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 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
 A.P.O. # 758

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SUBJECT: S-3 Monthly Activity Journal for November 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #758, U. S. Army.

1 - 4 November 1944 - MIRECOURT, France. Dribbing of two-way Class 40 fixed bridge over the MOSELLE River at CHATEL was completed. Canal at CHARLES was cleared of bridge debris. Requested construction work and black-out facilities for 9th Evacuation Hospital at LUNEVILLE was completed. A one-way Class 40 fixed bridge was constructed over the CANAL DE L'EST in ASP #416 near GIRANCOURT. Work was continued for the 21st General Hospital in MIRECOURT, including installation of building utilities, construction of connecting ramps, general carpentry and cabinet-making, installation of American power circuit, special plumbing, and operation of water supply and power facilities. An area was cleared in NOMEY factory area for the 93rd Ordnance AA Company. Work continued in providing the Ordnance Vehicle Depot, west of NOMEY, with an adequate road system and dispersal area. The east crib (26 ft high) of the Double-Single one-way Class 24 Bailey Bridge over the MOSELLE River at CHARLES was revetted with rock. Road, bridge, and installation maintenance continued in assigned areas.

5 - 13 November 1944 - MIRECOURT, France. Work continued for the 21st General Hospital at MIRECOURT until the 13th of November 1944 at which date the 377th Engineer Battalion took over. At that time installation of building utilities was 98% completed, and connecting ramps and general carpentry was 97% completed. A railroad car stop was constructed at TRACON, demolished by a string of 28 RR cars, and reconstructed of sturdier design. Torn decking on the river bridge on N.66 in MATAINCOURT was replaced. The hospital train loading platform at the DEMPAYRE RR station was improved. Additional work for the 9th Evacuation Hospital in LUNEVILLE was begun. A barbed wire enclosure for the 504th MP Battalion was erected in MIRECOURT. A Bailey Bridge segregation detail was furnished to Engineer Dump #206 at EPINAL. An adequate road network and unloading area was being provided for the DARNIEULLES rail siding. New area assignment was made and all projects up to and including the MOSELLE River bridges were turned over to the 344th Engineer Regiment. Maneuver cable training was started by Company "B" at BAYON.

14 - 23 November 1944 - GENBEVILLER, France. Advanced regimental headquarters, including the S-3 Section, moved from MIRECOURT to GENBEVILLER on 14 November 1944 and was joined by the entire headquarters on 23 November 1944. The additional work for the 9th Evacuation Hospital in LUNEVILLE was completed. Roads and platform sites were built for the bulk fuel installation at LUNEVILLE. A fill was made for the RR spur at LUNEVILLE. Intensive river crossing training was conducted. Companies "E" and "F" - storm and assault boat training. Company "A" - infantry support and heavy ponton raft training. Company "B" - maneuver cable training. Company "D" - assisting the 85th Heavy Ponton Bn in the LUNEVILLE Ponton Dump. Road and bridge maintenance, including road work for ASP #417 near BAYON, was continued.

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24 - 26 November 1944 - GERBEVILLER, France. Training and planning for an assault river crossing was completed. All river crossing equipment was loaded and the following attachments were made to the regiment: 85th Chemical SC Company; 424th Engineer Dump Truck Company; Detachment, 469th Engineer Maintenance Company. The regiment and attachments were placed on a six-hour movement alert and all engineer work was reduced in the assigned area to that of an emergency nature. Patrols were provided for bridges due to high water conditions.

27 - 30 November 1944 - GERBEVILLER, France. The regiment was taken off the alert and attached units were released. River crossing equipment was loaded and stored by truck-loads in proper tactical formation in FORET DE MOIDON. A joint inventory was taken with a representative of the 85th Engineers, who were taking over guard and maintenance of the dump. Experimentation in erection and maintenance of anti-mine barriers were started on the MOSELLE River near CHARGES. The CHATEL Bridge was repaired by replacing two sunken trestle bent sections with double-pile bents. The canal bridge at NOMEXY was reinforced by rock revetment. Full road, bridge and installation maintenance was resumed. A guard was placed on a German bridge dump in LIMEVILLE and a German engineer dump in STRASBOURG. A sub landing strip was prepared at the SARREBOURG air port of burlap backed Sommerfeldt matting.

MAIN DUTIES OF THE S-3 SECTION DURING THE PERIOD 1 - 30 NOVEMBER 1944

1. Preparation of Daily Report - Army Engineer Unit and Daily Construction Report.
2. Assignment of work projects to units of the command.
3. Continuous supervision of all jobs assigned the command.
4. Preparation and reproduction of bridge designs and bills of material.
5. Assignment and supervision of road, bridge, and engineer materials reconnaissance. Preparation of reconnaissance reports and overlays.
6. Dispatch of engineer equipment and allotment of trucks for operational purposes within the regiment.
7. Request and assignment of engineer equipment borrowed from 378th Engineer Battalion through Seventh Army Engineer Section.
8. Liason with Seventh Army Engineer Section.
9. Issued Operations Memorandums on: Road and Bridge Maintenance SOP; Road Mining, Sweeping, Removal, Sign-posting, and Reporting.

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10. Preparation and dissemination of: Analysis of a German Designed All-Timber Built-up Girder Bridge; Report on Construction of Double-Single Bailey Bridge at CHARENTES; Snow Plow Recommendations; Structural Steel Graphs and Tables for French IHN and W Beams (including tables of metric-English dimensions and properties; reproduction of Report on Rapid Maneuver Cable Construction and a revised Improvised Bridges (AFHC) booklet.

11. Liaison, coordination, and assignment of duties and missions to attached units of the command.

12. Engineer planning for provision of river-crossing facilities for one division.

13. Installation and repair of electrical system for regimental headquarters.

14. Operation of regimental sign shop.

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