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2833RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
APO 758 U.S. ARMY

10 August 1945

SUBJECT: Activity Journal - July 1945.

THRU : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Combat Group,
APO 758, US Army.TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758.
Attn: Historian.


1. Map Ref: 1:100,000, Sh U-3 (Mannheim).

2. Following is a condensation of the activities engaged in by this Command during the month of July 1945. Reference is made to attached detailed Section Journals giving complete details of operations.

1 July - 31 July 1945, Mannheim, Germany: The entire battalion, as well as Group Headquarters is bivouaced in an area enclosed by wire. We came to our present area 20 July 1945.

The battalion is engaged in building a fixed, 2-lane class 40/70 bridge, 693 feet long at R-535997 over the Neckar River.

On 14 July 1945 the battalion sent home its first group of officers and enlisted men under the point plan. Among those to go were the Battalion Commander, Lt Col SEAMAN A. KNAPP, JR, and the Battalion Executive Officer, Major RICHARD P. FERRY. Major ROBERT D. STEPHENS, the Battalion S-3, assumed command. The battalion has been receiving men from other Engineer units, especially the 332nd Engineer GS Regiment, who are eligible for return to the United States under the point plan.



ROBERT D. STEPHENS,
Major, C.E.,
Commanding.

5 Incls:
Journals of S-1, S-2, S-3, S-4, Pers.

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PERSONNEL SECTION
 HQ 2833RD ENGINEER COMBAT BN
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 8 AUGUST 1945.

MAPS: Map of Germany
 1:100,000; Sh U-3 (Mannheim)
 (1 July - 31 July 1945)

ACTIVITY JOURNAL - Month of July, 1945.

1 July - 10 July 1945 - Mannheim, Germany: Officers' pay and allowance vouchers and Enlisted Men's payrolls for the month of June 1945 (Totalling \$ 33,331.65) paid and all records of payment were properly recorded. On 3 July prepared and submitted to Engineer Section SEVENTH ARMY, detailed roster of all personnel of this Battalion, indicating, in addition to Name, Rank and Serial Number, the MOS, ASR Score, Physical Profile, Age and Combat service in ETOUSA and MTOUSA.

11 July - 20 July 1945 - Mannheim, Germany: Effected the transfer of personnel between this unit and the 649th Engr Top Bn on 11 July 1945. Received 20 EM and transferred out 24 EM. Lt EDWARD A. GOGLIN relieved Lt JOHN M. CAIRNS as Acting Personnel Adjutant on 15 July. Prepared rosters for all men eligible to return to U.S. and forwarded them to Group Headquarters. Prepared personnel records for and effected transfer of six Officers and 250 Enlisted Personnel on 14 and 16 July 1945. Three Enlisted Members of this section were among those returning to the U.S. for discharge. Prepared another roster for the Seventh Army Engineer similar to the one prepared on 3 July. Again on 18 July, rosters were prepared and taken by Lt GOGLIN to the Seventh Army Engineer as guides in determining the exchange of personnel between this unit and the 332nd Engr Regt (GS). Completed Officers' pay and allowance vouchers and Enlisted Men's payrolls for the month of July, 1945. These pay records were submitted to the FINANCE OFFICER (MAJOR J.A. DELL ANGELO) SEVENTH ARMY HEADQUARTERS on 18 July. Personnel Transfer Accounts and Soldier's Deposits in the amount of \$ 945.00 were submitted to SEVENTH ARMY FINANCE OFFICE for processing.

21 July - 31 July, 1945 - Mannheim, Germany: Personnel records of 88 Enlisted Men were prepared for transfer to 332nd Engr Regt (GS) on 25 July. Completed maintenance of personnel records, morning reports, strength and ration data, and related statistical reports. On 30 July, this section was visited by the AG Records Audit Branch from THEATER Headquarters. This team conducted a thorough inspection of approximately twenty-five per cent of all personnel records. Some discrepancies were found, but the general overall rating of the conditions of the personnel records was SATISFACTORY. On 31 July Officers' pay vouchers and Enlisted Mens' payrolls were received from the Finance Office at Heidelberg.

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31 July 1945

BATTALION STRENGTH - SCHEDULE OF GAINS & LOSSES
(Month of July, 1945)

---G A I N S--- -L O S S E S---

| UNIT | STRENGTH 1 July 1945 | REASCD FR DROPPED FR ROLLS | ASGMTS FR OTHER UNITS AND PERSONNEL REQUISITION ASGMTS | DROPPED FR ROLLS (Hosp & Battle Cas Pers) | OTHER TRANSFERS OUT | | TRF OF PERSONNEL BETWEEN UNITS | STRENGTH 31 July 1945 |
|--------------|--------------------------|----------------------------------|---|---|-----------------------------|------------------|---|--------------------------|
| | | | | | (Redeployment Procedure) | (Miscellaneous) | | |
| Hq&Hq&Svc Co | 12 Off 1 WO 104 EM | | 2 Off 25 EM | | 3 Off 1 WO 45 EM | 3 Off 17 EM | -2 Off /1 Off /2 EM | 7 Off 0 WO 69 EM |
| Company "A" | 6 Off 157 EM | | 17 EM | 1 EM | 80 EM | 2 Off 28 EM | - 1 Off - 1 EM | 3 Off 64 EM |
| Company "B" | 6 Off 158 EM | 1 EM | 2 EM | 1 EM | 71 EM 1 Off | 4 Off 39 EM | / 1 Off | 2 Off 50 EM |
| Company "C" | 5 Off 161 EM | | 3 EM | | 1 Off 51 EM | 2 Off 43 EM | / 1 Off - 1 EM | 3 Off 69 EM |
| Det | 2 Off 14 EM | | 2 EM | 1 EM | 8 EM | 4 EM | | 2 Off 3 EM |
| ALS | 31 Off 1 WO 594 EM | 1 EM | 2 Off 49 EM | 3 EM | 5 Off 1 WO 255 EM | 11 Off 131 EM | - 3 Off / 3 Off - 2 EM / 2 EM | 17 Off 0 WO 255 EM |

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ACTIVITY JOURNAL, (Cont'd)

Personnel Section, 2833rd Engr C Bn.,
(Month of July, 1945)

GENERAL:

1. AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Silver Star - - 1
Bronze Star Medal - 2

See Annex # 2.

2. BATTLE CASUALTIES:

None During Month.

3. NON-BATTLE CASUALTIES (Other than normal sick call)

1. Hulion J. Lessard 38193090
Tec 5 H&S Company
2. Henry Kostelnik 35377884
Pfc H&S Company
3. Charles Bryant 35488144
Pfc H&S Company
4. Jasper E. Tincher 35766961
Pfc H&S Company
5. George K. Stephens 38177320
Pfc Company "A"

4. COURTS-MARTIALS:

General Courts-Martials

None

Special Courts-Martials

None

Summary Courts-Martials

Edward R. Carpenter, Pvt,
31093492, Co "B" (Sum CM
#1 Hq 2833rd Engr C Bn
dtd 23 Jul 45)

4 Incls:

- ANNEX #1 Schedule of Personnel,
Gains and Losses.
#2 List of Awards and
Decorations.
#3A & 3B-Rosters of Officers
as of 30 June 1945.

Edward A. Goglin
EDWARD A. GOGLIN
1st Lt., C.E.,
S-1

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ROSTER OF DECORATIONS AWARDED MEMBERS
OF THIS UNIT DURING MONTH OF JULY/45

| N A M E | SERIAL NO. | RANK | COMPANY | AWARD | AUTHORITY |
|-----------------------|------------|-------|---------|-------------|--|
| 1. FRAGALE, Eugene C. | 33 178 147 | Tec 4 | "B" | Silver Star | GO #234 Hq Seventh Army dated 2 June 1945. |
| 2. BAKER, Drewey | 35 774 521 | Pfc | "C" | Bronze Star | GO #58 Hq Sixth Corps dated 12 July 1945. |
| 3 BONNEAU, Leo J. | 37 157 804 | S/sgt | "C" | Bronze Star | GO #298 Hq Seventh Army dtd 7 July 1945. |

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ANNEX # 2

HEADQUARTERS
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31 July 1945.

| N A M E | R A N K | S E R I A L N O. | D A T E O F R A N K | A G E | D A T E J O I N E D | D A T E O V E R S E A S | D U T Y |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------------|---------------------|-------|---------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1. STEPHENS, Robert D. | Major | 0-1101677 | 1 Jun 45 | 24 | 8 Aug 44 | 23 Oct 42 | Battalion Commander |
| 2. COMER, Bartholomew J. | Captain | 0-463230 | 10 Aug 44 | 27 | 12 Mar 44 | 23 Jan 44 | Battalion Surgeon |
| 3. SAVITSKA, Martin, Jr. | Captain | 0-413239 | 17 Sep 44 | 28 | 9 Mar 45 | 5 May 43 | Company Commanding Officer Co "A" |
| 4. THOMPSON, Roy N. | Captain | 0-1102087 | 16 Apr 45 | 27 | 11 Sep 42 | 12 Dec 42 | Company Commanding Officer Co "B" |
| 5. HOCH, Woodrow E. | Captain | 0-516526 | 1 Jun 45 | 23 | 4 Jan 44 | 6 Jun 43 | Battalion S - 3 |
| 6. JANECEK, Rudolph J. | Captain | 0-1111685 | 1 Jun 45 | 30 | 4 Jan 44 | 6 Jun 43 | Battalion S - 2 |
| 7. RANKIN, James L. | Captain | 0-406467 | 1 Jun 45 | 29 | 11 Sep 42 | 2 Nov 42 | Company Commanding Officer H&S Company |
| 8. RAYMOND, Theodore L. | 1st Lt | 0-387872 | 26 Feb 43 | 28 | 11 Aug 44 | 6 Aug 42 | Battalion S - 4 |
| 9. JACOB, Christian T., Jr. | 1st Lt | 0-1101057 | 23 Jun 43 | 34 | 19 Jul 45 | 22 Oct 44 | TD to 7th Army Bridging School |
| 10. DRESSNER, Elliott F. | 1st Lt | 0-1109905 | 27 Apr 44 | 25 | 21 Oct 43 | 6 Jun 43 | Company Commanding Officer Co "C" |
| 11. ZITZMAN, John E. | 1st Lt | 0-1101231 | 26 May 44 | 25 | 4 Jan 44 | 6 Jun 43 | Platoon Commander Company "A" |
| 12. MOYER, Jacob E. | 1st Lt | 0-1588763 | 15 Jun 44 | 25 | 10 Jul 45 | 1 Feb 44 | Platoon Commander Company "B" |
| 13. WOLCZIK, Walter | 1st Lt | 0-1646716 | 20 Jun 44 | 32 | 22 Oct 44 | 1 Sep 44 | Platoon Commander Company "A" |
| 14. HOLTZMAN, Sidney | 1st Lt | 0-1716202 | 1 Sep 44 | 24 | 20 Apr 45 | 17 Mar 45 | Battalion Dental Surgeon |
| 15. KONCHAK, William R. | 1st Lt | 0-1111715 | 1 Feb 45 | 23 | 4 Jan 44 | 6 Jun 43 | Platoon Commander Company "C" |
| 16. GOGGIN, Edward A. | 1st Lt | 0-2055082 | 16 Mar 45 | 34 | 11 Sep 42 | 14 Jan 43 | Battalion Adjutant And S - 1 |
| 17. Merle A. | 2nd Lt | 0-1119022 | 27 Dec 44 | 25 | 8 Jun 45 | 16 Apr 45 | Platoon Commander Co "C" |

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS
 (By Unit and Primary Duty)

| <u>BATTALION HQ:</u> | <u>NAME</u> | <u>RANK</u> | <u>AUTH</u> <u>RANK</u> | <u>SERIAL NO.</u> | <u>DATE OF</u> <u>RANK</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|-------------|----------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Bn CO | STEPHENS, Robert D. | Major | (Lt Col) | 0-1101677 | 1 Jun 45 |
| 2. Bn Exec O | | | (Major) | | |
| 3. Bn S - 3 | HOCH, Woodrow E. | Captain | (Major) | 0-516526 | 1 Jun 45 |
| 4. Bn Asst S - 3 | | | (2nd Lt) | | |
| 5. Bn S - 2 | JANECEK, Rudolph J. | Captain | (Capt) | 0-1111685 | 1 Jun 45 |
| 6. Bn Asst S - 2 | | | (2nd Lt) | | |
| 7. Bn S - 4 | RAYMOND, Theodore L. | 1st Lt | (Capt) | 0-387872 | 26 Feb 43 |
| 8. Bn Adj & S - 1 | GOGLIN, Edward A. | 1st Lt | (1st Lt) | 0-2055082 | 16 Mar 45 |
| 9. Bn Liaison O | | | (Capt) | | |
| 10. Bn Recon O | | | (2nd Lt) | | |
| <u>HQ & SV CO:</u> | | | | | |
| 11. Co CO | RANKIN, James L. | Captain | (Capt) | 0-406467 | 1 Jun 45 |
| 12. Motor Transp | | | (1st Lt) | | |
| 13. Asst Motor Transp | | | (WO) | | |
| 14. Supply General | | | (WO) | | |
| 15. Military Pers | | | (WO) | | |
| <u>COMPANY "A"</u> | | | | | |
| 16. Co CO | SAVITSKA, Martin, Jr. | Captain | (Capt) | 0-413239 | 17 Sep 44 |
| 17. Pltn Ldr (1) | ZITZMAN, John E. | 1st Lt | (1st Lt) | 0-1101231 | 26 May 44 |
| 18. Pltn (2) Ldr | WOLCZIK, Walter | 1st Lt | (1st Lt) | 0-1646716 | 20 Jun 44 |
| 19. Pltn Ldr (3) | | | (1st Lt) | | |
| 20. Adm O | | | (2nd Lt) | | |
| <u>COMPANY "B"</u> | | | | | |
| 21. Co CO | THOMPSON, Roy N. | Captain | (Capt) | 0-1102087 | 16 Apr 45 |
| 22. Pltn Ldr (1) | MOYER, Jacob E. | 1st Lt | (1st Lt) | 0-1588763 | 15 Jun 44 |
| 23. Pltn Ldr (2) | | | (1st Lt) | | |
| 24. Pltn Ldr (3) | | | (1st Lt) | | |
| 25. Adm O | | | (2nd Lt) | | |
| <u>COMPANY "C"</u> | | | | | |
| 26. Co CO | DRESSNER, Elliott F. | 1st Lt | (Capt) | 0-1109905 | 27 Apr 44 |
| 27. Pltn Ldr (1) | KONCHAK, William R. | 1st Lt | (1st Lt) | 0-1111715 | 1 Feb 45 |
| 28. Pltn Ldr (2) | ZOOK, Merle A. | 2nd Lt | (1st Lt) | 0-1119022 | 27 Dec 44 |
| 29. Pltn Ldr (3) | | | (1st Lt) | | |
| 30. Adm O | | | (2nd Lt) | | |
| <u>MEDICAL DETACHMENT</u> | | | | | |
| 31. Bn Surgeon | COMER, Bartholomew J. | Captain | (Capt) | 0-463230 | 10 Aug 44 |
| 32. Bn Dental Surgeon | HOLTZMAN, Sidney | 1st Lt | (Capt) | 0-1716202 | 1 Sep 44 |
| | JACOB, Christian T., Jr | 1st Lt | | 0-1102057 | 23 Jun 43 |

ANNEX # 3 - B