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SUBJECT: Daily Journal Report for the month of September 1944.

Considering Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #758, U. S. Army.

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I September 1944: Company "D", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Operation of water point. Issued 30,795 gallons of water. Swept area 300 yards southeast of Port for mines, none found. Operation of Port of San Raphael. Unloaded: 179½ tons of Class II & IV, 99½ tons of Class III and 60% tons of Class V. Total tonnage 88% tons. Company "E", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Loading cars at Frejus railhead. Fire prevention measures at all dumps: 15 loads of sand to Air Corps Dums #12. 2 loads of sand to Ordnance Dump #1 and 2 loads of sand Dump #12, 2 loads of sand to Ordnance Dump #1 and 2 loads of sand to British Ordnance Dump #14. Job 65% complete. Company "F", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Erected guard railing, hauling rock and rubble for fill in bridge, WP SR-40. Job 100% complete. C ompleted clearing of mines in hangar at Class II & IV dumps. Completed clearing of mines in drive and courtyard of Hotel de Provence Frejus, WP SR-50. No mines found. Care and cleaning of equipment.

2 September 1944: Company "D", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Operation of water point. Issued approx. 53,655 gallons of water. Operation of Port of San Raphael. Unloaded: 66 tons of Class I, 3652 tons of Class II and IV, 97 tons of Class III, and 405 tons of Class V. Total tonnage 848 tons. Company "E", and 405 tons of Class V. Total tonnage 848 tons. Company "E", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Loading cars a Frejus railhead. Establish fire control measures in all dumps, WP SR-41: 12 loads of sand to Air Corps dump, 40 shovels distributed between dumps, job completed. Company "F", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Completed spreading black-top on bridge at Corps. bridge at Cannes. Transferring of gasoline remnents from Yellow Beach OM to Class III dump, WP SR-51, job completed. Removing gravel from railroad crossing at Frejus railhead, WP SR-52, 60% complete. Checking for mines, removing of rubble and removal of road blocks in streets of Cannes, job 5% complete.

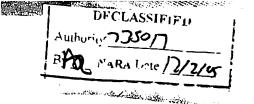
September 1944: Company "D", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Operation of water point. Issued 21,135 gallons of water. Operation of Port of San Raphael. Unloaded: 15 tons of Class I, 238 tons of Class II, 378 tons of Class III and 216 tons of Class V. Total CAMSSIEICANIONGHANGEDERO: "E", approx one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Loading cars at Frejus railhead. Company "F", approx: one (1) mile viria of San Raphael, France.

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Completed transferring of gasoline remnents from Yellow Beach of for Class III 11, WP SR-51. Completed removing gravel from rail-road crossing at Frejus railhead. Removing road blocks from Cannes. Repairing road entrance to Anno Dump 65.

4 September 1844. Battation Headquarters, Companies "D", "E", and "F", and Hedical Detachment, left out bivouac area, approx. one (1) mile north of San Haphael, France at approx. 0600B nours, for new bivouac area, Park de la fete d'Or, Lyon, France. Convoy lost 40 minutes at Blais. Dropped seven (7) vehicles (neavy equipment). Battation Headquarters, Medical Detachment and Company "D", arrived at approx. 2200B hours. Companies "E" and "F" arrived at approx. 2515B hours. Distance travelled approx. 317 miles.

5 September 1944. Company "D", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Setting up and improving bivouac area. Company "E", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Setting up and improving bivouac area. Company "F", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Setting up and improving bivouac area.

6 September 1944. Company "D", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Operation of water joint. Issued approx. 1,500 gallons of water. Care and cleaning of equipment. Improving bivouac area. Company "E", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Traffic control at Rhone River, Lyon, France. Improving bivouac area. Company "F", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Personnel to Lyon on jass. One platoon was alerted and stood by for further orders to report as guards for bridge. Care and cleaning of equipment and vehicles.

7 September 1944. Company "D", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Operation of water point. Issued approx. 1,250 gallons of water. Clearing obstacles off road from Lygn toward Bourg. Removed 12 fallen trees and enemy vehicles. Filling one (1) bomb crater. Company "E", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Traffic control at the Bailey bridge over the Rhone River, Lyon, France. Construction on railroad bridge across the Rhone River, Lyon, France. Hauled lumber and gravel for the bridge, construction started. Company "F", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Company moved out in two (2) convoys by motor transport tion. First convoy left de alleron. 1000B hours and the second at all rox. 1300B hours. Perived 15 cm applied, To nee, 10 - rox. Ladob hours and took cetively. Setting applicance area.

Silepochior late. Only 10 "D", warn do no lote offer, your, France. Operation of water point. Issued approx. 1,700 gallons of water. Repairing road from Lyon toward Bourg. Completed one culvert. Frepared two (a) and silks for bridge. Removed two (a) enemy vehicles off road. Company "E", Park do la rete d'Or, Lyon, France. Construction on ruilroad bridge across Rhone River, Lyon, France: Completed the bridging of two (a) gaps in the railroad bridge. Completed laying stringers for bridge over third gap. Continued grading and



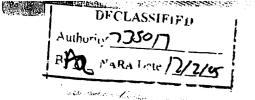
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removing rails for roadway. Hauled 50, lk" "I" beams to the bridge site. Com, any "F", San Rambert, France. Using eight (8) 2, ton trucks, hauling rock, stone and rubble for job. Hauling lumber for job. Using one (1) 6 ton PM and 20 ton truiler, hauling timbers. Improving bivouac area. Filling and grading area for ruilroad bridge.

9 September 1944. Company "D", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Operation of water point. Issued 2,950 gallons of water. Repaired blown bridges and culverts between Lyon and Bourg. Hauled 25 truck loads of rock and gravel. Removed four (4) enemy vehicles. Used R-4 Cat for filling up completed culverts and back dragging. Company "E", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Construction on rail-road bridge across Rhone River, Lyon, France: Completed laying stringers for gap in railroad bridge, placed nailing strips and completed first layer of decking. Continued grading, leveling and clearing of roadway for bridge. Hauled one load of decking. Job 80% complete. Road reconnaissance to Macon, France. Company "F", San Rambert, France. Using eight (8) 82 ton trucks, hauling rock and rubble for job. Using 6 ton PM, hauling rock for job. Using 4 ton PM, hauling rock for job. Hauling timbers for job. Guiding trucks, loading trucks and construction of cribbing. Loading and unloading trucks. Gathering material to lay rail bed.

10 September 1944. Company "D"; Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon. France. Operation of water point. Issued approx. 2,510 gallons of water. Finished repairing blown culvert, 27km north of Lyon, on Highway 85. Repairing blown bridge 57km north of Lyon on Highway 85. Job 90% complete. Care and cleaning of equipment. Company "E", Park de la Tete, Lyon, France. Construction on railroad bridge over the Rhone River, Lyon, France: Completed decking over railroad bridge. Started construction of ramps, rails and walkways. Hauling cinders and clay for roadway. Cleared exit at east side of bridge. Continued grading, leveling and clearing roadway. Job 90% complete. Recommassaince of railroad from Lyon to Vaise. Company "F", San Rambert, France. Using eight (3) 2% ton trucks, hauling rock and rubble for job. One truck hauling rations. Using 5 ton 2% & 4 ton PJ, hauling rock for project. Guiding trucks, construction of cribbing, and loading trucks. Using R-4 cat for leveling ground near job. Using D-7 dozer, leveling ground and grading road near job. Continued working on Tilling and cribbing of railroad bridge. Loading and hauling rock and sand for fill. Cribbing 80% complete.

Il September 1844. Company "D", Bourg, France. Oberation of Water Soint in Eyon, France. Repairing bridge, approx. 57 km. north of Lyon, France. Company moved from Park de la Tete, d'Or, Lyon, France, to new bivouce area Bourg, France. Left Lyon, France at approx. 3800B hours and arrived at Bourg, France, at approx. 1850B hours. Travelled approx. 44 miles. Put Shartzer awarded the Silver Star. Company "E", Park de la Tete, d'Or, Lyon, France. Constructio



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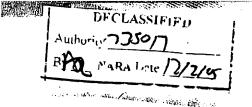
on railroad bridge across the Rhone River, Lyon, France: Completed construction of ortide over gal in Rhone Alver railroad bridge. Hauling gravel and clay for roadway. Continued grading, leveling and cleering for two-way road over railroad bridge. Contany "P", San Remoert, France. Using eight (8) 2 ton dump trucks, hauling rock and rubble for job. Using 6 ton Pal for hauling rock for job. Guiding trucks, constructing and finishing cribbing and loading trucks. Finished job of fining and constructing reitroad bridge. Completed cribing sides and widened ditches. Battalion Headquarters and Medical Detachment moved from Park de la Tete d'ur, Lyon, France, to new bivouac area Bourg, France. Left Lyon, France at approx. 1250B nours and arrived at Bourg, France, at approx. 1550B nours. Distance travelled approx. 44 miles.

12 September 1944. Company "D", hourg, France. Operation of water point in Lyon, France. Construction of air-strip for Piper Cub air field. Construction of Bailey Bridge at Pont D'Ain. Unloading Bailey Bridge material for Company "F" at Pont D'Ain. Care and cleaning of equipment. Company "E", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Construction of road on railroad bridge over Rhone, River, Lyon, France: Hauled clay to finise road hed. Job see com late Lyon, France: Hauled clay to finish road bed. Job 50% complete.
Company moved from Lyon, France to approx. one (1) hile east of
Villers, France. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Company moved
from Sam Rambert to Pont d'Ain. Left San Rambert, France, at a row. Obi5B hours and arrived at ront d'Ain, France, at approx. 1650B Started to work on railroad job.

13 September 1844. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers To september 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Building Piper Cub air-strip. Construction of Bailey railroad bridge. Company "B", Virlars, France. Construction of road on railroad bridge over Rhone River: Hauting and spreading gravel on approaches to bridge. Repairing of road from Lyon, France, to Bourg, France: Graded and leveled bridge approaches and culverts. Hauted gravel, stock piles from black topping chuck holes. Improvement on bivouse area. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Hauting Bailey Bridge parts and timbers for job. Construction of Bailey Bridge in vicinity of Pont d'Ain, France, "F #58.

14 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Using five (b) tracks, nauling balley Bridge material from Aix, France. Construction of bailey Railroad bridge. Building pi er Cub sir-strip. Resairing blown railroad bridge. Company "E", a rox. one (1) mile east of Villars, France. Repair of road from Lyon, France, to Bourg, France: Mauled 18 loads of gravel.

Black tolling culvert near Lyon, France. Maintenance of two bridges over Thone Alver, Lyon, France: Aeplaced chess-pailing and relaired approaches to the bailey bridge. Hauled and placed gravel on the railroad bridge. Taking necessary action to prevent damage to captes paralleling and alongside vehicular traffic bridge over Rhone River in Lyon, France, WP 238. Company UEU Pont divin France. Construction Lyon. in Lyon, France, WP #38. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Construction of Bailey Bridge in vicinity of Pont d'Ain, WP #88.



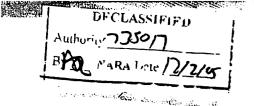
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15 September 1844. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operation of snowers for company. Using five (5) trucks hauling Bailey Bridge material from Aix, France. Construction of Bailey railroad bridge. Building Fiber Cub air-strip. Preparing blown railroad bridge. Hauling bailey bridge material for Company "F". Company "L", approx. one (1) mile east of Villars, France. Repairing of road from Lyon to Bourg, France. Two (2) culverts prepared for the laying of asphalt. Maintenance of Bailey and railroad bridge over the Phone River, Lyon, France. Hauling clay and gravel fro road bed. Repair of bridge between Bourg and Pont D'Ain. Started construction of abutments and pers, hauled steel for construction of bridge. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Construction of Bailey bridge at Pont D'Ain, MP #58 (b): Finished cleaning abutments and started cribbing, each abutment so bridge may be launched on level. Started to build bridge. DOW of bridge complete.

16 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Using five (5) trucks hauling Bailey bridge material. Construction of Bailey railroad bridge. Helping Company "F" construct Bailey Bridge. Company "E", approx. one (1) mile east of Villars, France. Repair of road from Lyon to Bourg, France: Finished laying black-top on two culverts and the approaches to the bridge out of Bourg. Job completed. Maintenance of Bailey and railroad bridges over Rhone River in Lyon. Hauled and spread gravel on the railroad bridge. Project discontinued. Repair of bridge between Bourg and Pont D'Ain. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Construction of Bailey bridge at Pont D'Ain. Completed two abutements. Bridge completely built and ready for launching. Job 75% complete.

17 September 1844. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Repaired approaches to bridge 3 km. south of Bourg. Building Bailey railroad bridge. Helping Company "F" building bridge in Pont D'AIn, WP #38 (b). Care and cleaning of equipment. Company "E", Clerval, France. Company moved from Villars, France, to Clerval, France. Setting up bivous carea. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Hauling gas can to Gas Dump. Building Bailey railroad bridge in Pont D'Ain. Finished cribbing. Launched bridge. Job 75% complete, MP 458 (b).

18 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Policing Bailey bridge material on J ob 788 (b) at Pont D'Ain. Policing materials used on Job 583, north of Lyon on Highway 85 towards Bourg. Care and cleaning of equipment. Bridge and road reconnaissance. Company "E", Clerval, France. Construction of bridge across du Rhone au Rhin, Clerval, France. Assembled materials for construction of bridge. Settin up bivouac area. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Hauling gas cans to gas dump. Working on bridge at Pont D'Ain: Began removing jacksand and unnecessary cribbing. Job 80% complete, VP 58 (b).



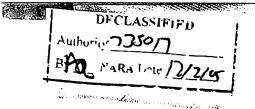
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Le September 1864. Comerny "P" bours, France. Operating showers for comerny. Hereing Content "F" with Bailey railroad bridge in Font D'lin, D'ho (b). Clearing Rightay 84 from Montuel to Pont D'lin. Policing bivouce area. Care and cleaning of equipment. Otherwal, France. Construction of bridge over du Rhone au Rhin, Clerval, France: Procured and hauted material to bridge site. Memoved damaged sections of old bridge. Started cribbing near shore abutement. Continued cutting out bent materials. Job 10% complete. Maintenance of Route N 75 from Bescanon to Clerval, France: Ditching and removing mud from road surface. Job 5% complete. Company "F", Font D'Ain, France. Construction of Bailey bridge in Pont D'Ain, France: Used 20 railroad ties, lo on each side of abutement to prevent cable from cutting into concrete Foundation. Lowered and removed jacks. Began erecting reinforcements rods and cable. 50 empty railroad cars and three (a) full cars passed over bridge at 1800B nours. Job 100% complete.

So September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Repairing Bailey railroad bridge. Relaired bridge approaches on Route 55 between Bourg and St. Amour, France. Reinforcing Bailey Railroad bridge and nauling way excessive material to dum, Job #56 (b). Care and cleaning of equipment. Company "E", Clerval, France. Construction of bridge over du Rhone au Rhin, Clerval, France: Procured and hauled more material to bridge site. Continued removing demolished sections of old bridge. Construction of cribbing for abutements. Continued operation of machine show and two saw mills for turning out bridge naterial. Job 15% complete. Maintenance of road, R75, from Bescanon to Clerval, France: Cleared surface of mud and continued drainage ditching. Job 20% complete. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Prepared site for braces and strung cable for reinforcements. Policed up Bailey bridge material and returned to Engineer Dump.

El September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,500 gallons of water. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge located at ront D'Ain, WP 955 (b). Repairing holes in road and digging drainage ditches between Poncin and Cerdon. Company "E", Clerval, France. Construction of bridge over Doubs River, Clerval, France: Removed demolished sections of old bridge. Procured and hauled material to bridge site. Operated maching snow and two (2) saw mills for turning out bridge material. Construction of cribbing for abutements continued. Job 20% complete. Maintenance of Righway # 75, from Bescoman to Clerval, France: Drainage of ditches continued and surface cleared of mud. Job 25% complete. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Using 6 ton PM and 20 ton trailer hauling steel. Construction of Bailey bridge in Pont D'Ain, WP #58 (b): Began reinforcing arch of bridge and sent detail to 2 Engineer Dump to police parts for job.

22 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,200 gallons of water. Repairing Bailey Railroad bridge in Pont D'Ain, WP # 58 (b). Company



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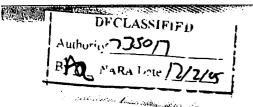
"he, Guerval, Trance. Construction of bridge over Loubs Liver, clervil, France: Continued producing and hauling maverial to bridge site. Continued of the call to (a) saw mills and one machine the for surning and bridge inducible. Completed clearing bridge of described sections of old bridge. Project discontinued. Taking the armine of Highest 175 from Lesconan to Cherval, France: Job discontinued. Company "F", yout d'him, Trance. Personnel to Lyon on lass. Construction of Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'him, if als (b): Jacked bridge, piaced plates on low end and cleared area of excess Bailey bridge equipment.

25 September 1944. Company "D", hourg, Trance. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 200 gallons of water. Using five (5) trucks hauling Bailey bridge material from Venelles to Wescoul. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'Ain, MP, U8 (b). Company "A", Chassigny, France. Moved from Cierval, France to new bivouac area, Chassigny, France. Setting up bivouac area. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Personnel to Lyon on pass. Care and cleaning of equipment.

24 September 1944. Company "D", hourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,000 gallons of water. Using five (5) trucks hauling Bailey bridge haterial from Venerles to Vesour. Repairing and reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Font d'Ain, 12 423 (b). Company "E", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Company moved from Chassiany at approx. 0800A nours and arrived at Dole at approx. 1200A hours. Distance travelled approx. 50 miles. Company "F", Font d'Ain, France. Company prepared for movement to Dole, France. Maintaining road in vicinity of Font d'Ain.

25 September 1944. Company "D", Jourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,000 gallons of water. Using live (5) trucks, hauling Bailey bridge material from Venelies to Vesoul. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'Ain, WP #56 (b). Care and cleaning of e utilizent. Cleaning of bivouac area. Company "E", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Improving bivouac area. Company "F", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Pole, France. Company left Pont d'Ain, France, at approx. 0500A hours and arrived at Dole, France, at approx. 1400A hours. Distance travelled approx. 110 miles. Setting up bivouac area. Battalion Headquarters and Medical Detachment left Bourg, France, at approx. 0840A hours, and arrived at, approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France, at approx. 1800A hours. Distance travelled approx. 9840A hours, and

So September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water joint. Issued approx. 1,000 gallons of water. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Font d'Ain, wreas (b): Brilled six (6) holes by feet deep and filled them with steel pins (5) rive feet long and 2" in diam. for security of the knee brace abutement six. selded on "I" Beams, 27' long and 18" wide on steel pluting for



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27 Se tember 1984. Company "D", Champide linde la Valbonne, approx. 5.5 miles southeast of Valbonne, France. Reinforcing Bailey bridge at Pont d'Ain, "P 236 (b). Noved from Bourg, France, at approx. 0815A hours, and arrived at Champide Tirde la Valbonne at approx. 1000A nours. Distance priversed approx. 57 miles. Company "E", approx. one-half (1/1) mile east of Dole, France: Training on Storm Boats 50 mF: Each man operated boat four (4) trips of approx. 1/2 mile length. Training on Storm Boats "MF; Infantry assault operations, hear shore to far shore, four (4) groups eight (6) boats, each boat sim (8) crossings. Two hours, Infantry support raft and one ponton raft, A raft each, A motors, 5 trips from loading to unloading sites. Training on Ponton Rafts; built two (8) five (5) ponton rafts. Built two (8) MSA Landing Stages. Loaded 2; ton truch and main-trad on raft and landed raft on opposite shore. Company "F", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Bole, France. Training on all MP Storm boats: Mainsaining and nomenclature of motor. Operating boats. Miver elections. Fatried live (5) pour raft by ton dump truch and main-track from one side of river to other side. Training on 50 AP storm boats: Operating of storm boats. Maintenance and nomenclature of motors. Practiced crossing stream and beaching boats. Training on Ponton Land Group: Built one (1) landing stage, one (1) five (5) boat raft, and ferried one (1) Saton dump truch and one-main track from one side of river to other.

28 September 1944. Company "D", Champ de Tirde la Valbonne, approx. 3.0 miles southeast of Valbonne, France. Unloaded and uncrated boxed ponton boats for 85th Imgineers. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 2,765 gallons of water. Setting up bivouac area. Company "E", approx. one-mair (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Training on Storm Boats 50 mP: Sen operated boats on 1/2 mile course for four(a) nodes. Len operated in teams, loaded boats. Landed at picked points and left with empty boats. Meturned and picked up men. Training on storm Boats 22 HP: Working on Ponton Raft and construction of 55 ton Ponton Raft. Practiced with assault boats. Training on Assualt Raft: Dismantled Landing Stage and HSP and moved to now site for reassembly. Anchored far shore end of guide cable. Company "F", approx. one-malf (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Repairing motors for Storm Boats. Training on Storm Boats 22 mP: Received additional instruction in operating, Terrying and Landing Storm Boats. Ferried 1-3 Ponton Raft from shore to shore and practice of beaching same. Training on Storm Boats 50 MP: Instructions on operating of Storm Boats. Crossing stream with and without



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personnel and practiced anding and beaching storm boards. Ponton Raft Group; and took up landing stage. Constructed another landing stage and 1-5 Boat Fonton dafft Complete.

boxed ponton boxes for 85th Engineers. Operating showers and water point. Issued a pork. E, sob gailons of water. Setting us and improving bivouse area. Company "h", approx. one-half (1/k) mile east of Dole, France. Training on Storm Boat, but h: operated boats on 1/2 mile course for four (4) hours. Men operated in teams, loaded boats. Landed at picked joints and left with empty boats. Returned and picked up men. Training on storm Boats AS Mr: Norking on Fonton haft and one (1) hour construction of ab ton Fonton saft. Precised eight (8) hours with three (6) was up hours. Raft. Practiced eight (8) hours with three (8) assault boats. While-ing of Assualt haft: Dismantled landing stage and heP and moved to new site for reassembly. Inchored far shore end of guide cables. Company "F", as rox. one-half (1/b) mike east of Doie, France. A pairing motors for storm bouts. Training on Storm Boats as IP: Received additional instructions in operating, ferrying and randing Ponton Raft Group: El took up landing stage. Constructed inculor landing stage and 1-5 25 to should be conflicte.

50 September 1944. Company "D", Champ de Tirde la Valbonne, appronante mile southeast of Valbonne, France. Operating showers and water point. Training on Ponton Bridge construction. Company "E", appronance—half (1/E) mile east of Dole, France. Training on Storm Boats oneone—half (1/E) mile course and simulated landing full loads of Infantry on different types of shore line. Training on Storm Boats EE MP: Normed on Infantry support raft. Built and operated double Infantry assault boats. Ten (10) EE worked with EE MP motor and pneumatic floats in experimental raft construction and operations. Training on Assault Rafts: Constructed, loaded and and operations. Training on Assault Rafts: Constructed, loaded and operated six (8) boats, Infantry Support mafts. Company "F" approx. one-half (1/3) mile east of Dole, France. Repairing motors for Storm Boats. Continued training on Storm Boats.

Battalion Strength as of I September 1544:

21* (Incl. Med. Det.) Officers

* 3 Officers on T.D.

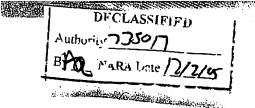
838 (Incl. Med. Det.) Enlisted Personnel

Battalion Strength as of 20 September 1944:

21* (Incl. Hed. Det.) Officers

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Class II & IV 854 "
Class III 325 "
Class V 1299 "

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S. A. KWAFF, Jr. Lt. Col., C.E., Commanding.