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

HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 JANUARY to 31 JANUARY 1945

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regiment attached to VI Corps for operations only, effective 0001A, 31 December 1944.
2. Regimental Headquarters located in school building in Schweinheim (Q764128).
3. 2 January 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved from school building in Schweinheim to buildings in Senones (V440775), distance travelled 51 miles.
4. 5 January 1945 - The following enlisted men were commissioned Second Lieutenants - VOGG and made of record in Special Orders No. 8, Hq Seventh Army, dated 8 January 1945:

JAMES L. CHAMPION	M/Sgt	20 428 112
BENJAMIN B. CRAWFORD	M/Sgt	20 422 623
DAVID GENOVESIO	S/Sgt	39 837 816
ROBERT N. GREENE, JR.	T/Sgt	32 139 447
ROY V. HAMILTON	S/Sgt	39 605 444
FRANK M. HOLBROOK	S/Sgt	20 428 121
CHARLES W. LIPPHARDT	M/Sgt	35 452 322
GLENHART D. MANTSCH	S/Sgt	36 336 613
JOHN F. MYKALOSKY	S/Sgt	31 106 754
JOHN T. SOPLOP	S/Sgt	32 281 165
TRAVIS H. WELCH	Sgt	32 282 369

5. 8 January 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Senones to Chateau in Trois-Fontaines (Q552090), distance travelled 48 miles.
6. 14 January 1945 - Regiment relieved of attachment to VI Corps, for operations only, and reverted to control of Seventh Army, effective 0001A, 14 January 1945, per letter Hq Seventh Army, file AG 370.5, dated 12 January 1945, subject: Attachment Order.
7. 22 January 1945 - 424th Engineer Dump Truck Company attached to 343rd Engineers (GS) for operations only, per letter Hq Seventh Army, file AG 370.5, dated 22 January 1945, subject: Attachment Order.
8. 23 January 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Trois-Fontaines to building in Nomeny (U890333), distance travelled 53 miles.
9. 24 January 1945 - 286th Engineer (C) Bn. attached to 343rd Engineers (GS) for operations only, effective 0001A, 24 January 1945, per letter Hq Seventh Army, file AG 370.5, dated 22 January 1945, subject: Attachment Order.

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10. 30 January 1945 - 286th Engineer (C) Bn. relieved of attachment to 343rd Engineers (GS), per letter Hq Seventh Army, file AG 370.5, dated 28 January 1945, subject: Movement Order, effective 30 January 1945.

11. Awards:

Legion of Merit: During the month of January to DAVID GENOVESIO, S/Sgt, 39 837 816, per General Orders No. 5, Section II, Hq MTOUSA, dated 9 January 1945.

Purple Heart Award: During the month of January one (1) enlisted man.

12. Regiment engaged in preparing bridges in VI Corps Area for demolition; guarding bridges in VI Corps Area and in assigned portion of Army Area; construction of railroad bridge at Otterswiller; construction of one highway bridge at Haguenau, two in vicinity of Moyennoutier; preparation of fortifications in VI Corps Area; marking minefields in vicinity of Chambrey and Fresnes; maintenance of roads in VI Corps Area and assigned portions of Army Area; reconnaissance for demolition of bridges in Army Area; loading coal at Luneville and Einville; assisting the 696th Engr Pet Dist Co, 95th Evacuation Hospital, 1st Medical Laboratory and Ordnance Collecting Point in Sarrebourg.

II Construction.

1. Bridges.

- (a) Construction of 2-way Class 40 Highway bridge 44' long in Haguenau. 912 man hours.
- (b) Construction of single track railroad bridge at Otterswiller (Q731 138) to take Cooper's E-40 loading. Bridge is 186'-4" long, three spans (2 @ 61'-0", 1 @ 62'-0"), having 2 bents, 36' and 40' high using American section pier. Work interrupted from 1 January through 15 January 1945 due to Military situation. 6656 man hours.
- (c) Construction of 2-way Class 40 timber bridge near Moyennoutier at V390753 to replace 50' D/S Bailey bridge. (Return Bailey parts to Engineer Depot E-210) 2790 man hours.
- (d) Construction of 2-way Class 40 timber bridge on Route 424 at V361 741 to replace 50' S/S Bailey bridge. (Return Bailey parts to Engineer Depot E-210) 1196 man hours.
- (e) Construct 1-way Class 70, 2-way Class 40 timber bridge at St Nicolas du Port - Over Meurthe River. (Cancelled on VO of Col. King, 25 January 1945.) 792 man hours.

2. Road Maintenance and Improvement.

- (a) Maintenance of roads in VI Corps Area. 12856 man hours.

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(b) Maintenance of roads in assigned area. (Overlay #8 - 30340 man hours; Overlay #9 - 37860 man hours: Total 68200 man hours.)  
Incomplete 31 January 1945.

3. Minefield Clearance, Reconnaissance and Minefield Marking.

Minefield marking, vicinity of Chambrey and Fresnes. 124 man hours.  
(Incomplete 31 January 1945)

4. General.

- (a) Preparing bridges for demolition. 8832 man hours.
- (b) Guarding bridges for demolition in VI Corps Area. 4328 man hours.
- (c) Preparing fortifications in VI Corps Area. 18904 man hours.
- (d) Guarding bridges in assigned area for demolition. 2056 man hours.
- (e) Assisting 95th Evacuation Hospital in Sarrebourg. 1184 man hours.
- (f) Perform necessary dozer work for Ordnance Collecting Point, located at Sarrebourg. 4 man hours.
- (g) Assisting 696th Engr Pet Dist Co. at Baccarat. 784 man hours.  
(Incomplete 31 January 1945)
- (h) Assisting 1st Med Lab at Sarrebourg. 32 man hours.
- (i) Loading coal for 4055th QM Co. at Luneville and Einville. 360 man hours.  
(Incomplete 31 January 1945)
- (j) Reconnaissance for bridge demolition plans. 48 man hours.  
(Incomplete 31 January 1945)

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 FEBRUARY to 28 FEBRUARY 1945

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located in building in Nomeny (U890333).
2. 6 February 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Nomeny to building in Art-sur-Meurthe (U917076), distance travelled 21 miles.
3. 21 February 1945 - 256th Engineer (C) Bn. attached to 343rd Engineers (GS) for operations only, effective 0800A hours, 20 February 1945, per letter Hq Seventh Army, file AG 370.5-C, subject: Attachment Order.  
  
21 February 1945 - 1260th Engineer (C) Bn. attached to 343rd Engineers (GS) for operations only, effective 0800A hours, 20 February 1945, per letter, Hq Seventh Army, file AG 370.5-C, subject: Attachment Order. Actually not present for duty until 28 February 1945.
4. 25 February 1945 - 2730th Engineer Light Equipment Co. (One Platoon: - 1 Officer and 39 EM) attached to 343rd Engineers (GS) for operations only, effective 25 February 1945, per VCGG, Seventh Army.
5. 28 February 1945 - 256th Engineer (C) Bn. relieved of attachment to 343rd Engineers (GS) per letter, Hq Seventh Army, file AG 370.5-C, par. 5, dated 26 February 1945, subject: Attachment Order.

6. Awards:

Soldier's Medal:

OLIVER E. RILEY, 19 102 324, Staff Sergeant, CE,  
General Orders No. 26, Hq Seventh Army, 30 January 1945.

Bronze Star Medals:

To the following Officers:

PAUL W. BONHAM, O 903 229, Captain, CE,  
General Orders No. 23, Hq Seventh Army, 29 January 1945.

THOMAS P. GRIFFITH, O 904 999, Captain, CE,  
General Orders No. 23, Hq Seventh Army, 29 January 1945.

WILLIAM C. LIGHTFIELD, O2 046 474, Captain, CE,  
General Orders No. 26, Hq Seventh Army, 30 January 1945.

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To the following Enlisted Men:

RICHARD P. HARP, 20 819 147, First Sergeant, CE,  
General Orders No. 137, Hq Seventh Army, 27 December 1944.  
(Previously omitted)

THOMAS W. PERRY, 35 274 125, Staff Sergeant, CE,  
General Orders No. 59, Hq Seventh Army, 20 February 1945.

RALPH J. SPICER, 35 428 564, Private First Class, CE,  
General Orders No. 26, Hq Seventh Army, 30 January 1945.

To the following Enlisted Man for services rendered while a member  
of the 111th Engineer (C) Bn:

ROLLAND A. ALLEN, JR., 20 817 490, Tec 5, CE,  
General Orders No. 15, Hq 36th Infantry Division, 27 January 1945.

7. Regiment engaged in maintenance of roads in assigned portions of Army area; loading coal at Luneville and Einville; assisting 696th Engr Pet Dist Co; making necessary repairs for 127th Evacuation Hospital and QM Ration dumps in Luneville; marking minefield in vicinity of Chambrey and Fresnes; Operation of Quarries at Bickenholtz and St. Nabor; construction of one highway bridge at Benestroff; probe site of demolished Railroad bridge near Sarreguemines; complete inventory and guard Railroad bridge Depot in Luneville; Perform logging operations in Schirmeck region; clear Railroad culverts; supervise and construct cub strip 30'x800' vicinity Luneville; reconnaissance of bridge demolition plans and reconnaissance of railroad near Berthelming.

## II. Construction.

### 1. Bridges.

- a. Construction of 1-way Class 70, 2-way Class 40 timber bridge at Q292345 near Benestroff to replace Bailey bridge (Return Bailey to E-210) 3272 man hours.

### 2. Road Maintenance and Improvement.

- a. Maintenance of roads in assigned area. Overlay #9 - 44081 man hours; Overlay #10 - 40761 man hours; Overlay #11 - 26836 man hours. Total 111678 man hours. Incomplete 28 February 1945.

### 3. Minefield Clearance, Reconnaissance and Minefield Marking.

- a. Minefield marking, vicinity of Chambrey and Fresnes. 844 man hours.

### 4. General.

- a. Assisting 696th Engr Pet Dist Co. at Baccarat. 1120 man hours.
- b. Making necessary building repairs at QM Ration Dumps in Luneville and perform necessary carpentry work at QM Bakery at same site. 360 man hours.

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- c. Loading coal for 4055th QM Co. at Luneville and Einville. 928 man hours.
- d. Reconnaissance for bridge demolition plans. 112 man hours.
- e. Operation of Quarry near Bickenholtz at Q585223. 5568 man hours.  
(Relieved by 2833rd Engineer Bn.)
- f. Reconnaissance of Railroad from Q285345 to Q466236. 48 man hours.
- g. Complete inventory and provide guard of Railroad bridge steel in Luneville - - - Inventory completed. 304 man hours.  
  
Guard of Railroad bridge steel in Luneville. 144 man hours.  
Incomplete 28 February 1945.
- h. Clear Railroad culverts at U994205. 16 man hours.
- i. Make necessary repairs for 127th Evacuation Hospital at Dieuze. 2120 man hours. Incomplete 28 February 1945.
- j. Perform logging operations in Schirmeck region. 1360 man hours. Incomplete 28 February 1945.
- k. Probe site of demolished Railroad bridge at Q552558 near Sarreguemines to determine condition of piers for reconstruction. 296 man hours. Incomplete 28 February 1945.

5. The following work completed by 256th Engineer (C) Bn.

- a. Removing 90' D/S Bailey bridge at Q254236 near Dieuze and returning E/B parts to E-211. 320 man hours.
- b. Loading 40' D/S Bailey bridge parts, stored near Riche and returning to E-211. 320 man hours.
- c. Construct 1-way Class 15 Wooden Trestle bridge at Q251238 near Dieuze. 992 man hours.
- d. Maintenance of roads in assigned area of Overlay #11. 16769 man hours.

6. During the month of February the following Quarry operations were engaged:

- a. Quarry at Q585223 in Bickenholtz -

Opened 4 February 1945  
Relieved 18 February 1945 by 2833rd Engineer Bn.  
Output - 220 Cu. Yds.

- b. Quarry at V768831 in St. Nabor -

Opened 8 February 1945  
Output - 12,542½ Cu. Yds.

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 MARCH to 31 MARCH 1945

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located in building in Art-sur-Meurthe (U916076).
2. 1 March 1945 - 2731st Engr Light Equip Co. attached to 343rd Engr (GS) Regt. for operations per letter Hq Seventh Army, AG 370.5-C, dated 1 March 1945, subject: Attachment Order.
3. 13 March 1945 - 424th Engr DT Co. relieved of attachment to 343rd Engr (GS) Regt. per letter Hq Seventh Army, AG 370.5-C, dated 13 March 1945, subject: Assignment and Attachment of Units.
4. 16 March 1945 - 1697th Engr (C) Bn. attached for operations per letter Hq Seventh Army, AG 370.5-C, dated 15 March 1945, subject: Attachment Order.
5. 16 March 1945 - 1260th Engr (C) Bn. relieved of work assignments by the 1697th Engr (C) Bn. per letter Hq Seventh Army, AG 370.5-C, dated 14 March 1945, subject: Movement Order.
6. 20 March 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Art-sur-Meurthe to building in Morhange (Q220365), distance traveled 33 miles.
7. 22 March 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Morhange to barrack at Q540560 near Sarreguemines, distance traveled 32 miles.
8. 24 March 1945 - 1st Bn. of the 94th Engr (GS) Regt. reported for duty per VOCC, Engr Seventh Army.
9. 27 March 1945 - 2756th Engr (C) Bn. reported for duty per VOCC, Engr Seventh Army.
10. 29 March 1945 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Sarreguemines to building in Mettenheim (M425268), distance traveled 94 miles.
11. 29 March 1945 - Company "E" of the 94th Engr (GS) Regt. reported for duty.
12. Awards: Bronze Star Medal -

AXEL Y. WIMAN, 39 605 364, Tec 4, CE,  
General Orders, No. 46, Hq MTOUSA, 14 March 1945.

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13. Regiment engaged in maintenance of roads in assigned portion of Army area; Operation of quarry in St. Nabor; Guarding railroad bridge depot (German) in Luneville; Making necessary repairs for 127th Evac Hosp; Performing logging operations in Schirmeck region; Probing site of demolished railroad bridge near Sarreguemines; Mine inspection and repair at ASP 417; Operating bridge assembly dumps in forward areas (Chateau Salins and Sarralbe); Reconstructing railroad bridge near Sarreguemines; Making necessary repairs to existing bridge near Moyenvic; Performing necessary engineer work for the 606th Medical Clearing Co; Checking area for mines for TCP near Buchy; Constructing 3000' of anti-mine barrier for 40th Engr (C) Bn; Minefield marking at U985259, U968271 and U089218; Constructing Cub landing strip, vicinity Sarreguemines; Reconstructing railroad line (one track) from Saare River east via Homburg; Performing necessary engineer work for the 514th Clearing Hospital Train Holding Station; Reconstructing railroad bridges at Q644675, Q596574, Q645678 and Q644676 vicinity Blickweiler; Checking field for mines vicinity Hornbach; Clearing Post Office Building of prepared charges at Saarbrucken; Removing Treadway bridge vicinity Saarbrucken.

## II Construction.

### 1. Bridges.

- a. Operating bridge assembly dump at Chateau Salins. 11600 man hours. Incomplete 31 March 1945.
- b. Operating bridge assembly dump at Sarralbe. 11040 man hours. Incomplete 31 March 1945.
- c. Reconstruct railroad bridge at Q522558, vicinity Sarreguemines, for one track, to take Cooper's E-40 loading. 17756 man hours.
- d. Reconstruct railroad bridge at Q644675, vicinity Blickweiler. 168 man hours.
- e. Reconstruct railroad bridge at Q596574, vicinity Bliesbruck, to take Cooper's E-40 loading, one track. 2040 man hours.
- f. Reconstruct railroad bridge at Q645678, vicinity Blickweiler. 688 man hours.
- g. Reconstruct railroad bridge at Q644676, vicinity Blickweiler. 2699 man hours.
- h. Removing Treadway bridge at Q408720, vicinity Saarbrucken. 228 man hours.
- i. Strengthening highway bridge at Q515572, vicinity Sarreguemines. 140 man hours.
- j. Construct highway bridge, 1-way Class 70, 2-way Class 40 at M530286 near Gernsheim. 7544 man hours. Incomplete 31 March 1945.
- k. Accomplish necessary repairs to existing bridge at Q140207, vicinity Moyenvic. 1595 man hours.

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2. Road Maintenance and Improvement.

Maintenance of roads in assigned area:  
Work Assignment Order #11 - 32597 man hours.  
Work Assignment Order #12 - 14249 man hours.  
Total - 46846 man hours.

3. Mine Clearance, Reconnaissance and Minefield Marking.

- a. Mine inspection and repair at ASP 417. 4852 man hours.
- b. Checking area for mines for TCP at V941435 near Buchy. 40 man hours.
- c. Minefield marking at U985259, U968271 and U089218. 48 man hours.
- d. Checking field for mines, vicinity Hornbach, site to be used for 93rd Evacuation Hospital. 88 man hours.
- e. Clearing Post Office Building in Saarbrucken of prepared charges. 40 man hours.

4. Railroad construction and repair.

Reconstruct railroad line, one track, from Saare River east via Homburg. 25188 man hours. Incomplete 31 March 1945.

5. General.

- a. Guarding of railroad bridge (German) depot in Luneville. 744 man hours. Incomplete 31 March 1945.
- b. Make necessary repairs for 127th Evacuation Hospital in Dieuze at Q256238. 848 man hours.
- c. Perform logging operations in Schirmeck region. 1904 man hours. Relieved by the 253rd Engr (C) Bn.
- d. Probe site of demolished railroad bridge at Q522558 near Sarreguemines to determine condition of piers for reconstruction. 104 man hours.
- e. Perform necessary engineer work for the 606th Medical Clearing Co. at St. Avold. 624 man hours.
- f. Construct 3000' of anti-mine barrier for 40th Engr (C) Bn. 954 man hours.
- g. Construct Cub landing strip 900'x20' at Q554592, near Sarreguemines, using pierced plank. 2196 man hours.
- h. Perform necessary engineer work for the 514th Clearing Hospital Train Holding Station, near Sarralbe. 1368 man hours.

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6. During the month of March 1945, the following quarry operations were engaged.

Quarry at V768831 in St. Nabor.  
Opened 8 February 1945.  
Relieved 8 March 1945 by 253rd Engr (C) Bn.  
Output - 3935 cu yds.

7. Work performed by attached units.

a. 1260th Engineer (C) Bn.

1. Maintenance of roads in assigned area.  
Area Assignment Order #11 - 15864 man hours.  
Area Assignment Order #12 - 3242 man hours.
2. Minefield marking at Q980356, vicinity Liocourt. 1100 man hours.
3. Replace 100' T/S B/B at Q224372, near Morhange, with 2-way Class 40/70 timber bridge. Return B/B parts to Engineer Dump E-211. Relieved by the 1697th Engr (C) Bn. 1979 man hours.
4. Replace 60' D/S B/B at Q150275, near Hamport, with 2-way Class 40/70 timber bridge. Return B/B parts to Engineer Dump E-211. 1420 man hours.
5. Replace 40' D/S B/B at Q157299, near Burlioncourt, with 2-way Class 40/70 timber bridge. Return B/B parts to Engineer Dump E-211. 1074 man hours.

b. 1697th Engineer (C) Bn.

1. Maintenance of roads in assigned area.  
Area Assignment Order #12 - 12022 man hours.  
Area Assignment Order #13 - 16536 man hours.
2. Replace 100' T/S B/B at Q224372, near Morhange, with 2-way Class 40/70 timber bridge. Return B/B parts to Engineer Dump E-211. 672 man hours.
3. Repairing railroad line from Bliesbruck to Gersheim (Q596573 to Q616612). Relieved by 2756th Engineer (C) Bn. 4208 man hours.
4. Removal of 130' D/D B/B at Q495606, near Auers, returning B/B parts to Engineer Dump E-213. 632 man hours.
5. Removal of 150' D/D B/B at Q488622, near Grosbliederstroff, returning B/B parts to Engineer Dump E-213. 712 man hours.
6. Removal of 100' D/S B/B at Q431645, near Etzling, returning B/B parts to Engineer Dump E-213. 432 man hours.

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7. Replace 1-way Class 40, timber bridge, with 1-way Class 70 timber bridge at Q595576, near Bleisbruck. 630 man hours.

c. 94th Engineer (GS) Regiment.

Repairing railroad line from Gersheim Q617611 to Breitfurt Q642665. 22532 man hours. Incomplete 31 March 1945.

d. 2756th Engineer (C) Bn.

Repairing railroad line from Gersheim Q617611 to Bliesbruck Q595574. 12432 man hours. Incomplete 31 March 1945.

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