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HEADQUARTERS SECOND BATTALION  
540th ENGINEER REGIMENT  
A.P.O. #758, U. S. ARMY

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2 October 1944.

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

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

1. Daily Journal Report for the month of September 1944.

1 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 603½ tons of Class V. Total tonnage 882½ 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 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. Completed 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.

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2 September 1944: Company "D", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Operation of water point. Issued approx. 28,663 gallons of water. Operation of Port of San Raphael. Unloaded: 66 tons of Class I, 363½ tons of Class II and IV, 9½ tons of Class III, and 405 tons of Class V. Total tonnage 848 tons. Company "E", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Loading cars at Frejus railhead. Establish fire control measures in all dumps, WP SR-41: 18 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 Cannes. Transferring of gasoline remnants from Yellow Beach QM 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.

3 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, 278 tons of Class III and 216 tons of Class V. Total tonnage 747 tons. Company "E", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France. Loading cars at Frejus railhead. Company "F", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France.

CLASSIFICATION CHANGED TO: "E", approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France.  
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Completed transferring of gasoline remnants from Yellow Beach (M) for Class III (I), WP SR-51. Completed removing gravel from railroad crossing at Frejus railhead. Removing road blocks from Cannes. Repairing road entrance to Ammo Dump #5.

4 September 1944. Battalion Headquarters, Companies "D", "E", and "F", and Medical Detachment, left old bivouac area, approx. one (1) mile north of San Raphael, France at approx. 0800B hours, for new bivouac area, Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Convoy lost 40 minutes at Blais. Dropped seven (7) vehicles (heavy equipment). Battalion Headquarters, Medical Detachment and Company "D", arrived at approx. 2200B hours. Companies "E" and "F" arrived at approx. 2315B 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 point. 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 pass. 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 Lyon 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 transportation. First convoy left at approx. 1000B hours and the second at approx. 1300B hours. Arrived at St Lambert, France, at approx. 1800B hours and 1900B hours, respectively. Setting up bivouac area.

8 September 1944. Company "D", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Operation of water point. Issued approx. 1,700 gallons of water. Repairing road from Lyon toward Bourg. Completed one culvert. Prepared two (2) mud sills for bridge. Removed two (2) enemy vehicles off road. Company "E", Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France. Construction on railroad bridge across Rhone River, Lyon, France: Completed the bridging of two (2) 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 30, 12" "I" beams to the bridge site. Company "F", San Rambert, France. Using eight (8) 2 1/2 ton trucks, hauling rock, stone and rubble for job. Hauling lumber for job. Using one (1) 6 ton PM and 20 ton trailer, hauling timbers. Improving bivouac area. Filling and grading area for railroad 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 railroad 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) 2 1/2 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. Reconnaissance of railroad from Lyon to Vaise. Company "F", San Rambert, France. Using eight (8) 2 1/2 ton trucks, hauling rock and rubble for job. One truck hauling rations. Using 6 ton PM & 4 ton PM, 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 filling and cribbing of railroad bridge. Loading and hauling rock and sand for fill. Cribbing 90% complete.

11 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operation of water point in Lyon, France. Repairing bridge, approx. 57 km. north of Lyon, France. Company moved from Park de la Tete, d'Or, Lyon, France, to new bivouac area Bourg, France. Left Lyon, France at approx. 0800 hours and arrived at Bourg, France, at approx. 1030 hours. Travelled approx. 44 miles. Pvt Shartzler 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 bridge over gap in Rhone River railroad bridge. Hauling gravel and clay for roadway. Continued grading, leveling and clearing for two-way road over railroad bridge. Company "M", San Rambert, France. Using eight (8) 2 1/2 ton dump trucks, hauling rock and rubble for job. Using 6 ton P for hauling rock for job. Guiding trucks, constructing and finishing cribbing and loading trucks. Finished job of filling and constructing railroad bridge. Completed cribbing sides and widened ditches. Battalion Headquarters and Medical Detachment moved from Park de la Tete d'Or, Lyon, France, to new bivouac area Bourg, France. Left Lyon, France at approx. 1230B hours and arrived at Bourg, France, at approx. 1530B hours. Distance travelled approx. 44 miles.

12 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, 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 finish road bed. Job 80% complete. Company moved from Lyon, France to approx. one (1) mile east of Villars, France. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Company moved from San Rambert to Pont d'Ain. Left San Rambert, France, at approx. 0815B hours and arrived at Pont d'Ain, France, at approx. 1630B hours. Started to work on railroad job.

13 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Building Piper Cub air-strip. Construction of Bailey railroad bridge. Company "E", Villars, France. Construction of road on railroad bridge over Rhone River: Hauling and spreading gravel on approaches to bridge. Repairing of road from Lyon, France, to Bourg, France: Graded and leveled bridge approaches and culverts. Hauled gravel, stock piles from black topping chuck holes. Improvement on bivouac area. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Hauling Bailey Bridge parts and timbers for job. Construction of Bailey Bridge in vicinity of Pont d'Ain, France, WP #38.

14 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Using five (5) trucks, hauling Bailey Bridge material from Aix, France. Construction of Bailey Railroad bridge. Building Piper Cub air-strip. Repairing down railroad bridge. Company "E", approx. one (1) mile east of Villars, France. Repair of road from Lyon, France, to Bourg, France: Hauled 18 loads of gravel. Black topping culvert near Lyon, France. Maintenance of two bridges over Rhone River, Lyon, France: Replaced chess-paving and repaired approaches to the bailey bridge. Hauled and placed gravel on the railroad bridge. Taking necessary action to prevent damage to cables paralleling and alongside vehicular traffic bridge over Rhone River in Lyon, France, WP #38. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Construction of Bailey Bridge in vicinity of Pont d'Ain, WP #38.

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15 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operation of showers for company. Using five (5) trucks hauling Bailey Bridge material from Aix, France. Construction of Bailey railroad bridge. Building Piper Cub air-strip. Preparing blown railroad bridge. Hauling Bailey Bridge material for Company "F". Company "E", 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 Rhone River, Lyon, France. Hauling clay and gravel for road bed. Repair of bridge between Bourg and Pont D'Ain. Started construction of abutments and piers, hauled steel for construction of bridge. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Construction of Bailey bridge at Pont D'Ain, WP #38 (b): Finished cleaning abutments and started cribbing, each abutment so bridge may be launched on level. Started to build bridge. 50% 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 abutments. Bridge completely built and ready for launching. Job 75% complete.

17 September 1944. 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 bivouac area. 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, WP #38 (b).

18 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Policing Bailey bridge material on Job #38 (b) at Pont D'Ain. Policing materials used on Job #33, north of Lyon on Highway 83 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. Setting 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, WP #38 (b).

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19 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Repairing Company "F" with Bailey railroad bridge in Pont D'Ain, WP #38 (b). Clearing Highway 84 from Montuel to Pont D'Ain. Polishing bivouac area. Care and cleaning of equipment. Company "E", Clerval, France. Construction of bridge over du Rhone au Rhin, Clerval, France: Procured and hauled material to bridge site. Removed damaged sections of old bridge. Started cribbing near shore abutement. Continued cutting out bent materials. Job 10% complete. Maintenance of Route N 75 from Besconan to Clerval, France: Ditching and removing mud from road surface. Job 5% complete. Company "F", Pont D'Ain, France. Construction of Bailey bridge in Pont D'Ain, France: Used 20 railroad ties, 10 on each side of abutement to prevent cable from cutting into concrete foundation. Lowered and removed jacks. Began erecting reinforcement rods and cable. 50 empty railroad cars and three (3) full cars passed over bridge at 1800 hours. Job 100% complete.

20 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers for company. Repairing Bailey railroad bridge. Repaired bridge approaches on Route 88 between Bourg and St. Amour, France. Reinforcing Bailey Railroad bridge and hauling away excessive material to dump, Job #38 (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 shop and two saw mills for turning out bridge material. Job 15% complete. Maintenance of road, N75, from Besconan 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.

21 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,500 gallons of water. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge located at Pont D'Ain, WP #38 (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 machine shop and two (2) saw mills for turning out bridge material. Construction of cribbing for abutements continued. Job 20% complete. Maintenance of Highway N 75, from Besconan 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 #38 (b): Began reinforcing arch of bridge and sent detail to 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 # 38 (b). Company

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"H", Clerval, France. Construction of bridge over Doubs River, Clerval, France: Continued procuring and hauling material to bridge site. Continued operation of (1) saw mills and one machine shop for turning out bridge materials. Completed clearing bridge of demolished sections of old bridge. Project discontinued. Maintenance of Highway 174 from Lesconan to Clerval, France: Job discontinued. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Personnel to Lyon on pass. Construction of Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'Ain, WP 758 (b): Jacked bridge, placed plates on low end and cleared area of excess Bailey bridge equipment.

23 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 100 gallons of water. Using five (5) trucks hauling Bailey bridge material from Venelles to Vesoul. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'Ain, WP 758 (b). Company "L", Chassigny, France. Moved from Clerval, 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", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,000 gallons of water. Using five (5) trucks hauling Bailey bridge material from Venelles to Vesoul. Repairing and reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'Ain, WP 758 (b). Company "L", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Company moved from Chassigny at approx. 0800A hours and arrived at Dole at approx. 1200A hours. Distance travelled approx. 50 miles. Company "F", Pont d'Ain, France. Company prepared for movement to Dole, France. Maintaining road in vicinity of Pont d'Ain.

25 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,000 gallons of water. Using five (5) trucks, hauling Bailey bridge material from Venelles to Vesoul. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'Ain, WP 758 (b). Care and cleaning of equipment. Cleaning of bivouac area. Company "L", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Improving bivouac area. Company "F", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Company left Pont d'Ain, France, at approx. 0900A 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. 1200A hours. Distance travelled approx. 98 miles.

26 September 1944. Company "D", Bourg, France. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 1,000 gallons of water. Reinforcing Bailey railroad bridge at Pont d'Ain, WP 758 (b): Drilled six (6) holes 2 1/2 feet deep and filled them with steel pins (5) five feet long and 2" in diam. for security of the knee brace abutement sill. Welded on "I" Beams, 27' long and 12" wide on steel plating for

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 securing of the top of the knee braces. Put in knee brace abut-  
 ment pins, 1/2 inch, and 1/2 inch. Cut two knee braces ("1"  
 beam, 3/4 inch. Using five (5) trucks, hauling Bailey bridge  
 material from Cherbourg to Vesoul. Prepared for company movement.  
 Company "D", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France.  
 Training on Ferry and Storm Boat school. Company "E", approx.  
 one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Training at Ferry and  
 Storm Boat school.

27 September 1944. Company "D", Champ de Tirde la Valbonne, approx.  
 5.5 miles southeast of Valbonne, France. Reinforcing Bailey bridge  
 at Pont d'Ain, Nr 438 (b). Moved from Bourg, France, at approx.  
 0815A hours, and arrived at Champ de Tirde la Valbonne at approx.  
 1000A hours. Distance travelled approx. 37 miles. Company "E",  
 approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France: Training on  
 Storm Boats 50HP: Each man operated boat four (4) trips of approx.  
 1/2 mile length. Training on Storm Boats 22 HP; Infantry assault  
 operations, near shore to far shore, four (4) groups eight (8) boats,  
 each boat six (6) crossings. Two hours, Infantry support raft and  
 one ponton raft, 3 raft each, 3 motors, 3 trips from loading to  
 unloading sites. Training on Ponton Rafts; built two (2) five (5)  
 ponton rafts. Built two (2) HSP Landing Stages. Loaded 3 1/2 ton  
 truck and half-track on raft and landed raft on opposite shore.  
 Company "F", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Train-  
 ing on 22 HP Storm Boats: Maintaining and nomenclature of motor.  
 Operating boats. River operations. Ferried five (5) boat raft  
 by ton dump truck and half-track from one side of river to other  
 side. Training on 50 HP storm Boats: Operating of storm boats.  
 Maintenance and nomenclature of motors. Practiced crossing stream  
 and beaching boats. Training on Ponton Raft Group: Built one (1)  
 landing stage, one (1) five (5) boat raft, and ferried one (1) 3 1/2  
 ton dump truck and one-half track from one side of river to other.

28 September 1944. Company "D", Champ de Tirde la Valbonne, approx.  
 5.5 miles southeast of Valbonne, France. Unloaded and uncrated boxed  
 ponton boats for 88th Engineers. Operating showers and water point.  
 Issued approx. 2,725 gallons of water. Setting up bivouac area.  
 Company "E", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France.  
 Training on Storm Boats 50 HP: Men operated boats on 1/2 mile course  
 for four (4) hours. Men operated in teams, loaded boats. Landed at  
 picked points and left with empty boats. Returned and picked up  
 men. Training on Storm Boats 22 HP: Working on Ponton Raft and  
 construction of 35 ton Ponton Raft. Practiced with assault boats.  
 Training on Assault Raft: Dismantled Landing Stage and HSP and moved  
 to new site for reassembly. Anchored far shore end of guide cable.  
 Company "F", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France.  
 Repairing motors for Storm Boats. Training on Storm Boats 22 HP:  
 Received additional instruction in operating, ferrying and landing  
 Storm Boats. Ferried 1-3 Ponton Raft from shore to shore and prac-  
 tice of beaching same. Training on Storm Boats 50 HP: Instructions  
 on operating of Storm Boats. Crossing stream with and without



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personnel and practiced landing and beaching storm boats. Ponton Raft Group; EM took up landing stage. Constructed another landing stage and L-8 Boat Ponton Raft Complete.

29 September 1944. Company "H", Camp de Mirde la Valbonne, approx. 3.3 miles southeast of Valbonne, France. Unloading and uncrating boxed ponton boxes for 85th Engineers. Operating showers and water point. Issued approx. 2,500 gallons of water. Setting up and improving bivouac area. Company "H", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Training on Storm Boat, 50 HP: Operated boats on 1/2 mile course for four (4) hours. Men operated in teams, loaded boats. Landed at picked points and left with empty boats. Returned and picked up men. Training on Storm Boats 25 HP: Working on Ponton Raft and one (1) hour construction of 25 ton Ponton Raft. Practiced eight (8) hours with three (3) assault boats. Training of Assault Raft: Dismantled landing stage and RHP and moved to new site for reassembly. Anchored far shore end of guide cables. Company "F", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Repairing motors for storm boats. Training on Storm Boats 25 HP: Received additional instructions in operating, ferrying and landing Storm Boats. Ferried L-8 Ponton Raft from shore to shore and practice of beaching same. Training on Storm Boat 50 HP: Received instructions on, operating Storm Boats. Crossing stream with and about personnel and practiced landing and beaching Storm Boats. Ponton Raft Group: EM took up landing stage. Constructed another landing stage and L-8 Boat Ponton Raft Complete.

30 September 1944. Company "D", Camp de Mirde la Valbonne, approx. 3.3 mile southeast of Valbonne, France. Operating showers and water point. Training on Ponton Bridge construction. Company "E", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Training on Storm Boats 50 HP: Operated boats one-half (1/2) mile course and simulated landing full loads of Infantry on different types of shore line. Training on Storm Boat, 25 HP: Worked on Infantry support raft. Built and operated double Infantry assault boats. Ten (10) EM worked with 25 HP motor and pneumatic floats in experimental raft construction and operations. Training on Assault Rafts: Constructed, loaded and operated six (6) boats, Infantry support rafts. Company "F", approx. one-half (1/2) mile east of Dole, France. Repairing motors for Storm Boats. Continued training on Storm Boats.

Battalion Strength as of 1 September 1944:

Officers	-	21* (Incl. Med. Det.)
* 3 Officers on T.D.	.	
Enlisted Personnel	-	638 (Incl. Med. Det.)

Battalion Strength as of 30 September 1944:

Officers	-	21* (Incl. Med. Det.)
* 1 Off. on T.D., 1 Off. Atchd.	.	
Enlisted Personnel	-	626 (Incl. Med. Det.)

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Unloading Statistics: Harbor of St. Raphael, France, 1 September  
1944 to 1800B hours, 5 September 1944.

Class I	78	tons	
Class II & IV	854	"	
Class III	325	"	
Class V	<u>1299</u>	"	
	2556	"	(Total tonnage discharged)

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