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HEADQUARTERS
343rd ENGINEERS (GS)
APO 758, U.S. Army

HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 APRIL to 30 APRIL 1945

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located in building at Mettenheim (M425268).
2. 2 April 1945 - 2756th Engineer (C) Bn. relieved of work assignment; assignment completed.
3. 4 April 1945 - 94th Engineer Regiment (GS) relieved of work assignment, per message #945, dated 2 April 1945, Seventh Army, Engineer Section.
4. 5 April 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to bivouac area at M578279 near Gernsheim, distance traveled 28 miles.
5. 10 April 1945 - 1697th Engineer (C) Bn. relieved of attachment per letter Headquarters Seventh Army, AG 370.5 - C, dated 9 April 1945, subject: Attachment Order.
6. 16 April 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to bivouac area at N541293 near Wurzburg, distance traveled 92 miles.
7. 17 April 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to bivouac area at M578279 near Gernsheim, distance traveled 92 miles.
8. 21 April 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to bivouac area at R643812 near Walldorf, distance traveled 47 miles.
9. 22 April 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to bivouac area at R681519 near Gondelsheim, distance traveled 33 miles.
10. 28 April 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to bivouac area at S074330 near Ludwigsburg, distance traveled 38 miles.
11. Awards:
 - Bronze Star Medal - During the month of April 1945, one (1) enlisted man.
 - Purple Heart - During the month of April 1945, one (1) enlisted man.
12. The Regiment was engaged in the following work:

Guarding railroad bridge depot (German) at Luneville; Operate bridge assembly dump in forward area (Chateau Salins and Sarralbe); Reconstruct railroad line (one track) from Saare River East via Homburg; Construct two way Class 40, one way Class 70 Highway bridge at M535287 vicinity of Gernsheim; Construct two way Class 40, one way Class 70 Highway bridge at R523982, vicinity of

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Mannheim - Ludwigshafen; Operating railroad water points at M340150, Monsheim; M340075, Grunstadt; M220150, Mannheim; Construct railroad bridge (one track) Cooper's E-40 loading at M955544 vicinity Stockstadt, work discontinued per VCOG, Seventh Army Engineer; Rehabilitate railroad line from Mannheim to Wurzburg; Rehabilitate railroad line from Heidelberg to Ulm; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track Cooper's E-40, at R656652 vicinity of Stettfeld; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track Cooper's E-40, at R680506 vicinity of Gondelsheim; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track Cooper's E-40, at R685497 vicinity of Gondelsheim; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track, Cooper's E-40 at R692490 vicinity of Gondelsheim; Clearing railroad tunnel at R769427 vicinity of Otisheim; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track Cooper's E-40, at R661569 vicinity of Bruchsal; Clearing railroad tunnel at R632582 vicinity of Bruchsal; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track Cooper's E-40 at S021405 vicinity of Bietigheim, work discontinued VCOG, Seventh Army Engineer; Reconstruct railroad bridge (one track) Cooper's E-40 at S092250 in Stuttgart; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track Cooper's E-40 at R938407 vicinity of Sersheim; Reconstruct railroad bridge, double track Cooper's E-40 at R970410 vicinity of Gr. Sachsenheim.

II Construction.

1. Bridges.

- a. Operating bridge assembly dump in forward area (Chateau Salins). 5568 man hours.
- b. Operating bridge assembly dump in forward area (Sarralbe). 2358 man hours.
- c. Constructing two-way Class 40, one-way Class 70 Highway bridge over Rhine River at M535287, vicinity of Gernsheim. Timber pile bents, pre-fabricated open truss girders; timber joists and deck; 33 bents @ 30.56 feet center to center; height above water 13 feet; 1039 feet long and 22 feet clear roadway with one walkway. Actual construction time 9 days, 21 hours. 22428 man hours.
- d. Constructing two-way Class 40, one-way Class 70 Highway bridge over Rhine River at R523982, between Mannheim and Ludwigshafen; timber pile bents; 27 bents @ 30.15 feet center to center; pre-fabricated open truss girders; timber joists and deck; height above water 14 feet; 846 feet long and 22 foot clear roadway with one walkway. Actual construction time 10 days, 15 hours. 26663 man hours.
- e. Constructing railroad bridge one track for Cooper's E-40 loading, at M955544 vicinity Stockstadt - Work discontinued per VO, Engineer, Seventh Army. 5608 man hours.
- f. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R656652 vicinity of Stettfeld. 4 - 31" I beams, 33' long, South abutment stone; North abutment cribbed and filled. 1528 man hours.

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- g. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R680506 vicinity of Gondelsheim. Cribbed over demolished structure and filled - 51'6" long. 1000 man hours.
- h. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R685497, vicinity of Gondelsheim. One span at 38'0"; North abutment cribbed; used original abutment on South end of bridge. 1320 man hours.
- i. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R692490 vicinity of Gondelsheim. Length 74'; height 18'; one double 5 column timber bent; 2 spans, one at 30'6" and one at 43'6"; 8 - 31-3/4" wide flange I Beams; used original abutments. 1024 man hours.
- j. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R661569 vicinity of Bruchsal. One span at 31'0"; 8 - 18" steel I Beams 35' long; height above water 15'. 1592 man hours.
- k. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at S021405 vicinity of Bietigheim. Work discontinued per VO, Engineer, Seventh Army. 3086 man hours.
- l. Reconstructing railroad bridge for single track, Cooper's E-40 loading at S092250 in Stuttgart. Length 195'; height 95' $\frac{1}{2}$. Unit construction steel trestle; 2 meter beams used under each rail. 840 man hours. Incomplete 30 April 1945.
- m. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R938407 vicinity Sersheim. One span at 45'0" long; height above roadway 15'; 8-23 $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel I Beams. 1575 man hours. Incomplete 30 April 1945.
- n. Reconstructing railroad bridge double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R970410 vicinity of Gr. Sachsenheim. One span at 45'0" long; height above roadway 15'; 8-23 $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel I Beams. 1764 man hours. Incomplete 30 April 1945.
2. Railroad Construction and Repair.
- a. Reconstructing railroad line one track, from Saare River East via Homburg. Relieved per Message #945, dated 2 Apr '45, Engineer, Seventh Army. 3280 man hours.
- b. Rehabilitation of railroad line from Mannheim to Wurzburg. Work discontinued per VO, Engineer, Seventh Army. 6796 man hours.
- c. Rehabilitating railroad line from Heidelberg to Ulm. 16304 man hours. Incomplete 30 April 1945.
- d. Replaced demolished bridge, 45' long at R657655 vicinity of Stettfeld, with earth fill. 720 man hours.
- e. Removing single track overpass which was dropped on main tracks at R688491 vicinity of Gondelsheim. 1320 man hours.

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f. Replace demolished bridge, 15' long at R638580 vicinity of Bruchsal, with earth fill. 260 man hours.

3. Tunnelling.

- a. Clearing railroad tunnel at R769427 vicinity of Otisheim. 5336 man hours.
- b. Clearing railroad tunnel at R632582 vicinity of Bruchsal. 2244 man hours. Incomplete 30 April 1945.

4. General.

- a. Guarding railroad bridge depot (German) at Luneville. 168 man hours.
- b. Operating railroad water points at M340150 Monsheim; M340075 Grunstadt; M220150 Marnheim - relieved per Message #1072, dated 20 Apr '45, Engineer, Seventh Army. 2076 man hours.

5. Work Performed by Attached Units:

a. 1697th Engineer (C) Bn:

- 1. Maintenance of roads in assigned area.
Work assignment order #13 - 7632 man hours.
Work assignment order #14 - 10654 man hours. Relieved of attachment per letter Hq, Seventh Army, AG 307.5-C, dated 9 Apr '45, subject: Attachment Order.
- 2. Construct access roads from Autobahn at R611372; R598333 and R582275. 1832 man hours.

b. 2756th Engineer (C) Bn:

Reconstructing railroad line, one track, from Saare River East via Homburg - relieved per Message #945, dated 2 Apr '45, Engineer, Seventh Army. 2664 man hours.

c. 94th Engineer (GS) Regiment:

Reconstructing railroad line, one track, from Saare River, East via Homburg - relieved per Message #945, dated 2 Apr '45, Engineer Seventh Army. 7584 man hours.

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 MAY to 10 MAY 1945

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located at bivouac area in Ludwigsburg (S074330).
2. 5 May 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to a bivouac area at X685812 in Ulm, distance traveled 68 miles.
3. Awards:

Bronze Star Medal - LEE W. POPPLE, O2 046 550, Captain, CE
General Orders No. 183, Hq Seventh Army, dtd 8 May '45.

Purple Heart - One (1) Officer and two (2) enlisted men.
4. The Regiment was engaged in the following work: Rehabilitating railroad line, double track, from Heidelberg to Stuttgart to Ulm; including clearing of tunnel at R632582, vicinity of Bruchsal; reconstructing a 195 foot railroad bridge at S092250 in Stuttgart; a 320 foot bridge at X667797 in Ulm; and a smaller structure at R938407 vicinity of Sersheim; R970410 vicinity of Gr. Sachsenheim; S121203 vicinity of Uhlbach; X678795 in Neu-Ulm; X683800 in Neu-Ulm; constructing culvert at S238133 vicinity of Plochigen; removing demolished highway overpass from tracks at S060284.

II Construction.

1. Bridges.
 - a. Reconstructing railroad bridge, single track for Cooper's E-40 loading, at X667797 in Ulm. Bents are constructed for ultimate double track operation, length 320', height above water 25', 5 spans at 64'0" $\frac{1}{4}$, timber bents constructed on existing masonry piers, meter beams used as stringers, two meter beams under each rail. Bridge was completed for one-way traffic 18 May 1945. 8010 man hours. Incomplete 10 May '45.
 - b. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R938407, vicinity Sersheim. One span at 45'0", height above roadway 15'0", 8 - 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel I beams. 240 man hours.
 - c. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at R970410, vicinity Gr. Sachsenheim. One span at 45'0", height above roadway 15'0", 8 - 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ " steel I beams. 472 man hours.
 - d. Reconstructing railroad bridge, single track for Cooper's E-40 loading at S092250 in Stuttgart. Length 195', height 100', 3 spans at 65'0", meter beams used as stringers, two under each rail and bents constructed from the American Sectional Piers. Bridge open to traffic 15 May '45. 17272 man hours. Incomplete 10 May '45.

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- e. Reconstructing railroad bridge, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at S121203, vicinity of Uhlbach. Length 50'6", height 20'6", meter beams used as stringers, one under each rail. 4862 man hours.
- f. Reconstructing railroad overpass, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at X678795 in Neu-Ulm by salvaging usable parts for adjacent structures, one span at 31'. 250 man hours.
- g. Reconstructing railroad overpass, double track for Cooper's E-40 loading at X683800 in Neu-Ulm. Two parallel spans, one at 52' and one at 55', meter beams used as stringers, one under each rail. 1692 man hours. Incomplete 10 May '45.

2. Railroad Construction and Repair.

- a. Rehabilitating railroad line, double track, from Heidelberg to Stuttgart to Ulm. 9556 man hours.
- b. Removing demolished highway overpass from tracks at S060284. 640 man hours.
- c. Constructing a railroad culvert, double track, to replace demolished concrete railroad bridge at S238133, vicinity of Plochigen. 2711 man hours.

3. Tunnelling.

Clearing railroad tunnel at R632582, vicinity of Bruchsal. 312 man hours.

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 10 MAY to 31 MAY 1945

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located at bivouac area in Ulm (X685812).
2. 31 May 1945 - Regiment relieved from operations of the Seventh Army by VO Engineer Seventh Army.
3. Awards: Bronze Star Medal.

The following have been awarded the Bronze Star Medal per General Orders No. 189, Hq Seventh Army, dated 16 May 1945:

- MANUEL AARON, O 906 986, 1st Lt, CE,
- HERSCHEL L. BUCK, 15 101 877, T Sgt, CE
 HARLAN H. GIESE, 19 084 144, T Sgt, CE
 LEO M. AGEE, 35 452 739, S Sgt, CE
 ANTHONY S. CVITANOVICH, 39 308 241, S Sgt, CE
 WILLIE T. HOGAN, 14 121 076, S Sgt, CE
 JAMES RODGERS, 38 052 855, S Sgt, CE
 HAROLD O. SETHNEY, 39 605 442, S Sgt, CE
 HENRY W. BLANK, JR., 35 453 100, Sgt, CE
 JAMES R. GAMBRELL, 34 121 865, Sgt, CE
 JAMES F. GRADLE, 39 605 413, Sgt, CE
 ROBERT L. HARRISON, 35 477 283, Sgt, CE
 MARTY M. MISLICK, 31 118 556, Sgt, CE
 CHARLES H. MORRIS, 35 428 511, Sgt, CE
 ROY E. RIDGWAY, 39 308 306, Sgt, CE
 CONSTANTINO RIZZOTTO, 31 093 582, Sgt, CE
 CLARENCE S. LANDQUIST, 39 605 507, Tec 4, CE
 JOSEPH T. PARISI, 32 138 942, Tec 4, CE
 JOSEPH G. SHORT, 39 308 212, Tec 4, CE
 REED BANKS, 15 114 245, Tec 5, CE
 MARTIN BARNETT, 34 282 339, Tec 5, CE
 DONALD J. BUCHER, 32 281 117, Tec 5, CE
 LAWRENCE W. GOOCH, 39 605 505, Tec 5, CE
 WILLIAM T. HANCOCK, 38 435 680, Tec 5, CE
 WILLARD E. SCHWASINGER, 39 827 304, Tec 5, CE
 LEO C. STATT, 32 138 762, Tec 5, CE
 MILBURN L. BURNS, 35 428 615, Pfc, CE
 DAVID H. FAIL, 39 605 358, Pfc, CE
 PETER F. SMYK, 31 113 718, Pfc, CE
 LeROY N. DUNNWAY, 19 102 350, Pvt, CE
 QUENTIN I. STAFFORD, 39 173 989, Pvt, CE



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4. The Regiment was engaged in the following work: Reconstructing a 320' railroad bridge, double track, Cooper's E-40 loading at X667797 in Ulm; a 195' railroad bridge, single track, Cooper's E-40 loading at S092250 in Stuttgart; reconstructing railroad bridge at E120790 at Brixlegg; reconstructing railroad overpasses, double tracks, at X683800 and X678795 in Neu-Ulm; repairing double track railroad line through Neu-Ulm yard; preparing railroad yard for a railhead at X657895 at Beimerstetten; repairing electrical system of railroad from Munich to Worgl; Supervising and furnishing guards for rehabilitation of railroad line, double track, from Munich to Worgl - Augsburg to Kempten; Supervising reconstruction of railroad bridges at Z090020 and Z091015 near Golling and at X930050 in Kempten; welding and bracing railroad bridges at W067402 at Matrei Austria and W080360 at Steinach, Austria; reinforcing internees camp at S080332 at Ludwigsburg.

II Construction.

1. Bridges.

- a. Reconstructing railroad bridge, single track, for Cooper's E-40 loading at X667797 in Ulm. Bents are constructed for ultimate double track operation. Length 320', height above water 25', 5 spans at 64' L, timber bents constructed on existing masonry piers, meter beams used as stringers, two meter beams under each rail. 5972 man hours.

Double tracking railroad bridge at X667797 in Ulm. 31.97" I beams used as stringers, two I beams under each rail. 8110 man hours.
- b. Reconstructing railroad bridge, single track, for Cooper's E-40 loading at S092250 in Stuttgart. Length 195', height 100', 3 spans at 65', meter beams used as stringers, two under each rail and bents constructed from American Sectional Piers. 8288 man hours.
- c. Reconstructing railroad overpass, double tracks, at X678795 in Neu-Ulm. 250 man hours.
- d. Reconstructing railroad overpass, double track at X683800 in Neu-Ulm. Used 4 piers of 39-3/8" I beams, 2 piers 55' and 2 pieces at 52' long. 1108 man hours.
- e. Reconstructing railroad bridge at E120790 at Brixlegg. 14,025 man hours. Relieved per VO Engineer, Seventh Army.
- f. Supervising reconstruction of railroad bridge at Z090020 near Golling. 160 man hours. Relieved per VO Engineer, Seventh Army.
- g. Supervising reconstruction of railroad bridge at Z091015 near Golling. 120 man hours. Relieved per VO Engineer, Seventh Army.
- h. Welding and bracing railroad bridge at W067402 at Matrei, Austria. 256 man hours.
- i. Welding and bracing railroad bridge at W080360 at Steinach, Austria. 100 man hours.

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j. Supervising reconstruction of railroad bridge at X930050 in Kempten. 2570 man hours. Relieved per VO Engineer, Seventh Army.

2. Railroad Construction and Repairs.

- a. Repairing railroad line, double track, through Neu-Ulm yard. 11057 man hours.
- b. Preparing railroad yard for railhead at X657895 at Beimerstetten. 704 man hours.
- c. Repairing electrical system of railroad from Munich to Worgl. 2000 man hours. Relieved per VO Engineer, Seventh Army.
- d. Supervising and furnishing guards for rehabilitation of railroad line, double track, from Munich to Worgl. 1480 man hours. Relieved per VO Engineer, Seventh Army.
- e. Supervising and furnishing guards for rehabilitation of railroad line, double track, from Augsburg to Kempten. 480 man hours. Relieved per VO Engineer, Seventh Army.

3. General.

Reinforcing internees camp at S080332 at Ludwigsburg. 1416 man hours.

Repairing roof of warehouse at X657802 in Ulm, for the 502nd Quartermaster. 1922 man hours.

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 JUNE to 30 JUNE 1945

I - Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

- 1. Regimental Headquarters located at bivouac area in Ulm, Germany at X685812.
- 2. 2 June 1945 - Regiment presented the War Department Meritorious Service Unit Plaque by Lieutenant General ALEXANDER M. PATCH at ceremonies at Ulm, Germany.

The Citation read:

The 343d Engineer General Service Regiment is awarded the Meritorious Service Unit Plaque for superior performance of duty in the accomplishment of exceptionally difficult tasks from 15 August 1944 to 30 November 1944, in Southern France. During this period, personnel of this regiment have consistently demonstrated superior performance in the accomplishment of numerous engineering tasks including the construction of thirteen highway and twenty-one railway bridges, hospital rehabilitation, and thousands of miles of road maintenance. The outstanding manner in which they fulfilled their assigned duties reflect credit upon the Corps of Engineers of the United States Army.

- 3. 6 June 1945 - Regiment relieved of assignment to Seventh Army (relieved of assignment to 12th Army Group; assigned to Advance Section Communication Zone) per VCGG, 12th Army Group, per letter, Hq 12th Army Group, subject: Troop Assignment No. 157, dated 22 June 1945.
- 4. 8 June 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved to building in Ludwigshafen, Germany at R520978, distance travelled 145 miles.
- 5. 10 June 1945 - 2731st Engineer Light Equipment Company relieved of attachment to 343rd Engineers (GS) Regiment, per letter AG 370.5-C, dated 12 June 1945, subject: Attachment Orders.
- 6. 20 June 1945 - Regiment relieved assignment to Advance Section Communication Zone on VO through Commanding General, Seventh Army; assigned to Seventh Army.
- 7. Awards:
 - a. Meritorious Service Unit Plaque, per General Orders No. 54, Hq Seventh Army, dated 16 February 1945.

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b. Croix de Guerre.

Awarded to the following per Ordre General No. 550, Etat-Major, Premiere Armee Francaise, dated 16 April 1945:

- ORAN C. STOVALL, O 348 288, Lt Col, CE (while a member of the 111th Engineer (C) Bn.
- RALPH O. OHLHAUSER, O 902 937, Captain, CE
- ROBERT N. GREENE, JR., O2 000 720, CE (then Technical Sergeant)
- DAVID GENOVESIO, O2 000 715, CE (then Staff Sergeant)

c. Bronze Star Medal.

Awarded per following General Orders:

- (1) General Orders No. 229, Hq Seventh Army, dated 1 June 1945.

- EARL R. SKIPPER, 20 428 139, S Sgt, CE
- WILLIAM R. SMOOTS, 17 041 709, Cpl, CE
- GERALD E. TUTHILL, 12 072 686, Tec 5, CE

- (2) General Orders No. 230, Hq Seventh Army, dated 1 June 1945.

- THEODORE G. MIKE, 32 139 139, S Sgt, CE
- HENRY F. MATHEWS, 31 113 612, Sgt, CE
- FRANK W. NETTLES, 39 826 574, Tec 4, CE
- HENRY J. PIETRZAK, 32 281 869, Tec 5, CE
- LAWRENCE R. LAFFOON, 35 477 531, Pfc, CE

- (3) General Orders No. 231, Hq Seventh Army, dated 1 June 1945.

- JAMES F. EGAN, O 903 168, Captain, CE
- ERSKINE C. CHAPMAN, O 901 904, 1st Lt., CE

- C. L. ARNOLD, 20 819 040, 1st Sgt, CE
- ODUS C. ELLINBURG, 20 819 077, S Sgt, CE
- DEAN KENSINGER, 39 237 738, Sgt, CE
- JAMES L. BARNES, 39 238 524, Tec 5, CE
- ROBERT F. DUNCAN, 39 605 495, Tec 5, CE
- LEONARD D. CROSBY, 37 272 107, Pfc, CE
- HAROLD M. GROOMS, 34 652 444, Pfc, CE
- ROBERT C. KLAWITTER, 33 507 899, Pfc, CE

- (4) General Orders No. 233, Hq Seventh Army, dated 2 June 1945.

- ERWIN PFINGSTAG, O 902 906, 1st Lt., CE

- THOMAS W. MEREDITH, 39 605 492, S Sgt, CE
- LAWRENCE A. SCOTT, 20 428 242, S Sgt, CE
- JACK T. SHARP, 20 744 170, S Sgt, CE
- EDWARD S. JACQUE, 31 097 572, Sgt, CE
- DELBERT W. MELTON, 35 428 436, Sgt, CE
- WOODROW W. MELTON, 35 428 751, Sgt, CE

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ROGER S. ROEHL, 18 120 093, Sgt, CE
FRED WILLIAMS, 34 345 006, Sgt, CE
MAX McFALL, 19 098 349, Tec 4, CE
RICHARD J. HESS, 39 827 386, Tec 5, CE
JAMES A. LEGG, 35 477 807, Tec 5, CE
WEBB V. MASON, 34 274 974, Tec 5, CE
ISOM C. MILLIORN, 39 308 382, Tec 5, CE
PHILIP H. TIERNEY, 32 139 500, Tec 5, CE
MICHAEL HENDRICKS, 32 686 985, Pfc, CE

(5) General Orders No. 250, Hq Seventh Army, dated 15 June 1945.

GEORGE E. STUDDT, O 900 475, Captain, CE
VICTOR G. DeMARTINI, O1 113 664, 1st Lt., CE

EDWARD M. BLYSARD, JR., 38 050 475, S Sgt, CE
FRED D. HUMPHREY, 20 744 080, S Sgt, CE
JOHN H. BARKER, 39 826 515, Tec 5, CE
ELVIN R. WEAVER, 17 046 506, Tec 5, CE

8. The Regiment was engaged in the following work: Constructing a 2-way Class 40, 1-way Class 70 highway bridge at R523982 at Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, to provide for navigation channel of 28' vertical and 160' horizontal clearances.

II - Construction.

1. Bridge.

Constructing a 2-way Class 40, 1-way Class 70 highway bridge at R523982 at Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, Germany, to provide for navigation channel of 28' vertical and 160' horizontal clearances. Length 1137.165'. 13 spans at 50', with 19½" WF steel I beams for stringers; 5 spans at 60', with 31½" WF steel I beams for stringers; 1 span at 10', with 12"x12" timber stringers; 1 span at 177.165', with 2 parallel Roth-Waagner Bridge's. Bents are constructed with Light Standard Unit Steel Trestles with timber pile base. Incomplete 30 June 1945. 35265 man hours.

III - Training.

During the month the Regiment was engaged in the following training:

- a. Basic training - 8268 man hours.
- b. Orientation - 26026 man hours.
- c. Recreation and sports - 20290 man hours.

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 JULY to 31 JULY 1945

I - Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located in building at R520978 in Ludwigshafen, Germany.

2. On 30 June 1945 - 343rd Engineers (GS) Regiment was assigned to Oise Intermediate Section and attached to the Seventh Army for a period not to exceed 30 days - per letter 322 (AG-O) Headquarters 12th Army Group, Subject: Troop Assignment No. 168, dated 7 July 1945.

3. Awards:

a. Bronze Star Medal.

Awarded per following General Orders:

(1) General Orders No. 309, Hq Seventh Army, dated 13 July 1945.
JOHN H. MEYER, JR., O 903 227, 1st Lt., CE

4. The Regiment was engaged in the following work: Constructing a 2-way Class 40, 1-way Class 70 highway bridge at R523982 at Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, to provide for navigation channel of 28' vertical and 160' horizontal clearances.

II - Construction.

1. Bridge.

Constructing a 2-way Class 40, 1-way Class 70 highway bridge at R523982 at Mannheim-Ludwigshafen, Germany, to provide for navigation channel of 28' vertical and 160' horizontal clearances. Length 1137.165'. 13 spans at 50', with 19½ WF steel I beams for stringers; 5 spans at 60', with 31½" WF steel I beams for stringers; 1 span at 10', with 12"x12" timber stringers; 1 span at 177.165', with 2 parallel Roth-Waagner Bridge's. Bents are constructed with Light Standard Unit Steel Trestles with timber pile base. Incomplete 31 July 1945. 103552 man hours.

III - Training.

During the month the Regiment was engaged in the following training:

- a. Orientation - 7920 man/hrs.
- b. Athletics & Recreation - 21,604.



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