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343rd ENGINEERS (GS) AUTHORITY OF THE ADJUTANT GENERAL
APO 758, U.S. Army
DOWNGRADING COMMITTEE

HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 NOVEMBER to 30 NOVEMBER 1944

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located in Hotel du Parc in Bains-les-Bains.
2. 7 November 1944 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Bains-les-Bains to buildings in Bulgneville, distance travelled 29.5 miles.
3. 17 November 1944 - At Headquarters of 343rd Engineer Regiment (GS) in Bulgneville, France, presentation of Bronze Star Medals by Brigadier General GARRISON H. DAVIDSON, AUS, Army Engineer.
4. 25 November 1944 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Bulgneville to a Chateau in Girecourt, distance travelled 45 miles.

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5. Awards:

Bronze Star Medals:

To the following Officers:

- CHARLES D. HURST, O 900 952, Major, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.
- EZEKIEL A. HAMILTON, O 336 374, Captain, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.
- RALPH O. OHLHAUSER, O 902 937, Captain, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.
- MAX N. GOLDFARB, O 904 972, Captain, CE
General Orders No. 117, Hq Seventh Army, 30 November 1944.
- FRANK H. PRESTON, JR., O 902 954, Captain, CE
General Orders No. 174, Hq Fifth Army, 13 November 1944.
- ROBERT C. SALE, O 903 542, First Lieutenant, CE
General Orders No. 104, Hq Seventh Army, 3 November 1944.
- WILLIAM J. BAUMAN, O 902 833, First Lieutenant, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

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To the following Enlisted Men:

- HOWARD M. SUPPLEE, 32 266 254, Master Sergeant, CE *Master*
General Orders No. 104, Hq Seventh Army, 3 November 1944.
- JESSE E. POWELL, 38 171 200, Master Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

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CHARLES W. LIPPHARDT, 35 452 322, Master Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 105, Hq Seventh Army, 4 November 1944.

LOUIS J. SANDERS, 18 080 519, Technical Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

ROBERT N. GREENE, JR., 32 139 447, Technical Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

ERNEST R. SCHOFIELD, 11 051 351, Staff Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 105, Hq Seventh Army, 4 November 1944.

PETE GARABEDIAN, 39 238 676, Staff Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

GLENHART D. MANTSCH, 36 336 613, Staff Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 104, Hq Seventh Army, 3 November 1944.

JOHN E. TANNER, 35 428 249, Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 106, Hq Seventh Army, 7 November 1944.

STANLEY PETRASKA, 31 118 341, Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 106, Hq Seventh Army, 7 November 1944.

DONALD W. ANDERSON, 35 427 134, Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 105, Hq Seventh Army, 4 November 1944.

WALTER V. COX, 15 076 236, Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 105, Hq Seventh Army, 4 November 1944.

LEON E. NOWICKI, 32 281 214, Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 109, Hq Seventh Army, 16 November 1944.

HARRY J. DRAKE, 39 605 547, Technician Fourth Grade, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

NICHOLAS H. KUCK, 32 332 966, Technician Fifth Grade, CE
General Orders No. 107, Hq Seventh Army, 11 November 1944.

RICHARD BLANCHARD, 11 051 308, Private First Class, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

HILDING A. PEARSON, 31 118 275, Private First Class, CE
General Orders No. 115, Hq Seventh Army, 24 November 1944.

To the following enlisted man, a former member of this regiment for
services rendered while a member of this regiment:

WILLIAM E. SCOTT, 39 308 009, Sergeant, CE
General Orders No. 107, Hq Seventh Army, 11 November 1944.

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6. Regiment engaged in clearing railroad tunnels at Lure and Bruyeres; preparation of a rest area for a Division; construction of two railroad bridges between Sarrebourg and Saverne; construction of highway bridges at Ste Marguerite, Blamont, Raon L'Etape and Heming; removal of Bailey Bridges, mine reconnaissance and removal; assisting hospitals; guarding engineer dump at Luneville and maintenance of roads in assigned area.

II Construction.

1. Bridges.

- (a) Replace Bailey Bridge on Route N. 59 just North of Raon L'Etape with 2-way Class 40, 1-way Class 70 timber bridge. 4432 man hours (Incomplete 30 November 1944).
- (b) Construction of 2-way Class 40, 1-way Class 70 bridge over Meurthe River at Raon L'Etape (V340780) - Cancelled 25 Nov '44.
- (c) Repair railroad bridge for Cooper's E-40 loading (Q628139) 3008 man hours (Incomplete 30 November 1944).
- (d) Repair railroad bridge for Cooper's E-40 loading (Q707148) 3084 man hours (Incomplete 30 November 1944).
- (e) Construct 2-way Class 40, Highway Bridge at Blamont (V340991) 1952 man hours.
- (f) Construction of 2-way Class 40 Highway Bridge at Heming (Q428102) 1916 man hours.
- (g) Replace Bailey Bridge with 2-way Class 40 Highway Bridge at Ste Marguerite (V436636) 1807 man hours (Incomplete 30 Nov '44).

2. Bailey Bridges.

- (a) Dismantle Bailey Bridge vicinity Docelles and move to temporary bridge dump at Baccarat (V166504) 320 man hours.
- (b) Remove Bailey Bridge East of St. Helene, across Mortagne River and move to temporary bridge dump at Baccarat (V220668) 960 man hours.
- (c) Remove Bailey Bridge vicinity Granges at V325480 and move to temporary bridge dump at Baccarat. 800 man hours.
- (d) Remove Bailey Bridge over Meurthe River at Raon L'Etape (V340780) and move to temporary bridge dump at Baccarat. 1608 man hours.
- (e) Remove 90' D/S Bailey Bridge South of Bruyeres to temporary bridge dump at Baccarat (V270540). 396 man hours.
- (f) Remove Bailey Bridge at St. Michel-sur-Meurthe and move to temporary bridge dump at Baccarat (V375700). 120 man hours (Incomplete 30 November 1944).

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3. Road Maintenance and Improvement.

Maintenance of roads in assigned area

- a. Rear of Moselle River. 20032 man hours.
- b. Forward of Moselle River. 2791 man hours (Incomplete 30 November 1944).

4. Tunnelling.

- (a) Clear railroad tunnel, Vesoul - Lure line at K030060. 17451 man hours. Abandoned 18 November on VO of Army Engineer.
- (b) Clear railroad tunnel St. Die - Jarmenil line at Bruyeres (including mine clearance and minor repairs - Epinal to Bruyeres) V240565. 9630 man hours (Incomplete 30 November 1944).
- (c) Conduct necessary forward reconnaissance and initiate repairs to railroad line from Bruyeres to St. Die.

5. Mine Reconnaissance and Mine Removal.

- (a) Mine clearance vicinity St. Blaise for access roads to gas dump (V370760). 144 man hours.
- (b) Sweep area in Baccarat for traffic control post (V264848). 56 man hours.

6. General.

- (a) Preparation of Rest Area for a Division. 41218 man hours.
- (b) Guarding Engineer Dump at Luneville. 2336 man hours.
- (c) Complete necessary repairs to barracks for 93rd Evacuation Hospital vicinity of Rambervillers. 8217 man hours.
- (d) Perform necessary road improvement for 85th Engineer Heavy Ponton Co., at bridge dump vicinity of Girancourt. 1912 man hours. (Cancelled 13 November 1944).
- (e) Install portable steam boiler and make necessary connections for 1st Med Lab vicinity of Epinal. 592 man hours.
- (f) Assisting 95th Evacuation Hospital at Golbey (V040550). 656 man hours.
- (g) Maintaining Bailey Bridge dump at Baccarat (V262837). 376 man hours (Incomplete 30 November 1944).
- (h) Assisting 27th Evacuation Hospital at Baccarat. 2596 man hours. (Incomplete 30 November 1944).

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HISTORY OF ORGANIZATION - 1 DECEMBER to 31 DECEMBER 1944

I Major Changes in Station and Record of Events.

1. Regimental Headquarters located in Chateau in Girecourt.
2. 2 December 1944 - Regimental Headquarters moved from Chateau in Girecourt to residence in Baccarat, distance travelled 20 miles.
3. 11 December 1944 - Regimental Headquarters moved from residence in Baccarat to school building in Niederhaslach, distance travelled 41 miles.
4. 17 December 1944 - Regimental Headquarters moved from school building in Niederhaslach to school building in Schweinheim, distance travelled 24 miles.
5. 31 December 1944 - Regiment relieved of assignment to Seventh Army for operations only and assigned to VI Corps for operations only, effective 0001A hours, 31 December 1944.

6. Awards:

Legion of Merit:

JOHN Q. WELDON, 20 427 020, Staff Sergeant, CE
per letter MTOUSA, dated 15 November 1944.

7. Regiment engaged in clearing railroad tunnel at Bruyeres; construction of railroad bridges at Lutzelbourg, Saverne, Schweighausen, Biblisheim and Otterswiller; construction of highway bridges at Raon L'Etape and St. Marguerite; removing bailey bridges at Raon L'Etape, St. Marguerite, St. Michel-sur-Meurthe and St. Die; construction of connecting tracks in Hague-nau yards; reconnaissance of railroads in forward areas; clearing rail lines of mines and debris and making repairs; construction of roads for depots and hospitals; mine clearance and road maintenance.

II Construction.

1. Bridges.

- (a) Replace bailey bridge on route N.59 just N. of Raon L'Etape (V338791) with 2-way Class 40, 1-way Class 70 timber bridge. 1632 man hours.
- (b) Repair railroad bridge for Cooper's E-40 loading near Lutzelbourg (Q628139). 12400 man hours.
- (c) Repair railroad bridge for Cooper's E-40 loading near Saverne (Q707148). 4120 man hours.

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- (d) Replace bailey bridge with 2-way Class 40 highway bridge at St. Marguerite (V436636). 2190 man hours.
- (e) Reconstruct double track railroad bridge at Q998258 near Schweighousen to take Cooper's E-40 loading. 3184 man hours.
- (f) Construct two-track railroad bridge to take Cooper's E-40 loading in Biblisheim (R058337). 3752 man hours.
- (g) Reconstruct railroad bridge at Q731138 near Otterswiller to take Cooper's E-40 loading (one track only). 3754 man hours.
- (h) Construction of foot bridge in St. Die. 52 man hours.

2. Bailey Bridges.

- (a) Remove bailey bridge at St. Michel-sur-Meurthe (V375700) and move to temporary bailey bridge dump at Baccarat. 152 man hours.
- (b) Remove bailey bridge in St. Die (V415653) and move to Engineer Dump #207. 370 man hours.
- (c) Construct 150' T/D Bailey Bridge at Raon L'Etape (V340780). 772 man hours.

3. Road Maintenance and Improvement.

- (a) Maintenance of roads in assigned area. 64237 man hours.
- (b) Repair shell crater in street in Pfaffenhoffen (Q910270). 96 man hours.

4. Tunnelling.

Clear railroad tunnel St. Die - Jarmenil line at Bruyeres (V240565). Reopened 15 Dec to 16 Dec '44. 8456 man hours.

5. Mine Reconnaissance and Mine Removal.

- (a) Mine clearance vicinity of Baccarat. 120 man hours.
- (b) Checking area for mines at RJ N59 and N420 for TCP. 20 man hours.
- (c) Mine clearance for traffic control. 24 man hours.
- (d) Check diesel locomotives in yard at Engineer Depot #208 (Neubourg) for booby traps and prepared charges. 16 man hours.
- (e) Check parking space directly in front of railroad station in Haguenau for mines: 1. Roadway and sidewalk to station 150' in depth. 2. Parking space roadway to width of approx. 200 ft. 3. Area vicinity of Q035237. 80 man hours.

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6. Railroad Construction and Repair.

- (a) Reconnaissance of railroads in forward areas. 0 man hours.
- (b) Clear double track railroad of mines and make necessary rail repairs from Q870270 to R033244. 2392 man hours.
- (c) Construct connecting track (10° curve) at junction of railroads R033244. 7816 man hours.
- (d) Clear double track line of mines and make necessary rail repairs from R033244 to R108372. 4736 man hours.
- (e) Clear railway of demolished structures at R054316 and R050305. 144 man hours.
- (f) Check double track right of way from Saverne to Molsheim for mines and make necessary repairs on the track to place line in operation. 0 man hours.

7. General.

Maintenance of Bailey Bridge dump at Baccarat (V262837) including moving Bailey Bridge parts to Engineer Dump #207 at Saverne. 2260 man hours.

- (b) Assisting 27th Evacuation Hospital at Baccarat (V258838). 536 man hours.
- (c) Perform necessary work for 95th, 59th and 132nd Evacuation Hospital vicinity Mutzig (Q800295). 4508 man hours.
- (d) Assisting 51st Evacuation Hospital at St. Die. 208 man hours.
- (e) Perform necessary Engineer work at Engineer Depot E-208 vicinity of Neubourg Q958272. Work consists primarily of following:
 1. Provide for approx. 1,000,000 sq ft storage space.
 2. Construction of approx. 2 miles road.
 3. Reconstruct roof and one wall of warehouse and construct access road.
 4. Minor repairs to small warehouse.
 5. Rebuild bridge approx. 50' span. 6872 man hours.
- (f) Repair shell damage to water line from storage tank to stand pipe at Obermodern water station (Q855269). 152 man hours.
- (g) Examine timber piling at Engineer Depot #206 Epinal and mark selected pieces. 16 man hours.
- (h) Perform necessary dozer work to clear storage area for Signal Depot #606 in vicinity of Saverne. 168 man hours.
- (i) Moving Engineer Dump #208 (Neubourg). 1656 man hours.

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- (j) Move trucks from #E-207 to #E-206 in Epinal. 128 man hours.
- (k) Preparing highway bridges in assigned area for demolition. 632 man hours.

