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Here is the Units Daily logs after action reports. Some good reading and this should tell you exactly what your dad did in the war and where he was every day until the wars end. I have another document that I will scan and e-mail to you later. This one took 4 hours to scan and convert to PDF format.

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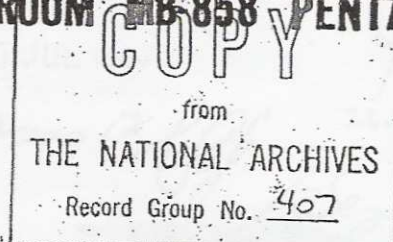
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APO # 230

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TO : Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C. (Thru channels)

1. 1 June 1944 Over Norton Camp, Oxfordshire to 18 June 1944.
2. Left Over Norton Camp, Oxfordshire 181015 hours 18 June 1944 by Motor Convoy enroute to permanent change of station. Arrived at marshalling area C-14 at 181715 hours June 1944.
3. Left marshalling area C-14 at 190430 hours. Arrived Southampton docks at 190930 hours.
4. Boarded SS Joshua B. Lippencott at 192200 hours. Left Southampton docks aboard SS Joshua B. Lippencott at 242245 June 1944 enroute to permanent change of station. Arrived Utah Beach, France 251115 June 1944.
5. Left Utah Beach area at 261030 hours enroute to bivouac area. Arrived at Bivouac area about 3 miles west of Valognes Corrd. 0227072
6. 27 - 28 June 1944 moved to and established bivouac area. Date of completion 28 June 1944. No assigned task.
7. 29 and 30 June 1944.
 - a. 29 June 1944 cleaned roads in the city of Valognes, France. Repaired roads Valognes to Bricqubec; Valognes to T216979. Initiated Water Reconnaissance.
 - b. 30 June 1944 cleared and repaired roads city of Valognes. Repaired roads Valognes to Bricqubec; Bricqubec to Blandamowc. Water Point established at O-255083 opened at 291300 B June 1944.

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157TH ENGR. (C) BATTALION

November, 1944

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1 November 1944: The Battalion CP, with H&S Company, was located at Lamath. Companies A and B were bivouacked in Luneville. Company C was bivouacked in Xermamenil. The Battalion had as a primary mission the maintenance of the Corps MSR (Route D-9 from Charmes to RJ N-414 at Xermamenil, Route N-414 to Rehainviller, Route N-4 from Luneville to Manonviller). Secondary missions were as follows:

Company A - Operating XV Corps Engineer Dump located in Luneville.
- Furnish security for Water Points located in Luneville and Virecourt.
- Furnishing Engineer guard for the bridge across the Meurthe River east of Frambois.

Company B - Furnishing Engineer guard for the bridges across the Vézouse River at Marianville, Thiebaumenil and Manonviller.

Company C - Building access road for the 616th Medical Clearing Company at Romain.
- Graveling Motor Park for the 11th Evacuation Hospital near Bayon.

2 November, 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November 1944) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 1 November except for the following changes:

Companies B & C - 77 French laborers hired in an attempt to keep the mud off the MSR.

Company C - Completed work on the access road for the 616th Medical Clearing Company at Romain. Building access road for the 7th Army NP Center at Romain.

3 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November 1944) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 2 November except for the following changes:

Companies B & C - 65 French laborers hired to work as on the 2nd.

4 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November 1944) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as on the 3 November except for the following changes:

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Company A - Security detail for the water point at Virecourt moved with the water point to Bayon.

Awards and

Companies B & C - 79 French laborers hired to work as on the 2nd.

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1 Purple I
1 Cluster
7 Bronze

Note: The Vezouse River rose rapidly during the night 3-4 November. The bridge at Thiebaumenil was under water but remained open for traffic. The north end of the bridge appeared to float. The bridge was weighted with gravel on the flooring and sandbags on the rails.

Prisoners

5 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as on 4 November except for the following changes:

Battle and

Companies B & C - No French laborers were hired.

Officers:

Note: (1) The Vezouse River was still in flood. Traffic continued to use the Thiebaumenil bridge.

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(2) The French laborers hired for the purpose of keeping mud off the MSR were not reemployed since it was found that they were making little progress. In an attempt to remove the mud more quickly, a drag was made using channel iron for the cutting blade, (see Incl #5). This drag proved to be better than other methods attempted, but it was not suitable for removing mud from hard surfaces. It was useful in the removal of the slush which formed on top of the mud packed on the MSR. Other methods attempted to remove the mud from the MSR and other roads were:
(1) Use of a patrol grader. This method was abandoned, though more satisfactory than others, for fear of damaging the road surface and because of the excessive wear on the grader blade.
(2) Use of a single "I" beam as a drag. This method did not prove satisfactory.

6 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 5 November except for the following changes:

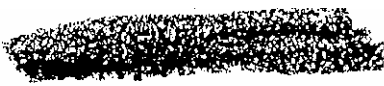
Company C - Completed access road for the 7th Army NP Center at Romain. Completed graveling motor park of the 11th Evacuation Hospital near Bayon.

Note: Water was not over the Thiebaumenil bridge. The bridge was in good condition and open for traffic.

7 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 6 November except for the following changes:

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Company B - Checked areas for mines at Q170015 and Q197036.

Note: Artillery concentration in the forward area. Traffic on Route N-4 was very heavy. Survey of vehicles crossing the Vezouse River bridges was taken. Survey revealed: Over 1100 vehicles crossing the Manonviller bridge; over 1000 vehicles crossing the Marainville bridge; and over 200 vehicles crossing the Thiebaumenil bridge between the hours of 0900 and 1630.

8 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 7 November except for the following changes:

Company B - Building approximately 150 yards of corduroy and gravel road to proposed gun emplacements at V190998.

Company C - Constructed culvert at Q170015.

Note: All rivers in the area were flooded. At the bridge east of Frambois across the Meurthe River, the water was up to the stringers of the bridge. The western approach to the bridge was under water but still open for traffic. The approaches of the bridge at Marainville and Manonviller (across the Vezouse River) were under water. Both bridges were open for traffic. The bridge at Thiebaumenil across the Vezouse River was approximately 3' under water and closed to traffic.

9 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as on the 8th except as follows:

Company A - Graveled entrance road to Corps weather station.

Note: Rivers in area were still flooded. Water point at Bayon was flooded out and moved to Virecourt.


10 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as on the 9th except as follows:

Company B - Finished constructing road for gun emplacements at coord Q190998.

Company C - Constructing road to, and a position for, artillery at V176966.

Note: Rivers in areas remained at flood stage.

11 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as on the 10th except as follows:



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Companies B & C - Searched railroads in assigned area for mines.

Company B - Graveling approaches to bridges crossing the Vezouse River at Marainville and Manonviller.

Awards and

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1 Purple

1 Cluster

7 Bronze

Prisoners

Battle and

Officers:

Enlisted:

Note: The Vezouse River dropped approximately one-half foot. The bridge at Thiebaumenil was opened to all traffic that could successfully pass through the water over the bridge, (2½-ton 6x6 or larger). The Meurthe River was dropping slowly.

12 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 November) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as the 11th except as follows:

Company C - Improved road near Marainville for the Artillery.

13 November 1944: The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the battalion area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of Route N-4 from Luneville to Marainviller, Route IC 19³ from RJ N-4 to Laneuveville; Route N-59 from RJ IC 22¹² to Luneville. Secondary missions were as follows:

Company A - Operating XV Corps Engineer Dump located at Luneville.
- Furnishing security for two water points located in Luneville and Virecourt.
- Furnishing Engineer guard for the bridge across the Meurthe River east of Frambois.

Company B - Furnishing Engineer guard for timber trestle bridges across the Vezouse River at Marainville, Thiebaumenil and Manonviller.

14 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (13 November) secondary missions of the battalion were as for 13 November except for the following changes:

Company A - The squad guarding the water point at Virecourt was relieved and the water point closed.

Company B - Relieved from furnishing Engineer guard for the timber trestle bridges across the Vezouse River at Marainville, Thiebaumenil and Manonviller.

15 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (13 November) secondary missions of the battalion were as for 14 November except for the following changes:

Company A - Furnishing security for a water point opened at coord. V199983.

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16 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (13 November), secondary missions of the battalion were as for 15 November except for the following changes:

Company A - Graveling entrance road for Artillery position on railroad south of Embermenil.

Company B - Graveling Artillery position and building approach road north of Thiebaumenil.
- Checked an area for mines in the Foret de Parroy for Artillery.

17 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (13 November), secondary missions for the battalion were as for 16 November.

18 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (13 November) secondary missions of the battalion were as for 17 November except for the following changes:

Company A - Completed graveling entrance road for Artillery on railroad track south of Embermenil.

Company B - Completed graveling artillery positions and entrance road north of Thiebaumenil.

Company C - Repairing railroad crossing (by-pass) at Q255041.

Note: During this period dump trucks were employed extensively. Truck tires were being subjected to every hazard. Company A had 32 flat tires within 24 hours on the 9 dump trucks assigned to the company, Company C had 24 and Company B approximately 15 in the same period. Cargo trucks were deadlined and their tires used to replace those going on the dump trucks. Maintenance crews were patching tires during the night as well as the day in order to have all dump trucks working.

19 November 1944: The primary mission of the battalion was changed effective midnight 18-19 November 1944 along with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had a primary mission of maintaining Route IC 19² from Laneuveville to Embermenil, Route IC 19 to RJ IC 21¹⁵, IC 21¹⁵ to Amenoncourt, IC 19² from RJ IC 19 to Amenoncourt, Route IC 19 from Domjevin to Veho. Maintenance of the 44th Division MSR (railroad bed from Embermenil to Avricourt). Secondary missions were as follows:

Company A - Operating XV Corps Engineer Dump at Luneville.
- Furnishing security for water points located at Luneville and at V199983.
- Checking Route IC 19 E4 from Veho to RJ V0, V0 road from RJ 19 E4 north to Route IC 19 1 for mines.

Company B - Checking north side of railroad fill and telegraph line from Embermenil to Avricourt for mines.

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Company C - Repairing railroad crossing (by-pass) at Q255041.

20 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (19 November) secondary missions of the battalion were as for 19 November except for the following changes:

Awards and

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1 Purple Heart

1 Cluster

7 Bronze Stars

Prisoners

Battle and

Company A - Completed checking Route 19 E4 from Veho to RJ VO, VO road from RJ 19 E4 north to RJ IC 19 1 for mines.

Company B - Completed checking north side of railroad fill and telegraph line from Embermenil to Avricourt for mines.

Company C - Completed repair of railroad crossing (by-pass) at Q 255041.

Officers:

Enlisted:

21 November 1944: The battalion Headquarters, H&S Company and Company C moved to Rechicourt-Le Chateau, Company A (minus one platoon) moved to Foulcrey. The primary mission of the battalion changed as did the area of responsibility. The primary mission of the battalion changed to the maintenance of Route N-4 from RJ 285 to Heming and the maintenance of other main roads in the area of responsibility. Secondary missions were as follows:

Company A - Operating the XV Corps Engineer Dump at Luneville.
- Furnishing security for water points at Luneville and coord V 198993.
- Furnishing security for 1109th Engr (C) Group Hq.

22 November 1944: Company B moved to Heming. In addition to the primary mission (21 November), secondary missions of the battalion were as for 21 November except for the following changes:

Company A - Squads guarding the water points moved with the water points, one to Foulcrey, one to Heming.
- Maintaining Route N-4 from RJ 285 to Heming.

Company B - Repaired crossing over railroad at Q 382095.
- Improving by-pass and bridge at Grandrexange, (Q405100).

Company C - Filled crater on Route N-4 at Q382042.
- Filled in AT ditch on N-4 at Q401070.

23 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (21 November 1944) secondary missions of the battalion were as for 22 November except for the following changes:

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- Company B - Completed by-pass and bridge repair at Grand-
rexe (Q405100).
 - Checked area (10' on either side of road) in area
Route 55 - Barchain for mines for a proposed ASP
position.
 - Removed log-pile obstacle from Route N-4 in Sarre-
bourg.
 - Company C - Built a 50' one-way bridge on Route N-4 across the
Rhin-Marne Canal at Heming.

24 November 1944: Battalion Headquarters, H&S Company, Company A
(minus one platoon) and Company C moved to Sarrebourg. Area of responsi-
bility changed, changing the primary mission as follows: Maintain Route
N-4 from RJ 285 to Sarrebourg. Secondary missions were the same as for
23 November except for the following changes:

- Company A - Moving XV Corps Engineer Dump to Sarrebourg.
 - Water point guard at Foulcrey moved with water
point to Sarrebourg.

25 November 1944: Primary mission changed as follows: Maintain
Route N-4 from Heming to Sarrebourg. Secondary missions remained the
same as for 24 November except for the following changes:

- Company A - Filled crater in road at Q408104.

26 November 1944: Company B moved to Sarrebourg. All Engineer
missions suspended. Battalion and 163rd Engineer (C) Battalion organized
for the defense of Sarrebourg and moved into position around the city.

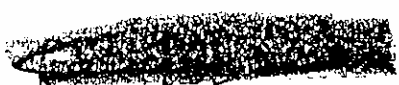
27 November 1944: Mission of the battalion was as on 26 November.

28 November 1944: Company B moved to Phalsbourg. The primary mis-
sion of the battalion changed as did the area of responsibility. The
primary mission of the battalion was the maintenance of Route N-4 from
Phalsbourg to Saverne. Secondary missions were the same as on 27 Novem-
ber except for the following changes:

- Company A - Guards on water point at Heming moved with the
water point to Phalsbourg.

29 November 1944: Battalion Headquarters, H&S Company and Company A
moved to Phalsbourg. Company C moved to Rauwiller. In addition to the
primary mission (28 November) secondary missions were the same as on the
28 November except for the following changes:

- Company C - Constructed an 80' DS Bailey Bridge at Hirschland
(Q541259).


30 November 1944: In addition to the primary mission (28 November) secondary missions were the same as on the 29 November except for the following changes:

Awards and

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1 Purple H
1 Cluster
7 Bronze S

Prisoners

Battle and

Company A - Graveling entrance road and hard standing for the 117th Evacuation Hospital at Phalsbourg.


Company B - Checked area for mines at Q 490073.
- Filled crater in road for 121st Cavalry at Q 700320

NOTE: (1) Continuous Engineer reconnaissance was made of all assigned areas throughout the month.

(2) Water points distributed a total of 670,902 gallons during the month.

Officers:

Enlisted M


KEITH C. STAINBROOK,
Lt. Colonel, CE,
Commanding

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Incl #1 - Roster of Officers
" #2 - Personnel Report of Losses
" #3 - Operations Journal
" #4 - S-4 Materiel Summary
" #5 - Sketch of Drag
" #6 - Compiled overlay of areas assigned

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HEADQUARTERS
157TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
APO 758 US Army

Roster of Officers
as of 30 November 1944

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Bn T/O Position</u>
Keith C. Stainbrook	0-422615	Lt Col	Bn Comdr
Harry C. Davis	0-456336	Major	S-3
William G. Hogue	0-453254	Major	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	0-1108855	Captain	S-4
Herbert A. Benton, Jr.	0-1111489	Captain	Co Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	0-1103142	Captain	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	0-521480	Captain	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	0-1112752	Captain	Adjutant
James K. Polk	0-1103364	Captain	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	0-511523	Captain	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	0-1103417	Captain	Co Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	0-1112378	1st Lt	ADE
Lowell O. Carlsted	0-1111535	1st Lt	Platoon L
Thomas W. Crites	0-1557711	1st Lt	Platoon L
Cecil E. Jones	0-532348	1st Lt	Platoon L
Richard M. Lane	0-1112811	1st Lt	Platoon L
Robert G. Lyneis	0-1111749	1st Lt	Co Comdr
LeRoy H. Moline	0-1112872	1st Lt	Platoon L
Hurley D. Rogers	0-1557663	1st Lt	Platoon L
Paul H. Stromquist	0-1113006	1st Lt	Platoon L
Robert M. Zeek	0-1112541	1st Lt	Maint O
Richard V. Addy	0-1114042	2nd Lt	Asst S-3
Donald J. Chappuis	0-528078	2nd Lt	Adm O
Joe P. Harle	0-1596349	2nd Lt	Adm O
James W. Lindsey	0-1116392	2nd Lt	Platoon L
William A. Stirling, Jr.	0-1596518	2nd Lt	Adm O
Raymond F. Yunker	0-1557809	2nd Lt	Platoon L
George L. Carroll	W-2126128	CWO	Asst S-4
Byron M. Irwin	W-2126677	WOJG	Pers O
Clyde W. Powell	W-2131370	WOJG	Motor Trans O

Promotion of Officers during month of November 1944: None.

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Awards and

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1. Prisoners of War for November 1944: None.

1 Purple Heart
1 Cluster
7 Bronze Star

2. Casualties:

Prisoners

Battle and

Officers:

Enlisted Men:

Battle
None

Two (2)

Non-Battle
None

Thirteen (13)

Officers:

Enlisted Men:

Note: The two battle casualties were wounded while on Special Duty with the Provisional Treadway Bridge Platoon of the 1109th Engineer (C) Gp under the command of 1st Lt Lowell O. Carlsted. They were wounded while hauling bridge material for the Provisional Platoon. 1 EM LWA, and 1 EM SWA.

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HEADQUARTERS 157TH ENGINEER (C) BATTALION

Period, 01001 December, 1944 - 312359 December, 1944

(Map References: 36/13, 36/14, 36/15, 37/13, 37/14, 37/15, Scale 1:50,000)

1 December 1944: When the period opened, the battalion CP was located at Phalsbourg (Q 649187). Companies H&S, A & B were bivouacked at Phalsbourg. Company C was bivouacked at Rauwiller (Q 538238). The Battalion had, as a primary mission, the maintenance of the Corps MSR, (Route N-4 from Phalsbourg to Saverne) and the Division MSR (Route N-61 from Phalsbourg to Metting and IC 122 E to Eschbourg.) Secondary missions were as follows:

- Company A - Operating Engr. dump at Sarrebourg (Q 531134).
 - Furnishing Engr. guard for bridge across Marne-Rhine Canal at Heming (Route N-4).
 - Graveling road and hard standing for 117th Evac. Hospital at Phalsbourg.
 - Furnishing security for water points.
 - Assisting in the preparation of a fortified position at Q 484151 to be used for training purposes.
- Company B - Completed removing obstacles for 121st Cavalry at Q 728351.
 - Assisting in the preparation of a fortified position at Q 484151 to be used for training purposes.
- Company C - Preparing site for 57th Field Hospital at Q 538238.
 - Assisting in the preparation of a fortified position at Q 484151 to be used for training purposes.

2 December 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 December) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 1 December except for the following changes:

- Companies A, B & C - 1 platoon training in the technique of the assault of a fortified position.
- Company C - Furnishing Engr. guard for the Bailey Bridge at Hirschland (Q 541259).

3 December 1944: In addition to the primary mission (1 December) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 2 December, except for the following changes:

- Company C - Filled crater on Route N-61 at Q 617262 and removed obstacles from the road at Q 683230, Q 689222 and Q 688224.
- Company B - Relieved Co A of operation of Engr. dump and security of water points.

4 December 1944: In addition to primary mission (1 December) secondary missions were the same as on 3 December, except for the following changes:

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Company A - Constructed a timber trestle bridge near Adamswiller at coord. Q 619343. (The bridge was WO 2W10 2@15 1@8 . Construction was started at 040800A hrs December 1944 and completed at 042300A hrs December 1944.)
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5 December 1944: During the night, the Bn CP with H&S Company moved to Ottwiller (Q 629295); Company A moved to Asswiller (Q 622312) and Company C moved to Schoenbourg (Q 655260). The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the Division MSR (Route D-111 from RJ N-4 to RJ N-61, Route N-61 from Siewiller to Drulingen, IC 182 from Drulingen to Bettwiller, IC 95 from Bettwiller to Durstel, IC 39 from Durstel to Adamswiller) and the Corps MSR (Route IC 20, from Weyer to Drulingen). Secondary missions were the same for December except for the following:

Company A - Furnishing Engr. guard for bridge at Q 619343.

Company B - Security detail for water point at Phalsbourg moved with the water point to Ottwiller.

5 December 1944: NOTE: All companies completed training in the technique of the assault of a fortified position. (Each company detailed 1 platoon to train in this subject). This training was carried out under the direction of the 1109th Engr (C) Group with direct supervision by the CO, Company B, this battalion.)

6 December 1944: Company B moved to Lohr (Q 640288), Company C moved to Siewiller. In addition to the primary mission (5 December) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 5 December except for the following changes:

Company A - Graveling entrance road for Medical Clearing Co (Q 682298).

Company C - Guarding German Ammo dump (Q 571221).

7 December 1944: The primary mission (December 6) was changed to include the maintenance of the VO road from Diemeringen to RJ Q 633406. Secondary missions were the same except for the following missions:

Company A - Completed graveling of entrance road for Medical Clearing Co (Q 682298).

Company B - Security detail for water point at Sarrebourg moved with the water point to Bettwiller.

- Repairing railroad by-pass (Q 604363).
- Removed road-block (Q 668403).

8 December 1944: Company B moved to Adamswiller (Q 611341). The primary mission (7 December) was changed to include the maintenance of Route IC 35 et from Bettwiller to Rexingen (RJ IC 71), Route IC 71 from Rexingen to RJ IC 9a

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to Mackwiller, unnumbered Route from Mackwiller to Diemeringen. Secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 7 December except for the following changes:

Company A - Relieved of the guard of the German Ammo dump (Q 571221).

Company B - Security detail for the water point at Ottwiller moved with water point to Diemeringen.

9 December 1944: The Battalion CP and H&S Co moved to Waldhambach (Q 620366). In addition to the primary mission (8 December) the secondary missions of the battalion were the same as on the 8 December, except as follows:

Company C - Removed one of the two treadway bridges and constructed bridge at Rahling (Q 621439). The bridge was sb 2W10 1029
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Started 090800A December 1944 constructing one half of bridge at a time in order not to impair the flow of heavy traffic. Completed one half of bridge at 091500A December.

10 December 1944: Company C moved to Mackwiller (Q 590365.) In addition to the primary mission (8 December) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as on the 9 December, except as follows:

Company A - Furnishing Engr. bridge guard at Q 643430, Q 619343, Q 609352, Q 608366, Q 609366 and Q 620438.

Company C - Remaining treadway bridge removed and work started at 100800A December on the second half of the bridge, partially completed on 9 December, and was completed at 101245A December.

11 December 1944: The primary mission of the battalion was changed with the change in the battalion area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the Division MSR (VO road from Diemeringen to RJ IC 123, Route IC 123 to RJ GC 146). Secondary missions were the same as for 10 December 1944 except as follows:

Company A - Checking reported minefield in vicinity of Q 640411 and Q 676344 for mines.

Company B - Furnishing Engr. guard of bridges at Q 645431, Q 602398, Q 621438 and Q 622421.

12 December 1944: Company A moved to Butten (Q 622415). The primary mission was changed to include the following: Maintenance of Route GC 27 from RJ N-419 to Rahling and Route GC 109 from RJ GC 27 to RJ GC 146. Secondary missions were the same as 11 December, except for the following change:

Company A - Completed checking of reported AP minefields in vicinity of Q 640411 and Q 676344. 18 S-mines were found at Q 676412.

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13 December 1944: The primary mission was the same as for 12 December except for the addition of the following: Maintenance of Route GC 27 from Rahling to Rohrbach and Route GC 109 from RJ GC 146 to Enchenberg. Secondary missions were the same as for 12 December except for the following changes:

Company A - Repaired blown culvert on road at Q 672453.

14 December 1944: The battalion CP and H&S Company moved into the woods at 671428. Company C moved to Montbronn (Q 692441), Company B moved to Ratzwiller (Q 638395). The primary mission was the same as for the 13 of December. Secondary missions were changed as follows:

Company A - Filled craters on road at Q 678468, Q 675471, Q 680469, Q 699471 and Q 704465.

Company B - Security detail for waterpoint at Bettwiller moved with the water point to Q 662449.

Company C - Checked minefields reported at Q 649478 and Q 708453. Six Riegel mines were found at Q 649478, 5 Topf mines were found at Q 709455, 12 Topf mines were found at Q 711452.

15 December 1944: In addition to primary mission, (13 December) the secondary mission of the battalion was the same as for 14 December, except for the following change:

Company A - Checking reported minefields at Q 691408, Q 677431, Q 675409 and road from Q 648459 to Bining.

16 December 1944: In addition to primary mission 13 December, the secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 15 December except for the following change:

Company A - Completed checking of reported minefields at the following coord: Q 691408, Q 677431, Q 675409 and checked road from Q 648459 to Bining for mines. Six Topf mines were found at Q 700472, 8 U.S. mines were found at Q 668472, and 2 U.S. mines were found at Q 665453.

Company B - Removed treadway and constructed bridge at Q 710506:
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ber and completed 161430A December 1944. Original position of treadway was changed so that bridge could be constructed one half at a time without stopping traffic.

Company C - Removed tank and two jeeps from road at Q 649478. (During the operation, 1st Lt. Richard M. Lane, O-1112811, was killed by a mine that was under the tank track. In moving the tank with

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a D-7 Bulldozer, one tread of the dozer hit the mine, causing it to explode. One track of the D-7 was blown off, but the operator escaped injury). This area was previously searched for mines and five Riegel mines were found and destroyed. The area was rechecked and no more mines were found.

17 December 1944: In addition to the primary mission (13 December) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 16 December.

18 December 1944: In addition to the primary mission (13 December) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 17 December except for the following changes:

Company B - Engr. bridge guards were relieved of the guard of bridges located at the following coord: Q 645431, Q 602398, Q 621438 and assigned new bridges at coord. Q 709458, Q 642430, Q 592392 and Q 620439.

19 December 1944: Primary mission of the battalion was the same as for 13 December. Secondary missions were the same as for 18 December.

20 December 1944: In addition to primary mission (13 December) secondary missions were the same as for 18 December, except for the following changes:

Company C - Searching for mines in the vicinity of Q 670407 and Q 705480.

21 December 1944: The primary mission of the battalion was the same as for 13 December except for the addition of the following: The maintenance of unnumbered road from Enchenberg to Lambach. Secondary missions were the same as for 20 December, except for the following change:

Company A - Constructed box culvert at Bettwiller.

Company C - Completed searching for mines in vicinity of Q 670407 and Q 705480. Nine "S" mines were found at Q 669405; 6 Topf mines were found at Q 706480; 48 Topf mines were found at Q 715480.

22 December 1944: The primary mission of the battalion was the same as for 21 December. Secondary missions were the same as for 21 Dec.

Company C - Searching for mines in the vicinity of Q 717481. (While searching for mines in this area, four enlisted men were killed and 7 enlisted men were injured by a mine explosion. The area where the accident occurred had been previously swept and probed. The mine is believed to have been a Topf mine.)

23 December 1944: In addition to the primary mission (21 December) secondary missions were the same as for 22 December except for the following change:

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Company C - 1 platoon attached to 119th Engr Bn for work on road, Rohrbach-Guising-Bettwiller-Rimling.

24 December 1944: Company A attached to 121st Cavalry and moved to Q 333638. The primary mission of the battalion was the same as for 21 December. Secondary missions were the same as for 23 December, except for the following changes:

Company B - Building road for 100th Medical Clearing Co.

Company C - 1 platoon relieved from attachment to 119th Engr. Bn.

25 December 1944: The primary mission changed as follows: Maintenance of Route GC 27 from RJ N-419 to Rohrbach; maintenance of Route GC 109 from Rahling to RJ GC 146. Secondary missions were the same as for 24 December, except for the following changes:

Company B - Road for 100th Medical Clearing Co completed.

26 December 1944: Primary mission was the same as for 25 December. Secondary missions were the same as for 25 December 1944.

27 December 1944: Primary mission of the battalion changed to the following: Maintenance of IC 123 1 from Diemeringen to Montbronn inclusive; Division MSR and maintenance of IC 8 a from Lorentzen to Rahling. Secondary missions were the same as for the 26th of December, except for the following changes:

Company C - Removed 60' DS Bailey Bridge located on front line near Rimling. Started at 262200A December 1944, completed 270430A December. (An attempt to remove this bridge during daylight hours was given up due to enemy artillery action. While removing the bridge, 2 squads with 30 cal. (Hv) MG's were emplaced to reinforce the infantry.

28 December 1944: In addition to the primary mission, 27 December, secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 27 December.

29 December 1944: The battalion CP, H&S Co, and B Co moved to Voelleringen (Q 566404). Co C moved to Bitten (Q 623414). In addition to the primary mission, 27 December, secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 28 December.

30 December 1944: The primary mission of the battalion was the same as for 27 December. Secondary missions were the same as for 29 December except for the following changes:

Company B - Engr. guard for bridges at Q 642430, Q 622421, Q 592392, Q 620439 and Q 616414 were relieved.

Companies B & C - Preparing barriers in area of responsibility.

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31 December 1944: Primary mission was the same as for 27 December 1944. Secondary missions were the same as for 30 December, except for the following changes:

Companies B & C - Guarding bridges and obstacles which were prepared for demolition in the area.

Companies A & B - 1271st Engr (C) Bn - attached to the 157th Engr (C) Bn for operations, assisting in the preparation of barriers.

Special Notes: The battalion Water Supply Section dispensed 627,525 gallons of water during the month.

The period closed with the enlisted personnel of the field elements of Companies B & C scattered throughout the area as guards on Obstacles prepared for demolition. Thus, for routine engineer duties within the Battalion area of responsibility, there were no personnel available from this Battalion. Attached Companies B & C of the 1271st Engineer (C) Battalion were carrying on the necessary work.


KEITH C. STAINBROOK,
Lt. Colonel, CE,
Commanding.

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1. Prisoners of War for December 1944: None
2. Casualties:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>Battle</u> <u>Wounded</u>	<u>Non-Battle</u>
Officers:	1	0	0
Enlisted Men:	5	7	12

Note:

The KIA's were as follows: 1st Lt Richard M. Lane, O-1112811, killed by the explosion of a mine while directing a D-7 Bulldozer on road work. S Sgt Paul P. Harpster, 33508129, Pvt Paul M. Horsley, Jr., 33634213, Pvt Clarence E. Keister, 33502002, and Pvt Robert L. Runkle, 33508189 were KIA when their squad truck struck a mine on the road which they were checking for mines. Pvt William J. Keating, 33508171 was accidentally killed by the explosion of a booby trap he was installing.

Personnel shown as wounded were wounded when the above enlisted men were KIA from the mine explosion. One enlisted man was accidentally wounded. While taking a grenade out of box to use as a booby trap he accidentally dislodged the pin thereby permitting the grenade to explode. 5 LWA, 2 SWA.

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Roster of Officers
as of 31 December 1944

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Bn T/O Position</u>
Keith C. Stainbrook	O-422615	Lt Col	Bn Comdr
Harry C. Davis	O-456336	Major	S-3
William G. Hogue	O-453254	Major	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	O-1108855	Captain	S-4
Herbert A. Benton, Jr.	O-1111489	Captain	Co Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	O-1103142	Captain	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	O-521480	Captain	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	O-1112752	Captain	Adjutant
James K. Polk	O-1103364	Captain	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	O-511523	Captain	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	O-1103417	Captain	Co Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	O-1112378	1st Lt	ADJ
Lowell O. Carlsted	O-1111535	1st Lt	Platoon L
Thomas W. Crites	O-1557711	1st Lt	Platoon L
Cecil E. Jones	O-532348	1st Lt	Platoon L
Clifford P. Johnson	O-1111691	1st Lt	Reconn O
Robert G. Lyneis	O-1111749	1st Lt	Co Comdr
LeRoy H. Moline	O-1112872	1st Lt	Platoon L
Harley D. Rogers	O-1557663	1st Lt	Platoon L
Paul H. Stromquist	O-1113006	1st Lt	Platoon L
Robert M. Zeek	O-1112541	1st Lt	Maint O
Richard V. Addy	O-1114042	2nd Lt	Asst S-3
Donald J. Chappuis	O-528078	2nd Lt	Adm O
Paul W. Franklin	O-1999480	2nd Lt	Asst S-2
Joe P. Harle	O-1596349	2nd Lt	Adm O
James W. Lindsey	O-1116392	2nd Lt	Platoon L
William A. Stirling, Jr.	O-1596518	2nd Lt	Adm O
Raymond F. Yunker	O-1557809	2nd Lt	Platoon L
George L. Carroll	W-2126128	CWO	Asst S-4
Byron M. Irwin	W-2126677	CWO	Pers O
Clyde W. Powell	W-2131370	WOJG	Motor Trans O

Promotion of Officers during month of December 1944:

Paul W. Franklin commissioned 2nd Lt per par 5 SO #350 Hq ATOUSA dated 18 December 1944 effective 8 December 1944.

Byron M. Irwin apmt CWO from WOJG per par 11 SO #255, Hq Seventh Army, APO 756, dated 8 December 1944.

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Period, 010001 January 1945 - 312359 January 1945

(Map References: 36/13, 36/14, 37/13, 37/14 - Scale 1:50,000)

1 January 1945: When the period opened, the battalion CP was located at Voellerdingen (Q 566404). Companies H&S and B were bivouacked at Voellerdingen. Company C was bivouacked at Bitten (Q 623411). Company A was attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron and bivouacked at coord. Q 333638. Companies A and B of the 1271st Engr (C) Bn were attached to this Headquarters for Engineer work. Their bivouacs were respectively Domfessel (Q 572393) and Bitten (Q 623411). The battalion had as a primary mission the maintenance of the MSR (Route IC 123 1 from Diemerdingen to Montbronn) and the MSR (Route IC 8a - GC 27 from Larentzen to Rahling.) Secondary missions were as follows:

Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Occupied defensive positions on MLR from coord. Q 329696 to coord. Q 348645. Headquarters Platoon moved from Karlsbrunn (Q 333638) to new bivouac at Merlebach (Q 320610).

Company B - Furnishing security of water points.

- Guarding bridges and obstacles that were previously prepared for demolition.
- Security patrol to bridges and obstacles every two hours.
- Security Group Headquarters.

Company C - Guarding bridges and obstacles that were previously prepared for demolition.

- Security patrol to bridges and obstacles every two hours.

Company A, 1271st Engr (C) Bn -

- Preparing defense of Company bivouac area.
- Maintenance work on Corps and Divisions MSR's.

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Company B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn - Constructing obstacles in area.

- Outpost guard for town of Bitten.
- Laying minefield in vicinity of Rohrbach.

2 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 January), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 1 January.

(Note: 11 EM, Co "A", reported MIA while defending position 400 yards NW of Schafbach, Germany. Men were last seen at 010030A January, 1945, during enemy attack.)

3 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 January) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 2 January except for the following changes:

Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Relieved from outposting the MLR.
- Prepared road blocks from coord. Q 353651 to coord. Q 325693.
- Strung tactical wire from coord. Q 328693 to coord. Q 330669.
- Headquarters Platoon moved to Karlsbrunn, Germany, (Q 333638).

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HEADQUARTERS 157TH ENGINEER (C) BATTALION

Period, 010001 January 1945 - 312359 January 1945

(Map References: 36/13, 36/14, 37/13, 37/14 - Scale 1:50,000)

1 January 1945: When the period opened, the battalion CP was located at Voellerdingen (Q 560404). Companies H&S and B were bivouacked at Voellerdingen. Company C was bivouacked at Bitten (Q 623414). Company A was attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron and bivouacked at coord. Q 333638. Companies A and B of the 1271st Engr (C) Bn were attached to this Headquarters for Engineer work. Their bivouacs were respectively Domfessel (Q 572393) and Bitten (Q 623414). The battalion had as a primary mission the maintenance of the MSR (Route IC 123 1 from Diemerdingen to Montbronn) and the MSR (Route IC 8a - GC 27 from Larentzen to Rahling.) Secondary missions were as follows:

- Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):
 - Occupied defensive positions on MLR from coord. Q 329696 to coord. Q 348645. Headquarters Platoon moved from Karlsbrunn (Q 333638) to new bivouac at Merlebach (Q 320610).
- Company B - Furnishing security of water points.
 - Guarding bridges and obstacles that were previously prepared for demolition.
 - Security patrol to bridges and obstacles every two hours.
 - Security Group Headquarters.
- Company C - Guarding bridges and obstacles that were previously prepared for demolition.
 - Security patrol to bridges and obstacles every two hours.
- Company A, 1271st Engr (C) Bn -
 - Preparing defense of Company bivouac area.
 - Maintenance work on Corps and Divisions MSR's.
- Company B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn - Constructing obstacles in area.
 - Outpost guard for town of Bitten.
 - Laying minefield in vicinity of Rohrbach.

2 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 January), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 1 January.

(Note: 11 EM, Co "A", reported MIA while defending position 1400 yards NW of Schafbach, Germany. Men were last seen at 010030A January, 1945, during enemy attack.

3 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 January) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 2 January except for the following changes:

- Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):
 - Relieved from outposting the MLR.
 - Prepared road blocks from coord. Q 353651 to coord. Q 325693.
 - Strung tactical wire from coord. Q 328693 to coord. Q 330669.
 - Headquarters Platoon moved to Karlsbrunn, Germany, (Q 333638).

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Company B - Security for water point at coord. Q 662449. Moved with the water point to Bettwiller (Q 589322).

4 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 January), secondary missions were the same as for 3 January except for the following changes:

Company A (attached to 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Prepared abatis from coord. Q 283641 to coord. Q 331639.
- Prepared demolitions for craters from coord. Q 331636 to coord. Q 331639.
- Blew bridge at coord. Q 283658.
- Blew abatis at coord. Q 292647.
- Prepared bridge for demolition at coord. Q 295666.

5 January 1945: Co "A" of the 1271st Engr (C) Bn was relieved from attachment to this Headquarters for Engineer work. In addition to the primary mission (1 January), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 4 January, except for the following changes:

Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Prepared abatis for demolition from coord. Q 282639 to coord. Q 333641.
- Dug trenches and laid AT and AP mines at coord. Q 334703 as road block.
- Installed tactical wire on high ground in vicinity of coord. Q 329692.

Company B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn - Relieved of all other jobs and assigned to maintenance of roads exclusively.

6 January 1945: The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: GC 27 from Rahling SW to RJ N-419; N-419 from RJ GC 27 to Diemeringen to RJ IC 39; IC 39 to Durstel to Drulingen to RJ N -61; from RJ IC 39 SE on N-61 to Phalsbourg, exclusive. Secondary missions were the same as for 5 January except as follows:

Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Dug communications trench on west slope of Hill 267 at coord. Q 332697.
- Laid AP mines from coord. Q 327687 to coord. Q 332697.
- Laid minefield at coord. Q 328692.
- Installed tactical wire in vicinity of coord. Q 352684.

7 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for the 6 January, except for the following changes:

Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Placed booby traps and filled trenches in front of defensive position at coord. Q 332691.
- Placed booby traps along a general line from coord. Q 328692 to coord. Q 332692.
- Placed booby traps around defensive line on Hill 267 at coord. Q 267697.

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Company B - Relieved of security of Group Headquarters.

8 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 7 January except for the following changes:

Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Placed booby traps and filled trenches in front of defensive positions at Q 329693.
- Laid AT and AP minefield from Q 327680 to Q 328678.
- Placed ~~XX~~ AP and AT road block at coord. Q 332693.
- Dug communications trench at Q 332697.
- Strung tactical wire from coord. Q 326680 to coord. Q 329670.

9 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 8 January except for the following changes:

Company A (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Dug communications trench on west slope of Hill 267 at coord. Q 332697. 90% completed.
- Cleared axial trails running parallel with road - Ludweiler, Warndt to Karlingen of abatis and other obstacles.
- Laid AP mine road block at coord. Q 331699.
- Constructed two dug-outs to shelter personnel on defensive line at coord. Q 329690 (75% completed).
- Strung tactical wire from coord. Q 329670 to coord. Q 333666.

Company B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn - 1 platoon prepared Infantry positions near Guising.

10 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for the 9th of January except for the following changes:

Company A - (Attached to 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Completed two dug-outs to shelter men manning defensive positions at coord. Q 329690.
- Completed communications trench on west slope of Hill 267 at coord. Q 332697.
- Cleared abatis on east-west trail at coord. Q 323636 and coord. Q 312633.
- Made safe lane through booby traps at coord. Q 331701 for reconnaissance patrol.
- Reconnaissance made of approach routes to MLR.

Company B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn - Relieved of work on Infantry positions near Guising.

- Removing snow and ice from roads in area and stock-piling sand along the road.

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11 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 10 January except for the following changes:

- Company A - (Attached to 121st Cavalry Squadron):
- Prepared abatis at coord. Q 312666, Q 297656, Q 318661 and Q 303623.
 - Executed abatis at coord. Q 289652, Q 291651, Q 288658, Q 302657, Q 303662 and Q 305659.
 - Cleared trail of obstructions (limbs and stumps) from coord. Q 310635 to coord. Q 301636.
 - Dug emplacement for tank at coord. Q 324683.
 - Dug emplacement for MG at coord. Q 326687.

12 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January) secondary missions were the same as for the 11 January, except for the following changes:

- Company A - (Attached to the 121st Cavalry Squadron):
- Constructed rough timber crossing across stream at coord. Q 267617.
 - Posted guard on obstacles in squadron area.
 - Prepared abatis at coord. Q 309666, Q 278638 and Q 306637.
 - Prepared craters at coord. Q 328614, Q 308609, Q 304636 and Q 326636.
 - Prepared bridge for demolition at coord. Q 267617.
 - Constructed emplacement for MG at coord. Q 329692.

Company B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn - Furnishing security for shovel at Keskotel (Q 499433).

- 1 platoon preparing Infantry positions from coord. Q 630510 east to coord. Q 670510.

Company A (1271st Engr (C) Bn - (Attached for Engineer work):

- 2 platoons preparing Infantry positions.

Company C, 1271st Engr (C) Bn (1 platoon attached for Engineer work):

- Preparing Infantry positions.

529th Light Ponton Co, (2 platoons attached for Engineer Work):

- Preparing Infantry positions.

13 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions were the same as for the 12 January except for the following changes:

- Company A (Attached to 121st Cavalry Squadron):
- Prepared shelter for personnel of TD platoon.
 - Prepared abatis for demolition at coord. Q 313648.
 - Prepared craters for demolition at coord. Q 313648 and coord. Q 331698.

14 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions were the same as for the 13 January except for the following changes:

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Company A (Attached to 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Manned position on MLR.
- Maintained guard on prepared obstacles in squadron sector.
- Executed demolition of bridges at coord. Q 325694.

260th Engr (C) Bn (Attached to this Headquarters for Engineer work):

- Helped in preparing Infantry positions from coord. Q 630510 east to coord. Q 670510.

15 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (6 January), secondary missions were the same as for 14 January, except for the following changes:

Company A (Attached to 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- All of company manned defensive position on MLR in squadron sector.

Company C - Relieved Co B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn of security for shovel at Keskattel (Q 499433).

16 January 1945: The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the maintenance of Route N-419 from Domfessel to Diemeringen, and Route GC 27 from Lorentzen to Rahling. Secondary missions were the same as for 15 January, except for the following changes:

Company A (Attached to 121st Cavalry Squadron):

- Manned defensive position on MLR.
(Note: 1 EM wounded by enemy action while capturing enemy patrol of 4 men.)

Company B - All of company relieved of security of bridges and obstacles except 2-1/2 squads.

Company C - All of company relieved of security of bridges and obstacles except 2-1/2 squads.

244th Engr (C) Bn (Attached to this Headquarters for Engr. work):

- Helped in preparing Infantry positions.

(Note: Infantry defense sectors were changed as follows:
Sector (1) Coord. Q 631501 to coord. Q 684512; Sector (2)
Coord. Q 684512 to coord. Q 740519. All attached units
worked on first sector except 2 companies of the 260th
Engr (C) Bn, which were placed on the second sector.

17 January 1945: Companies A and B, 1271st Engr (C) Bn were relieved from attachment to this Headquarters for Engineer work. In addition to the primary mission (16 January), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 16 January.

Companies B & C - All squads not assigned as security for bridges and obstacles prepared infantry positions from coord. Q 631510 to coord. Q 682518.

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18 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (16 January), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for the 17 January, except for the following changes:

Company A - Was relieved of attachment to the 121st Cavalry Squadron.

260th and 244th Engr (C) Battalions were relieved from attachment to this Headquarters for Engineer work.

19 January 1945: Company A moved to Oermingen (Q 556446). The primary mission (16 January) was changed to include the maintenance of Route N-61 from Gungwiller to RJ coord. Q 541357 and Route IC 123 from coord. Q 611421 to coord. Q 632407. Secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for the 18 January except for the following changes:

Company B - Relieved Co "C" of security of bridges and obstacles. All obstacles that this battalion was responsible for were in the 100th Div. area east of Route GC 27 (incl), north of a line between coord. Q 590400 and coord. Q 600994 to Route GC 109 (incl) from Rahling (incl) to coord. Q 674435.

20 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (19 January), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 19 January except for the following changes:

Company A - Remained in their bivouac cleaning and reconditioning their equipment.

Company C - Maintenance of roads.

21 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (19 January) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 20 January except for the following changes:

Company A - Assigned area for preparing Infantry positions. Reconnaissance was made 210800A to 211200A. Work was started at 211230A hrs in the vicinity of Sierstahl.

22 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (19 January) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 21 January.

23 January 1945: The primary mission (19 January) was changed by excluding Route N-61 from Gungwiller to RJ coord. Q 541357; Route IC 123 from coord. Q 611421 to coord. Q 632407. The battalion area of responsibility then included as main routes, Route N -419 from Domfessel to Diemeringen, Route GC 27 from Lorentzen to Rahling. Secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 22 January except for the following changes:

Company C - Relieved of security of shovel at Keskattel (Q 499433) by 1271st Engr (C) Bn.

24 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (23 January) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 23 January.

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25 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (23 January) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 24 January.

26 January 1945: The primary mission (23 January) was changed to include the removal of snow and ice from Route N-61 from Gungwiller to coord. Q 552356; Route D-35 from Fenetrange to Dieuze to Moyenic. Secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 25 January except for the following changes: Sector for the preparation of Infantry positions was changed to the vicinity of RJ (Q 669470) and the vicinity of Sierstahl.

27 January 1945: The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Route N-419 from Domfessel to Sarre-Union; Route N -61 from Sarre-Union to Wolsthof; Route 419 from Domfessel to RJ IC 13 b4; Route GC 27 from Lorentzen to Rahling; Route GC 109 from Rahling to cross roads IC 123; and Route IC 123 from cross roads GC 109 to Die-meringen. Secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 26 January, except for the following changes:

Company A - Preparing Infantry positions in assigned area.

Company B - Preparing Infantry positions in assigned area.

Company C - Maintenance of roads in new area of responsibility.

28 January 1945: Company A moved to Dehlingen (Q 602426). In addition to the primary mission (27 January) secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 27 January.

29 January 1945: The Battalion CP with H&S Co. moved to Lorentzen (Q 590394). Company B moved to Domfessel (Q 572393). In addition to the primary mission (27 January) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 28 January.

30 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (27 January) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 29 January except for the following changes:

Company C - Furnishing security for shovel at Keskatel (Q 499433).

31 January 1945: In addition to the primary mission (27 January) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 30 January.

Special Notes: The battalion and units attached to this battalion did the following work on the preparation of Infantry positions:

- Laid, buried and removed 1,850 yards of Hasty Minefield.
- Laid 21 sections of deliberate minefield; 7 of these sections were buried and completed. Remainder of the work was taken over by the 14th Division.
- Dug 824 two-man foxholes.
- Made 824 concertinas.
- Dug 210 Machine Gun and Mortar positions.
- Strung 9,550 yards of tactical wire.

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The battalion Water Supply section dispensed 451,576 gallons of water during the month.

When the period closed, the battalion was engaged in maintaining roads, security of obstacles, and the preparation of infantry positions.

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KEITH C. STAINBROOK,
Lt. Colonel, CE,
Commanding.

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1. Prisoners of War for January 1945: One.
2. Casualties:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>Battle MIA</u>	<u>Wounded</u>	<u>Non-Battle</u>
Officers:	0	0	0	0
Enlisted Men	0	11	1	16

Note:

The Enlisted Men listed as MIA were last seen at 0030 1 January 1945 while defending positions 400 yards northwest of Schafback, Germany against enemy counter-attack. These men were: Sgt Stephen F. Johnson, 33604348, Sgt Charles J. Sincavage, 33624238, Tec 4 Anthony D. Kuzmickas, 33624307, Tec 5 Joseph F. Oakstan, 33624237, Earnest W. Holt, Pfc, 33648317, Pfc Edward H. Nielsen, 32539422, Pfc Hamet L. Piercy, 33635433, Pfc Howard O. Trott, 33723414, Pvt James N. Athey, 33735155, Pvt Chalmer J. Hixson, 33672103, Pvt Paul Woatich, 33672036.

The Enlisted Man listed as wounded was LWA on the 16 January 1945 near Carlsbrunn, Germany when the outpost he was on was suprised by a German patrol of 4 men. Sgt Charles L. Schriener, 33508099 was struck from a shell from a German Burp Gun causing a compound fracture of the left arm.

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Roster of Officers
as of 31 January 1945

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>Bn T/O Position</u>
Keith C. Stainbrook	O-422615	Lt Col	Bn Comdr
Harry C. Davis	O-456336	Major	S-3
William G. Hogue	O-453254	Major	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	O-1108855	Captain	S-4
Herbert A. Benton, Jr.	O-1111489	Captain	Co Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	O-1103142	Captain	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	O-521480	Captain	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	O-1112752	Captain	Adjutant
James K. Polk	O-1103364	Captain	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	O-511523	Captain	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	O-1103417	Captain	Co Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	O-1112378	1st Lt	ADE
Thomas W. Crites	O-1557711	1st Lt	Plt Ldr
Ceceil E. Jones	O-532348	1st Lt	Plt Ldr
Clifford P. Johnson	O-1111691	1st Lt	Plt Ldr
Robert D. Livingston	O-907091	1st Lt	Asst S-3
Robert G. Lynois	O-1111749	1st Lt	Co Comdr
LeRoy H. Moline	O-1112372	1st Lt	Plt Ldr
Hurley D. Rogers	O-1557663	1st Lt	Plt Ldr
Paul H. Stromquist	O-1113006	1st Lt	Adm O
Robert M. Zeek	O-1112541	1st Lt	Maint O
Richard V. Addy	O-1114042	2nd Lt	Plt Ldr
Donald J. Chappuis	O-523078	2nd Lt	Adm O
Paul W. Franklin	O-1999430	2nd Lt	Asst S-2
Preston C. Fix	O-1117131	2nd Lt	Rcn O
Joe P. Harle	O-1596349	2nd Lt	Adm O
James W. Lindsey	O-1116392	2nd Lt	Plt Ldr
William A. Stirling, Jr.	O-1596518	2nd Lt	Plt Ldr
Raymond F. Yunker	O-1557309	2nd Lt	Plt Ldr
George L. Carroll	W-2126128	CWO	Asst S-4
Byron M. Irwin	W-2126677	CWO	Pers O
Clyde W. Powell	W-2131370	WOJG	Motor Trans O

Promotion of Officers during the month of January 1945:

None

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Period, 01001 February 1945 - 282359 February 1945

(Map References: 35/14, 35/15, 36/13, 36/14, 36/15, 37/13, 37/14, Scale 1:50000)

1 February 1945: When the period opened, the battalion CP and H&S Company were located at Lorentzen (Q 590394). Company "A" was located at Dehlingen (Q 602426). Company "B" was located at Domfessel (Q 572393) and Company "C" was located at Bitten (Q 623414). The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Route N419 from Domfessel to Sarre-Union; Route N61 from Sarre-Union to Walsthol; Route N419 from Domfessel to RJ IC 13b4; Route GC 27 from Lorentzen to Rahling. Route GC 109 from Rahling to CR IC 123; and Route IC 123 from CR to GC 109 to Diemerdingen. Secondary missions were as follows:

Company A - Preparing infantry positions in the 397th Inf. sector in the vicinity of coord. Q 710508.

Company B - Furnishing security of water points.
- Guarding bridges and obstacles that were previously prepared for demolition.
- Security patrol to bridges and obstacles every two hours.
- One platoon preparing infantry positions in the 397th Inf. sector in the vicinity of coord. Q 710508.

Company C - Guarding shovel at Keskastel.
- One platoon preparing Infantry positions in the 397th Inf. sector in the vicinity of coord. Q 710508.

529th Engr LP Co - One platoon attached to this Hq. for engineer work and employed in the preparation of infantry positions in the vicinity of coord. Q 710508.

2 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 February), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 1 February except for the following changes:

Company C - Relieved from preparing infantry positions and assigned to road maintenance exclusively.

3 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 February), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 2 February except for the following changes:

Company B - One platoon relieved from preparing infantry positions and assigned to road maintenance.

Company C - Security squad for the shovel moved with the shovel to coord. Q 540390.

4 February 1945: The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Route N419, Domfessel to

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Sarre-Union; Route N61 from Sarre-Union to Walsthoef (Q 561321); Route IC 8a from RJ N61 to Fene-trange inclusively; unnumbered road, RJ N61 (Q 556335) to Thal to Mackwiller to Diemerling en; Route IC 55 from RJ IC 8a to Wolfskirchen to Eyewiller; IC 55 1 from RJ IC 55 to Eschwiller. Secondary missions were the same as for 3 February except for the following changes:

Company A - Relieved from preparing infantry positions and assigned to road maintenance.

529th Engr LP Co - Relieved from preparing infantry positions and assigned to road maintenance.

5 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 4 February.

Note: Elements of all companies employed on road repair, and 1 platoon of the 529th Engr LP Co concentrated on road IC 8a from Sarre-Union to Fene-trange, draining and repairing road. This road was designated as the Corps MSR.

Company C - Security squad for the shovel moved with the shovel to coord. Q 566345.

6 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 5 February, except for the following changes:

Company C - Constructed a rock crib around the bent on bridge at coord. Q 544337.

- Security squad for the shovel moved with the shovel to coord. Q 506301.

7 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 6 February except for the following changes:

Company A - Installing culvert at CR coord. Q 555335.

Company B - 1 platoon working on infantry positions in the vicinity of coord. Q 710508.

Company C - Setting up rock crushers at coord. Q 557285 and Q 566345.

8 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 7 February except for the following changes:

Company A - Completed work on culvert at CR coord. Q 555355.

Company C - Completed setting up rock crusher at Q 557285 and started operation of the crusher.

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9 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 8 February.

10 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 9 February except for the following changes:

Company C - Completed setting up rock crusher at Q 566345 and started operation of the crusher.

- Security squad for the shovel was relieved, and shovel was moved to rock crusher at Q 557285.

529th Engr LP Co - 1 platoon working on infantry positions with Company B.

11 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 10 February.

12 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 11 February except for the following changes:

Company B - 1 platoon relieved from work on infantry positions and assigned to road maintenance under the command of Commanding Officer, Company A.

13 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 12 February, except for the following changes:

Company A - Constructing road to XV Corps signal power station.

529th Engr LP Co - 1 platoon relieved from work on infantry positions and assigned to road maintenance under the command of Commanding Officer, Company A.

14 February 1945: Company A moved to Pisdorf (Q 511338). In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 13th of February.

15 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 14 February.

16 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (4 February) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 15 February except for the following changes:

529th Engr LP Co - Relieved from attachment to this Hq. for engineer work.

Companies A and C - Unloading gravel from railroad cars at Penetrance.

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17 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (14 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 16 February, except for the following changes:

Company A - Completed construction of road for XV Corps Signal Power station.

Companies A and C - Finished unloading gravel cars at Fenetrance.

18 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (14 February) secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 17 February.

19 February 1945: Company C moved to Rauwiller (Q 538239). The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Route N 419 from Domfessel to Sarre-Union; Route N61 from Sarre-Union to RJ IC 8a; Route IC 8a from RJ N61 to Fenetrance. Route CC 39 from Fenetrance to Sarrebourg; Route IC 36 from Fenetrance to Rauwiller. Secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 18 February.

20 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (19 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 19 February, except for the following changes:

Company B - Security for water points at Bettwiller moved with water point to Wolfskirchen (Q 515314).

21 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (19 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 20 February.

22 February 1945: Company C moved to Domfessel (Q 572393). The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Route N419 from Lorentzen to Sarre-Union (both inclusive); Route N61 from Sarre-Union (incl) to RJ IC 8a; Route IC 8a from RJ N61 south to Fenetrance (incl). Secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 21 February.

23 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (22 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for the 22 February.

24 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (22 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 23 February except for the following changes:

Company A - Guarding explosive dumps at coord. Q 467352, Q 519345 and Q 382232.

25 February 1945: Pursuant to instructions contained in General Order #60, Headquarters, Seventh Army, APO #758, U.S. Army, dated 21 February, 1945, and Letters Headquarters, Seventh Army, APO #758, U.S. Army, file AG 322-C, dated 21 February 1945, subject, "Reorganization of Units," the 157th Engineer (C) Bn was reorganized at Lorentzen, France, in accordance with Table of Organization and Equipment 5-15, dated 13 March 1944, and change 1, dated 2 August, 1944, effective this date. In addition to the primary mission (22 February), secondary

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missions for the battalion were the same as for 24 February 1945.

25 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (22 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 25 February, except for the following changes:

Company B - Started construction of a loading platform at the Rock Quarry, operated by Company "C" at coord. Q 557285.

27 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (22 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 26 February, except for the following changes:

- Shovel that was attached from 608th LE Co and used at coord. Q 557285 for loading rock had to be returned to bivouac for repair and maintenance work.

28 February 1945: In addition to the primary mission (22 February), secondary missions for the battalion were the same as for 27 February, except for the following changes:

Company B - Finished construction of loading platform at the rock crusher at coord. Q 557285.

Summary:

a. Special Notes -

(1) The battalion completed the following work on the preparation of infantry positions:

- Dug 118 two-man foxholes.
- Dug 28 MG and mortar positions.
- Strung 2,800 yards of tactical wire.

(2) Gravel pits and rock crushers operated by this battalion during the month produced the following amounts of material:

Crushed Rock	- 1,142 yds
Shale Rock	- 2,494 "
Gravel	- 254 "

(3) The battalion water supply section dispensed 402,935 gallons of water during the month.

When the period closed, the battalion was engaged in the maintenance of roads, security of obstacles, and operating rock crushers at Q 557285 and Q 566345.

b. General Notes -

During the period covered by this report, the main axial and lateral roads assigned to the battalion for maintenance and repair were subjected to very large amounts of heavy traffic. Heavy rains and melting snow caused excessive surface and sub-surface satura-

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tion of the ground. This saturation, coupled with the heavy traffic to which the roads were subjected, caused very rapid deterioration of the roads at many points.

From observation, it is felt that most of the failures were, for the most part, due to clogged drainage; and, when this was corrected, the deterioration was checked to a large extent. Once the failure had occurred, however, it was virtually impossible to effect any type of repair that would last any appreciable time, except by the following method: The area affected by the failure was cut out to sufficient depth and width to insure that all of the saturated base and sub-base was removed. It was found that the average depth was from 16" to 20", the width and length being governed by the size of the area affected. The hole was then filled by laying a Telford type base of large, hand-placed, stone to within 6" of the normal road surface. Crushed stone, (1½" to 3" average), was then placed and compacted. The resulting patch was of sufficient strength to carry the traffic load but was rough. This constituted the initial phase in the road repair, the second phase being as follows: After the initial compaction, (by traffic and heavy roller), the patch was scarified, worked level, and again rolled. Some fines (sand or crusher screenings) were added where additional binder was necessary just prior to, or, during the rolling. This resulted in a patch that was fairly smooth and at the same time strong and durable.

Conclusions:

It is felt that, had the drainage been properly maintained prior to the heavy snows and later heavy rains, much of the damage could have been prevented or, at least, greatly minimized. A satisfactory repair can be accomplished only by the expenditure of much time, materials and labor. Dumping materials (rock, etc.) on top of failures in the base and sub-base are a waste of time and materials.

After the above road failures had been repaired (near the end of the period), the battalion concentrated its efforts toward the repair of small "pot-holes" in the road surface. Patches consisting of tar and crushed rock, and crushed rock and sand (or other fines) were used. The former proved to be more satisfactory. The latter required daily maintenance until thoroughly compacted.

During the period of spring thaws and rains, the difficulty of draining chuck-holes in the MSR prior to patching was a problem of considerable magnitude. Upon the suggestion of the Group Commander, ejector pumps, operating on the Venturi principle, were developed. Experimentation produced the design shown in Inclosure #5. One pump was provided for each air compressor. They preceded the patching crews and proved fairly effective.

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS
as of 28 February 1945

<u>NAME</u>	<u>RANK</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Bn T/O Position</u>
Keith C. Steinbrook	Lt Col	O-422615	Bn Comdr
Harry C. Davis	Major	O-456336	S-3
William G. Hogue	Major	O-453254	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	Captain	O-1108855	S-4
Herbert A. Benton, Jr.	Captain	O-1111439	Co Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	Captain	O-1103142	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	Captain	O-521480	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	Captain	O-1112752	Adjutant
James K. Polk	Captain	O-1103364	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	Captain	O-511523	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	Captain	O-1103417	Co Comdr
Richard V. Addy	1st Lt	O-1114042	Plt Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	1st Lt	O-1112378	Liaison
Thomas W. Crites	1st Lt	O-1557711	Plt Comdr
Clifford P. Johnson	1st Lt	O-1111691	Plt Comdr
Cecil E. Jones	1st Lt	O-522348	Plt Comdr
James W. Lindsey	1st Lt	O-1116392	Plt Comdr
Robert D. Livingston	1st Lt	O-907091	Plt Comdr
Robert G. Lyness	1st Lt	O-1111749	Co Comdr
LeRoy H. Moline	1st Lt	O-1112872	Asst S-3
Hurley D. Rogers	1st Lt	O-1557663	Mess, Supply & Trans
Paul H. Stromquist	1st Lt	O-1113006	Mess, Supply & Trans
Raymond F. Yunker	1st Lt	O-1557809	Plt Comdr
Robert M. Zeek	1st Lt	O-1112541	Motor Transport
Donald J. Chappuis	2nd Lt	O-528078	Plt Comdr
Preston C. Fix	2nd Lt	O-1117131	Rcn O
Paul W. Franklin	2nd Lt	O-1999480	Asst S-2
Joe P. Harle	2nd Lt	O-1596349	Mess, Supply, & Trans
William A. Stirling, Jr.	2nd Lt	O-1596518	Plt Comdr
George L. Carroll	CWO	W-2126128	Supply General
Byron M. Irwin	CWO	W-2126677	Military Personnel
Clyde W. Powell	WOJG	W-2131370	Motor Transport

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1. Promotions during month of February 1945:

2nd Lt Richard V. Addy O-1114042
2nd Lt James W. Lindsey O-1116392
2nd Lt Raymond F. Yunker, O-1557809

Above named Officers promoted to the grade of 1st Lt 1 February 1945 per par 1, Special Order No. 32, Headquarters Seventh Army, APO 758, US Army dated 1 February 1945.

2. Awards during month of February 1945:

Major Harry C. Davis, O-456336, awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service in connection with military operations against an enemy of the United States per par 5, General Order No. 7, Headquarters XV Corps, APO 436, US Army, dated 2 February 1945.

3. Prisoners of War during month of February 1945:

None.

4. Casualties during month of February 1945:

	<u>KIA</u>	<u>MIA</u>	<u>Battle</u> <u>WOUNDED</u>	<u>Non-Battle</u>
Officers:	0	0	0	0
Enlisted Men:	0	0	0	14

- COMPILED OF MESSAGES - 1 to 28th FEBRUARY 1945 -

<u>Date</u>	<u>Message</u>
1 Feb.	To CO, 157th Engrs - "The WORD in 100th Div. Sector: 021200 to 031200 Rug 031200 to 041200 Boat 041200 to 051200 Glass " Signed: S-2 Makeshift Time signed: 1430
2 Feb.	To CO, 157th Engrs - "Jeep struck mine on road from Rohrbach at Q 673453. More information when available." Signed: S-2 Makeshift Time signed: 1200
3 Feb.	To CO, 157th Engrs - "German minefield reported at Q 74854625. (SchumainesI). Friendly patrol sustained casualties." Signed: Makeshift 2 Time signed: 1400
	To CO, 163, 157, 244, 260 Engrs - "Word" 100th Div sector. 051200 to 061200 Gun 061200 to 071200 Flash Signed: Makeshift 2 Time signed: 1440
6 Feb.	To CO, 157th Engrs - "Enemy Schu minefield previously reported at Q 74854625 extends from Q 749460 to Q 749465. Approx. no. of mines 500. Mines are not buried. Signed: Makeshift 2 Time signed: 1330
	To CO, 163, 157, 244, 260 Engr (C) Bn - "The word in the 100th Div Sector: 071200 to 081200 Strip 081200 to 091200 Patterson 091200 to 101200 Forecasts 101200 to 111200 Heart Signed: Makeshift 2 Time signed: 1430
8 Feb.	To S-3, Makeshift - "There are 2 (two) Bailey Bridges in our present area that have not been previously reported. These are: 50 ft DS located at Q 478356 60 ft DS " " Q 577356 Signed: S-3 Time signed: 1740
9 Feb.	To S-3, 157th Engrs - "Cat went in for gas, probably to Co. Send Diesel fuel back with him." Signed: 1017 CO, Co "C" Time signed: 1017

9 Feb. To CO, 157, 163, 244, 260 - "Word" 100 Div. Sector -
 111200 to 121200 After
 121200 to 131200 Berlin
 131200 to 141200 Patients
 Signed: Makeshift 2
 Time signed: 1400

To CO, 157th Engrs - "Enemy Topf Minefield reported at
 Q 714496. 3 Topf Mines were removed."
 Signed: Makeshift 2
 Time signed: 1500

10 Feb. To CO, Co A - "KV Corps wants road built to trans-
 mitting station. Have an officer re-
 port to Engr. Section, Corps Hq.
 There, he will get together with Signal
 Officer and get full details of the
 job. Do not put more than 1 platoon
 on this job."
 Signed: S-3
 Time signed: 0920

To S-3, "Lt. Stirling reporting to Corps Hq.
 at once. Call my CI and have Lt. Strom-
 quist send my dozer out to this job.
 Signed: CO, Co "A"
 Time signed: ?

To CO, 157th Engrs - "8 Topf Mines have been found and de-
 stroyed at Q 720472."
 Signed: Makeshift 2
 Time signed: 1200

1 Feb. To CO, Co "C" - "608th D-7 has not come in. Are you
 finished with it? When can I have it?
 Signed: S-3
 Time signed: 1500

To S-3, 260th Engr (C) Bn - "Do you have responsibility for
 security of Bailey Bridge at Lorentzen,
 Diemeringen and Mackwiller? Have
 placed spare parts at these bridges.
 Guard should keep eye on parts.
 Signed: S-3, 157th Engrs.
 Time signed: 1715

To Col. Wisdom, 397th Inf - "We will not have anyone to work
 with you tomorrow."
 Signed: S-3, 157th Engrs.
 Time signed: 1730

12 Feb. To Col. Wisdom, 397th Inf - "We will not have anyone working
 with you on positions tomorrow."
 Signed: S-3, 157th Engrs.
 Time signed: 1015

12 Feb. To CO, 157th Engrs - "Col. Sorley said to keep at least one (1) company on road between Fene-
trange and Hisdorf until further
notice."

Signed: S-3

Time signed: 1020

To CO, 157th Engrs - "We discontinue the platoon mainten-
ance day program until further notice
- effective today. Shall I send the
platoon of Co A that is now in for
platoon maintenance out to you this
afternoon?"

Signed: S-3

Time signed: 1025

To CO, 157th Engrs - "Col. Sorley orders we are to start
using tar in making patches right
away. I told Miller we had been un-
til road because so bad, and that we
would as soon as we got the worse
places fixed."

Signed: S-3

Time signed: 1045

To S-3, 157th Engrs - "Yes, send platoon out to us. Benton
is in now. Try to catch him, and he
can bring them out."

Signed: CO, 157th

Time signed: 1150

To CO, 157, 163, 244, 260: "Word 100 Div Sector -
141200 to 151200 Rescued
151200 to 161200 River
161200 to 171200 Both

Signed: Makeshift 5

Time signed: 1400

13 Feb. To CO, 157th Engrs - "Four "S" mines found and destroyed
at Q 682371."

Signed: Makeshift 2

Time signed: 0900

To CO, 157th Engrs - "Heavy traffic is to move thru Fene-
trange today - all day. This traffic
will not move over Route 10 3a. We
are to have a maintenance crew in Fene-
trange to be sure there is nothing to
hold up traffic. If anything holds up
traffic, we are to report to Colonel
Sorley."

Signed: S-3

Time signed: 0925

13 Feb. To CO, Co --, 157th - "You are to send 1 officer and 1 NCO to a school for forward arty observers. School to start tomorrow (14th) at 0900. Personnel going are to bring compasses, field glasses, notebook or clip-board and mess gear. School to be held by Maj. Wilmer at Montbronn. Men will commute. Those going to the school will report to Co C at Bitten at 0830 tomorrow and will proceed from there to Montbronn with parties from B & C Co's. NCO should be one of your best. If he cannot grasp the subject, he will be relieved."

Signed: S-3
Time signed: 1530

To CO, 157th - "Bn Commanders' meeting at Group at 1830 tonight."

Signed: S-3
Time signed: 1635

15 Feb. To CO, Co "C" - See the Col. immediately on rd at mixing plant or at Co A CP or between these points.

Signed: S-3
Time signed: 0955

16 Feb. CO, 157, 163, 244, 260 - "Word" 100 Div Sector -
171200 to 181200 Many
181200 to 191200 Reach

Signed: Makeshift 2
Time signed: 1400

18 Feb. CO, Co "C" - "RR cars of rock will not come in until 181400 hrs. Send 2 men to RR yard immediately.---To relieve Co A guards now guarding clamshell."

Signed: S-3
Time signed: 0945

19 Feb. CO, 157, 244, 260 - "Word" 100 Div Sector -
191200 to 201200 With
201200 to 211200 Enemy
211200 to 221200 Wolf

Signed: Makeshift 2
Time signed: 0845

CO, 157, 163, 244, 260 - "Word" 100 Div Sector -
221200 to 231200 Tracks
231200 to 241200 Columbia
241200 to 251200 Nebraska

Signed: Makeshift 2
Time signed: 1400

22 Feb. CO, 157th Engrs - "S" minefield was discovered and marked at Q 703433."

Signed: Makeshift 2
Time signed: 1410

24 Feb. CC, 157, 163, 260 - "Word" 100 Div Sector -
 251200 to 261200 Pennsylvania
 261200 to 271200 Fires
 271200 to 281200 Staff
 281200 to 011200 Tactics
 Signed: Makeshift 2
 Time signed: 1300

25 Feb. CC, 157th Engrs - "Topf Mines and "S" mines reported at
 Q 740442. Schumines at Q 739443.
 Signed: Makeshift 2
 Time signed: 0800

27 Feb. CC, 157, 163, 260 - "Word" 100 Div Sector -
 011200 to 021200 Presidential
 021200 to 031200 Committees
 031200 to 041200 Continued
 Signed: Makeshift 2
 Time signed: 1400

S-4 REPORT - MONTH OF FEBRUARY 1945.

MATERIAL LOST:

February 1st: One (1) Truck, 1/4 ton lxl, U.S. Registration 20362229,
through Fair Wear and Tear
February 21st: One (1) Truck, 1/4 ton lxl, U.S. Registration 20472333,
through Fair Wear and Tear
February 27th: *Nine (9) Mounts, Tripod, Cal..50, M3
*Nine (9) Elevator Cradles, Cal..50, AA
*Twenty-Seven (27) Radio Sets, SCR-593
*Nine (9) Radio Sets, SCR-511

Note: * Astericked Items turned in as excess in accordance with
T/O & E 5-15,16,17 dated 13 March 1944 and Change 1,
dated 2 August 1944.

MATERIAL RECEIVED:

February 2nd: One (1) Truck, 2 1/2 Ton 6x6 Dump, U.S. Registration 4333000
February 6th: One (1) Gun, Machine, Cal..50, M2, HB
February 12th: One (1) Truck, 2 1/2 Ton 6x6 Cargo, LWB, WOW, U.S.Regis-
tration Number 0042982
February 19th: One (1) Truck, 1/4 ton lxl, U.S. Registration 20569453
One (1) Truck, 1/4 ton lxl, U.S. Registration 20569433
February 20th: Two (2) Cars, Half-Track, M2, U.S. Registration
Numbers 4024251 and 4018753
FEBRUARY 27th: Two (2) Converter Sets, M-209
Two (2) Headsets, HS-30
Two (2) Microphones, T-30
One (1) Cart, RL-35
Eight (8) Straps, ST-34
Eight (8) Straps, ST-35
Four (4) Miles Wire, W-110 (Substituted for W-130-A)
February 28th: One (1) Pair Binoculars, M3.

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March, 1945

(Period, 01001 March 1945 - 312359 March 1945)

(Map References: V-1, V-2, U-3, T-3, Scale 1:100,000)

1 March 1945: When the period opened, the Battalion CP and H&S Company were located at Lorentzen (Q 590394). Company "A" was located at Pisdorf (Q 511338). Companies "B" and "C" were located at Domfessel (Q 572393). The Battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Route N 419 from Lorentzen to Sarre-Union (both inclusive). Route N 61 from Sarre-Union (incl) to RJ IC 8a; Route IC 8a from RJ N 61 south to Fene-trange (incl). Secondary missions were as follows:

Company A - Security of explosive dumps.

Company B - Furnishing security of water points.
- Security patrol to bridges and obstacles every two hours.
- Guarding bridges and obstacles that were previously pre-
pared for demolition.
- Moving bridge material from Sarre-Werden to H&S Company
dump.

Company C - Operating rock crushers at coord. Q 557285 and Q 566345.

2 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 1 March except for the following changes:

Company B - Completed moving bridge material from Sarre Werden to H&S Com-
pany dump.

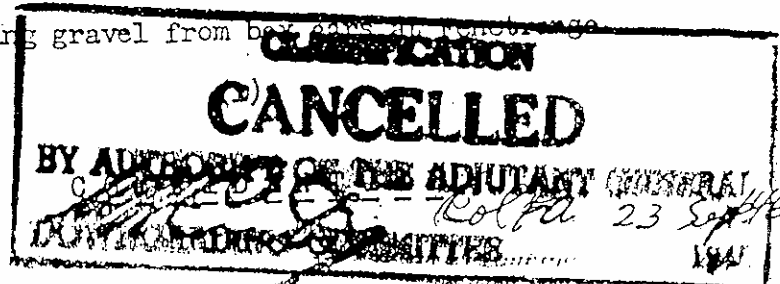
3 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 2 March.

4 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 3 March except for the follow-
ing changes:

Company A - Constructing road for XV Corps Headquarters at Fenetrange.

5 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 4 March except for the follow-
ing changes:

Company A - Unloading gravel from box cars at Fenetrange



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6 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 5 March except for the following changes:

- Company A - Completed construction of road for XV Corps Headquarters at Fenetrance.
- Picking up barbed wire from old German fortifications in the vicinity of Ratzwiller.

7 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 6 March except for the following changes:

- Company C - Relieved Company A from picking up barbed wire.

8 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 7 March except for the following changes:

- Company A - Relieved Company C from picking up barbed wire.

9 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 8 March except for the following changes:

- Company A - Completed picking up barbed wire. 190 rolls of wire and 220 concertinas were picked up.

10 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 9 March, except for the following changes:

- Company A - Completed unloading gravel at Fenetrance and started unloading from railroad cars at Wolfskirchen.

11 March 1945: Company C moved to Sarre Werden (Q 522362). In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 10 March.

12 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (1 March), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 11 March.

13 March 1945: Companies "A" and "C" moved to Voellerringen (Q 564406). The primary mission of the battalion was changed with a change in the area of responsibility. The Battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Route N 419 from Sarre-Union to Lorentzen, Route GC 27 from Lorentzen to Rohrbach, Route N 410 from Rohrbach to Petit-Rederching. Secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 12 March except for the following changes:

- Company A - Building roads and walkways for 51st Evac. Hospital at coord Q 561386.
- Relieved from unloading gravel cars at Wolfskirchen.

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Company B - Removed explosives from prepared bridges and obstacles in area.

Company C - Building landing strip (using pierced plank) for liaison planes at coord. (Q 582447).

14 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (13 March), secondary missions of the battalion were the same as for 13 March except for the following changes:

Company A - Relieved from security of explosive dumps.

Company B - Security for water point at Wolfskirchen moved with the water point to coord. Q 711506.

Company C - Relieved from operation of rock crusher at Thal, (Q 566345).

15 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (13 March), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for 14 March except for the following changes:

Company A - Relieved from work on 51st Evac. Hospital.

Company C - Relieved from operation of rock crusher at coord. Q 577285.

Note: Rock crushers operated by this Battalion during the period 1 March to 15 March produced the following amounts of material:

Crushed rock - 758 yards

16 March 1945: The Battalion had no assigned mission and, Company A was alerted to move on short notice. Company "A" had the mission of clearing mines in the 100th Inf. Div. sector.

17 March 1945: Battalion headquarters and H&S Company were enroute to new bivouac area. Company "A" moved to coord. Q 737508 and reverted to Battalion control; Company "B" moved to Rohrbach (Q 657497). Company "C" moved to Bining (Q 646486). The Battalion had the following primary missions:

Company A - Sweeping roads for mines in 100th Inf. Div. sector (Bitche and vicinity).

- Constructed timber trestle bridge, 1/way, Cl 40, at coord. Q 783528. Bridge was completed at 170100A hours.

Company B - Removed abatis and road blocks in 100th Inf. Div. sector (north of Bitche).

Company C - Repaired roads and checked buildings for booby traps in 100th Div. sector.

Note: Water Point at Diemeringen was closed and the security detail relieved.

18 March 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company closed into new CP at Bitche (Q 787506). Company "A" moved to Q 781506. Company "B" moved to coord. Q 749513. Company "C" moved to Q 781567. The Battalion was relieved from attachment to 1109th Engr (C) Group and attached to 100th Infantry Div. as of 16 March 1945. The following assigned missions were completed:

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- Swept road for mines, Bitche to Bousseviller (incl); no mines were found. Filled pot-holes on same road.
- Installed culvert at coord. Q 799561.
- Widened timber trestle bridge previously constructed at coord. Q 783528, making it 2W/C1 40 - 1W/C1 70. Completed 181150A hours.
- Cleared area at coord. Q 804606 of mines for location of air-strip.
- Swept road N 410 from RJ Q 765484 to Bitche (incl). No mines were found. Swept road GC 26 from coord. Q 750512 to Bitche (incl). 25 Tellermines (35's and 43's) were found.
- Filled crater on GC 26 at coord. Q 755512.
- Repaired bridge at coord. Q 772596. Filled in blown bridge span at coord. Q 772597.
- Constructed culvert and filled in blown span at coord. Q 774598.
- Constructed 80 ft DS Bailey Bridge at coord. Q 807588. Completed at 172230A hours.
- One platoon of Company "B" in direct support of 121st Cavalry Squadron.

19 March 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to coord. Q 781567. Company "A" moved to coord. Q 779567. Company "B" moved to coord. Q 780566. The following assigned missions were completed:

- Swept for mines and filled pot-holes on road from Busweiler (Q 802581) to Waldhausen (Q 804606).
- Strengthened bridge at Busweiler (1W/C1 40).
- Removed two German cratering charges at coord. Q 809599 on Bitche-Haspelschied-Liederschied road, and filled pot-holes.
- Two platoons removing three treadway bridges at Waldhausen (Q 804606) and replacing with timber trestle bridges. Estimated completion time 201200A hours.
- One platoon cleared abatis partially hindering traffic from coord. Q 780588 to Q 786577.
- Swept trail and area for landing strip at coord. Q 783570.
- One platoon replacing DS Bailey Bridge at coord. Q 807586 with timber trestle bridge. Estimated completion 201200A hours.

20 March 1945: The following assigned missions were completed:

- Three timber trestle bridges at coord. Q 804606 were completed at 191800A hours.
- One platoon of Co "B" in support of 121st Cavalry Squadron was relieved at 201100A hours.
- Repair and maintenance work was started on the following roads: From coord. Q 785534 to Hanweiler-Busweiler-Waldhausen; Waldhausen to Briedenbach; Busweiler to Briedenbach, Q 759609; Briedenbach - Q 776553 - Q 785534; Q 780588 - Q 776553 - Q 775537.

21 March 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to coord. Q 732633. Companies "A" and "B" moved to Schwegen, (Q 748622). Company "C" moved to coord Q 697628. The Battalion was relieved of attachment to the 100th Inf. Division

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and reattached to 1109th Engr (C) Group. The Battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: Peppenkum-Bettwiller - Q 655507; Q 663555 - Epping - Urbach - Wieskirch - Volmunster - Q 728615; Bettwiller - Petit-Rederching - Epping - Urbach - Ormesviller - Brenschelbach; Peppenkum - Ultweiler - Epping - Urbach. Secondary missions were as follows:

- Company B - Completed timber trestle bridge at coord. Q 807586 at 201800A hours.
- Security for water point at coord Q 598377 moved with point to Hornback (Q 731656).

22 March 1945: In addition to the primary mission (21 March), secondary missions of the Battalion were the same as for the 21st of March, except for the following changes:

- Water Point opened at coord Q 728615 with security from Company "B".
- Salvaged parts from 70 ft DS Bailey Bridge at coord. Q 664566.
- Built culvert on road approximately 2 km. south of Peppenkum.
- Replenished bridgeload.
- Found six Holz mines laid diagonally across road at coord. Q 688567 and destroyed them.
- Nine prepared charges found and removed from railroad frogs and switches at coord. Q 726616.
- Swept road between coord. Q 729608 and Q 758610 for mines.

23 March 1945: The Battalion had no primary mission assigned but was alerted to move on short notice. The following missions were completed from 221200A hours to 231000A hours:

- Water Point at coord. Q 728615 was closed at 221800A hours and security for water point reported back to Battalion Headquarters.
- The following mines were found and blown: Along road from Peppenkum south to Bailey Bridge, coord. Q 664566 (42 Topf Mines, 3 M1A1's and one T6). From Bailey Bridge coord. Q 664566 south to Bettwiller (13 Tellermines, 43, 4 Holz mines and two T6's).
- Taped minefield at coord. Q 663560 (both sides of road). Field with unknown number of the following mines:

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U.S. M1A1

U.S. M2AP

- U.S. Improvised (grenade) mines

- Improved marking of Schu minefield at coord. Q 665565.
- Marked scattered mines and poorly marked minefields along road from coord. Q 654554 to Q 628560.

24 March 1945: The Battalion completed all operations and moved with the 1109th Engr (C) Group from coord. Q 732633 to coord. R 111965, a distance of approximately 60 miles. Water Point at Hornback, coord. Q 731656, was closed at 232000A hours, and security moved with water point to R 130950. No assignments were given to the Battalion as it was alerted to move on short notice.

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25 March 1945: The Battalion moved in a battalion convoy to coord. M 420060. All vehicles were camouflaged and personnel rested in area.

26 March 1945: The Battalion, minus two platoons, stayed under cover in bivouac area. Preparations were being made to cross the Rhine River. One platoon of Company "A" crossed the Rhine River at coord. N 492507 at approximately 1100 hours and engaged in improving the far-shore approaches for ferry landings. One platoon of Company "B" was engaged in improving near-shore ferry approaches. During these operations, the Battalion Commander, Lt. Colonel Keith C. Stainbrook, O-422615, was slightly wounded and had to be evacuated. Water Point at coord. R 130950 was closed and security for water point moved with the point to Frankenthal, coord. M 446041.

27 March 1945: Company "C" moved to coord. Q 454109. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 26 March except for the following changes:

- Built 150 yards of sand-clay road on far-shore of Rhine River from coord. M 495060 to M 496059. (Temporary construction).
- Built DUKW landing and 50 yard approach road at coord. M 490059. (Temporary construction).
- Extended road from coord. M 493054 to M 494052 for infantry support raft site.
- Swept roads for mines as follows: From coord. M 495060 to M 505063 and from M 505063 to Scharhof.
- Maintenance of the following roads: From coord. M 495060 to M 505063; M 505063 to Scharhof; M 491057 to Morsch, and from RJ M 444109 to treadway bridge at coord. M 477127.
- Constructed vehicle turn-around two miles east of Grunstadt for 59th Evac. Hospital.
- Clearing rubble from streets in Worms.
- Maintaining treadway bridge at coord. M 477127.

28 March 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to coord. M 451109. Company "A" moved to coord. M 435117. Company "B" moved to coord. M 473128. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 27 March except for the following changes:

- Maintenance and repair of the following roads: coord. M 491057 to Morsch.
- The improving and maintenance of approach road to treadway bridge from coord. M 444109 to M 477127.
- Continued repairs on airstrip near Worms.
- Repaired by-pass for blown railroad over-pass at coord. M 447148.
- Removed enemy half-track from roadway at coord. M 448103.
- Operating shovel at coord. M 449143.

29 March 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company, and Companies "A" and "B" and "C" moved to coord. M 565169. The Battalion had the same assigned mission as for 28 March, except for the following changes:

- Security for water points at Frankenthal (M 446041) and Kleinkarlbach (M 298045) moved with the water points to Heppenheim (M 645170) and Bensheim (M 641207).

30 March 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company, and Companies "A", "B", and "C" moved to coord. M 849288. The Battalion had no assigned missions.

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31 March 1945: The Battalion had as a primary mission the repair and maintenance of the following roads: From Furth to Brensbach; Kirchbochenrod to Steinbach; and from Steinbach to Hochst. Secondary missions were as follows:

- Repaired pot-holes on road extending from Kirch-Brombach to Hochst.
- Filled road craters at coord: M 825253, M 822254, M 819253, M 909299 and M 909298.
- Cleared abatis and removed vehicle from road at coord. M 894258.
- Removed vehicles from road at coord. M 910310, M 825302, and in the vicinity of Hollenbach, Krumbach, Furth and Bockenrod.

- NOTE:
- (1) The battalion water supply section dispensed 401,841 gallons of water during the month.
 - (2) When the period closed, the Battalion was engaged in the maintenance of roads, clearing roadblocks, and general engineer work to facilitate the flow of traffic in the assigned area of responsibility.

Summary of Operations for the Period 010001A Hours March 1945 to 312400A Hours March 1945.

During the month, the Battalion was relieved from attachment to the 1109th Engr (C) Group and was attached to the 100th Inf. Division for the purpose of supporting it during its advance on, and beyond, Bitch. The Battalion was then detached from the 100th Inf. Division, and again attached to the 1109th Engr (C) Group; and, under Group direction, supported the 3rd Infantry Division during its advance to, and beyond, the Rhine River.

While working with the 100th Inf. Division the Battalion CP remained in telephone contact with the CP of the Division Engineers, (325th Engr (C) Bn). Company Commanders were assigned sectors in accordance with assigned sectors of the companies of the Division Engineers, and were instructed to work directly with the Company Commander of the Division Engineers in their sector and to give him the support he requested without requesting authority from Battalion Headquarters. In addition, assistance called for by the Division Engineer was given promptly by taking personnel from the reserve company and from personnel who remained available within the other two companies.


While supporting the 3rd Inf. Division with the 1109th Engineer (C) Group, the Battalion was placed in direct support of the 540th Engineer (C) Group, (2832 Engr (C) Bn), for the purpose of supporting the crossing of the Rhine River in the vicinity of Mannheim. To accomplish the mission, an advance CP was set up at the crossing site under one of the arches of the partially constructed bridge at this site. No request for Engineer work was made on the Battalion except for the maintenance of approach roads on the near-shore, until approximately H plus 10 hours, at which time a hurried request for the construction of near and far-shore ferry and DUNK landing sites was received.

Later, while still in direct support of the 540th Engr (C) Group, the Battalion was assigned the mission of maintaining the approaches to the

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treadway bridge south of Worms, the ponton bridge at Worms, and the maintenance and security of the treadway bridge south of Worms. In addition, specific engineer duties that were assigned within the sector just forward of the Army forward boundary and west of the Rhine were to be taken care of by the Battalion. This work eventually required all personnel of the three line companies and a provisional platoon formed from the personnel of H&S Company. Though still assigned, the ferry and DUKW sites near Mannheim were considered of less importance and all personnel were removed from that area.

After being relieved of all engineer work and security west of the Rhine, the Battalion made a series of rapid moves that eventually brought it to the vicinity of Worth, on the Main River, with the mission of maintaining roads in the area.


KEITH G. STAINBROOK,
Lt. Colonel, CE,
Commanding.

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- Incl #1 - Roster of Officers
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157TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
APO 758 US Army

ROSTER OF OFFICERS
as of 31 March 1945

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Prin Dy</u>
Keith C. Stainbrook	Lt Col	0-422615	Bn Comdr
Harry C. Davis	Major	0-456336	S-3
William G. Hogue	Major	0-453254	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	Captain	0-1108855	S-4
Herbert A. Benton, Jr.	Captain	0-1111489	Co Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	Captain	0-1103142	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	Captain	0-521480	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	Captain	0-1112752	Adjutant
Robert G. Lynes	Captain	0-1111749	Hq Co Comdr
James K. Polk	Captain	0-1103364	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	Captain	0-511523	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	Captain	0-1103417	Co Comdr
Richard V. Addy	1st Lt	0-1114042	Plt Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	1st Lt	0-1112378	Liaison O
Thomas W. Crites	1st Lt	0-1557711	Plt Comdr
Cecil E. Jones	1st Lt	0-532348	Plt Comdr
Clifford P. Johnson	1st Lt	0-1111691	Plt Comdr
James W. Lindsey	1st Lt	0-1116392	Plt Comdr
Robert D. Livingston	1st Lt	0-907091	Plt Comdr
LeRoy H. Moline	1st Lt	0-1112872	Asst S-3
Hurley D. Rogers	1st Lt	0-1557663	Mess, Supply & Trans
William A. Stirling, Jr.	1st Lt	0-1596518	Plt Comdr
Paul H. Stromquist	1st Lt	0-1113006	Mess, Supply & Trans
Raymond F. Yunker	1st Lt	0-1557809	Plt Comdr
Robert M. Zeek	1st Lt	0-1112541	Motor Transport
Donald J. Chappuis	2nd Lt	0-528078	Plt Comdr
Preston C. Fix	2nd Lt	0-1117131	Rcn O
Paul W. Franklin	2nd Lt	0-1999480	Asst S-2
Joe P. Harle	2nd Lt	0-1596349	Mess, Supply & Trans
George L. Carroll	CWO	W-2126128	Supply General
Byron M. Irwin	CWO	W-2126677	Military Personnel
Clyde W. Powell	WOJG	W-2131370	Motor Transport
FRANK J. VOLLMAYER, JR.	2 ND LT.	0-1118140	PLT. Comdr.

Promotions during the month of March 1945:

1st Lt Robert G. Lynes promoted to Captain 1 March 1945 per par 1 SO #60, Hq, Seventh Army, APO 758, US Army, dated 1 March 1945.

2nd Lt William A. Stirling, Jr. promoted to 1st Lt 1 March 1945 per par 1 SO #60, Hq, Seventh Army, APO 758, US Army, dated 1 March 1945.

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Awards during the month of March 1945: None.

Prisoners of War captured during the month of March 1945: None.

Casualties during the month of March 1945:

		<u>Battle</u>			<u>Non-Battle</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>LWA</u>		
Officers	0	0	1	0	
Enlisted Men	0	2	6	12	
TOTAL:	0	2	7	12	

Note:

Pfc Edward L. Cooper, 33635509 was LWA when he tripped over an anti-personnel mine while detonating anti-tank mines.

Cpl Thomas J. Bobrownicki, 33777871, SWA, Pfc John A. Mossburg, 33403624, LWA, and Pvt William G. Truby, 33672122, LWA were wounded when the 2½ ton truck in which they were riding struck an enemy anti-tank mine.

Pfc Elmer H. Gorecki, 33685030 was LWA from shell fragments while taking cover under an arch bridge on the west side of the Rhine River.

Tec 5 Albert J. Gedling, 33723317, was SWA when crushed between an air-compressor which he was operating and a 2½ ton truck while operating said compressor at a bridge site.

Lt Col Keith C. Stainbrook, O-422615, was LWA when hit by enemy artillery fire while engaged in military operations near the Rhine River.

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157TH ENGR (C) BATTALION

April, 1945

(Period, 01001 April 1945 - 302359 April 1945)

(Map references: T-3, T-4, T-5, U-3, S-4, V-5, Scale: 100,000)

1 April 1945: When the period opened the Battalion CP, H&S Company and Companies "A" "B" "C" were located at (M 980331). The Battalion had the following assigned missions:

Maintaining and repairing roads from: M 905341 to M 946327 and from M 946327 to M 980288; from M 982299 to M 996332; from M 947336 to M 996332; from M 996332 to N 022340; from N 022340 to N 013388; and from N 937358 to M 947336.

- Filled crater at M 905306.
- Started construction of bridge at N 008378. Est. completion time 011800B hrs.
- Shuttled 40 German Ponton Trailers to new area across Main River.
- Security of Gp Hq's and Water Points.

2 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 1 April, except for the following changes:

- Security for Water Point at Langen, coord M 882257. Moved with the Water Point to Worth, coord N 021341.
- Maintaining and providing Engineer security for Treadway Bridge at coord N 026342.
- Operating and providing Engineer security for Ferry at coord N 026342.
- Maintaining approach roads to Ferry and Treadway Bridge.
- Improving bridge at coord N 008378. Opened for traffic at 011630A hrs.
- Operating shovel at coord N 019333.
- Installed a culvert at coord N 011339.
- Moving 130 ft of DD Bailey Bridge.
- Providing security for German ponton equipage, Bailey Bridge Train and shovel.

3 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 2 April except for the following changes:

- Transported to, and unloaded at coord N 029349, 130' DD Bailey Bridge. Completed at 022230B hrs.
- Filled crater at coord N 017345.
- Widened blown R.R. underpass at coord N 019343.
- Swept roads from coord N 024342 to N 008378 after finding German Mine signs. No mines were found.

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4 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company and Companies "A" "B" "C" moved to N 038352. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 3 April except for the following changes:

- Closed Water Point at Steinbach, coord M 910215, and security for Water Point moved with the Water Point to N 109405.
- Maintaining roads in area bounded on the West by the Momling River, on the North by the 37 (Northern) Grid, and on the East by the Mam River, and on the South by the 29 (Southern) Grid line.

5 April 1945: Company "C" moved to vicinity of N 190530. With a change in the area of responsibility, the Battalion had the following assigned missions:

- Closed Water Point at Worth. Coord N 021341, and the security for the Water Point moved with the Water Point to Rothenbuch coord N 191534.

- Maintaining the following roads: Erlenbach (N 024345) to Elsenfeld (N 025395); Elsenfeld (N 025395) to Eschau (N 093368) to coord N 115413 to Heimbuchenthal (N 122449) to Hessenthal (N 110487) to Rothenbuch (N 190533) N 115413 to Krousenbach (N 153415) to N 186457 to N 181459 to N 188487 to N 196502 to Rothenbuch (N 190533).

- Dismantled Ferry on the Main River and loaded it on trucks of 529th Engr LP Co for transport.

- Policing Treadway Bridge area for extra bridge parts and transporting them to Bridge Equipage Dump.

6 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company and Company "A" moved to N 300600. Company "B" moved to N 038352. Company "C" was bivouaced from 051200B hrs to 060800B hrs at coord N 202543. Moved at 060800B hrs to N 368729. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 5 April except for the following changes:

- Closed Water Point at N 109405 and the security for the Water Point moved with the Water Point to N 364656.

- Removing Treadway Bridge over Main River at Worth and transporting it to the Engr. dump near Partenstein.

- Transporting 260' of Foot-bridge and 20 wooden ramps from Engr. dump at Worth to Engr dump No. 214 at Walldurn.

7 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for the 6 April except for the following changes:

- Completed moving 260' of Foot-bridge and 20 wooden ramps from Engr dump at Worth to Engr dump No. 214 at Walldurn.
- Maintaining Corps MSR from Rheineck to coord N 351779.
- Providing security for Engr dump at Worth and Partenstein; bridge at Gemuenden; dam at Steinbach.

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8 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 7 April except for the following changes:

- Relieved from guard of Engr dump at Worth.

9 April 1945: Company "B" moved to N 310626. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 8 April except for the following changes:

- Completed removing Treadway Bridge at Worth.
- Constructing bridge at Gemuenden.
- Maintaining Corps MSR from Aschaffenburg to Lohr to Hammelburg. Widening MSR to 2-way traffic in Gemuenden.

10 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company and Companies "A" and "B" moved to N 490678. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 9 April except for the following changes:

- Water Points at N 364656 and N 191534 were closed, and security for Water Points moved with the Water Points to Eschenbach N 516705 and Bruckenu N 458917.

11 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 10 April except for the following changes:

- Improved filled crater near Hammelburg.
- Completed widening MSR to 2-way traffic in Gemuenden.

12 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 11 April except for the following changes:

- Repaired bridge at N 557770.

13 April 1945: In Battalion Convoy, the Battalion moved to N 640810; a temporary halt enroute to new bivouac area. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 12 April except for the following changes:

- Finished construction of Timber bridge and removal of Bailey Bridge at Gemuenden. Bridge opened to traffic at 130030B hrs

14 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company, Companies "A" "B" and "C" moved to N 958650. With a change in the area of responsibility the Battalion had the following assigned missions:

- Maintaining Corps MSR in assigned area.
- Started construction of Timber Trestle bridge across the Main River at Haszfurt.
- Constructing bridge at Poppenhausen across the Weern River.
- Removed Treadway Bridge at Over-Theres. Completed at 141445B hrs.
- Improving by-pass for blown RR over-pass in Haszfurt.
- Filled in road over-pass on MSR at coord N 763665.

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Water Points at N 458917 and N 516705 were closed, and security for Water Points moved with the Water Points to Massbach N 814791 and Haszfurt O 981638.

15 April 1945: Company "B" moved to O 245497. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 14 April except for the following changes:

- Improved filled in road over-pass on MSR at coord N 763665.
- Completed improvement of by-pass for blown RR over-pass in Haszfurt.
- Made Reconnaissance for bridge across the Main River at Bamberg.

16 April 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to O 225434. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 15 April except for the following changes:

- Transporting Bailey Bridge from Bad Kissingen to 529th Engr LP Co dump.
- Guarding and Maintaining Treadway Bridge at Haszfurt coord N 983625.
- Built 160' DS Bailey Bridge at Bamberg. (Cl 40).
- Constructing Timber bridge in Bamberg.

17 April 1945: Company "C" moved to O 225434. With a change in the area of responsibility, the Battalion had the following assigned missions:

- Security for the Water Point at Massbach, coord N 814719. Moved with the Water Point to Bamberg, coord O 260485.
- Bridge in Poppenhausen (Timber Trestle) (2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70 - span 40') coord N 722695 was opened for traffic at 161900B.
- Bridge in Unter Neuses Timber Trestle (2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70 - span 15') coord O 190407 was opened for traffic at 162200B.
- Relieved of security of Engr dump at Partenstein.
- Maintenance of Corps MSR and roads in assigned area.
- Searching for mines and booby traps in German barracks in Bamberg.
- Guarding and maintaining Bailey Bridge at Bamberg. coord O 260485.

18 April 1945: Company "A" moved to O 994602. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 17 April except for the following changes:

- Completed search for booby traps and explosives in German barracks at Bamberg. No booby traps were found. Explosive charges found in the boilers and furnaces were removed and destroyed.
- Removed and destroyed one 2-1/2 ton truck load of explosives found at Corps Headquarters in Bamberg.

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19 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company, Companies "A" and "C" moved to O 299035. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 18 April.

20 April 1945: Company "B" was enroute to new area in the vicinity of O 299035. With a change in the area of responsibility the Battalion had the following assigned missions:

- Water Points at Haszfurt O 981368 and Bamberg O 260485 were closed; and security for Water Points moved with Water Points to Lagenzenn O 207040 and Unter-Farnnbach O 331040.
- Maintaining and guarding Treadway Bridge at Furth O 351029.
- Maintaining and guarding Bailey Bridge near Zirndorf, T 359981.
- Maintaining and guarding three Bailey Bridges at Langenfeld, O 106165.
- Maintaining and guarding Bailey Bridge at Neustadt, O 075128.
- Sweeping for mines on approach roads to Cadelzburg, O 260003.
- Completed pile bent Timber Trestle bridge in Bamberg, coord O 260485, 2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70 - span 160 ft opened for traffic at 200045B hrs.

21 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company and Company "B" moved to T 335830. Company "A" moved to T 240812. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 20 April except for the following changes:

- Relieved security from Timber Bridge at Bamberg.
- Completed sweeping for mines on approach roads to Cadelzburg. No mines were found.
- Companies "A" and "C" following in direct support of two Division Regiments of the 42nd Div.

22 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 21 April except for the following changes:

- Water Points at Langanzen O 207040 and Unter-Farnnbach O 331040 were closed and the security for one Water Point moved with Water Point to Barthelmesaurach, coord T 321800.
- Constructed Bailey Bridge (80' DS - Cl 40) at coord T 294734. Started construction at 220330B. Opened bridge for traffic at 220840B. Providing guard and maintenance on this bridge.
- Maintaining road from Heilsbronn T 220865 to Winsbach T 250760. Sweeping road and shoulders for mines.

23 April 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to T 303759. Company "A" moved to T 300746. Company "B" moved to T 287730. Company "C" was enroute to T 211409. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 22 April except for the following changes:

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- The Battalion was relieved of all security for bridges except the Bailey Bridge at coord T 294734.
- Security for one Water Point. Moved with the Water Point to Wassermungenau T 293775. Water Point at Barthelmesaurach T 321800 was closed.
- Repairing blown bridge beneath Bailey Bridge by building crib to support overhanging steel stringers and bridging gap with cribbing (Location: coord T 294734, Wassermungenau).

24 April 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to T 211409. Companies "A" and "B" moved to T 211409. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 23 April except for the following changes:

- Security for one Water Point moved with the Water Point to Heidenheim, T 196505.
- Completed construction of by-pass for RR over-pass at coord T 232570 at 240800B hrs.
- Completed filling crater at T 203625 at 240100B hrs.
- Cleared RR under-pass for 2 way traffic at coord T 189610. Completed at 232100B hrs.
- Filled craters at coord T 178658, T 182653, T 184650, T 187645, T 215633. Completed at 232100B hrs.

25 April 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 24 April except for the following changes:

- Security for Water Point at Wassermungenau T 293735 moved with the Water Point to Wolferstadt T 229383.
- Searched for and removed mines at T 225453 and T 156394. Eight improvised AT and AP mines were found at T 225453 and destroyed. No mines were found at T 156394.
- Filled the following craters at coord: T 180352, T 270288, T 213348, T 205503, T 205405, T 211528, T 215503, T 182428, T 180416 and T 189418.
- Repaired culvert at T 188455.
- Searched for mines in the vicinity of Wemding T 190350. No mines were found.

26 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company, Companies "A" "B" and "C" moved to T 246245. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 25 April except for the following changes:

- Security for Water Points at Heidenheim T 196505 moved with the Water Point to Hotchfeld T 304274.
- Removed post obstacles in Itzing T 268287.
- Searched road between Wolferstadt T 230380 to Hagau T 206393 for mines. One improvised mine was found and destroyed and evidence of 2 others (2 demolished Jeeps) were found. Since road was not considered necessary, it was closed.
- Started construction of foot-bridge at T 3119 at 260400B hrs. Required 4 hrs to install cable across Danube due to inoperative outboard motors. Bridge was installed at approximately 260945B hrs.

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At approximately 260945B hrs cable used in Ferrying Operation downstream broke loose and caused loss of approximately 80% of foot-bridge. The cable was anchored upstream of foot-bridge and was laid on top of foot-bridge. Damage was due to broken cable dragging across bridge. Bridge construction was started again and it was found that the current was too strong for one cable. Further attempts at construction were abandoned.

- Construction of two Infantry Support Rafts at T 290182 started at 260500B hrs. One raft went into operation at 261000B hrs. Estimated time for operation of the Ferry unknown.

- Construction of Treadway Ferry at T 290182 was started at 260700B hrs, and completed at 261150B. Estimated time for Ferry to be opened for traffic 261230B hrs.

- Construction of Heavy Ponton Bridge at T 290182 was started at 260845B hrs. Estimated completion time 261500B hrs.

- Repaired Treadway on Timber Trestle Bridge at T 291182.

27 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company, Companies "A" "B" and "C" moved to T 251248. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 26 April except for the following changes:

- Completed construction of Heavy Ponton Bridge across Danube River (1/W Cl 40 - 235' long) at T 287178. Bridge opened for traffic at 261840B hrs.

- Providing security and maintenance for Heavy Ponton Bridge across Danube, and approaches leading to it.

- Maintained and operated one Infantry Support Raft across Danube downstream of Heavy Ponton Bridge at T 290180. Raft was removed at 270430B hrs.

- One platoon with 80' DS Bailey Bridge attached was alerted to move out on short notice for construction of Bailey Bridge at T 338152. This platoon at 271130B was located at T 313168. A second Bailey Bridge Train of 80' DS is being transported to the platoon.

- Constructed Treadway Ferry across Danube at T 289178. Opened for traffic at 261500B hrs.

- Operating and maintaining Treadway Ferry.

- Foot-bridge equipment at T 303190 was removed and loaded on trucks at 261400B. Was returned to 529th LP Co at 261700B hrs.

- Maintaining road from Ponton Bridge to Lech River.

- Constructed Log boom upstream of Heavy Ponton Bridge. Completed 271600B hrs.

28 April 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company and Companies "A", "B" and "C" moved to T 342128. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 27 April except for the following changes:

- The Battalion had been operating 2 Water Points. A third Water Point was opened at Munster T 333076.

- Bailey Bridge Train 160' DS and assault boats (2 - 5 boat rafts and 2 truck and trailer loads of assault boats) returned to 529th LP Company at 281030B hrs.

- Was relieved from Security and maintenance of Heavy Ponton Bridge and approaches to it at T 287178.

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- Maintaining and repairing road from Ponton Bridge to Rain T 338153.

- Removed road block at T 314163.

- Removed enemy half-track from road at T 344148.

29 April 1945: Company "B" moved to T 317178. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 28 April except for the following changes:

- Water Points at Hotchfeld T 304274 and Wolferstadt T 229383 were closed. Security for one Water Point moved with the Water Point to Unter-Barr T 378043.

- Company "B" attached to 163rd Engr C Bn.

- Road block at T 354069 was widened to permit two way traffic.

- Log obstacle at T 328165 removed.

- Hole in road at T 345111 repaired.

- Crater in road at T 368061 repaired by Germans. Improved by 1 squad. Open for two way traffic at 281845B hrs.

- Obstacle at T 358087 was removed.

- Removed vehicle from road at T 373045. Checked area for mines. No mines were found.

- Filled three fox-holes on road shoulder at T 380070.

- Removed three enemy guns from road at T 380070.

- Removed two enemy vehicles from road at T 383071.

- Filled crater at T 383071.

- Repairing and maintaining road in the vicinity of T 4000.

30 April 1945: Company "A" moved to Y 519783. Company "B" moved to T 312169. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 29 April except for the following changes:

- Started construction of Treadway Bridge (1/W Cl 40 - 114' span) at coord T 687653. Estimated completion time 301800B hrs.

- Filling crater at Y 683657. Estimated completion at 301800B hrs.

- Guarding and maintaining Bailey Bridge at Woernitzstein T 195189.

- Company "A" in direct support of 42nd Division.

- Company "B" returned to Battalion control from attachment to 163rd Engr C Bn.

- Relieved of security of Heavy Ponton Bridge at T 287187.

- Clearing obstacles from road Aichach T 509900 to Dachau T 749699. Estimated completion time 301200B hrs.


- NOTE: 1. The Battalion Water Supply Section dispensed 235,200 gallons of water during the month.
2. When the period closed, the Battalion was engaged in the maintenance of roads, clearing road blocks, building bridges and General Engineer work in close support of the 42nd Div.

Summary of Operations for the Period 010001B Hours April 1945 to 302400B Hours April 1945.

During the period 1 April 1945 to 30 April 1945 the Battalion was employed in numerous tasks including the construction of tactical and semi-permanent bridges, the removal of obstacles and obstructions to the advance of the troops, the removal of mines, the destruction of German explosives, security of bridges, and the removal of tactical bridges.

A total of 861 feet of bridges was constructed by the Battalion during the period, as follows: 240' of DS Bailey Bridge, 120 feet of M-2 Treadway, 235 feet of Heavy Ponton and 266 feet of Semi-permanent Construction.

During the period the Battalion was in support of the 1109 Engineer (C) Group and later in close support of the 42nd Infantry Division. Due to the fast moving situation and the ever increasing demand of Engineer work, the Battalion worked long and continuous hours to accomplish its mission.


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S-1 REPORT - MONTH OF APRIL 1945.

MATERIAL LOST:

1 April Two (2) Watches, wrist, 7-15 jewel
12 April One (1) Truck, 1/4 ton 4x4 (odograph jeep, less odograph, U.S. Registration 20339791
26 April One (1) Truck, 6x6 GMC Dump, U.S. Registration 4495397, 2½ Ton
26 April Two (2) Trucks, 3/4 ton C/R, U.S. Registrations 20178805; 20170705.
29 April Sixty-four (64) Knives, Trench, M3 - Excess.

MATERIAL GAINED:

1 April One (1) Truck, 1/4 ton 4x4, U.S. Registration 20472333
13 April Two (2) Watches, pocket, 17 jewel
Two (2) Binoculars, M13
Two (2) Convertors, M-209
26 April Three (3) Trucks, 3/4 ton W/C, U.S. Registrations 2263815; 2261138; 2263285.
27 April Eight (8) Launchers, Grenade, M7
29 April One (1) Truck, 2½ Ton 6x6 GMC Dump, U.S. Registration 4734709

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Harry C. Davis	Major	0-456336	S-3
William G. Hogue	Major	0-453254	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	Captain	0-1108855	S-4
Herbert A. Benton, Jr.	Captain	0-1111489	Co Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	Captain	0-1103142	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	Captain	0-521480	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	Captain	0-1112752	Adjutant
Robert G. Lyneis	Captain	0-1111749	Hq Co Comdr
James K. Polk	Captain	0-1103364	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	Captain	0-511523	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	Captain	0-1103417	Co Comdr
Richard V. Addy	1st Lt	0-1114042	Plt Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	1st Lt	0-1112378	Liaison
Thomas W. Crites	1st Lt	0-1557711	Plt Comdr
Cecil E. Jones	1st Lt	0-532348	Plt Comdr
Clifford P. Johnson	1st Lt	0-1111691	Plt Comdr
James W. Lindsey	1st Lt	0-1116392	Plt Comdr
Robert D. Livingston	1st Lt	0-907091	Plt Comdr
LeRoy H. Moline	1st Lt	0-1112872	Asst S-3
Hurley D. Rogers	1st Lt	0-1557663	Mess Supply Trans
William A. Stirling, Jr.	1st Lt	0-1596518	Plt Comdr
Raymond F. Yuhker	1st Lt	0-1557809	Plt Comdr
Robert M. Zeek	1st Lt	0-1112541	Motor Transport
Donald J. Chappuis	2nd Lt	0-528078	Plt Comdr
Preston C. Fix	2nd Lt	0-1117131	Rcn O
Paul W. Franklin	2nd Lt	0-1999480	Asst S-2
Joe P. Harle	2nd Lt	0-1596349	Mess Supply Trans
Frank J. Vollmayer, Jr.	2nd Lt	0-1118140	Plt Comdr
George L. Carroll	CWO	W-2126128	Supply General
Byron M. Irwin	CWO	W-2126677	Military Pers
Clyde W. Powell	WOJG	W-2131370	Motor transport
Paul H. Stromquist	1st Lt	0-1113006	Mess Supply Trans

Officer promotions during the month of April 1945: None.

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Awards or decorations received during the month of April 1945:

S Sgt Rudolph T. Nemcheck, 33684936, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal on 15 March 1945 by par 2, GO 29, Headquarters AV Corps, United States Army, APO 436, US Army, dated 15 March 1945.

Prisoners captured during the month of April 1945: 99

Battle and Non-Battle Casualties during the month of April 1945:

	Battle			Non Battle
	SWA	LWA	KIA	
Officers:	0	0	0	0
EM:	0	3	0	21
Total:	0	3	0	21

Note:

Pfc Charles H. Owens, 33648535, was LWA when shot by a German soldier which he was attempting to capture.

Sgt George Marons, 33685174, was LWA when hit by fragments of enemy mortar fire near a bridge in Munich, Germany on which he was working.

Pvt LeeLand Flickner, 33437220, was LWA when shot while performing duties as a reconnaissance driver in the city of Munich, Germany.

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157TH ENGR (C) BATTALION

May, 1945

(Period, 01001 May 1945 - 102359 May 1945)

(Map references : W-5, X-6, X-7, Scale: 100,000)

1 May 1945: When the period opened the Battalion CP, H&S Company and Companies "B" and "C" were located at (Y 652696). Company "A" was located at (Y 519783). The Battalion had the following assigned missions:

- Security for Gp Hq's and Water Points.
- Water Points at Munster T 333076 and Unter-Barr T 378043 were closed and security for one water point moved with the water point to Munchen Y 820581.
- Maintaining security for Treadway Bridge at Y 687653. Bridge was opened for traffic at 301130B hrs.
- Repairing crater at Y 683657. Road was opened for light 2 way traffic at 300530B hrs. The 142nd Engrs completed work on this crater.
- Guarding Bailey Bridge at T 118335.
- Cleared obstacles from Road, Aichaach to Dachau. Completed at 301700B hrs.
- Improved approach roads to bridges located at Y 738683, Y 715673 and Y 730682.
- Repaired bridge at Y 779648.
- Improving road from Karlsfeld to Ludwigsfeld.
- Providing water and security for horses at T 2627.
- Removing rubble from Main Streets in Munchen.
- Removed 2 Tellermine 35 from the Autobahn at Y 571731. These mines were buried beneath the paving bricks. The safety pins had not been pulled. Traffic had damaged one of the mines. Paving bricks had been removed and replaced on the Autobahn in 52 places. Each place had to be investigated. Shoulders and Island in middle of Autobahn had been dug up and sod planted as dummy mines. The mines found were removed and destroyed.
- Constructing small bridge at Y 718670. Estimated completion 1700B hrs.

2 May 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company and Companies "A" "B" and "C" moved to Y 922552. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 1 May except for the following changes:

- Security for one water point moved with the water point to Munchen Y 884542.
- Clearing and Maintaining roads and bridges in Munchen.

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- Cleared and repaired 5 bridges in Munchen at coords Y 883554, Y 882553, Y 879551, Y 877548 and Y 872542. Completed at 011700B hrs.
- Removed road block at Y 928545. Completed at 021200B hrs.
- Clearing the following road blocks:

Coord:	Y 985528	Est. Completion	021700B hrs
"	Z 001523	"	" 021700B "
"	Z 011517	"	" 021700B "
"	Z 043509	"	" 021700B "
"	Y 819556	"	" 021600B "
- Repairing and Maintaining road from Munchen to Haar Zorneding and beyond.
- Completed construction of Timber Trestle Bridge (1/W Cl 40 - 18' span) at Y 718670. Opened for traffic at 011400B hrs.
- Bridge at Y 839508 (1/W Cl 40) was found prepared for demolitions by Germans and approaches mined. Bridge was marked and taped off.
- Large hole in road filled at Y 746607. Completed at 011400B hrs.
- Crater filled at Y 857561. Completed at 011700B hrs.

3 May 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company and Companies "A" "B" and "C" moved to Z 233261. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 2 May except for the following changes:

- Security for Treadway Bridge at T 686659 was relieved at 021800B hrs.
- Conducted Engineer Reconnaissance.
- Repairing roads in assigned area.
- Cleared debris from Blown RR underpass at Y 819556.
- Completed removing road blocks at coord Y 985528, Z 001523, Z 011517, Z 043509 and Y 928545 at times estimated on previous day.

4 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 3 May except for the following changes:

- Security for Water Points at Munchen Y 884542 and Y 820581 moved with the Water Points to Rosenheim Z 291271 and Bruckmuhl Z 120289.
- Repaired Autobahn Bridge at Z 285214. Completed at 1430B hrs.
- Security for Bailey Bridge at T 118335 was relieved.
- Repaired crater and removed road block at Z 257240.
- Maintained by-pass around blown bridge on Autobahn Z 570262 from Stegenhar to Unt-Winkl.
- Established Bn PW Collecting Point and maintained guard thereon.
- Repaired crater at Rosenheim at coord Z 281267.

5 May 1945: The Battalion CP, and H&S Company moved to Z 638358. Companies "A" "B" and "C" moved to Z 628267. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 4 May except for the following changes:

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- Water Point at Bruckmühl Z 120289 was closed and security for water point moved with the water point to Traunstein Z 672306.
- Destroyed pile of 10 Tellermines and 125 lbs of explosives at Z 463245.
- Started construction of 190' Timber Trestle Bridge (2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70) at Z 570260. Estimated completion time 072000B hrs.
- Cleared Autobahn for 4 way traffic from Inn River to Z 555267.
- Removed vehicles from road at coord Z 341307, Z 355208, Z 370209, Z 462243, Z 391329 and Z 454230.
- Filled 6 craters in Rosenheim.
- Removed 2 post obstacles from road in Rosenheim.
- Removed 3 vehicles from road and filled 8 small craters in Road in vicinity of Z 6431.
- Captured 3212 PW.

6 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 5 May except for the following changes:

- Furnishing security for Poison Gas Dump at Z 22852215.
- Furnishing security for German Engr Dump at Z 285286.
- Repairing Autobahn at Z 640260.
- Captured 42 PW.

7 May 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to Z 633238. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 6 May except for the following changes:

- Captured 51 PW's (1 Major General).
- Repaired Timber Trestle Bridge at Z 748272. Completed at 070600B hrs.
- Patched bridge at Z 640260. Completed at 061800B hrs.
- Hauling Bridge material to proposed bridge site at Z 888208.

8 May 1945: The Battalion CP, H&S Company, and Company "A" moved to Z 878213. Company "C" moved to Z 887200. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 7 May except for the following changes:

- Water Point at Rosenheim Z 291271 was closed and security for the Water Point moved with the Water Point to Salzburg at coord Z 953253.
- Bridge (2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70 - 190' span) at Z 570262 was opened for traffic at 072230B hrs. Unused lane of Autobahn bridge was blocked off.

9 May 1945: Company "A" moved to Z 870200. Company "B" moved to Z 878213. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 8 May except for the following changes:

- Security for Horsefarm in vicinity of T 2627 were relieved.

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- The Battalion participated in "VE" day Group Review in Salzburg.

- Started construction of 210' pile bent bridge and approach roads at Z 888208. Estimated completion time 141800B hrs.

10 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 9 May.

NOTE: 1. The Battalion Water Supply Section dispensed 113,720 gallons of water during the period 1 to 10 May 1945.

2. When the period closed the Battalion was engaged in the Maintenance of roads in the assigned area of responsibility and the Construction of a 210' (2/W C1 40 - 1/W C1 70) bridge with 600 yds of approach roads at Z 888208.


Summary of Operations for the Period 010001B Hours 1 May 1945 to 102400B hours May 1945.

During the period the Bn supported the forward troops in the hasty advance that characterized the move from Munich Sector toward and to Salzburg. During the period working parties were often hampered by the continuous flow of Prisoners to the Rear.

The Battalion Constructed 208' of Timber Trestle Bridge and started Construction of 210 ft of Pile Bent Bridge and 600 yds of new road.

Reconnaissance of Roads & Bridges & of Engr Material was continuous throughout the period.

Industrial surveys of the area was started.


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William G. Hogue	Major	0-453254	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	Captain	0-1108855	S-4
Herbert A. Benton, Jr.	Captain	0-1111789	Com Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	Captain	0-1103142	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	Captain	0-521480	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	Captain	0-1112752	Adjutant
Robert G. Lyneis	Captain	0-1111749	Hq Co Comdr
James K. Polk	Captain	0-1103364	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	Captain	0-511523	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	Captain	0-1103417	Co Comdr
Richard V. Addy	1st Lt	0-1114042	Plt Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	1st Lt	0-1112378	Liaison O
Thomas W. Crites	1st Lt	0-1557711	Plt Comdr
Donald J. Chappuis	1st Lt	0-528078	Plt Comdr
Cecil E. Jones	1st Lt	0-532348	Plt Comdr
Clifford P. Johnson	1st Lt	0-1111691	Plt Comdr
James W. Lindsey	1st Lt	0-1116392	Plt Comdr
Robert D. Livingston	1st Lt	0-907091	Plt Comdr
LeRoy H. Moline	1st Lt	0-1112872	Asst S-3
Hurley D. Rogers	1st Lt	0-1557663	Mess, Supply, Trans
William A. Stirling, Jr.	1st Lt	0-1596518	Plt Comdr
Paul H. Stromquist	1st Lt	0-1113006	Mess, Supply, Trans
Raymond F. Yunker	1st Lt	0-1557809	Plt Comdr
Robert M. Zeek	1st Lt	0-1112541	Motor Transport O
Preston C. Fix	2nd Lt	0-1117131	Rcn O
Paul W. Franklin	2nd Lt	0-1999480	Asst S-2
Joe P. Harle	2nd Lt	0-1596349	Mess, Supply, Trans
Frank J. Vollmayer, Jr.	2nd Lt	0-1118140	Plt Comdr
George L. Carroll	CWO	W-2126128	Supply General
Byron M. Irwin	CWO	W-2126677	Military Personnel
Clyde W. Powell	WOJG	W-2131370	Motor Transport O

Promotions during the month of May 1945:

2nd Lt Donald J. Chappuis promoted to 1st Lt 1 May 1945 per par 3 Special Order No. 121, Headquarters Seventh Army, APO 758, US Army dated 1 May 1945.

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Awards and decorations received as of 10 May 1945: None.

Prisoners of War captured as of 10 May 1945: 3342

Battle and Non-battle casualty reports as of 10 May 1945:

	<u>Battle</u>			<u>Non Battle</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>LWA</u>	
Officers:	0	0	0	0
Enlisted Men:	0	0	1	6

Note: Tec 4 Sigmund L. Ziembra, 33777872 was LWA when a German civilian set off a grenade in the vicinity of where he was engaged in work.

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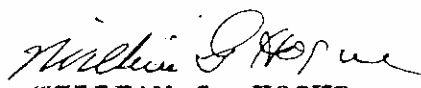
13 June 1945

SUBJECT: After-Action Report.

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

THRU : Commanding Officer, 1109th Engr (C) Group,
APO 758, U.S. Army.

In compliance with Section IV, Circular 34,
Hq., 7th Army, dated 28 November 1944, the After-Action
Report of the operations of the 157th Engr (C) Bn during
the period 11 May 1945 to 31 May 1945, is enclosed.


WILLIAM G. HOGUE,
Major, 157th Engr (C) Bn.,
Commanding.

Incl -
(1) After-Action Report,
May 1945.

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AFTER ACTION REPORT

157TH ENGR (C) BATTALION

May, 1945

(Period 110001 May 1945 to 312359 May 1945)

(Map references: Y-7, Y-8, Z-7, Z-8 Scale: 100,000)

Note: Report for 010001 May 1945 to 102359 May 1945 was submitted 20 May 1945 under separate cover.

11 May 1945: When the period opened the Battalion CP, H&S Company, and Company "B" were located at Z 878213. Company "A" was located at Z 870200. Company "C" was located at Z 887200. The Battalion had the following assigned missions:

- Furnishing security for Group Hqs and 3 Water Points.
- Security for Poison Gas Dump at Z 22852215.
- Security for captured Engr Dump at Z 285286.
- Security for 2 houses stocked with Enemy Demolition supplies in town of Marzoll at Z 8918.
- Operating Garbage Disposal Point at Z 999289.
- Constructing pile bent bridge at Z 888208. Bridge to be 200 foot (2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70). Estimated completion time 141300B hrs.

12 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 11 May except for the following changes:

- Water Points at Salzburg V 001235 and Traunstein Z 672306 were closed, and security for 1 Water Point moved with the Water Point to Salzburg Z 952252.
- Company "C" 260th Engr (C) Bn was attached to assist in the construction of bridge at Z 888208.

13 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 12 May.

14 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 13 May except for the following changes:

- Relieved from security of Enemy Demolition supplies in town of Marzoll at Z 881181 at 132000B hrs by 7th Infantry.

15 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 14 May except for the following changes:

- Pile bent bridge at Z 888208 completed at 142300B hrs. Description: 210' (2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70).
- Company "C" 260th Engr (C) Bn was relieved from attachment to this unit.
- Improving by-pass to bridge at Z 888208. Completed at 151700B hrs.

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16 May 1945: The Battalion CP and H&S Company moved to V 082030. Company "A" moved to V 089023. Company "B" moved to V 088026. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 15 May except for the following changes:

- Furnishing security for bridge at Z 888208.
- Started construction of Timber Trestle Pile bent bridge at V 091020. Bridge to be 190' (2/W Cl 40 - 1/W Cl 70). Estimated completion time 211800B hrs.

17 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 16 May except for the following changes:

- Water Point at Salzburg Z 953253 was closed and security for Water Point moved with the Water Point to Golling V 081037.
- Repaired bridge at V 055077. Bridge now (1/W Cl 15). By-pass for heavier vehicles was in fair shape.
- Filled craters at V 025123.
- Furnishing security for Bailey and Treadway Bridge at V 094018.

18 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 17 May except for the following changes:

- Improved filled craters at V 025123.
- Relieved of security of Engr Dump at Rosenheim Z 285236 by 40th Engr Group.
- Removed crib obstacle that restricted 2/W traffic on Main road through Hallein.
- Found salt mine caves containing SS records and reportedly valuable paintings. XV Corps MP Patrol was notified and posted a guard on the caves.

19 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 18 May except for the following changes:

- A new Water Point was opened at Glasenbach at V 008218.
- Security for Poison Gas Dump, (Z 22852215), and Bailey and Treadway Bridges at V 094018 were relieved.
- Improved by-pass to bridge at V 046095.
- Reinforcing existing bridge with M2 Treadway at V 192036.
- Clearing obstructions from road from V 088028 to V 192037.

20 May 1945: Company "C" moved to V 079037. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 19 May except for the following changes:

- Water Points at Salzburg Z 952252 and Glasenbach V 008218 were closed, and security for the Water Points moved with the Water Points back to the Battalion.
- Relieved from construction of bridge at V 091020 by the 260th Engr (C) Bn.
- Furnished Engineer Traffic guards on bridges at A 101009, A 087950, A 093918 and A 125867.
- Put tread on bridges at A 101009, A 087950 and A 125867.

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- Reinforced bridge at A 093917 with one additional bent.
- Reinforced bridge at A 125867 by adding sleepers and constructing super-structure on existing super-structure.
- Relieved of Operation of Garbage Disposal Point by the 260th Engr (C) Bn.

20 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 19 May except for the following changes:

- Assisting Company "C" 260th Engr (C) Bn in construction of bridge at V 091020.
- Put tread on bridge at A 093917.
- Removed M2 Treadway from bridge at V 192036.
- Removed obstructions from Route 331 from V 089027 to RJ A 129858.

21 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 20 May except for the following changes:

- Replacing decking and super-structure on bridge in Vic of Olsach C 686949.
- Reinforcing bridge in Vic of Lend A 020692.

22 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 21 May except for the following changes:

- Furnishing security for new Water Point opened at Hallein V 021119.
- Completed reinforcing of bridge in Vic of Lend A 020692.
- Removed logs from roadway at A 261929 & A 250401.
- Filled slit trench on edge of road at V 175035.
- Removed German vehicles from road at V 192037 & A 309814.
- Maintaining approaches to Treadway Bridge at V 091020.

23 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 22 May except for the following changes:

- Removed vehicles from road at A 282812, A 240848, A 167853, A 300815, V 025126 and V 075055.
- Removed log obstacle from road at V 045097.
- Filled craters at V 030190.
- Maintaining approaches to Treadway Bridge at V 094018.
- Put tread on bridges on Route 331 from V 094018 to Lend.

24 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 23 May except for the following changes:

- Furnishing security for Railroad Cars in Golling.
- Removed Treadway Bridge from across the Lamar River at V 091020.
- Put Treadway on 36' bridge at A 128857. 196' bridge at A 124855.
- Removed 190' SS Bailey Bridge at V 094018.
- Repairing roads in assigned area.

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26 May 1945: Company "C" moved to Group Rest Center for 3 days. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 25 May except for the following changes:

- Repaired filled craters at Hallein V 020120.
- Operating 23 Traffic Census Posts in Salzburg.

27 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 26 May except for the following changes:

- Furnishing security for Engr Dump at V 065014.
- Relieved of security of Railroad Cars in Golling.
- Relieved of Traffic Guard on Bridges at A 101009, A 087950, A 093918 and A 125867.
- Clearing Main streets in Salzburg.

28 May 1945: Company "A" moved to V 061065. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 27 May except for the following changes:

- Relieved of security of Engr Dump at V 065014.

29 May 1945: Company "C" moved from the Group Rest Center back to V 079037. The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 28 May.

30 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 29 May except for the following changes:

- Supervising repair of Utilities in Salzburg.
- Command and Technical Inspections, Companies "A" and "B".

31 May 1945: The Battalion had the same assigned missions as for 30 May.

- Notes:
1. The Battalion Water Supply Section dispensed 281,835 gallons of water during the period 11 to 31 May.
 2. When the period closed the Battalion was engaged in General Engineer Work in the assigned area of responsibility.

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Summary of Operations for the period 110001B Hours 11 May 1945 to 12400B Hours May 1945.

During the period the Battalion was engaged in General Engineer Work including security of bridges and enemy dumps, road maintenance, bridge repair and clearing roads of obstacles.

The Battalion constructed 210' of Bridge and approx. 500 yds of by-pass road and fill. Construction was started on a Timber Trestle-Pile Bent Bridge at V 091020 and turned over to 260th Engr (C) Bn for completion.

Began Industrial Survey in assigned area.

Engineer Material reconnaissance was continuous throughout the period.

William G. Hogue

WILLIAM G. HOGUE,
Major, 157th Engr (C) Bn.,
Commanding.

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ROSTER OF OFFICERS
as of 31 May 1945

<u>Name</u>	<u>Rank</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Prin Dy</u>
Keith C. Stainbrook	Lt Col	0-422615	Bn Comdr
Harry C. Davis	Major	0-456336	S-3
William G. Hogue	Major	0-453254	Exec O
Robert S. Anderson	Captain	0-1108855	S-4
Herbert A. Menton, Jr.	Captain	0-1111489	Co Comdr
Vernon H. Dowdy	Captain	0-1103142	Co Comdr
Louis Fried	Captain	0-521480	Dental O
Clifford O. Harris	Captain	0-1112752	Adjutant
Robert G. Lyness	Captain	0-1111749	Hq Co Comdr
James K. Polk	Captain	0-1103364	S-2
William M. Rosenbaum	Captain	0-511523	Medical O
Byron W. Snippen	Captain	0-1103417	Co Comdr
Richard V. Addy	1st Lt	0-1114042	Plt Comdr
Paul H. Anderson	1st Lt	0-1112378	Liaison O
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Clyde W. Powell	FOJQ	W-2131370	Motor Transport O

Promotions during the month of May 1945 (10 May - 31 May 1945): None.

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Awards and decorations received as of 31 May 1945:

<u>Officers</u>	<u>Enlisted Men</u>
1 Purple Heart	16 Bronze Star Medals
1 Cluster to Bronze Star Medal	
7 Bronze Star Medals	

Prisoners of War captured as of 31 May 1945: None

Battle and Non-battle casualty reports as of 31 May 1945:

	<u>Battle</u>			<u>Non Battle</u>
	<u>KIA</u>	<u>SWA</u>	<u>LWA</u>	
Officers:	0	0	0	0
Enlisted Men:	0	0	0	2

