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540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
APO 758, US Army

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Subject: Monthly Activity Journal - October, 1944.

To : Commanding General, SEVENTH ARMY, APO 758, US Army.

1. Following is a condensation of ACTIVITY JOURNAL Headquarters, for the month of October, 1944:

1 Oct - 4 Oct 44 - GRAY, FRANCE:

BRIDGE ASSIGNMENTS: Completed construction of 2-way, Class 40 fixed bridge at BAUME-LES-DAMES; work begun on two canal bridges on N.57, vic EPINAL; reinforced Bailey bridge construction at PONT D'AIN; reconstructed canal bridge, vic GIRANCOURT.

ROADS: Provided road patrol in assigned area; maintained, cleared and repaired highways in assigned area, including drainage clearance and improvement, repair and construction of culverts and erection of road signs; cleared and opened Route N.460 (DARNEY-EPINAL).

ARMY ENGINEER DETAILS: Furnished personnel and equipment in operation of Water Points and Showers for units in area; constructed POW stockade (ST. LOUP Railhead); hauling gravel for improvement of Army Hospital areas.

TRAINING: Second Battalion continued training in use and operation of assault water crossing craft and equipment.

5 Oct - 31 Oct 44 - MIRECOURT, FRANCE:

BRIDGE ASSIGNMENTS: Work completed on two canal bridges, Highway N.57 vic EPINAL and two canal bridges on Highway N.57, vic CREVECHAMPS and FLAVIGNY; completed construction of 290' double-single, 1-way, Class 24 Bailey bridge vic CHARMES; reinforcement of Bailey bridge construction (PONT D'AIN) completed; dismantled 150' Bailey bridge, CHATEL, and hauled to dump area; mounting water head and current conditions due to heavy rains during period involved the Regiment in an extensive bridge reconnaissance, maintenance, repair and reconstruction program, principally vic NOMEXY, CHATEL and CHARMES; completed replacement of 1-way bridge vic CHATEL with 2-way Class 40 fixed construction (336'6" long x 24' wide); two bridges removed: German bridge and Bailey bridge across MOSELLE R. vic CHATEL.

ROADS: Continued extensive reconnaissance of main and secondary routes in Regimental area; furnished crews and equipment in extensive mud clearing program, clearing debris, maintenance and repair of roads, road drainage and culverts; established stock-piles of cinders/sand/gravel along highways to combat ice and snow conditions; erected road signs; maintained roads in Class III dump at RAPEY.

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ARMY ENGINEER DETAILS: Furnished materials, equipment and personnel for extensive repair and establishment of utilities in buildings occupied by 21st General Hospital (MIRECOURT), including construction of ramps between buildings and hooper ramp to heating plant; hospital sites prepared and cleared and miscellaneous engineer services furnished for 9th, 11th and 51st Evacuation Hospitals; constructed road system, RR crossings, prepared and cleared area at HYMONT railhead; road system, culverts, turn-offs, into dispersal area being constructed for Ordnance Vehicle Depot west of NOMEXY; roads constructed for ASP at BAYON and Class III dump at CHARMES; furnished miscellaneous trucking details and engineering work for units in area; water points and showers maintained for use of troops in area.

2. Complete details of monthly activities are furnished in appended section and unit Journals of this headquarters.


GEORGE W. MARVIN,
Colonel, C.E.,
Commanding.

7 Inclosures:

- Incl #1 - Unit Journal, Personnel Section (trip)
- Incl #2 - Unit Journal, S-2 Section, 540th Engrs (trip)
- Incl #3 - Unit Journal, S-3 Section, 540th Engrs (trip)
- Incl #4 - Unit Journal, S-4 Section, 540th Engrs (trip)
- Incl #5 - Unit Journal, E&S Co, 540th Engrs (trip)
- Incl #6 - Unit Journal, 1st Bn, 540th Engrs (trip)
- Incl #7 - Unit Journal, 2nd Bn, 540th Engrs (trip)