuante as to have one company, or portion thereof, released from frontlin for hole duty. MILLER, 3rd Bn

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

#### 10 Nov to 11 Nov 1944

- 0700 Report to Redwood 15
- XXXX 1st and 2nd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 3rd Bn atchd to 117th Cav as Inf.
- XXXX Brockway's with lot Bn to accompany Bn to rear for training. 3rd Bn to be relieved from attachment to 117th Cav as of 110600 A.

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11 Nov to 12 Nov 1944

- 0700 Report to Redwood 15
- 1230 3rd Bn relieved atchment to 117th Cav Rcn. Reassembled in BACCARAT. 1st and 2nd Bn's engaged in engr work.

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#### 12 Nov to 13 Nov 1944

0705 - Report to Redwood 15

- 0905 57th Sig sending 10 men to 8 to 10 class and 10 men to 10 to 1200 class in Mine school conducted by Lt McDEVITT at BRUYERE, 13th Nov.
- XXXX 3rd Bn to relieve 1st Bn of all work by 14 Nov. Move 2 companies of 3rd Bn on 13th and "H" company on 14th.

#### 16 Nov to 17 Nov 1944

XXXX - 2nd and 3rd Bn's engaged in Engr work. let Bn engaged in training.

0700 - Report to Redwood 15

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5rd Bn will call for Treadway when they are ready for it. "G" company to put Treadway in) "H" company to put Bailey in ) for operation Officer commanding Bailey train for 3rd Bn will report to Maj LOMBARD Trucks and prime movers needed for 1st Bn will be borrowed from Light Equip't company. Arranged and cleared with Maj DARLING. 2nd Bn will move two companies across river. Supporting 100th Inf Div satisfactorily. Relieved of work on BACCARRAT - RAMBERVILLERS road. 9 Brockways loaded with M-2 to 3rd Bn 10 Brockways with M-2 to 1st Bn

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#### 17 Nov to 18 Nov 1944

- XXXX 2nd and 3rd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 1st Bn engaged in training.
- 0745 Report to Redwood 15. N.T.R.
- 0830 2nd Bn:- Arty units requesting aid in mine clearance (194th FA and 405th FA Grp). Give them as much help as we can and not interfere with present assignments. Seagull
- 2050 Install Treadway bridge at 357742. 24' gap. 36' M-2 would span it. Install tonight. DARLING, VIC.

13 Nov to 14 Nov 1944

- XXXX Regiment engaged in Engr work.
- 0705 Report to Redwood 15

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

#### 14 Nov to 15 Nov 1944

- XXXX Regiment engaged in Engr work.
- 0700 Report to Redwood 15
- \*\*1030
  - 1430 C.O. 3rd Bn:- You are to conduct a mine school for some newly arrived units. School is to be conducted on same lines as one run by Lt McDEVITT for 100th Inf Div. Contact Maj DARLING this afternoon for details on where, when and who. Seagull
- \*\*1030 Called Maj DARLING requesting radio's 300 or 609 or any other of same type for use on forthcoming operation.

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15 Nov to 16 Nov 1944

- XXXX 2nd and 3rd Bn's engaged in Engr work. 1st Bn engaged in training.
- XXXX Must have 4 Brockways immediately. That job I discussed with you goes on tomorrow. Bearer of message will bring them up here. LOMBARD
- 1330 1350' of 5/8" cable for stream crossing mounted on "B" company's D+4. Lt HARDMAN.
- 1430 4 Brockways loaded with M-2 to 3rd Bn.
- 1700 Dead cattle vic BRU (V-2273) along RAMBERVILLERS road. Mines in vic. Cover up pile of rubbish V-177666. (Job for D-4). DARLING, VIC
- 1830 0.0. 2nd Bn:- Cover up pile of rubbish vic 177666. Bury or remove dead cattle vic BRU (2273) - along RAMBERVILLERS road. Mines reported in vicinity. Seagull

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# 18 Nov to 19 Nov 1944

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0430 -	"H" company completed Treadway Bridge. 3 sections. 24" wet gap. 36" spi
0431 -	Above reported to Redwood 15, to Sgt MOE. Sgt Parks
0700 -	Sitrept to VI Corps. 12' h le blown in main road 1 mile this side of (SW) of BACCARAT. Have some- one fix it this morning. Maj DARLING.
1120 -	Reported 12 <sup>t</sup> hole at 0700 this date corrected as a hole 70 <sup>t</sup> x 20 <sup>t</sup> crater. Thought to be delayed wine. Have someone fis it this morning. Capt LEE, VIC.

1240 - Time bombs reported in culverts in RAON L'ETAP. Check and remove.

19 Nove to 20 Nov 1944

- 0705 Report to Redwood 15
- 1035 1st Bn CP to set up 1000 yds W of 3rd Bn on read to BROUVELIEURES.
- 1045 Plan "A" in effect. Col THOMAS. 3rd Bn notified.
- 1600 Regt'l Fwd OP moved out.
- 1830 Regt'l Fwd CP opened at NOMPATELIZE 346700.
- 2035 "G" company constructing Treadway at 338738. Commenced work 2025 A.

#### 20 Nov to 21 Nov 1944

- 0840 G-3 Lt Col ROSSON smoke will not be layed down until river line is secure. Push Inf Support Bridge.
- 0850 Truck proceeded on down to Site #3
- 0907 Maj LOMBARD:- Mine clearing detail out on road to #5 site. Cat to start clearing rubble of wrecked Abbey on approach road.
- 0925 Baker reports receiving mortar and S/A upon exposing themselves W of bridge site #1.
- 1005 "A" company commenced construction of Inf Support Bridge. Expect to complet by noon.
- 1020 3rd Bn S/A fire at #4. Informed to push all work.
- 1024 Report to Cobra working on #3, expect to complete by 1200. S/A on #4 Mortar on # 1 and 2, 25 minutes ago. Same report to Redwood 15
- 1130 "B" company driven off site #1 by mortar fire. Inf Support completed. Working on far approach, 90'. Reported to Cobra 3. Will start smoking the valley immediately.
- 1205 "S" mines near main RJ on road. Attempt to remove brings down mortar fire. Continued eneny arty fire in vic of bridge.
- 1215 MG fire along rd. S/A fire at #5 and #4. Footbridge N of rd at #5 blew up after Lt FIVE crossed.
- 1219 "B" company Eny bracketing main rd with arty.
- 1245 Arty and mortar on site #2
- 1247 "F" company found new type booby-trap vic NEUFMAISONS. Col **RHOMAS** wants us to investigate and report. Sgt MILLER.
- 1330 "O" company bridge site recommenced work.
- 1340 3rd Bn informed CLAIRFONTAINE clear and to commence work. Capt RUBENSTEIN reports personnel still being fired upon by S/A.
- 1350 Site #2 Armored Treadway site shelled. Work ceased.
- 1410 Baker shelled out of #1 site.
- 1430 Maj DARLING given complete status report. Advised not to count on bridges 1, 2, 4 and 5 for some hours.

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL (Cont'd)

20 Nov to 21 Nov 1944

- 1500 Lombard Still sniper fire sees infantry in CLAIREFONTAINE. Directed to contine to try to work at short intervals, not to rely on infahtry for information. Plans to continue straight thru w/o halt.
- 1515 Work commenced on #1 under cover of smoke.

1520 - Working on #2

- 1525 3rd Bn instructed to repair treadways and maintain rd. PAJAILLE to westward.
- 1600 Maj DARLING:- Treadway train 2nd Bn disappeared yesterday. Need treadway. Sending 3 Brockways up immediately.
- 1605 Report to LONN:- Working on #1 and #2. 4 and 5 ordered to go ahead and do what they can in spite of S/A fire. Capt LONN will pass this info on to Lt Col ROSSON.
- 1700 Baker starts to build Bailey approaches on Treadway.
- 1725 Report to G-3 Cobra:- 1 and 2 started construction 1700. 4 and 5 no news yet. Will report as soon as info received.
- 1735 "S" mines in barbed wire 383702. Clearing same. In approache
- 1810 Capt LONN 3rd Bn started work on bridges at 1700 A.
- 1820 Sunray Blue:- Re your last message. Cannot understand. Bridges imperative by daylight.
- 2030 Capt LONN:- #5 110' DD, 50' blow DS. Estimate to be completed by daylight. Launching nose constructed this evening. #4 still drawing fire.

2045 - 2200 - #5 site shelled.

- 2210 Maj DARLING requested to send Bailey Train up to CLAIRFONTAINE.
- 2325 Inf Ass. Bridge out for 2 hrs. Sgr RUSSEL, Co. "A". Close bridge.
- 2345 Inf Ass. Bridge approaches wet river risen 13". Must put in ramp on approaches.
- 2400 Water rose 2' inundauting approaches on "A" company bridge. Treadway-bridge-completed-0230

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#### 21 Nov to 22 Nov 1944

- XXXX Treadway Bridge completed 0230 A at Site #2. Abatis removed by 0615 and road clear for movement.
- 0235 100th Div notified of completion of bridge at site #2.
- 0757 Message from Charlie:- Traffic was passing over Treadway Bridge. Approaches washed out.
- 0759 Approach to Treadway out. Traffic stopped. Charlie. 11 tanks passed over. Charlie bridge approaches completely inundanted.
- 0935 Bailey #1 should be finished in the hour. 2 shells 105's at 0935 up stream of site. 3 salves during night between 2100 and 2400. Accurate regesteration.
- Both bridge sites now working. Item has replaced How at one of the sites.
   Blue Sunray:- Report status and estimated time of completion of work.
   Has the new train arrived yet. Seagull. 6 more hours at min 1600 hrs

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- 1032 Report to G-3, 3rd Div Bailey open at 1020 A Site #1 vic 385700. Site #4 - 90\* Bailey and 96\* Trestle Treadway. Expected complete by 2000 A. Snipers in building until morning opposite Site #4.
- 1445 Blue 1st Bailey at Site #5 open. Taking light traffic around by-pass.
- 1510 Still shelling site #5. Arty from E and NE. Approx 100 in last hr.

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- 1600 Bridge at CLAREFONTAINE in.
- 1830 Sunray Corps Engr has directed that all assualt equipment be assembled. He will notify you as to where it is to be delivered later on. Blue

<sup>1020 -</sup> Baker bridge apen at Site #1 (Bailey)

#### 22 Nov to 23 Nov 1944

0845 - Blue Sunray:- You have not reported on status of work on bridge #4 at all. Your radio is apparently shut down and your telephone line has been out for over 36 hours now and the last radio message from you was at 211830 A and that was not a report on any or your work. Is there a good reason for all of this? When will #4 be complete? Has the river dropped? Reply by returning messenger. Seagull.

River dropping. No. 4 at 1200 today. My communications men left to contact you. Regt'l job to maintain comm to Bn.

0930 - Approaches will be completed by 1730 A on Treadway site N of #5.

1000 - 1st Bn to pick up all assault equipment. Desire to get together 2 - 120\* foot bridges. Will send guide down when equipment loaded up. Maj DARLING VIC

XXXX - Dukws now reloaded with complete Bailey - 90\* DD located in square in ETIVAL. All of treadway expended. Am replacing Treadway bridges at 355793 and 339738 with 2-way wooden bridges. LOMBARD.

- 1107 1st Bn bridge train (Lt. DUNCAN) in BROUVELIURES.
- 1128 Radio message from Blue Am sending Treadway as requested with guide.
- 1225 #4 completed at 1200 A.

1700 - White Sunray:- Be prepared to shoot one (1) company on short notice to support OCA - 14th Armd Div up thru BLAMONT. You continue support of 100th. Maintain BACARRAT - RAON L'ETAPE rd following behind 100th. Bailey at RAON IN TAPE will come out. Continue maint on RAMBERVILLERS JEANMENIL rd to where 3rd Bn is working on treadway. Will try to fix you with 120<sup>4</sup> treadway shortly. Seagull

- 1750 1st Bn assembled following equip't along river and RR: Floats 63, Duckboards - 46, Handrails - 22, Rope 2" - 160\*, Cable 4" - 300, Cable 2" - 150, Pickets, anchor - 26, Boathook - 1, Paddles - 300 and Wrenches
  2. Require 3 Dukwe to lead. Report to 1st Bn in ST MICHEL.
- 1740 Road west of MEURTHE HERBAVILLE 383680 to ST BIE has not been swept for mines. LABALLE 393651 swept to 400658, shoulders not swept.
- 1855 1st notified to put tread on Bailey at ST MICHEL commencing 2400 hrs.
   2045 Sunray White:- Bailey at RAON L'ETAPE will be taken out by 345rd Engrs.
   Sgt RIVES
- 2210 Erect Bailey Bridge on rd between CLAIREFONT INE and MOYENMOUTIER, 50-60\* S/S. Vital to get bridge in. By-pass breaking down. Maj DARLING, VIC

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22 Nov to 23 Nov 1944

- 2220 Sunray White:- It is vital you erect Bailey at blow on road between CLAIREFONTAINE and MOYENMOUNIER. Seagull
- 2400 Maj HADEN called says Maj DARLING gave him orders to take treadway bridge from 3rd Bn.
- XXXX The 325th got a release on Corps for 96 feet of Treadway Bridge to be picked up from me. I've given them the 72 feet which I have here. Can you dig me up one more truck of M-2 bridge? My bike rider will guide it to where it is to go. WELKER

#### 23 Nov to 24 Nov 1944

- 0705 Report to Redwood 15.
- 0845 Int Ba to clean up Bailey site at ST MICHEL and store excess at RR site -1 Panel load, 1 Acc. load and part of a transom load.
- 1015 An officer from 383th AAA called here for a bulldozer to go to RJ 375721 to get his battery out of mud. Col CHUBBUCK OK'd if for 1st Bn
- 1100 Dakws have not reported yet. Sgt LITTLE says they have left, should be there soon. Capt JUERGENSEN
- 1130 3rd Div wants us to take over maintenance of roads from 374720 HURBACHE to DENIPARE and HURBACHE to LePAIRE. Maj DARLING. Sweep 388677-398658. 3rd Bn notified at 1150.
- XXXX Ramp and other types mines on road W side of MEURTHE. 1 Jeep, 1 Dukw, 1 German Scout Car, 2 blown culverts 5<sup>t</sup>, road blocks - log barrier and fields full of mines and some under water.
- 1400 Road from 388677 to 398658 still undecided. Col THOMAS will call later.

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

24 Nov to 25 Nov 1944

0720 - 2nd Bn notified that water point in RAMBERVILLERS can be pulled.

0740 - Sitrept to VI Corps. Capt DEVINE received report. Sgt PARKS

#### 25 Nov to 26 Nov 1944

- 1015 Prepared charge or booby-trap reported vic 378682 HERBAVILLE at house of Batot. S-2 informed to make safe.
- 1300 Capt LONN arranged with Corps to have MP at RJ 417658 to control traffic on read N.
- 1320 let in notified to get company out of ST DIE.
- 1625 WISCHES bridge out. Bailey at SAALES (2nd Bn)
- 1925 Maj DARLING called Have that mine clearing detail report to Civil Affairs in the morning without fail. (ST DIE). Red notified. Put in water point at SAALES in 3rd Bn sector. (Col WELKER notified) Forget about bridge in 3rd Div sector. (Capt MILLER notified).
- 2300 Lt Col WELKER called to say that his Bn is going to take 3rd Div water point over at SAALES.

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

26 Nov to 27 Nov 1944

- 0930 Lt Col WELKER says his men are standing by at SAALES to take over water point that 3rd Div is leaving today.
- 0945 No troops will be moved beyond (ST BLOISE 565785 SAALES) 36th Engrs to continue to maintain roads up to said point. Anyone now ahead of this point will not be required to move back. Maj DARLING
- 1155 All battalions notified.
- 1340 Road 546612 547615 tunnels under road filled with explosive. Remove and make necessary repairs. EDEN Theater - check! Need bivouac space in ST DIE. Can company "C" be moved out?
- 1440 2nd Bn water point opened at SAALES. Hydrant, clear, undetermined.
- 1430 Take over maintenance of road 450630 fwd ST MARIE AUX MINIS 570610. Maj DARLING, 1st Bn notified.
- 1740 Send 1 platoon, let Bn 36th Engre to LUBINE and maintain road LUBINE to URBEIS. S-3, 328th Engre.
- 2000 Lt Col WELKER saw an officer from Engr S-4. Wants an inventory of a German Engr Dump located in SAALES. They are particularly interested in angle iron, etc. Capt SONNICHSEN.

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#### 27 Nov to 28 Nov 1944

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1020 - C.O. 1st Bn:- Report to Regt'1 Hqs in person by 1100 27 Nov 1944.

- 1840 3rd Bn notified to relieve 2nd Bn guard on Bailey at RAON L'ETAPE.
- 2130 2nd Bn Bailey Bridge Train to report to let Bn vic 583605 first thing in morning. Col WELKER notified.
- 2135 3rd Bn notified (Sgt VELINSKY) to pick up Treadway sadles and floats on Brockways and hold. Destroy mines (Ey) piled along road. Pick up bridge timber left at CLARIFONTAINE.

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

#### 28 Nov to 29 Nov 1944

- 1000 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Re: REPORT OF OPERATIONS River MEURTHE In your report you do not state what instructions were received by you and what instructions you issued to the companies. You do not give your plan or the plans of the companies concerned. More detailed info should be given of the sites and approaches and conditions, length of blown bridges and lengths and types of bridges installed, work done prior to actual construction, etc. In your preparations there was some training. Throughout report mentions of plans and instruction just vagualy referred to and not given. The sarcasm and veiled innuendos in the report are beautiful, however that was not what was asked for. Seagull.
- 1040 C.O. 2nd Bn:- Take over maintenance of road ST BLAISE COLROY RANRUPT to RJ 603739. Seagull
- 1041 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Take over MSR ST DIE PROVENCHURES SAALES ST BLAISE SHIRMECK. Seagull
- 1100 Present disposition 3rd Bn as follows: Bn CP, Co's G & H SAALES, Co. I - ST BLAISE. LOMBARD
- 1130 Regt'1 OP closed at ST MICHEL 375695.
- 1320 Regt'1 OP opened at MAISONSGOUTTE 655727.
- 1350 Send one company to vic RJ V-920924 prepared to construct Timber Treadway and Bailey Bridges for 2nd Fr. Arm'd Div. Co. to be provided with 4 Brockaways of Twy. Br. from that now asgn'd 36 E Pick one Bailey Br. up at URMATT (V-707920) and move fwd. with Co. Post signs at RJ V-920924 so Fr. In Off can find CP and give work asgnmts. Suggest Bn CO also make contacts with Div Engr. Movement should be made as soon as possible. DARLING, VIO
- 1455 C.O. 3rd Bn:- You have received a copy of msg from Corps concerning one Co. to support 2nd Fr. D.B. Instr. confirmed and take necessary act. Sea/

#### 29 Nov to 30 Nov 1944

0700 - Report to Redwood 15.

0920 - Baker Bailey finished at 2340 A.

- 0930 Take over from 48th Engr Bn Treadway bridges at BARR and VALFF. We will be responsible for rds OBERNAI-ERSTEIN; OBERNAI-SELESTAT,
- 0945 C.C. 3rd Bn:- Yo will take over from 48th Engr Bn Treadway bridges at BARR (8079) and VALFF (8480). In addition you will be responsible for roads: OBERNAI-ERSTEIN; OBERNAI-BARR-SELESTAT; RJ (9380) - BENTOLD-SELESTAT. Suggest you move a company to BARR or OBERNAI and leave one back to take care of present assignment. An trying to have that taken over by Army; Corps promises that we will be relieved of the assignment you now have in a day or two. Seagull \*
- 1850 C.O. 3rd Bn:- 343rd Engr Regt will relieve you of your road maintenance 30 Nov. You will give 2nd Fr Armd Div all the assistance they need. You will take over the 3 roads:- OBERNAI-SELESTAT; LIPSHEIM-SELESTAT and road thru PLOBSHEIM-KRAFF-GERSTHEIM-OBERHEIM-DIEBOLSHEIM. They need immediate assistance on construction of timber bridge at 955875 - RUBENSTEIN building short Bailey at 983833 claims he cannot handle both jobs. The treadway below LIPSHEIM (953875) is to be replaced by timber bridge by you. You will have to move some people up first thing in the morning and see Engr 2nd Fr Armd and let him know will be able to give him more assistance. Apparently that timber bridge job is urgent. Seagull
- 2115 Maj BEASON ex 40th Engrs checked enemy engineer equipment as per army order at this OP today. He is picking same up tomorrow or next day. Maj LOMBARD is leaving at 0600 30 Nov 44 to get "I" company started on missions referred to in your message of 1850 29 Nov 44. MILLER, 3rd Bn
- 2130 There is a bypass around blown bridge at LIPSHEIM. Corps wants by-gass maintained temporarily and first priority is to replace Treadway Bridge below LIPSHEIM with Fixed bridge immediately and then erect Fixed Bridge to eliminate bypass at LIPSHEIM. There are 18 inch steel eye beams, 30 feet long available at captured dump vic OBERNAI. Dump at 823855. You are to construct all Treadways under no circumstances, except the very unusual are you to turn the treadway over to them. Senguli
- 2145 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Reference Treadway Bridge: The Treadway that you have available in support of Second French Armored Division is to be installed by you when occasion demands. Do not under any circumstances except very unusual turn over the Treadway to their engineers. Seagull

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30 Nov to 1 Dec 1944

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XXXX - Can 2nd Bn take over maintenance of Bailey Bridge at ST MICHEL? Able now in ST MARIE AUX MINES. Request reply by same messenger. What is the disposition on TNT being removed SPRAINT, 1st Bn

0.0. 3rd Bn:- Relieve 48th Engrs of their mission in supporting CCA 14th Armd. 2nd Bn will take over road OBERNAI to BARR. Contact 48th Engrs and let them know you are taking over. Seagull



# HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER COMBAT REGIMENT APO 758 U S Army

18 December 1944

# PROMOTIONS DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944

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MORRISSEY, ROBERT J.	0-1101129	16 November 1944						
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EVANS, VERNON C.	0-511641	16 November 1944						
GARCIA, JOSE S.	0-1115264	16 November 1944						
HARDMAN, EDWARD A.	0-1114526	16 November 1944						
NICHOLLS, WALTER A.	0-1593749	16 November 1944						
PEARSON, GLEN T.	0-1112906	16 November 1944						
THOMPSON, THOMAS G.	0-1115818	16 November 1944						
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NICK B. BASILE	33 43	53 339	Company	r D	3	November	1944
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Ring, John T.	Pfc	31 311			SWA	6 Nov	1944	
House, Joe E.	T/5	34 332 <sup>3</sup>	718		INA	6 Nov	1944	
Sullivan, Wilson M.	т/5	32 757	876	G	IWA	8 Nov	1944	
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Miller, William E.	T/5	33 104	087	С -	IWA	20 Nov	1944	
Moravec, Emil F.	Pvt	32 107	520	В	IMA	21 Nov	1944	
Shirley, Perry W.	Pvt	38 422	692	B	INA	21 Nov	1944	
Freeman, John P.	T/5	34 201	519	G	INA	21 Nov	1944	
Dalton, William J., Jr.	Pfc	33 652	328	G	SWA	21 Nov	1944	
Davis, Shan D.	Pfc	39 837	398	G	SWA	21 Nov	1944	
DeRoche, Walter J.	Pvt	31 367	556	G	INA	21 Nov	1944	
Hall, Harold V.	Pvt	20 635	744	G	IWA	21 Nov	1944	•
Miller, Charles E.	Pvt	37 566	633	G	TWA	21 Nov	1944	•
Sifton, Lawrence S.	Pfc	36 149	195	Med Det	INA	21 Nov	1944	
Gaudio, Joseph V.	Cpl	36 818	346	D	INA	21 Nov	1944	
Kozlowski, Edward J.	T/5	36 593		D	SHA	21 Nov	1944	
Shura, Stanley C.	Cpl	35 655		С	LWA	20 Nov		
Lemons, Coyte NMI	Pfc	34 596	129	C	LIA	20 Nov	1944	
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1 Dec to 2 Dec 1944

- XXXX My Treadway Bridge Train needed by French tonight to put in Bloating bridge (160<sup>+</sup>) at KOgenheim **\$858707**). They will do the construction. LOMBARD
- 1125 2 bridges vic 713687 THANVILLE will be put in by you as expeditiously as possible. Prefer not to use Bailey but it may be used if unnecessary or prolonged delay would result. DARLING, VIC
- 1126 0.0. 2nd Bn:- Two (2) bridges vic 713687 THANVILLE will be put in by you as expeditiously as possible. Corps prefers not to use dailey but it may be used it unnecessary or prolonged delay would result. PARKS, S-3 (Oonfirmation of phone call to Lt Col WELKER by Lt Col CHUB UCK at 1125 A.)
- 1412 C.O. 3rd Bn:- . Corps informed us that "H" company needs Treadway at BARR. I understand that Treadway is with you. No details as to amount, etc. PARKS, S-3

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0720 - Report to Redwood 15

1030 - 0.0. 3rd Bn:- Treadway Bridge given to French last night and bridge installed at 858707. (Info as received from VI Corps Hqs). PARKS, S-3

1835 - Bridge and culvert (demolition) opened one-way at THANVILLE at 1800 A.

#### 3 Dec to 4 Dec 1944

0700 - C.O. 3rd Bn:- Proceed with plan to open lateral road from SAND (906758). When road is open, pull out the treadway at KOGENSHEIM. All possible treadway must be replaced by timber structures as soon as possible. Hasten work on SAND road so that treadway at KOGENSHEIM will be available as soon as possible. There will be considerable road mobement over treadway at ST PIERRE. If replacing treadway means tying up traffic, you can delay the replacement an additional day. Bailey train will remain with 2nd Bn. If you should need one in a hurry tomorrow 2nd Bn CP at BARR. Corps will have a spare tomorrow which will be with the 328th and if you should need one urgently after tomorrow you can make direct contact with 2nd Bn or Corps. Seagull.

- 0715 Report to VI Corps (Capt. LEE)
- 1140 Bn C.O.'s:- Be prepared for movement north of STRASBOURG after 1800 A 4 Dec 1944. Expedite all work on replacing treadway bridges and returning same to parent unit 196th Engrs. Check all bridge sites and reload all excess Bailey or other bridge parts. Retain present Bailey trains until notified otherwise. Seagull.

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

4 Dec to 5 Dec 1944

- XXXX Regt -1st Bn to move vic BRUMATH. 1st Bn remains in support of 36th Inf Div. Corps to move to SAVERNE. Produce road clearances from XV Corps.
- 1220 Bridge at ST PIERRE was finished at 0700 this date. MILLER, 3rd Bn
- 1230 Can you give us any additional information on our anticipated move that would enable us to locate a bivouac? MILLER, 3rd Bn.
- 1505 C.O. 1st Bn:- If you should need additional Bailey while working for 36th Div., there is 110' stacked at THANVILLE 712688 and Bailey at TAINTRUX can be pulled by6 Dec '44. Col BOATNER will be down to see you 5 Dec '44. Seagull

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5 Dec to 6 Dec 1944

- 0800 Bridges at SAND and GERGENSHEIM finished last night. Bailey bridge is stacked at site, unable to get trucks. French will not let bridge at KOGENHEIM come out-Corps knows this. Gen LE CLERC states that it will stay until cibilians replace a bridge there-tactical situation governs this. LOMBARD
- XXXX Would like to request permission to bivouac in VENDENHEIM (978078). If so I can put two companies in buildings. Also Bn Hqs. As it is at least one of the companies goes into bivouac plus Bn Hqs. LOMBARD. You can if you get clearance from 79th Div. SEAGULL.
- XXXX Companies of thes Bn and Bn Hqs will be located in new bivouac as follows: G-978078?, H-976132, I-943123, and Bn Hqs 977131. MILLER, 3rd Bn.
- XXXX Tentative location of Bn CP into which we will move tomorrow is 962128 (Map Ref: Eastern France-37/17) It is an out-door bivouac-strictly lousy. Can you get us permission to attempt to locate a different bivouac north of the area originally assigned? We might be able to get a better bivouac nerth further that the signed and said they were relatively free of troops. He gave us clearance to go into them. We would reconnoiter these towns bright and early and meet the convoy enroute. We have road clearance at 0830 A for each company. SOINNICHSEN. 2nd Bn

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6 Dec to 7 Dec 1944

0800 - Office of the Engr VI Corps:- Proposed CP 36th Engr C Regt in town of BERSTETT 944088. Hqs in process of moving. PARKS, S-3

#### 7 Dec to 8 Dec 1944

- 0700 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Treadway Bridge at KOGENHEIM to remain in position until further notice. You can hold Brockways standing by at KOGENHEIM if already arranged for. You <u>must</u> maintain the bridge guard detail on that bridge. (Confirmation of Msg phoned to Cpl CAPAGNIA at 062030 A. PARKS S-3).
- XXXX Bn Hqs and "D" company in process of moving into town of HOERDT. New 2nd  $B_n$  CP will be open for business as of 1500 A at 036108. SONNICHSEN.
- 0930 Maj LOMBARD was here and wanted to know if he could pull bridge and get the bridge guard back. KOGENHEIM is location of bridge.
- 1150 Lt Col WELKER was here. Corps told Div Engr that he had 120' Bailey and 120' Treadway. Lt Col WELKER says he has none. Advise you handle the situation.
- XXXX Bn Cmdrs 2d and 3rd Bn informed they are to support 79th and 103rd Divs resp. Will have 120' Treadway and 130' Bailey atchd to them for the operation. 3rd Bn to continue guard on Treadway at KOGENHEIM until we can dismatle the bridge.
- 2050 Army Gro ruled we can pull Treadway Bridge at KOGENHEIM saturday morning.
- 2051 Capt MILLER, 3rd Bn:- Bridge at KOGENHEIM can be pulled bright and early saturday. PARKS, S-3

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

8 Dec to 9 Dec 1944

- 0855 C.O. 1st Bn:- As it now stands you have been atchd to the 36th Div which in turn has been atchd to the 1st French Army. The dailey sitred will be submitted for our info any time you can get it to us. How long this atchmt will be effective cannot be determined. In the interim if there is anything we can do for you let us know. SEAGULL.
- 1030 Fall (328 Engrs) report area GANDERSHOFFEN-MERTZWILLER flooded. No details available.
- 1100 Fall 3 contact by 3rd Bn and expect they will need some assistance 9 Dec in afternoon. No details.
- 1922 2nd Bn:- Treadway must be available in the morning. Informed that all work in Div sector along MSR (**Brv**) work on side roads must be cleared thru Corps. (C-pt SOENNICHSEN.) Corps notified 2nd Bn picking up Treadway train tonight. (Capt LEE) 3rd Bn informed to pick up Treadway Train in morning. Informed work along MSR only-side road work to be cleared thru Corps. Replace Treadway and Bailey as soon as possible. MILLER, 3rd Bn

#### 9 Dec to 10 Dec 1944

- 0730 Report to Redwood: Fall has been able to reach Blue. Report that Fall could not contact Blue erroneous. We are prepared to assist Fall and are in contact.
- XXXX 3rd Bn has picked up Bailey Train to be used in MERTZWILLER as soon as situation permits.
   2nd Bn to pick up Bailey Train tonight from 328th Engrs in BRUMATH RR yerd.
- 1315 C.O. 2nd Bn:- There is no Bailey Train immediately available. The last train was committed in 103rd Sector this noon. There will be a train available this evening which will be attached to you. The C.O. of 328th is at RR station in BRUMATH where you can get your train. SEAGULL.

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL 10 Dec to 11 Dec 1944

- 0920 Bridge at KOGENHEIM was pulled the 9th of Dec. Couldn't contect bridge train. Will pull bridge today, 10th Dec. Lt FALLON.
- 1500 Bailey finished at 960286, 1445 A; 80' D/S Road at 937286 bombed by our own planes. Two bombs, 20' deep and 30' across. Will pass traffic. "G" company - Treadway not in S of GREISBACH - 3rd Bn.
- 1505 Check Bailey at PAFFENHOFTEN vic 895274 pick up parts level off ramp. Road thru GREISBACH will be important, must pass heavy traffic. COL THOMAS.

1700 - Bridge at KOGENHEIM pulled.

#### 11 Dec to 12 Dec 1944

0700 - Report to Redwood 15

0710 - Telephone line still out to Blue

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

#### 12 Dec to 13 Dec 1944

- 0800 Col THOMAS wanted report on 2nd Bn, hence message last night. Co. "I" being committed on Woerth jobs. 3rd Bn
- 0930 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Your message of C800 A states "I" company being committed on Woerth jobs." - that has very little meaning. What jobs and exact locations would make it a little clearer. Seagull Check airfield in HAGENAU and MERTZWEILER. Report to 15. (Capt LONN notified)
- 1125 Check hotel in MORSBRANN for mines and booby traps. (3rd Bn assigned)
- 1128 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Corps would like to have a hotel in MORSBRONN checked for mines and booby traps. They intend to set up there. Send detail to check - have officer accompany detail to make the contact. Job to be done this afternoon. Seagull
- 1530 3 or 4 more truck loads of bridgen to be sent to Maj LOMBARD. Maj DARLING is going to get trucks to Maj LOMBARD. VIC
- XXXX C.O. 3rd Bn:- Confirming phone call DARLING is sending 3 Brockaway trks to your CP. You will support 14th Armd Div. The cross at HAGENAU. Contact at once Div Engr at WILSHAUSEN coors 865195 - Keep on also with 103rd Div. BOATNER
- 1540 Message from 328th Engrs buildings in MEDISHAME not available due to heavy equipment of theirs staying there. RIVES, S-3
- 1800 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Open road from MERTZWILLER to HAGENAU. Reports indicate rord mined and blocked between 972293 and 001265. Post road into HAGENAU with signs to detour around blown RR overbass. If you cannot handle job, let me know immediately. Seagull
- 1900 C.O. 3rd Bn:- You can handle both bridge jobs eaisly with one company and remember that if you cannot handle work or get into a spot where you need personnel, bridge at MERTZWILLER is last priority. I will be up in morning to see you. Seegull
- 2100 To my estimation, MERTZWILLER bridge highest priority because treadway on MSR under water and roads to it is unrepairable shape. If you think so I can job but I doubt it. I will get on road blocks.

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12 Dec to 13 Dec 1944

- 2100 In regard to support of 14th Ad, shall we replace Treadways with Fixed Bridges on main route of advance? 3rd Bn
- 2300 Telephone call to 2nd Bn:- Cel THOMAS called Said to contect 2nd Bn and tell them to notify Cap SONNICHSEN that there are 2 additional Ramp loads and 1 accessor load coming into SAVERNE tonight and that he'll need three trucks besides the one he has. He is not to leave SAVERNE without the whole works. Call accepted by Col BLUTE. SHEEHAN, S-3
- 2330 22 2nd Bn:- Col THOMAS c-lied and said to contact 2nd Bn and tell them to notify Capt SONNICHESN that there are 2 additional Ramo loads and 1 accessor load coming into SAVERNE tonight and that he'll need three trucks instead of the one he already has with him. He is not to leave SAVERNE without the complete works. (Confirmation of telephone call to 2nd Bn 2300 A.) SHEEHAN, S-3

## 13 Dec to 14 Dec 1944

0730 - Cleared road from MERTZWILLER To HAGUNAU unti tunnel when RE overpass is dropped (034244). Am going to clear it out - will give us straight road into HAGENAU on norht side of "F" company's bridge. Job will take two days for steel must be cut out. Is this O.K. As-ef-this-dete-te LOMBARD

- 0735 Redwood 15 is anxious to know when White bridge will be open.
- 1020 1514 Water Supply Lt EDDLESON get a tanker and bring a load to MORSBRONN. VI Corps CP. Bring along 150 ft of hose and pump. Maj DARLING.
- 1030 Lt EDDLESON, 1514 Water Supply: Maj DARLING request that you bring tanker ful of water and 150 feet of hose to VI Corps CP at MORSBRONN as soon as possible. RIVES, S-3
- 1420 C.O. 2nd Bn:- Effective this date Army is responsible for all work South and West of RR running thru HAGENAU to BISCHWEILLER. Seagull

1815 - C.<sup>O</sup>. 3rd Bn:- Ref-your message of this afternoon:- If your personnel are needed on other tasks do not attempt to clear the road. Replace treadway on 14th Armd route as fast as is possible. CP will move PM 14th Dec to WALBURG RR Sta (051318). Seagull

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#### 14 Dec to 15 Dec 1944

- 0730 There is only one Treedway between HAGUENAU and SURBOURG Wet Gap 27'. Treadway used 48' belonging to 125th Engrs. "G" company moving to HAGEUNAU as of this date. "I" company and Bn Hqs also moving as of this date to 087371. Treadway at 068378 completed as of 1900 13 Dec'44. Length of bridge 24'. Miller, 3rd Bn.
- 0800 CO's "B" and "C" have been committed as Inf as has 111th Engrs. One RCT of Third Div is coming down this afternoon to help relieve situation. Co. "B" is atchd to 142d RCT; and is halding a line - 749565 to 755585. Co. "C" is atchd to 36 Recon; and is halding a line - 630528 to 649520. Co. "A" is still being held in reserve vic RIBEAUVILLE. Bn Hqs has moved into RIBEAUVILLE as of this morning. JUERGENSEN, 1st Bn.
- 1000 Called Maj DARLING ref Beiley train for 3rd Bn Capt HEFFNER train CO is to report to C.O. 3rd Bn and move his train in that Vic. No treadway to be turned over to 125th without clearing thru Corps - put it in when they need it. Inst given to Capt MILLER. Seagull
- 1045 C.O. 3rd Bn:- 48th will replace Bailey at WOERTH. Complete construction of other bridges. Drop all maint on roads W of MERTZWILLER-WOERTH line. Concentrate your efforts on replacing treadway behind 14th Armd. Maintain rds E of WOERTH behind 103rd that is their MSR and give them assistance on bridging - most of your effort behind 14th Armd. Seagull

# 15 Dec to 16 Dec 1944

- 0835 Status of companies unchanged Charlie sent out a Combat Patrol last night, no info available as yet. Will keep you informed. CASTRODALE, 1st Bn
- 1630 C.O. 1st Bn:- Upon completion of your relief from 36th Inf Div return with both Treadway (120') and Bailey Bridge (130') trains. Move your Bn to vic of SOULTZ vic 106375 Map Ref: France, Sheet 38?13, 1/50000. Send advance perty up as soon as you can to spot bivouac areas. PARKS, S-3
- 1745 3rd Bn notified to carefull check road N from HAGENAU and make it a routine matter to check all bridges and culverts carefully for possible charges. Maj LOMBARD received Msg. Seagull

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

#### 16 Dec to 17 Dec 1944

- 1600 Office of the Engr VI Corps:- 36th Engr C Regt CP opened in Tesm of HATTEN at RR station vic 179332 approx 1400 A 16 Dec 1944. PARKS, S-3
- 1645 77th AAA requests use of dozer to dig in one of there guns in morning. Guide will be by to pick it up.
   Timber Bridges to be built at 147416 and 257297. Last mentioned bridge has 100' gap.
- 1710 C.O. 2nd Bn:- Reconnoiter site at 257297 and submit an estimate on work and materials to construct bridge. Submit report to this headquarters 1100 A 17 Dec. PARKS, S-3
- 1907 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Build Timber Bridge at 147416 as soon as you can get on it. PARKS, S-3

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

#### 17 Dec to 18 Dec 1944

0900

Status of companies B and C unchanged. At the request of 30th Inf, Charlie relieved the French on the 30th Inf's right flank. Only one company of the 40th Engr plus Bn Hqs in RIBEAUWILLE at present time. Able company on road maintenance from 623587 to 617555 to 634569 and 609535 to 662559. CASTRODALE, 1st Bn

#### 18 Dec to 19 Dec 1944

- 0950 Request New Corps CP at R-092026 be checked for mines also GUNSTETT bridge (R-013319) be repaired as soon as possible. DARLING, VIC
- XXXX 2nd En moving to LAUTERBURG. Road now open from 190324 to 221305.
- 1130 C.O. 3rd Bn:- Request New Corps CP at R-092426 be checked for mines; also GUNSTETT Bridge (R-013319) be repaired as soon as possible. PARKS, S-3
- XXXX Just saw Lt Col DARLING and bridge at 147487 must go in immediately. Am putting in Bailey now. This pertains to your previous message for recon in that area. LOMBARD, 3rd Bn
- 1400 2nd Bn Hqs 109373 SOULTZ "A" Co - 104370 "C" Co - 108379

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19 Dec to 20 Dec 1944

0740 - Report to Redwood 15

1600 - "C" company moved in 099375. "B" company in RR station 108374. JUERGENSEN

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20 Dec to 21 Dec 1944

- 0730 Report to R\_dwood 15
- 1100 Inspect defense layout of 117th Cav. wire, mines and obstacles. Make recommendations and give assistance to improve same. DARLING, VIC
- 1700 W.O. 3rd Bn:- 540th Engrs will support 103rd. There will be a Capt WOOD to contact you in the morning. They will take over all work behind 103rd 21 December 1944. PARKS, S-3
- 1720 Tomorrow night est w/searchlights work on bridge site or any other work. What time and where? Will call back Later. DARLING, VIC. LAUTERBERG 1900-2200. 540th to take over behind 103rd.
- 2100 Bridge at 235234 117th requested bridge to be reinf. Check with them in morning.

#### 21 Dec to 22 Dec 1944

- 1100 See that all mines are recorded and properly laid in Col HODGES sector. Then send us overlay of same. Col THOMAS.
- 1200 No Searchlights tonight. DARLING, VIC
- XXXX 3rd Bn to put bridge in to replace Bailey at WISSEMBOURG. 2nd Bn to erect one-way bridge at SCHEIBENHARDT on by-pass.
- 2255 C.O. 1st Bn:- Bridge between GUNSTETT and MORSBRONN has failed tonite -You must make that route passable by 0800 - 22 Dec. Bailey bridge and Treadway with 3rd Bn. Use timber if at all possible. HART, S-3

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#### 22 Dec to 23 Dec 1944

- 0730 Report to Redwood 15.
- 0925 You are to help Col HODGE prepair his defensive positions and dig in AAA guns, DARLING, VIC
- 0930 C.O. 1st Bn:- Following insts from Corps contact HODGE 117th Cav re help for arty positions, appears to be a question of digging them in, camouflage, etc. Notify me of results - get on any required work w/o delay insts were given HODGE by C.G. Corps. Col BOATNER
- 1320 C.O.'s 2nd and 3rd Bn's:- There will be a Battalion Commander's meeting at regimental headquarters 1500 A 22 December 1944. PARKS, S-3
- XXXX Work on Bridge site on road between GUNSTETT and MORSBRONN completed early this A.M. Damaged curbing repaired. 1st Bn
- 2115 8 ton trailer to go to 85th Ord Co at HAGENAU in the morning to pick up Gun tube by 0930. Sgt LITTLE, VIC. (Maj TERRETTA notified, 1st Bn)

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

23 Dec to 24 Dec 1944

· XXXX - CALLAHAN'S bridge train going back down to 40th.

1330 - Please notify us by return message if it will be permissable for "I" company to move to their old billets, which are available in KUTZENHAUSEN. Billets are not abailable elsewhere. MILLER, 3rd Bn. (Yes!)

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#### 24 Dec to 25 Dec 1944

0735 - Report to Redwood 15.

XXXX - 2 D-7's from 1st Bn at 0800. Guide from "A" company 304th Engrs will be there.

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25 Dec to 26 Dec 1944

XXXX - 304th Engrs get one D-7 from 3rd Bn.

- 1150 C.O. 3rd Bn:- It is reported that you have a bulldozer vic STEINFELD. The Inf in that sector requires use of dozer. Send operator up and contact Bismark 3 for the work to be done. Seagull
- XXXX Officer of 14th Armd CIC requested Able company to perform certain duties in connection with road blocks, arrest of civilians, etc. Would you please clear thru Corps, and advise whether or not we are to follow such instructions. Maj TERETTA, 1st Bn.
- 1220 C.O. 2nd Bn:- 304th needs a D-7 to assist in digging in arty. They will have a guide down to your CP to pick cat up this afternoon. Seagull

#### OPERATIONS JOURNAL

26 Dec to 27 Dec 1944

0720 - Report to Redwood.

- 1130 C.O 3rd Bn:- Take over maintenance and improvement of road SURBOURG -GUNSTET - MORSBRON. Start work on GUNSTETT bridge immediately to straighten it up. If it requires closing off road clear that thru Corps directly. Seagull.
- **2115** C.O. 3rd Bn:- You have 2 D-7's doing work for 79th Div. The operators of those cats took off at 1700 hrs. They must be back on the job by 0800. The cats were left on work sites. Your sitrep did not indicate any work done on Gunstett Bridge. Seagull
- 2300 No specific working hours stated for cats to work. Operators left for supper and had planned on returning. In regards to Gunstett bridge. Went to Corps as advised by you. Received permission to close road tomorrow to replace bridge. LOMBARD, 3rd Bn

#### 27 Dec to 28 Dec 1944

## 0800 - Report to Redwood 15

- 1020 250 yards of Air Strip to be graded vic of RITTERSHOFFEN. 304th Engrs want help on job. (Bible 3, Capt LAWLER). Lt HARDMAN checking on job. Grader with 3rd Bn - will call 304th and suggest they get grader from Light Equipt Co.
- 1420 One (1) Air Compressor from 2nd Bn reporting to Maj McGOWEN this after-
- 1830 Post bridge at 029315. Read E out of WALBOURG. Lt Col DARLING, Asgnd 3rd Bn.
- 2010 By-pass RR Walbourg. Check for work required to make bypass passable.
- 2050 KUTZENHAUSEN Coal fire 159-9 15 yes square. Fortune.

## OPERATIONS JOURNAL

28 Dec to 29 Dec 1944

- 0700 Report to Redwood 15.
- XXXX 2nd Bn: 938 FA need D-7 for work. Guide to be by 0930 A 29 Dec.
- XXXX C.O. 3rd Bn:- General from Corps wants to know if mines near Gunstett Bridge have been picked up. (Mines blown)

# HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 655727, 1:50,000 From: C12400 Dev 1944 To : O22400 Dec 1944

No. 251

Maps: Eastern France: 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVI - 17 Sheets XXXVII - 16&17

- 2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Co "D" moved to 782786 2nd Bn moved to 782785
- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility.
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

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Clearing roadblocks at \$7 745642 and 645562. Constructing fixed bridges at 948955, 955875, 805970, 805762, 973802, 804970, 800970, 765763, and wooden culvert at 797709 and 795687. Maintaining the following roads: 450630-670634-696606, 598616-685554, 730804-750800, 765763-785768, 555734-767716, 518680-670714, 669724-739797, Maintaining D/S Bailey t 985833.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OUR OPERATIONS: Cleared roadblocks at 623585, 793784, 729716, 801735, 798728, 804760, 800736, 920782-915773, and minefield at 737716. Removed miscelleneous obstacles at 700710 and 953733. Constructed Bailey at 713687 and bypass at 713687. Operating water point at 533722.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

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# HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT \_ APO 758

Hqs 36th Engr (0) Regt 655727: 1:50,000 From: 022400 Dec 1944 To : 032400 Dec 1944

No. 252

Maps: Eastern France: 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVI - 17 Sheets XXXVII - 16&17

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

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- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with poor visibility
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining the following roads: 450630-670634, 670634-696606, 598616-649562, 805790-797710, 555734-767716, # 518680-680714, 669724-739796. Operating water point at 533722. Constructing culvert vic 6152 90% complete. Maintaining the following bridges: 804790, 765763, 800789, 713687 (Bailey and bypass), 985833. Bridges at 948956, 955876, 805762, 912756 and in construction.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Cleared roadblocks at 855765, 713688, 785785 and minefield at 738715. Constructed bridges at 659636 and 973802. Removed treadway at 765764. Bridge at 659636 is fixed, 30' lgth, cl. 40, 2-W. Bridge at 973802 is trestle, 60' lgth, cl. 40,.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (0) Regt S-3

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# HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 655727, 1:50,000 From: 032400 Dec 1944 To : 042400 Dec 1944

No. 253

Maps: Eastern France : 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVI - 17 Sheets XXXVII - 16&17

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Gool with poor visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintaining the following roads: 450630-670634, 555734-767716, 518680-680714, 669724-739796, 572785-604739, 624587-685551 (clearing road for 2-W). Maintaining bridges: D/S Bailey at 985833, fixed at 973802, 764763, 804970.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Removed Bailey at 713687. Revetting culvert at 6152. Mine check at 915733-853708 proved negative. Closed water point at 533722. Constructed fixed bridges at 948956(1gth-70', cl. 40 2-W & 70 1-W), 955876(1gth-75', cl. 40 2-W & 70 1-W), 805762(1gth-48', cl. 40 2-W) 912756(1gth-150', cl. 40 1-W). Hauled bridge material to 912756.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

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Hqs 36th Engr (0) Regt 655727 1: 50,000 From: 042400 Dec 1944 To : 052400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVI - 17 Sheets XXXVII -16&17

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

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- 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with poor visibility.
- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintaining the following roads: 624587-685551-695550-, 555734-767716, 518680-680714, 669724-739796, 572785-604739. Maintaining culvert at 797709 and constructing culvert at 727648. Maintaining bridges; fixed at 912756, 973802, 805762 and D/S Bailey at 985833. Reloading pole-type trailers and removal of German demolitions at Romansvillers.
- 6. MORALE: Excellent.
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Dismentled Bailey bridge at 955876.

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## HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER COMBAT REGIMENT APO 758

Hqs 36th Engr C Regt 943089, 1/50,000 From: 052400 Dec 1944 To : 062400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France, 1/50,000 Sheet XXXIX - 14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Regimental Hqs in town of Berstett (943089) lst Bn atchd to 36th Inf Div 2nd Bn Hqs at 011135 vic Geutheim 3rd Bn Hqs at 977131 vic Vendenheim

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with rain and snow. Visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE FERIOD: Regiment in process of moving.

6. MORALE: Excellent.

#### For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

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## HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT APO 758

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 943089, 1: 50,000 From: 062400 Dec 1944 To : 072400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXIX - 14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: 3rd Bn Hqs moved to 989075 Co "G" moved to 986075 Co "H" moved to 977131 Co "I" moved to 943123 Co "B" moved to 036110 2nd Bn Hq moved to 037111

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with rain. Visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintenance and guard at floating treadway bridge at 860709 and guard at Bailey bridge parts at 955875. Maintaining road 2-W 933174 to 050130

6. MORALE: Excellent

## For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

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# HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT APO 758

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 943089, 1: 50,000 From: 072400 Dec 1944 To : 082400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXIX - 14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with poor visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintenance and quard at floating treadway bridge at 860709 and guard at Bailey Bridge parts at 955875. Maintaining road 2-W 933174

to 050130. Removed roadblocks at 973155 and obstacle at 955165.

6. MORALE: Excellent

For the Commanding Officer:

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## HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT APO 758

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 943089, 1: 50,000 From: 082400 Dec 1944 To : 092400 Dec 1944

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No. 258 Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXIX - 14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Co "E" moved to 985146 Co "G" moved to 906272 Co "H" moved to 934278 Co "I" moved to 940258 3rd Bn Hq moved to 934278

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with rain. Visibility poor.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintaining road from 933174 to 050130 2-W. Moving to new areas.

6. MORALE: Excellent

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

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## HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT -APO 758

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 943089, 1: 50,000 From: 092400 Dec 1944 To : 102400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXIX - 14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Co "H" moved to 935278 Co "G" moved to 909272 Co "I" moved to 940257 3rd Bn Hq moved to 935278

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintaining road from 933174 to 050130 2-W

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Cleared roadblocks at 937286. Constructed D/S Bailey at 960295, 1gth-80', cl. 40

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 943089, 1: 50,000 From: 102400 Dec 1944 To : 112400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXIX - 14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No Change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with poor visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 933174 to 090185, 932309 to 952322. Constructing fixed bridges at 948312 (lgth-60', cl 40 2-W & cl 70 l-W, 20% complete) and at 960295(lgth-78', cl 40 2-W, 10% complete). Maintaining Baileys at 960295 and 910277. Building trestle at 041247 and truss support at 041240.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Removed floating treadway at 860709 101700A. (treadway bridge) Filled craters at 937286 Constructed treadway at 948312 (lgth-24', cl 40 1-W (treadway bridge)

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WILLIAM RYBAK, Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 943089; 1: 50,000 From:112400 Dec 1944 To :122400 Dec 1944

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 908274 to 952322, from (933174 to 090185). Mine clearance on those roads shown in parenthesis 20' on each side. Repair of stone piers and bridges that were blown at 041247 and 041240. Maintaining Baileys at 960295 and 910277. Constructing fixed bridges at 960295, 948312. Operating water point at 980144.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed D/S Baileys at 008378 (lgth-60', cl. 40 1-W) and 169262 (lgth-60', cl. 40 1-W). (D/S Bailey bridges) Constructed treadway bridge at 010378 (lgth-24', cl. 40 1-W) Check for mines at 005334 proved negative.

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 943089, 1: 50,000 From: 1222400 Dec 1944 To : 132400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII -13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOFS: 2nd Bn Hq moved to 090192 Co "D" moved to 090192

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining and sweeping roads 20' on each side 984142-041240-090122-050130-013137. Maintaining roads from 908274 to 952322. Mines sweep from 960295 to 066299. Operating water point at 980144. Hauling gravel from 008378. Bridge material being hauled to 010378. D-7 digging in radar equipment at Friesheim. Constructing fixed bridges at 229338, 166258, 202292, 041240, 960295, 010295, 066299, 041247. Maintaining Baileys at 960295, 910277, 008378, and treadway bridge at 010378.

6. MORALE: Excellent.

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed bypass (cl. 40 2-W). Disassembled treadway bridge at 948312. Cleared roadblocks at 023225, 972293, 001265. Cleared minefield at 012211.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK, Major, 36th Engr Engr (C) Regt S-3

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 054318, 1: 50,000 From: 132400 Dec 1944 To : 142400 Dec 1944

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt moved to 054318 3rd Bn Hq moved to 092372 Co "I" moved to 092372 Co "G" moved to 041246 Co "E" moved to 168257

#### 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 041240 to 090122, from 092372 to 010378 Maintaining Bailey bridges and bypass. Constructing fixed bridges at 066299, 118433, 166258, 202292, 041247. Hauling bridge material from 080378.

## 6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed treadway bridge at 068318 (lgth-24', cl. 40 1-W) Constfucted fixed bridge at 960295 (lgth -78' cl. 40 2-W) Constructed fixed bridge at 010378 (lgth-24', cl. 40 1-W) Constructed wooden bent at 041240 (lgth-33', cl. 40 2-W) Constructed treadway bridge at229337 (lgth-60' cl. 40 1-W) Closed water point at 980144.

For the Commanding Officer:

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## HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT APO 758

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 054318, 1: 50,000 From: 142400 Dec 1944 To : 152400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Co "D" moved to 179335 Co "H" moved to 125406 2nd Bn Hq moved to 178333

#### 4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 041240 to 090122, from 092372 to 010378, and bypass at 105211. Road open from 068375 to 066299 and RR overpass cleared at 033244. Hauling bridge material to 068375 & 086367 and timber to 228339 & 274326. Operating water point at 090185. Constructing fixed bridges at 167258, 201292, 228339, 068375, 086367.

- 6. MORALE: Excellent
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed treatle treadway bridge at 228339 (lgth-60' cl 40 1-W) Constructed timber bridge at 041247 (lgth-60' cl 40 2-W) Constructed fixed bridge at 010378 (lgth-60' cl 40 2-W) Constructed wooden trestle at 014349 (lgth-30' cl 40 1-W) Constructed fixed bridge at 066299 (lgth-40' cl 40 2-W)

For the Commanding Officer:

#### WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

# HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT APO 7.5.8.

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt. 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 152400 Dec 1944 To : 162400 Dec 1944

No. 265

Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt moved to 179331 Co "G" moved to 108377 Co "F" moved to 273326

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATION FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 041240 to 010377, from 010377 to 051379 080406, from 085465 to 081427 to 100438 to 068378. Hauling Bridge material to 068375 and 086367. Operating water point at 092188. Constructing fixed bridges at 068375, 086367, 228339, 273330.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed timber trestle at 167258(1gth-60' cl 40 2-W) (bridge) Constructed timber trestle at 202292(1gth-35' cl 40 2-W) (bridge) Constructed Bailey at 328421 (1gth-70' cl 40 1-W) (bridge) Constructed Bailey at 294424 (1gth-80' cl 40 1-W) Cleared roadblock at 105378, 109377, 328421.

For the Commanding Officer:

WILLIAM RYBAK Major, 36th Engr (C) Regt S-3

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 162400 Dec 1944 To : 172400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13814

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with good visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 068377 to 083404, from 041240 to 090122 to 273330 to 229338. Swept sides of road from 188326 to 222305. Constructing fixed bridges at 148418, 104445, 161441, 229338. Maintaining treadway bridge at 229338 and bypass at 229338. Hauling bridge material to 068375 and 086367.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed wooden trestle at 068375(1gth=26' cl 40 2-W) Constructed wooden trestle at 086367(1gth=30' cl 40 2-W) Constructed tresdway bridge at 113500(1gth=20' cl 40 1-W) Cleared roadblocks at 154474, 162479, 167474, 198319,

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# HEADQUARTERS 36TH ENGINEER (COMBAT) REGIMENT A.P.O. 758

Hqs 36th Engr (C) Rest 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 172400 Dec 1944 To : 182400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13814

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Hq 2nd Bn moved to 328421 CO "E" moved to 328421

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 085466 to 136468 to 105497. Constructing fixed bridges at 229338, 329421, 148418, 104445. Concrete bridge at 274330 which was partially demolished is being repaired. Procuring bridge material.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Constructed fixed bridge at 161441(1gth-27' cl 40 2-W)

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 182400 Dec 1944 To : 192400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13&14

2. IDCATION OF TROOPS: 3rd Bn Hq moved to 153488 Co "A" moved to 105372 Co "B" moved to 108373 Co "C" moved to 099375 2nd Bn Hq moved to 266374 Co "E" moved to 267374

4. SEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 129488 to 133477, 106496 to 088467, 092188 to 224331 to 320421). Cleared shoulders of mines 20' on each side of reads as shown in parenthesis. Cleared roads of destroyed energy equipment from 108375 to 153483. Repairing bridge approaches at 118462 & 014349 and maintaining culvert at 106450. Constructing fixed bridges at 273330 and 328421.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed timber trestle at 229338 (lgth-80' cl 40 2-W) Constructed fixed bridgelet 104445 (lgth- 50' cl 40 1-W) Constructed fixed bridge at 148418 (lgth- 70' cl 40 2-W & cl 70 1-W) Constructed T/S Bailey bridge at 147488 (lgth-100' cl 40 1-W)

Cleared roadblock at 273328.

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 192400 Dec 1944 To : 202400 Dec 1944

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Co "I" moved to 153488

4. SEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with fair visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 129488 to 133480, 084466 to 133480, 225331 to 092188. Improving and widening roads at 147488, 154484, 288397 (2-W). Clearance of mines 20° on each side of road from 326421 to 267374, 225331 to 130227. Lifting treadway bridge at 229338. Improving and maintaining approaches at 148418 & 229338. Constructing fixed bridge at 327419 and repairing concrete bridge at 274330. Installation of 3° box culvert and rock fill at 256395 60% complete.

6. MORALE: Excellent

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 202400 Dec 1944 To : 212400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eestern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: Co "A" moved to 080346

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with poor visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

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Maintaining roads from 129488 to 133480, 084466 to 133480, (092188 to 226331 to 327419). Clearance of mines 20' on each side of roads as shown in parenthesis. Improved roads at 147488 and 154484. Hauling bridge material and procuring rock for road repair. Maintaining Baileys at 327419 & 293423 and timber trestle at 229338. Constructing timber bridges at 327419 & 274330.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Constructed culvert at 286395( 3x3' wooden box 2-W).

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 212400 Dec1944 To : 222400 Dec 1944

No. 271

Maps: Eastern France : 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with good visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining reads from 092188 to 226331 to 327419 and completed excepting the same for mines 20° on each side. Hauling bridge material to 147488. Repairing bridges at 148418 & 2000 and maintaining bridges at 147488, 229338, 327422, 93423. Constructing timber trestle bridges at 274330, 327422, 293423.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Bridge repair at 014349 completed 220300 A.

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1:50,000 From: 222400 Dec 1944 To : 232400 Dec 1944

No. 272

Maps: France, 1:50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13 & 14 XXXIX - 13 & 14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No Change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cold, visibility fair.

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads in assigned sector. Construction of Timber Trestle Bridge at 274330 70' Cl 40 two-way. Construction of Fixed Bridge Cl 40, 772' at 147488.

- 6. MORALE: Excellent
- 7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Constructed Timber Trestle bridge C1 40 at 234234. Removed Bailey Bridge C1 40, 80' at 294424. Constructed Timber Trestle Bridge 48', Class 40 one-way at 294424. Removed Bailey Bridge C1 40, 70' at 327422. Constructed Timber Trestle Bridge 30', Class 40 two-way at 327422.

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 232400 Dec 1944 To : 242400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII -13&14 XXXIX -13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: 3rd Bn Hq moved to 124398

Co "F" moved to 138350 Co "E" moved to 228341 2nd Bn Hg moved to 225341

. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Gool with good visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining foads from 092188 to 226331 to 267374. Recce. of Maginot Defense from 1044 to 2124. Use of D-7s to dig in 8" howitzers and TDs.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

\*Constructed timber trestle bridge at 274330(1gth=70' cl 40 2-W). Constructed fixed bridge at 147488(1gth=772' cl 40 2-W). (Wooden) Removed Bailey Bridge at 147488.

\* (Reinforced Concrete bridge reinforced by timber trestle bridge)

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 242400 Dec 1944 To : 252400 Dec 1944

No. 274 Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13&14 XXXIX - 13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Gool with good visibility

- 5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintaining roads from 092188 to 226331 to 267374. Recce. of Maginot Defenses. Loan of D-7 to 304th Engrs. Improved road at 103677.
- 6. MORALE: Excellent

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No changes

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with good visibility

 OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD: Maintaining roads from 092188 to 226331 to 229338. Clearing debris and extra material at 147488. Widening bridge approaches at 147488. Koan of D-7 to 304th Engrs. Recce of Maginot Defenses.

6. MORALE: Excellent

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 262400 Dec 1944 To : 272400 Dec 1944

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Maps: Eastern France: 1: 50,000 Sheets XXXVIII - 13&14 XXXIX - 13&14

2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with good visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 092188 to 226331 to 229338, (000346 to 083345). Roads checked for glass mines as shown in parenthesis. Erection of single strand concerting wire fortification from 194438 to 220432 50% complete. Rece of Maginot Defenses. Constructing wooden bridge at 013358 and repairing decking of bridge at 147488. Operating wwater point at 224340. Loaned air compressor to 304th Engrs.

6. MORALE: Excellent

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 272400 Dec 1944 To : 282400 Dec 1944

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. WEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with good visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 092188 to 226331 to 229338, 000346 to 083345. Operating water point at 224340. Erection of single strand concertins wire fortification from 194438 to 220432 75% complete. Cleaning out debris at Maginot Defenses and preparing emplacements for occupancy. (Two gun positions at 125442 and two pill boxes at 108438 cleaned. Pill box at 101433, and fortifications 1009, 1016, 1017, 1014, 1015, 1022, 1023, 1027, 1044, 1045, 1046, 1039, 1040, 1105, 1110, 1049, 1107, 14 1061, 1058, 1057, 1053, 1052, 1051, 1050 cleared of debris and repaired as required). Work in pafenthesis completed 1630 hours this date. D=7 digging in gun.

6. MORALE: Excellent

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7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Constructed wooden bridge at 013358(lgth-70' cl 40 1-W).

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Hqs 36th Engr (C) Regt 179331, 1: 50,000 From: 282400 Dec 1944 To : 292400 Dec 1944

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2. LOCATION OF TROOPS: No change

4. NEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Gool with good visibility

5. CUR OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD:

Maintaining roads from 092188 to 226331 to 229336, 000346 to 083345, Cleared road net of mines 2/3 complete from 081347 to 041240 to 167258 to 179331 081347. Clearing forts and fields of fire from 166380 to 180357, from 160370 to 167364. Operating water point at 224340. Quickway grane working with 194th FA. D-7 working with 304th Engré. Air compressor working with 304 Engre.

MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS:

Completed erection of concerting fortification from 194435 to 220432. Removed read block and 12 plastic mines at 013355. Cleared out debris at Maginot Defenses and emplecements ready for

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2. LOCATION OF SROOPS: No change

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4. TEATHER AND VISIBILITY: Cool with good visibility

5. OUR OPERATIONS FOR THE FERIOD.

Maintaining roads from 092188 to 226331 to 229338. Cleared road net from 081347 to 041240 to 167258 to 179331 to 081347 of mines. Road from 135328 to 202292 opened to traffic and shoulders checked for mines 3' on each side. Improving and digging in defenses along Maginot Line. Digging in morter, anti-tank, automatic rifle, and machine gun emplacements. Bailey bridge stock-pile moved to E-208. Operating shower point at 088368.

6. MORALE: Excellent

7. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS: Closed water point at 224340 301200A. Removed roadblock at 154315.

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