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

S-2 Journal for October:

LIASON: The S-2 Officer maintained liaison with Higher Headquarters at all times during the month of October, using information gained there at G-2 briefings and through other channels to publish his S-2 Summary for each day of the month and to maintain certain of the six Situation maps now posted in the Regimental S-2 Office.

SITUATION MAPS: Immediately upon their availability at the Map Depot, three more sheets of the Strategic Map of Europe (1:1,000,000) were obtained and added to the Section's "supersituation" map which covers a large area on one wall of the Section's office. All of the Situation maps are posted daily. Maps dealing with the Tide of War in the Pacific theater necessarily must be posted from radio reports only.

ART WORK, DISTRIBUTION: In order to familiarize officers and men of the 540th Engineer Regiment with the insignia representing various divisions in this theater, the Section's artist copied certain organizational patches, and these were reproduced in color, in the S-2 Summary.

The Section published a secret Order of Battle, making timely corrections; a new list of army hospital locations; overlays showing the location of all 540th unit CPs; published a mileage chart showing the distances between various French cities and towns in both kilometers and miles; offered a Graphic Situation map about once a week. Proper distribution was made in all cases, the Situation Maps being attached to the EAGER BEAVER for the day.

In addition to the above, the Section produced, through its own Ditte facilities, as well as with assistance from the Mimeograph equipment of S-1, 3,000 V-mail Message-Cartoon forms in three different issues, and 500 decorated air-mail envelopes.

The 15,000 Christmas V-Mail greeting forms, designed and otherwise readied by S-2, were privately printed and delivered to the Section late in October for November distribution to the Officers and Men of the Regiment.

MAP DISTRIBUTION: all requests for stock maps were filled during the month from the Section's map supply.

INVESTIGATIONS: The S-2 Officer cooperated with CIC in conducting investigations of civilians of questionable status.

PUBLICATIONS: Having maintained a perfect publication record for October, the Section considered dropping the "Published Almost Daily" line from the masthead of its Regimental Newspaper, THE EAGER BEAVER. During the month, contact was made with the Camp Newspaper Service, in the States, and the EAGER BEAVER is now receiving weekly clip sheets of feature material from that source. The newspaper is given regular, daily distribution to the battalions and companies of the Regiment, and because it is the only unit newspaper in the area, is requested by other units who have news-gathering facilities.

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S-2 Journal for October (Continued)

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The Section prepared 10 stories and sent them via the Seventh Army Public Relations Office, to hometown newspapers of its Officers and Men during October. An attempt is being made to budget work so that this count can be raised to a story-a-day minimum.

PHOTOGRAPHY: During October, the Section's photographer made field trips to photograph Regimental projects at Girancourt, on highway No 57 near Epinal, at Pont D'Ain, Flavigny, Crevechamps, Charmes, Chatel, and Nemexy, as well as to the Second battalion training area near Lyon for pictures of river operations. Sets of these pictures were furnished S-3 for its elaborate photographic reports to Higher Headquarters. Pictures also were made for the assistance of S-3 in drafting descriptive engineering material on the old German bridge at Chatel.

DITTO USE: In addition to work for the Section, the S-2 Section reproduced numerous overlays and charts for the sections and companies of the Regiment.

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