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HEADQUARTERS  
 540th ENGINEER REGIMENT  
 A.P.O. # 758

S-2 Journal for November

LIAISON: The S-2 Officer maintained liaison with Higher Headquarters at all times during the month of November. Information obtained there at the G-2 briefing sessions was applied in the publication of the S-2 Summary which was put out each day of the month with the exception of two, when the officer was on reconnaissance. The S-2 Officer traveled an average of 209 miles a week in making trips from Regimental Headquarters to Seventh Army at Epinal and/or Saarebourg for liaison purposes.

SITUATION MAPS: The Section continued maintenance of its Super-situation map (Europe 1:1,000,000) and its Western Front map (Europe 1:100,000). The latter map is covered with an acetate overlay sheet on which the front line is posted daily to show the operations on the French First Army, the American Seventh and part of the American Third Army fronts.

ART WORK: During the month the Section's artist-draftsman prepared a detailed overlay for S-3 on river crossing operations, prepared overlays showing 540th unit locations, a mileage chart for the Gerbeviller area, drew various organizational insignia for publication in the S-2 summary, prepared the Regimental calendar for December, the commemorative program of the Regiment's second anniversary overseas, and invitations for line company and headquarters company dances.

DISTRIBUTION: Proper distribution was made of the art and drafting work mentioned in the foregoing paragraph. Distribution also was made to the companies and to battalion headquarters of new Field Manuals on Camouflage and Map and Aerial Photograph reading.

MAPS: November saw S-2 with possibly the largest single stock of maps it has been able to obtain since prior to the French landing. In addition to filling routine orders from authorized officers and personnel for maps, the Section distributed sets of maps (Europe 1:25,000, 1:50,000 and 1:100,000) on areas of the Rhine river boundary between France and Germany. Because of the intense interest in the situation on the Western Front and in the European Theater of Operations, the Section has procured and distributed maps (Europe 1:1,000,000 and 1:100,000) which are used by the companies and battalion headquarters in keeping up their own situation maps.

PUBLICATIONS: THE LAGER BEAVER missed two publication dates during November, on the two days when the section moved (Mirecourt to Gerbeviller and from one building to another in the latter town).

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The Section prepared 20 stories and sent them to the Seventh Army Public Relations Office during November. These stories are censored and then forwarded to hometown newspapers of officers and personnel in the States. The number of stories is just twice as large as the October PRO output.

PHOTOGRAPHY: Photographic projects of the month included reprinting from official negatives for S-3, for inclusion in a Historical Record prepared by that section early in the month, and trips to a training area near Charmes for pictures of mine barrier assembly and erection.

RECONNAISSANCE: The S-2 Officer assisted in reconnaissance of buildings in the Gerbeviller area, to obtain billets and office space for headquarters units of the regiment.

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