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540TH ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP
APO 758 US ARMY

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SUBJECT: Monthly Activity Journal - July 1945.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army (Attn: Historian), APO 758,
U. S. Army.

1 - 31 July 1945 - MANNHEIM, GERMANY: Location of CP's: 48th Engr C Bn - EBERBACH; 290th Engr C Bn - REILINGEN; 2832nd Engr C Bn - MANNHEIM; 2833rd Engr C Bn - MANNHEIM.

The 540th Engineer Combat Group was attached to VI Corps for operations and supervised the 48th, 2832nd and 2833rd Engineer Combat Battalions, attached to this headquarters. On 10 July, the 290th Engineer Combat Battalion was attached to this organization for operations. The 540th Engineer Combat Group and attached units passed to the control of XXI Corps, 20 July with the following additional organizations attached to the Group:

- 552nd Engineer Heavy Ponton Battalion
- 1144th Labor Supervision Company
- 1142nd Labor Supervision Company
- 8912th PW Company
- Company C, 384th Engr Battalion (Sep)
- 3980th Quartermaster Truck Company (1 Platoon)

48th Engineer Combat Battalion: Performed road maintenance in assigned area and constructed roads in Engineer Dump E-222. General engineering work in Quartermaster Depots near Mannheim was accomplished and an open shelter in Dump E-222 was constructed. Established river guages at Mannheim and Heidelberg. Supervised eight (8) factories in Mannheim area until 290th Engr C Bn assumed responsibility, 15 July 1945. Operated quarries at Dossenheim and Bensheim and constructed a 470 foot heavy ponton bridge over Neckar River at Ladenburg. Reconnaissances of assigned area for roads, railroads and quarries accomplished.

290th Engineer Combat Battalion: Maintained roads in assigned areas and improved roads from R630971 to R667978. Operated factories in Mannheim area and maintained river guages in Mannheim and Heidelberg areas. Constructed a 620 foot heavy ponton bridge across the Neckar River at Heidelberg. Repaired American Red Cross warehouse at Mannheim.

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2832nd Engineer Combat Battalion: Constructed warehouse and other facilities for the 59th Quartermaster Depot in Mannheim and facilities for VI Corps assembly area in Bensheim. Improved warehouse for G-3, Hq Seventh Army. Constructed an E-40 RR bridge at M516012 vicinity of Mannheim.

2833rd Engineer Combat Battalion: Installed 2 290' heavy ponton bridges across the Neckar River in Mannheim and worked on raising the existing bridge to permit river traffic. Supervised work at asphalt, oxygen, and acetylene plants in vicinity of Ludwigshafen until closed down. Installed lighting system in Waldhof railhead and erected concertina wire around Quartermaster ration dump #528. Maintained roads in assigned area.

Carl A. Looney
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 Major, C.E.,
 Acting Commander.

4 Incls - Activity Journals
 48th Engr C Bn
 290th Engr C Bn
 2832nd Engr C Bn
 2833rd Engr C Bn

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GROUP STRENGTH - SCHEDULE OF GAINS AND LOSSES
(Month of July, 1945)

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| - - - - - G A I N S - - - - - | | - - - - - L O S S E S - - - - - | |
| STRENGTH | MISC. | MISC. | STRENGTH |
| 1 Jul 45 | TRF IN | TRF OUT | 31 Jul 45 |
| 16 Off; 0-WO; 77 EM | * 5 Off; 16 EM | ** 6 Off; 19 EM | 15 Off; 0-WO; 74 EM |

* OFFICERS - Lt Col Robert H. Darling, Capt Edgar D. Lee, 2nd Lt Frank C. Little, asgd & jd fr Hq VI Corps per P-16 SO#179 Hq 7th Army dtd 28 June 1945, EDCMR 1 July 1945. Lt Col Charles S. Monnier asgd & jd fr 120th Engr C Bn per P-5 SO#155 Hq 45th Inf Div dtd 11 July 1945. 1st Lt Iven J. Lew asgd & jd fr 180th Engr HP Bn per P-41 SO#186 Hq 7th Army dtd 5 July 1945.

ENLISTED MEN - Tec 4 Paul M. Orth asgd & jd fr 290th Engr C Bn per P-2 SO#52 Hq 540th Engr C Gp dtd 22 July 1945. Tec 5 Lawrence O. Buchwald, Tec 5 Marvin M. Lengner, Tec 5 Guy R. Ott, Tec 5 Louis Tamas, Tec 5 Lawrence E. Wick, Pfc Dale A. Agler, Pfc Joseph P. Babin, Pfc William J. Bonner, Pfc Robert J. Dewell Jr., Pfc Eathel Grimes, Pfc Conrad B. Keiser, Pfc Paul L. Langer, Pfc Joseph F. Volk asgd & jd fr 332nd Engr GS Regt per P-1 SO#141 Hq 332nd Engr GS Regt dtd 25 July 1945. S/Sgt Samuel Katz asgd enroute to join fr 19th Reinf Depot per P-59 SO#194 Hq 19th Reinf Depot dtd 13 July 1945. Tec 5 Einar C. Mannerud asgd & jd fr 2832nd Engr C Bn per Memo #9 Hq 540th Engr C Gp dtd 30 July 1945.

** OFFICERS - Lt Col Daniel J. Manning, Capt Sidney G. Hardeman reld fr asgmt & trfd to Hq VI Corps per P-16 SO#179 Hq 7th Army dtd 28 June 1945, EDCMR 1 July 1945. Capt George H. Burkhardt reld fr asgmt & trfd to 14th Reinf Depot for transshipment to US per P-1 SO#47 Hq 540th Engr C Gp dtd 7 July 1945. 2nd Lt Thomas E. Wallace reld fr asgmt & trfd to 6960th Reinf Depot Cp San Francisco Chateau-Thierry (Atchd Unasgd) per P-8 SO#186 Hq 7th Army dtd 5 July 1945. 2nd Lt V Jay Stanich reld fr asgmt & trfd to 343rd Engr GS Regt per P-16 SO#193 Hq 7th Army dtd 12 July 1945. 1st Lt John Whates reld fr asgmt & trfd to 343rd Engr GS Regt per P-5 SO#112 Hq 343rd Engr GS Regt dtd 16 July 1945.

ENLISTED MEN - M/Sgt Cruso A. Alba reld fr asgmt & trfd to Reception Sta # 7 Ft Sheridan, Ill per P-8 SO#177 Hq CAS dtd 27 June 1945, EDCMR 3 July 1945. Tec 5 Francis T. Prokop, Pvt Everett E. Padfield reld fr asgmt & trfd to 290th Engr C Bn per P-3 SO#77 Hq 1144th Engr C Gp dtd 3 July 1945.

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ENLISTED MEN

- Tec 4 Woodrow W. Asai, Tec 4 Murrel E. Fisher, Cpl Aloysius J. Fitzpatrick,
Cpl William James, Cpl Chester H. Missahl, Tec 5 Paul K. Curry, Tec 5 Frank A.
Lo Monte, Tec 5 Alton B. Underwood, Pfc Joseph P. Carroll, Pfc James D. Hooper,
Pfc Olan Johnson, Pfc Elmer H. Moser, Pvt Harold J. Byrne Jr., Pvt Lemul W. England,
Pvt David Garcia reld fr asgmt & trfd to 332nd Engr GS Regt per P-1 SO#52 Hq 540th
Engr C Gp dtd 22 July 1945. Tec 5 Theodore P. Boutin reld fr asgmt & trfd to
2833rd Engr C Bn per Memo # 6 Hq 540th Engr C Gp dtd 27 July 1945.

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31 July 1945.

ROSTER OF OFFICERS

| Name | Rank | Serial Number | Date of Rank | Age | Date Joined | Date Overseas | Duty |
|-------------------------|---------|---------------|--------------|-----|-------------|---------------|---------------------------------|
| MONNIER, Charles S. | Lt Col | O-353106 | 4 Feb 1944 | 37 | 4 Jul 1945 | 23 Oct 1942 | Group Commander |
| DARLING, Robert H. | Lt Col | O-316638 | 16 Dec 1944 | 32 | 1 Jul 1945 | 8 Feb 1943 | *(Enroute to US) |
| LOONEY, Carl A. | Major | O-316965 | 6 Nov 1942 | 35 | 10 Aug 1944 | 21 Apr 1944 | Executive |
| BROWN, Decater | Major | O-885510 | 16 Mar 1945 | 38 | 7 Sep 1943 | 10 May 1942 | (TDY Engr Sec, 7th Army) |
| ROBEYSEK, James W. | Major | O-1101188 | 1 Jun 1945 | 31 | 11 Sep 1942 | 23 Oct 1942 | S-2, S-1 & Adjutant. |
| LEE, Edgar D. | Captain | O-456581 | 27 Sep 1944 | 27 | 1 Jul 1945 | 1 Apr 1943 | S-3 |
| NEVILLE, Francis N. Jr. | Captain | O-1102888 | 1 Mar 1944 | 26 | 5 Mar 1945 | 1 Oct 1943 | C.O. Hq. Company |
| CLIFFORD, Timothy F. | Captain | O-1101381 | 17 Apr 1944 | 30 | 11 Sep 1942 | 19 Oct 1942 | *(Enroute to US) |
| FINNEGAN, Frederick J. | Captain | O-1100983 | 16 Nov 1944 | 28 | 11 Sep 1942 | 23 Oct 1942 | *(Enroute to US) |
| FLANAGAN, Francis B. | Captain | O-436852 | 12 Oct 1942 | 38 | 18 Mar 1944 | 21 Aug 1943 | Chaplain |
| JONES, James R. | 1st Lt | O-1100171 | 29 Dec 1942 | 28 | 4 Jan 1945 | 6 Aug 1942 | *(Enroute to US) |
| COUSINEAU, Eugene P. | 1st Lt | O-1101794 | 31 Mar 1944 | 30 | 28 Sep 1942 | 2 Nov 1942 | Athletic & Recreation Ass't S-1 |
| LAW, Ivan J. | 1st Lt | O-1104945 | 7 Jan 1944 | 26 | 8 Jul 1945 | 11 Feb 1944 | Ass't S-3, I & E. |
| ZACHARIAS, Louis C. | 2nd Lt | O-1999494 | 13 Dec 1944 | 28 | 19 Mar 1945 | 1 Jan 1944 | Communication |
| LITTLE, Frank C. | 2nd Lt | O-2009673 | 14 Mar 1945 | 29 | 1 Jul 1945 | 8 Feb 1943 | S-4 |

* Officers indicated reld fr asgmt, and were atchd unasgd to 14th Reinf Depot for transshipment to US per P-1 SO#49 Hq 540th Engr C Gp dtd 11 July 1945, EDCMR 5 August 1945. (Off left this orgn 14 July 1945.)

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| 2 July | | |
| 1630 | Attachment of 1219th Engr Fire Fighting Plat to this Hq rescinded. | OI #27, Hq VI Corps 1 July 1945. |
| 10 July | | |
| 1400 | Quota for 15 officers and 178 EM, 14 July & 464 EM for 16 July to be sent home. | VOCG, VI Corps (Telephone Captain Garden) |
| 14 July | | |
| 0900 | 15 Officers and 178 EM reld fr pres asgmt and atchd unasgd to 14th Reinf Depot for transshipment to US | SO #49, this Hq, 11 Jul 45. |
| 15 July | | |
| 1700 | Atchd to VI Corps effective 19 June 1945. | Ltr, Hq 7th Army 12 July 1945 |
| 21 July | | |
| 1400 | Group passed control of XXI Corps effective 201800 hours. | OI #143, VI CORPS, 20 July 1945. |

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 Adjutant.

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| HOUR | ENTRY | SOURCE |
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| 1 July 45 | Toneplate layout for Group Photo History is completed. | |
| 2 July 45 | T/3 Russell E. Moe and T/4 Leo Sarkisian, assigned to S-2 Section after transfer from VI Corps. | |
| 3 July 45 | Lt. Jones, Cpl. Falsetta and Herr Schuller, civilian printer, to Stuttgart and Oberleningen for paper, ink, for Group Photo Album. | |
| 4 July 45 | Photographed warehouse construction, bridge reconstruction projects. | Requested by CO, 2852 Engr.(C) Bn. |
| 5 July 45 | T/3 Moe to Heidelberg to draw maps from Seventh Army map depot. | |
| 6 July 45 | T/4 Sarkisian prepares 15 sketches for Group Photo History. | |
| 9 July 45 | Contract for engraving work for Group Photo history let to F. Guhl & Co., Frankfurt a/d Main. | |
| 10 July 45 | Capt. Davis, 6638 Engineer Mine Clearing Co., given 540th Engr. photo negatives of mine-clearing tankdozer for delivery to Col. Hough, President of the War Department Observers Board. | |
| 13 July 45 | Neckar bridge construction at Mannheim photographed. | Requested by CO, 2855 Engr.(C) Bn. |
| 14 July 45 | Photographed Acetylene and Oxygen plants being operated by 2833 Engr.(C) Bn. | |
| 16 July 45 | Photographed Neckar river Bailey bridge construction work at Heidelberg for 348 Engineers. | Requested by CO, 348 Engr.(C) Bn. |
| 17 July 45 | Photographed asphalt plant for 2855 Engr.(C) Bn. | Requested by CO, 2855 Engr.(C) Bn. |
| 18 July 45 | Second photo trip made to Heidelberg for 348 Engrs. | |
| 21 July 45 | S/Sgt. Reynolds to Frankfurt with photo copy for Group Photo Album. | |
| 24 July 45 | Contract for binding and packaging Group Photo Album let to W. Osswald & Co., Neustadt a/d Winstrasse. | |
| 29 July 45 | Prepared cover design for Photo Album. | |
| 31 July 45 | Consolidated surveys made by 2852 Engrs., 2855 Engrs., 280th Engrs., and 48th Engrs., on Available Gymnasium space and forwarded same to Seventh Army. | |

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