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REPORT AGAINST ENEMY, REPORTS AFTER/AFTER ACTION REPORT

Organization: 308th Engineer Combat Battalion

From: 0001, 1 July 1944

Period of Report:

To: 2400, 31 July 1944

Date of Submission: 6 August 1944

For the first three days of July this Battalion practised assault river crossings with the three Infantry Regiments, near CARENTAN. Platoons not participating in this training continued their reconnaissance of mine fields to our front and maintained supply roads in the division area. On the afternoon and evening of 3 July one U.S. truck demolished by an enemy mine and several friendly road blocks were removed in front of the MLR to permit the use of roads for the attack.

On the morning of 4 July at 0445 hours the division attacked, with this Battalion supporting and continued until the division was relieved on 29 July to go into Corps Reserve.

During the early part of the operation the Engineer Companies were in close support of the Infantry Regiments. They constructed hasty bridges, maintained defensive positions at night, and blew hedgerows for the advance of tanks. On the 6 July the Battalion was assembled and took up a defensive position approximately 500 yards South of CARRE-FOUR DES CHEMPINS. This position was held until 1400 hours 7 July when Battalion was relieved.

The advance of the division continued until 18 July when the division went into the defensive. At that time extensive wire obstacles were installed and hasty mine fields and blocks were laid generally along a line RAIDS (328766) to LE CANAL (353745) to AUXIAS (358749). An attempt was made to secure the tip of the LE VARDE peninsula in order to improve the defensive position. The three bridges along the causeway between LE MOULIN and LE VARDE had been destroyed by the enemy. On the 18 July a 50 foot Bailey Bridge was constructed at LE MOULIN. On the night of 20 July the two remaining gaps were spanned by two 30 foot treadway bridges under fire. During the next day two treads were damaged by enemy action. These were replaced one at 1200 hours and the other at 1600 hours. At 1800 hours the Bailey Bridge was destroyed by enemy artillery fire. The Infantry withdrew from LE VARDE and no further attempt was made to construct bridges until the night of 27 July, at which time a 45 foot treadway bridge was installed at a by-pass near Bailey Bridge and two more, thirty foot spans were installed where previous bridges had been destroyed. On the LE VARDE peninsula the enemy had laid a considerable number of AP Mines which were removed or blown in place.

B Company which was supporting the 330th Infantry in the 9th Division Area crossed the LOZON River near REMILLY-SUR-LOZON on the night 20 July with a treadway bridge. This crossing was made under heavy enemy fire but was successful.

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 By MLC NARA Date 11-4-00

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During the entire operation the following work was accomplished:

- 9 Treadway bridges were installed
- 10 Light footbridges were constructed
- 5 Vehicular bridges were constructed
- 2 Air strips were built for artillery observation planes
- ✓ 41 miles of main highway were swept for mines & posted with signs
- ✓ 22 miles of secondary roads and trails were swept and posted
- 3 miles of new roadway was built thru fields
- 7 miles of existing roadway was repaired
- 26 Enemy tanks and trucks were removed from roads
- 16 Large craters were filled
- 1200 Mines were laid
- 3000 Yards of triple concertina wire obstacles were installed
- 1000 Yards of triple concertina wire obstacles were removed
- 130 Hedgerows were blown with explosives
- 11 CP's and 3 - 155mm gun battery positions were dug in
- 2 Water points were operated, each furnishing approximately 20,000 gallons per day.
- 20,000 Sheets of maps were distributed
- 2 Shower points were operated
- 365 Dead animals were buried

GAINS: Five (5) Officers replacements received.  
 Twenty-one (21) Enlisted Men replacements received

## LOSSES:

BATTLE LOSSES

Killed In Action - One (1) Officer; Eight (8) Enlisted Men.  
Wounded In Action - Two (2) Officers; Thirty-nine (39) Enlisted Men.  
Missing In Action - One (1) Enlisted Man.

NON-BATTLE LOSSES

Transferred - Two (2) Officers  
Disease - Four (4) Enlisted Men  
Exhaustion - Seven (7) Enlisted Men  
Injured - One (1) Officer; Two (2) Enlisted Men.

MORALE: The morale of the troops was Excellent.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS: Unit Journal, 1 July 1944 thru 31 July 1944.

*Ray T. Dodge*  
 ROY T. DODGE,  
 Lt. Col., CE  
 Commanding.

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**ACTION AGAINST ENEMY, REPORTS AFTER/AFTER ACTION REPORT**

Organization: 308th Engineer Combat Battalion

From: 0001, 1 June 1944

Period of Report:

To: 2400, 30 June 1944

Date of Submission: 20 July 1944

The 308th Engineer Combat Battalion was not engaged in action against the enemy during the period 1 June 1944 to 27 June 1944. This period was spent in receiving Specialized Training at assigned camps in Shropshire County, England, preparation for Cross Channel Movement and re-assembling of organization on the European continent.

On the 28 June 1944, organization moved forward 1/2 mile North of St. Come-Du-Mont, France and relieved the 326th Air-Borne Engineer Battalion. Headquarters & Service Company established and commenced operations of Division Water Points. Company "A", less 1st Platoon, was held in reserve. Company "B" and Company "C" supported the 330th and 351st Infantry Regiments respectively.

COMPANY "A", 1st Squad, 1st Platoon prepared bridge East of Carentan (T403844) for demolitions and remained on guard, to destroy bridge on orders of VII Corps. 2nd Squad and 3rd Squad, 1st Platoon, guarding bridge West of Carentan (T373845) and bridge Northwest of Carentan (T379853), respectively. Remainder of Company in reserve.

COMPANY "B" and COMPANY "C" made Engineer Reconnaissance of their respective regimental sectors and studied the defenses that had been occupied.

**GAINS:** One (1) Officer assigned from Headquarters VIII Corps, 4 June 1944.  
Ten (10) Enlisted Men assigned, 2 June 1944.

**LOSSES:** One (1) Officer transferred to 79th Infantry Division, 2 June 1944. There was no losses of Officers or Enlisted Men during period of report as results of combat.

**MORALE:** The morale of the troops was Excellent, with the men adjusting themselves to combat conditions.

**SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:** Unit Journal, 1 June 1944 thru 30 June 1944.

*Roy T. Dodge*  
ROY T. DODGE,  
Lt. Col., CE  
Commanding.

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HEADQUARTERS 83D INFANTRY DIVISION  
APO 83, U. S. Army

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SUBJECT: Historical Records and Histories of Organization.

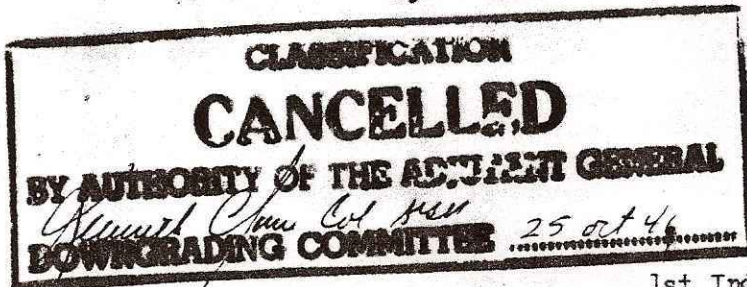
TO: CO, 308th Engineer Battalion, APO 83, U. S. Army.

1. Attention is directed to paragraph 11b, (1), AR 345-105, dated 18 November 1929, which directs that histories of units be forwarded to The Adjutant General after the close of the calendar year.

2. The form prescribed in paragraph 13, above quoted regulations will be followed.

3. These histories will be submitted to this headquarters not later than 31 January 1945.

By command of Major General MACON:



/s/N.P. Cowden  
/t/N.P. COWDEN,  
Major, AGD,  
Asst Adj General.

1st Ind.

HEADQUARTERS 308TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION, APO 83, U.S. Army, 30 January 1945.

TO: Commanding General, 83d Infantry Division, APO 83, U. S. Army.

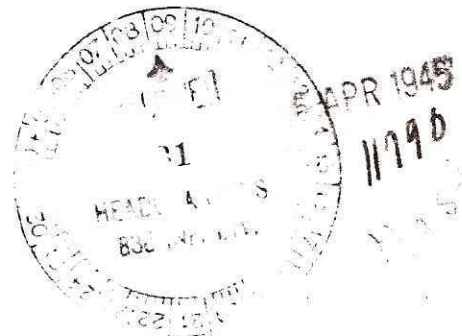
1. Basic communication complied with and History of this organization for period 1 January 1944 to 31 December 1944 inclusive, attached hereto.

For the Commanding Officer:

*Richard E. Fletcher*  
RICHARD E. FLETCHER,  
1st Lt., CE,  
Adjutant.

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1 History of 308th Engineer Combat Battalion.



## HISTORY

History of the 308th Engineer Combat Battalion, 82d Infantry Division, for the period 1 January 1944 to 31 December 1944, inclusive.

### 1. ORIGINAL UNIT:

- a. Designated - completed.
- b. Date of organization - completed.
- c. Place of organization - completed.
- d. Authority for organization - completed.
- e. Sources from which personnel was obtained - completed.

### 2. CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION:

Battalion was reorganized under T/O & E 5-15, 13 March 1944, and Changes thereto, per letter, Headquarters, First United States Army, APO 230, 320 (C), 15 November 1944, subject: Reorganization, and letter, Headquarters, 82d Infantry Division, APO 82, U. S. Army, 320 (C), 20 November 1944, subject: Reorganization, copies of which are attached hereto.

### 3. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED

|                   |                   | <u>Strength</u> | <u>Gain</u> | <u>Loss</u> |
|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|-------------|-------------|
| Officers:         | 1 January 1944    | 28              |             |             |
|                   | 31 January 1944   | 28              | 1           | 1           |
|                   | 28 February 1944  | 29              | 1           | 0           |
|                   | 31 March 1944     | 29              | 1           | 1           |
|                   | 30 April 1944     | 29              | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 May 1944       | 29              | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 30 June 1944      | 28              | 1           | 2           |
|                   | 31 July 1944      | 27              | 5           | 6           |
|                   | 31 August 1944    | 26              | 0           | 1           |
|                   | 30 September 1944 | 27              | 1           | 0           |
|                   | 31 October 1944   | 28              | 1           | 0           |
|                   | 30 November 1944  | 29              | 1           | 0           |
|                   | 31 December 1944  | 28              | 1           | 2           |
| Warrant Officers: | 1 January 1944    | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 January 1944   | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 28 February 1944  | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 March 1944     | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 30 April 1944     | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 May 1944       | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 30 June 1944      | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 July 1944      | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 August 1944    | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 30 September 1944 | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 October 1944   | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 30 November 1944  | 3               | 0           | 0           |
|                   | 31 December 1944  | 3               | 0           | 0           |

| Enlisted Men:     |  | <u>Str</u> | <u>th</u> | <u>Gain</u> | <u>Loss</u> |
|-------------------|--|------------|-----------|-------------|-------------|
| - January 1944    |  | 5...       |           |             |             |
| 31 January 1944   |  | 567        |           | 0           | 6           |
| 28 February 1944  |  | 666        |           | 102         | 3           |
| 31 March 1944     |  | 633        |           | 0           | 33          |
| 30 April 1944     |  | 632        |           | 10          | 11          |
| 31 May 1944       |  | 626        |           | 0           | 6           |
| 30 June 1944      |  | 632        |           | 10          | 4           |
| 31 July 1944      |  | 593        |           | 21          | 60          |
| 31 August 1944    |  | 580        |           | 14          | 27          |
| 30 September 1944 |  | 590        |           | 21          | 11          |
| 31 October 1944   |  | 589        |           | 4           | 5           |
| 30 November 1944  |  | 600        |           | 20          | 9           |
| 31 December 1944  |  | 579        |           | 21          | 42          |

#### 4. STATION:

The 308th Engineer Combat Battalion was stationed at Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky until 25 March 1944, was temporary at Camp Shanks, New York, New York, until 5 April 1944, when the battalion proceeded to an overseas station.

Stations occupied by the battalion in the European Theater of Operations have been: Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company and the Medical Detachment, stationed at Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, Map Coordinates: V(k) 097596, Map reference: Ordnance Survey of England, and Wales, Scale 1/63360, Sheet 52, Stoke-on-Trent, Popular Edition, War Revision 1940, from 20 April 1944 to 17 June 1944.

Company A was stationed Merrington Green, Shropshire County, England, Map Coordinates: V(k) 922421; Map reference: Ordnance Survey of England and Wales; Scale 1/63360, Sheet 60, Shrewsbury-Welshpool, Popular Edition, War Revision 1944, from 18 April 1944 to 2 May 1944 and at Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, from 2 May 1944 to 15 June 1944.

Company C was stationed at Keele Hall, Staffordshire County, England, Map reference: Ordnance Survey of England and Wales, Scale 1/63360, Sheet 52, Stoke-on-Trent, Popular Edition, War Revision 1940, from 20 April 1944 to 30 April 1944 and at Styche Hall, Shropshire County, England, Map reference: Ordnance Survey of England and Wales, Scale 1/63360, Sheet 52, Stoke-on-Trent, Popular Edition, War Revision 1940, from 1 May 1944 to 17 June 1944.

#### 5. MARCHES:

a. Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky to Camp Shanks, New York, New York.

- (1) Purpose: To move the battalion to a Port of Embarkation Station for preparation for movement to an overseas station.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Approximately 150 miles the first day - 300 miles the second and third days -, and fifty miles the fourth day.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Camp Breckinridge, Kentucky, 25 March 1944 and proceeded to Camp Shanks, New York, New York, arriving, 28 March 1944.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Traveled by rail. Weather was clear and cool, with occasional snow.

- By WIK NARA Date 11-7-00
- (5) Remarks The battalion was divided into two (2) detachments, Number 1, under command of Lt. Col. ROY T. DODGE, O12468, was composed of Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, and one (1) Platoon of Company A, and eight (8) enlisted men of the Medical Detachment. Captain AUGUST F. CLOSE, DC, O318961, was Train Surgeon. Number 2, under command of Major M. B. ROBBINS, O326621, was composed of Company A, less one (1) platoon, Company B, Company C and 7 enlisted men of the Medical Detachment. Captain THEODORE W. COONEY, MC, O418504, was Train Surgeon.
- Trip was completed without any accidents.

b. Camp Shanks, New York, New York to Shropshire County, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move the Battalion from a Port of Embarkation Station to an overseas station in the European Theater of Operations.
- (2) Length of Daily March: From Camp Shanks, New York, New York, to the New York Port of Embarkation, approximately forty-five (45) miles. (a) Company A and Company B was at sea for twelve (12) days, arriving and debarking on the thirteenth (13th) day, at the Port of Liverpool, England. Distance traveled from Liverpool to assigned station at Merrington Green, Shropshire County, England, approximately sixty (60) miles. (b) Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, and Medical Detachment was at sea for thirteen (13) days, laying at anchor for one (1) day, debarking on the fifteenth (15th) day. Distance traveled from Liverpool to assigned station at Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, approximately sixty (60) miles. (c) Company C was at sea for thirteen (13) days, laying at anchor for one (1) day, debarking on the fifteenth (15th) day. Distance traveled from Liverpool to assigned station at Keele Hall, Staffordshire County, England, approximately seventy-five (75) miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Camp Shanks, New York, New York, 5 April 1944, and proceeded by foot, rail and ferry to the New York Port of Embarkation, New York. Departed from the New York Port of Embarkation, on the morning, 6 April 1944 and proceeded overseas, by troop transport, to the Port of Liverpool, England. (a) Company A and Company B, debarking on the night of, 18 April 1944 and proceeded by rail and truck to Merrington-Green, Shropshire County, England, arriving the morning, 19 April 1944. (b) Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company and Medical Detachment, arriving on 18 April 1944 and debarking on morning, 20 April 1944, and proceeded by rail and truck to Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, arriving same date. (c) Company C, arriving on 18 April 1944 and debarking on morning, 20 April 1944, and proceeded by rail and truck to Keele Hall, Staffordshire County, England, arriving same date.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads and rails were in good condition. Sea was very calm, with the exception of a few days of rough sea. Weather was fair and warm with occasional showers and cool spells.

- (5) Remarks: There were no deaths, serious accidents, very low number of cases of seasickness and disease. Morale of men was excellent.

c. At Merrington-Green, Shropshire County, England to Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move Company A from their station at Merrington-Green, Shropshire County, England to new station at Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, so that all units of the battalion would be closer together, enabling Administrative and Training details to be more closely coordinated and supervised.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Distance Marched, 19 miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Merrington-Green, Shropshire County, England, 1 May 1944 and proceeded by motor transportation to Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, arriving same date.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads were earth and hard surfaced, narrow and winding with sharp curves, and in poor condition. Weather was fair and clear.
- (5) Remarks: No accidents occurred during the movement.

d. Keele Hall, Staffordshire County, England to Styche Hall, Shropshire County, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move Company C from their station at Keele Hall, Staffordshire County, England to new station at Styche Hall, Shropshire County, England, so that all units of the battalion would be closer together, enabling Administrative and Training details to be more closely coordinated and supervised.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Distance marched, twenty-two (22) miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Keele Hall, Staffordshire County, England, 1 May 1944 and proceeded by motor transportation to Styche Hall, Shropshire County, England, arriving same date.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads were gravel and hard surfaced, narrow and winding with sharp curves, and in poor condition. Weather was fair and cold.
- (5) Remarks: No accidents occurred during movement.

c. Merrington-Green, Shropshire County, England to Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move Company B from their station at Merrington-Green, Shropshire County, England to new station at Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, so that all units of the Battalion would be closer together, enabling Administrative and Training details to be more closely coordinated and supervised.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Distance marched 19 miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Merrington-Green, Shropshire County, England, 2 May 1944 and proceeded by motor transportation to Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, arriving same date.

- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads were earth and hard surfaced, narrow and winding with sharp curves and in poor condition. Weather was fair and cool.
- (5) Remarks: No accidents occurred during movement.

f. Shavington Hall, Shropshire County to Chester, Cheshire County, England and return.

- (1) Purpose: To move Company B to bridge site to receive training in construction of Bailey Bridge.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Distance traveled, 25 miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England, 22 May 1944 and proceeded by motor convoy to Bridge Site at Chester, Cheshire County, England, returning to station 24 May 1944.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads were hard surfaced, generally were narrow, winding and in poor condition except outside of Chester, road was wide, straight and in good condition. Weather was fair and cold.
- (5) Remarks: Bailey Bridge was built both on land and floating, during daylight hours and darkness. No accidents among men or vehicles.

g. Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England to Chester, Cheshire County, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move Company A from the present station to bridge site to receive training in construction of Bailey Bridge.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Distance traveled, 25 miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Shavington Hall, 24 May 1944 and proceeded by motor convoy to Bridge Site at Chester and returning to station, 28 May 1944.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads were hard surfaced, generally narrow, winding and in poor condition, except outside of Chester, road was wide, straight and in good condition. Weather was fair and cold.
- (5) Remarks: The Bailey Bridge was built both on land and floating, during daylight hours and darkness. No accidents occurred among men or vehicles.

h. Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England to Chester, Cheshire, County, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move Company C to Bridge Site to receive training in construction of Bailey Bridge.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Distance traveled, 25 miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Shavington Hall, 28 May 1944, and proceeded by motor convoy to Bridge Site, at Chester and returning to station, 1 June 1944.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads were hard surfaced, generally narrow, winding and in poor condition, except outside of Chester, road was wide, straight and in good condition. Weather was fair and cold.
- (5) Remarks: Bailey Bridge was built both on land and floating, during daylight hours and darkness. No accidents occurred among men or vehicles.

i. Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England to Marshalling Area, East of Winchester, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move the Battalion to Marshalling Area, prior to Cross Channel Movement to France.
- (2) Length of Daily March: Distance marched, approximately eighty (80) miles.
- (3) Points between which marched: Departed from Shavington Hall, Shropshire County, England and proceeded to Marshalling Area, East of Winchester, England.
- (4) Condition of Roads and Weather: Roads were hard surfaced, narrow, hilly and winding with sharp curves, and generally in need of repair. Weather was clear and cold.
- (5) Remarks: The Battalion was divided into two (2) echelons for the movement. First Echelon consisting of Company B, under the command of Captain ALAN B. GILLIS, departed on the 15 June 1944, arriving at C-11, East of Winchester, England, same date. Second Echelon consisting of Headquarters, Headquarters and Service Company, Company A, Company C and Medical Detachment, departed 17 June 1944, arriving at C-14, East of Winchester, England, same date. Two (2) vehicle accidents occurred during trip. No personnel hurt.

j. Marshalling Area, East of Winchester, England to South Hampton, England.

- (1) Purpose: To move the Battalion from a Marshalling Area across the channel into a combat area.
- (2) Length of daily march:
  - (a) First Detachment: First day travelled approximately twelve (12) miles, second day crossed channel to coast of France and lay at anchor until morning of the seventh day when debarking was initiated and completed on the ninth day.
  - (b) Second Detachment: First day travelled approximately ten (10) miles and boarded ship. Second day crossed channel to coast of France and lay at anchor until morning of the seventh day when debarking was initiated and completed same day.
  - (c) Third Detachment: First day travelled approximately ten (10) miles and went aboard the ship. Second day crossed channel to coast of France and lay at anchor until morning of the eighth day when debarking was initiated and completed same day.
  - (d) Fourth Detachment: First day travelled approximately ten (10) miles and went aboard the LST. Second day crossed channel to coast of France and lay at anchor until the morning of the third day when debarking was initiated and completed same day.
- (3) Points between which marched:
  - (a) First Detachment: Departed from the Marshalling Area, East of Winchester, England, 19 June 1944, proceeding to the Docks at South Hampton, England, arriving 18 June 1944 and boarding ship same day. Crossed the Channel to the coast of France, 19 June 1944 and lay at anchor until morning of the 23rd of June 1944 when debarking was initiated and completed on 25 June 1944, landing at "CHAH" Dog White Beachhead, France.

- (b) Second Detachment: Departed from the Marshalling Area, East of Winchester, England, 18 June 1944 and proceeded to the Docks at South Hampton, England, arriving and boarding ship same day, crossed Channel to coast of France, 19 June 1944 and lay at anchor until morning, 24 June 1944, when debarking was initiated and completed same date, landing at "OMAHA" Dog White Beachhead, France.
  - (c) Third Detachment: Departed from the Marshalling Area, East of Winchester, England, 18 June 1944 and proceeded to Dock at South Hampton, England, arriving and boarding ship same date, crossed Channel to coast of France, 19 June 1944, laying at anchor until morning of 24 June 1944 when debarking was initiated and completed, landing at "OMAHA" Dog White Beachhead, France.
  - (d) Fourth Detachment: Departed from the Marshalling Area, East of Winchester, England, 22 June 1944 and proceeded to Docks at South Hampton, England, arriving and boarding LST same day. Crossed Channel to coast of France, 23 June 1944, commenced and completed landing at "OMAHA" Dog White Beachhead, France.
- (4) Condition of roads and weather: Roads were hard surfaced, narrow, winding and generally in need of repair. Weather was cold and occasional rains, winds and rough sea during Channel crossing.
  - (5) Remarks: The Battalion was divided into four (4) Detachments for Cross Channel Movements. First Detachment consisting of Company B, under command of Captain ALAN B. GILLIS; Second Detachment consisting of Headquarters and Service Company and Company A, under command of Captain FRANK M. PEACE; Third Detachment consisting of Company C and Medical Detachment under command of Captain LEWIS F. HEDGPETH; Fourth Detachment consisting of Headquarters under command of Lt. Col. ROY T. DODGE. Landing operations were delayed due to bad weather and rough seas. Troops were anxious to get ashore. Very little seasickness and upon landing physical condition of troops was excellent.

#### 6. CAMPAIGNS:

- a.
  - (1) Name of: NORMANDY CAMPAIGN (No 1).
  - (2) Duration: 6 June 1944 to 24 July 1944.
  - (3) Purpose: To destroy the enemy and liberate the Normandy Section of France.
  - (4) Authority ordering: General Orders Number 49, War Department, 1944, as amended by General Orders Number 80, War Department, 5 October 1944 and Letter, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, APO 887, U. S. Army, AG 200.6, OpGA, 16 November 1944, Subject: Battle Participation Awards - Normandy Campaign (No 1).
- b.
  - (1) Name of: NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN (No 1).
  - (2) Duration: 25 July 1944 to 14 September 1944.
  - (3) Purpose: To destroy the enemy and liberate that portion of France.
  - (4) Authority ordering: General Orders Number 80, War Department, dated 5 October 1944, and Letter, Headquarters, European Theater of Operations, United States Army, APO 887, U.S. Army, AG 200.6, OpGA, 1 December 1944, Subject: Battle Participation Awards - Northern France Campaign (No 1).

- c. (1) Name: GERMANY CAMPAIGN (No 1).
- (2) Duration: 15 September 1944 - Date of termination not yet announced.
- (3) Purpose: To destroy the enemy and to force them to an unconditional surrender.
- (4) Authority ordering: General Orders Number 80, War Department, dated 5 October 1944, and Letter, Headquarters European Theater of Operations, United States Army, APO 887, U. S. Army, AG 200.6, OpGA, 24 December 1944, Subject: Battle Participation Awards - Germany Campaign (No 1).

#### 7. BATTLES:

This unit has not been officially notified as to designation of battles participated in.

#### 8. COMMANDING OFFICERS IN IMPORTANT ENGAGEMENTS:

- (a) BATTALION COMMANDER - (1) Engagements: NORMANDY (No 1)  
NORTHERN FRANCE (No 1)  
GERMANY (No 1)  
(2) Name: Lieutenant Colonel ROY T. DODGE,  
021468, Corps of Engineers.
- (b) COMPANY COMMANDERS - (1)
  - (1) Headquarters and Service Company:
    - (a) Engagements: NORMANDY (No 1)  
NORTHERN FRANCE (No 1)  
GERMANY (No 1)
    - (b) Name: Captain FRANK M. PEACE, 01101613, Corps of Engineers.
  - (2) Company A:
    - (a) Engagements: NORMANDY (No 1)  
NORTHERN FRANCE (No 1)  
GERMANY (No 1)
    - (b) Name: Captain ANDREW W. BRAND, 01101345, Corps of Engineers.
  - (3) Company B:
    - (a) Engagements: NORMANDY (No 1)  
NORTHERN FRANCE (No 1)  
GERMANY (No 1)
    - (b) Names: Captain ALAN B. GILLIS, 0455126, Corps of Engineers, evacuated at 1300, 15 December 1944 (Germany Campaign (No 1), First Lieutenant WILLIAM D. FALCK, 025893, Corps of Engineers, assumed command.
  - (4) Company C:
    - (a) Engagements: NORMANDY (No 1)  
NORTHERN FRANCE (No 1)  
GERMANY (No 1)
    - (b) Names: Captain LEWIS F. HEDGPETH, 0405532, Corps of Engineers, evacuated at 1210, 4 July 1944 (Normandy Campaign (No 1), Captain JOSEPH A. SWIDER, 01101685, Corps of Engineers, assumed command.

9. LOSSES IN ACTION:

a. (1) Engagement: NORMANDY CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

(a) Killed:

ROBERT E. JAMME, 2nd Lt, 01114977 - KIA  
Gustave A. Feldhause, Pvt, 32921279 - KIA  
Warren A. Schutt, Pvt, 32946617 - KIA  
Jonas Lieberman, Pvt, 42049796 - KIA  
Robert J. Hayes, Pvt, 13126687 - DOW  
Samuel R. Shears, Pfc, 33645855 - DOW  
Joseph J. Palavido, Tec 4, 35201483 - KIA  
Russell E. Bliss, Pfc, 33306135 - KIA  
Gerald L. Mackall, Tec 5, 35605062 - KIA  
Louis J. Maira, Jr., Pvt, 42023445 - KIA  
Clayton C. Rehrig, Sgt, 33368472 - KIA

(b) Wounded:

CHARLES L. PRICE, JR., 2d Lt, 0423070 - LWA  
Carl J. Hock, Pvt, 32692432 - SWA  
Richard G. Johnson, Sgt, 33297286 - LWA  
Melvin L. Sharp, Pfc, 39467760 - LWA  
Robert L. Unkrich, Pvt, 19159970 - LWA  
Lloyd C. Ramsey, Pvt, 33043735 - SIA  
Walter W. Wolbert, Tec 5, 33297266 - LWA  
Howard S. Steel, Jr., Pfc, 33338233 - LIA  
Samuel G. Andrews, Pfc, 32956339 - SWA  
Russell J. Murphy, Pvt, 33241955 - SWA  
Michael (NMI) Kerick, Tec 4, 33368368 - SWA  
Harold W. Scott, Pvt, 39338699 - SWA  
George (NMI) Flaris, Pvt, 35358942 - SWA  
Harold F. Flanders, Pfc, 31221990 - SWA  
Marlin W. Breninghouse, Pvt, 33703314 - SWA  
John N. Martens, Tec 5, 32999770 - SWA  
Latta C. Norton, Tec 5, 34455265 - SWA  
Junior A. Tyler, Pfc, 35433486 - LWA  
Andrews R. Medina, Pvt, 39862466 - LWA  
FRANK S. COUTURE, 1st Lt., 01101394 - SWA  
William J. Parker, Pvt, 13105805 - LWA  
George A. Dahmer, Pvt, 36765702 - SWA  
John W. DeStefano, Pvt, 42016391 - LWA  
James G. Kinsley, Pvt, 33339069 - SWA  
John B. Pizzini, Jr., Cpl, 35399926 - LWA  
Walter C. Saunders, Cpl, 33798021 - LWA

(3) Missing: None.

(4) Taken prisoner: None.

b. (1) Engagement: NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

(a) Killed:

John M. Ahnen, Cpl, 31274157 - KIA

(b) Wounded:

Donald (NMI) Klemyk, Cpl, 31197774 - SWA

Ernest R. Morey, Pfc, 31265006 - SWA

Louis M. Sumen, Pvt, 35516552 - SWA

Edward J. Laucella, Pvt, 42009445 - LWA

Clinton E. Brooks, Cpl, 33337612 - SWA

Edwin A. Salley, Tec 5, 34389277 - SWA

Asa A. Randall, Pvt, 21199730 - LWA

Hubert E. Stephens, Pvt, 35666288 - SWA

Robert W. Fieler, Sgt, 25664907 - LIA

Macy E. Atkins, Pvt, 13052468 - LWA

Glen O. Sutherland, Tec 4, 36108463 - LWA

Bruce (NMI) Tanner, Pfc, 34394011

Anthony (NMI) DeGregorio, Pvt, 35590856 - LWA

(3) Missing: None.

(4) Taken prisoner: None.

c. (1) Engagement: GERMANY CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

(a) Killed:

Benjamin F. Sims, Pvt, 35422331 - KIA

Willard K. Shock, Pvt, 33379894 - KIA

William C. Haggard, Cpl, 15046465 - KIA

Charles W. Collins, Pfc, 31221579 - DOW

Francis P. Everhart, Pvt, 33442189 - KIA

Harold E. Black, Pvt, 35900122, - DOW

Alvin (NMI) Nelson, Pvt, 35770690 - DOW

James A. Larkin, Tec 5, 13126932 - KIA

Glen C. Allen, Pfc, 18007042 - KIA

Walter (NMI) Dabrawolsky, Tec 5, 33339135 - KIA

Emilio J. Carlini, Sgt, 33307250 - KIA

Charles R. Horstman, Pvt, 13127135 - KIA

Michael F. Kocak, Pfc, 33307373 - DOW

Robert E. Dugan, Pvt, 11128371 - DOW

(b) Wounded:

James A. Noble, Cpl, 37486173 - SWA

Raymond A. Fisher, Pvt, 31097837 - SWA

James E. Raines, Tec 5, 34389159 - LWA

ALAN B. GILLIS, Captain, 0455126 - LWA

ALPHIER J. SILVERIO, 2d Lt, 0887558 - LWA

Robert C. Bean, Pfc, 31177291 - LWA

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Richard A. Senger, Pfc, 33297615 - SWA  
James F. Bratcher, Pvt, 18006929 - LIA  
John (NMI) Heard, Sgt, 34446308 - LWA  
Lester B. Mosley, Tec 5, 34371147 - LWA  
Henry L. Abernathy, Tec 4, 35740410 - LWA  
Andrew J. Repko, Tec 5, 15376963 - LIA  
Melvin E. Risley, Pfc, 39456604 - LWA  
Aldo (NMI) Cavalli, Pvt, 32182082 - SWA  
Reuben L. Matthew, Pvt, 34433696 - LWA  
Lewis W. Edwards, Pfc, 33215379 - SWA

(3) Missing: None.

(4) Taken prisoner: None.

10. FORMER AND PRESENT MEMBERS WHO HAVE DISTINGUISHED THEMSELVES IN ACTION

a. (1) Engagement: NORMANDY CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) JOHN A. PISARGIK, 1st Lt, 01111310
- (b) ROBERT E. JAMME, 2nd Lt, 01114977
- (c) Louis E. Wegner, 1st/Sgt, 6858416
- (d) Peter (NMI) Homa, S/Sgt, 33105992
- (e) Clayton C. Rehrig, Sgt, 33368472
- (f) Emil (NMI) DiUbaldo, Sgt, 33377845
- (g) Raymond B. Cardwell, Pfc, 39919580
- (h) Melvin L. Sharp, Pvt, 39467760

(3) Act: Gallantry in Action, NORMANDY, FRANCE, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Silver Star Medal.

b. (1) Engagement: NORMANDY CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) MORRISON B. ROBBINS, Major, 0326621
- (b) ALPHIER J. SILVERIO, 2nd Lt, 0887558
- (c) Theodore D. Taylor, S/Sgt, 33307160
- (d) Roy C. Hawse, Sgt, 12104566
- (e) Emilio J. Carlini, Sgt, 33307250
- (f) Kermit (NMI) Ramsey, Sgt, 34376246
- (g) John Krents, Tec 5, 39614022
- (h) Harold L. Wright, Pfc, 33650097

(3) Act: Heroic Achievement in NORMANDY, FRANCE in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Bronze Star Medal.

c. (1) Engagement: NORMANDY CAMPAIGN (No 1)

(2) Names:

- (a) JOHN A. PISARGIK, 1st Lt, 01111310

- (b) ROBERT B. CLARY, 1st Lt, 01101380
- (c) RICHARD H. MEYER, 1st Lt, 025872
- (d) ROBERT E. MIZE, 1st Lt, 01116243
- (e) WILLIAM D. FALCK, 1st Lt, 025893
- (f) Edward (NMI) Locke, S/Sgt, 31176476
- (g) Raymond L. Gahlinger, S/Sgt, 35497788
- (h) Joseph (NMI) Mintzer, Sgt, 33338421
- (i) Mayland F. Barton, Pfc, 31154261
- (j) Sam (NMI) Phillips, Tec 5, 35201512
- (k) Claude C. Coller, Tec 4, 13144957
- (l) Edward J. Raiewski, Pvt, 13093458

(3) Act: Meritorious Service in NORMANDY, FRANCE, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Bronze Star Medal.

d. (1) Engagement: NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) WILLIAM D. FALCK, 1st Lt, 025893
- (b) Melvin E. Faith, Sgt, 33377762
- (c) Walter O. Menefee, Jr., Pfc, 13020817

(3) Act: Gallantry in Action, in FRANCE, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Silver Star Medal.

e. (1) Engagement: NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) GEORGE W. HANNAMAN, Major, 0352774
- (b) ALAN B. GILLIS, Captain, 0455126
- (c) ANDREW W. BRAND, Captain, 01101345
- (d) JOSEPH A. SWIDER, Captain, 01101685
- (e) WILLIAM M. CALNAN, 1st Lt, 026120
- (f) Clemence T. Stemplewski, S/Sgt, 36219363
- (g) Steven (NMI) Puhak, Sgt, 33354146
- (h) Earl L. Holmstrom, Sgt, 36052937
- (i) Lawrence W. Colvin, Sgt, 35497694
- (j) James F. Cook, Cpl, 42030403
- (k) James A. Larkin, Tec 5, 13126932
- (l) Leonard (NMI) Davis, Pfc, 32956439
- (m) George W. Mahar, Pfc, 32943207
- (n) Kenneth C. Robison, Pfc, 33700045

(3) Act: Heroic Achievement in FRANCE, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Bronze Star Medal.

f. (1) Engagement: NORTHERN FRANCE CAMPAIGN ( 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) ROY T. DODGE, Lt Col, 021468
- (b) EARL F. MILLS, WOJG, W2118539
- (c) Conrad (NMI) Melas, T/Sgt, 33338719
- (d) Hubert M. Palmer, Tec 4, 33215345
- (e) Joseph F. Noce, Pfc, 31197872

(3) Act: Meritorious Service in FRANCE, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Bronze Star Medal.

g. (1) Engagement: GERMANY CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) William E. Everly, Pfc, 33441988
- (b) Edward (NMI) Locke, S/Sgt, 31176476
- (c) Richard A. Senger, Pfc, 33297615
- (d) Morris Phillips, Jr., Sgt, 35540723
- (e) William L. Johnson, Pfc, 39692942
- (f) Charles E. Krause, Tec 4, 42010132
- (g) Alfred E. Casagrande, Sgt, 39418364

(3) Act: Gallantry in Action in LUXEMBOURG AND GERMANY, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Silver Star Medal.

h. (1) Engagement: GERMANY CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) WILLIAM R. WRIGHT, 1st Lt, 01647009
- (b) Robert L. Holtzinger, Sgt, 33241431
- (c) James A. Noble, Jr., Cpl, 37486173
- (d) Edwin L. Isenberg, Cpl, 35492758
- (e) Carl G. List, Tec 5, 36051009

(3) Act: Heroic Achievement in LUXEMBOURG AND GERMANY, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Bronze Star Medal.

i. (1) Engagement: GERMANY CAMPAIGN (No 1).

(2) Names:

- (a) Philip J. Clayton, Tec 4, 37674228

(3) Act: Meritorious Service in GERMANY, in connection with military operations against the enemy.

(4) Reward: Bronze Star Medal.

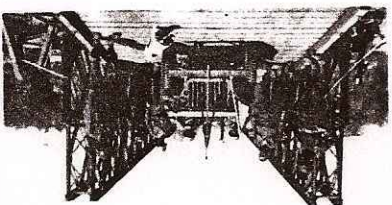
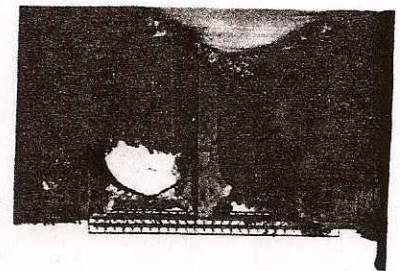
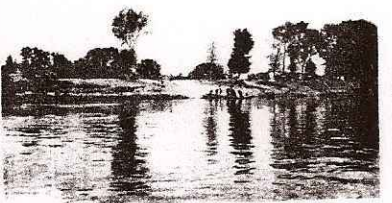
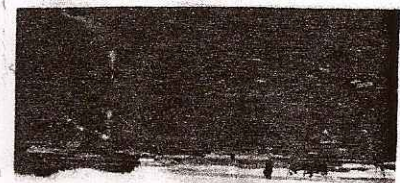
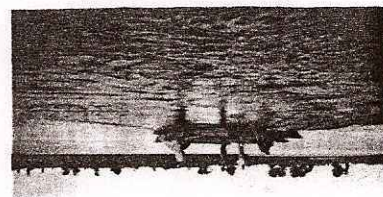
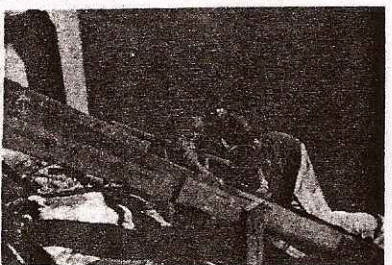
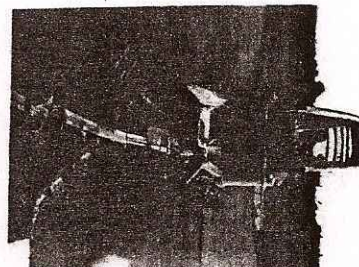
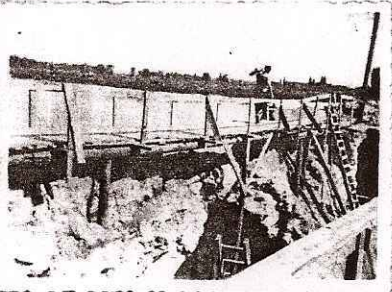
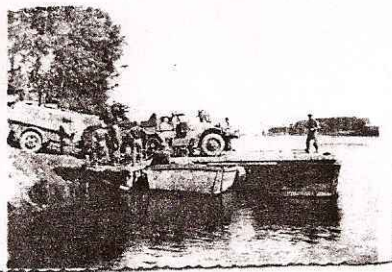
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For the Commanding Officer:

*Morrison B. Robbins*  
MORRISON B. ROBBINS,  
Major, CE,  
Executive Officer.

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Engineers across Loire River at  
Beaugency, France

Loading a half-track vehicle  
on the trail ferry operated by the  
308th Engineers at Beaugency, France

Foot bridge across the Loire  
River at Beaugency, France. Const-  
ructed by 308th Engineers.

Boardwalk built across blown  
bridge at La Mar, France by 308th  
Engineers.

Pontoon ferry operated by 308th  
Engineers on the Loire River at  
Beaugency, France

Members of 308th Engineers building  
steps on Blown bridge at Beaugency,  
France

Timber bridge, class 40, constructed  
by 308th Engineers on road from St.  
Screven to Dinan, France.

Ferry Site operated by the 308th  
Engineers on the Loire River at  
Beaugency, France.

140 feet double, double Bally  
Bridge, class 40, constructed by  
308th Engineers at night at Dinan,  
France

308th Engineers at night at Dinan,  
France.  
Bridge Maintenance crew on 140 foot  
Double, Double Bally Bridge, class 40  
at Dinan, France.

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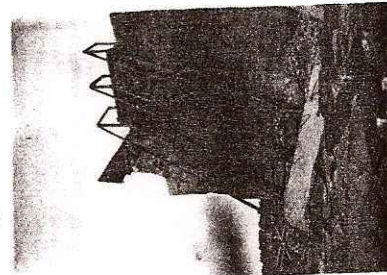
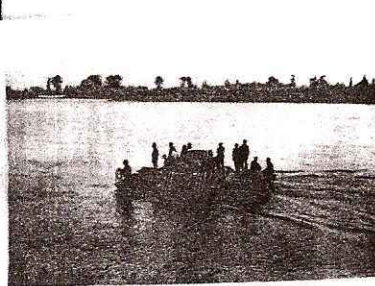
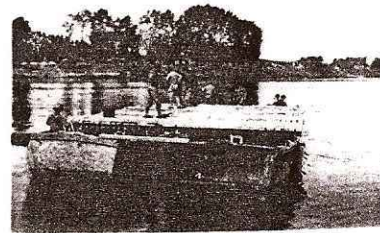
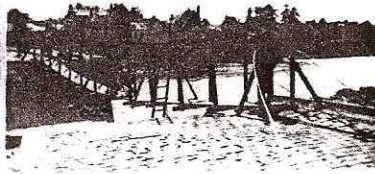


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Foot Bridge built at La Mar,  
France by 308th Engineers.

Trail Ferry operated by the  
308th Engineers across the Loire  
River at Beaugency, France.

Transporting civilians across the  
Loire River on Pontoon Ferry operated  
by 308th Engineers at Beaugency,  
France.

Steps built by 308th Engineers  
at blown bridge at Beaugency, France

General Elster, German Army,  
debarking from Pontoon Ferry at the  
surrender of 20,000 Germans at  
Beaugency, France. Ferry operated  
by the 308th Engineers.

Preparing to unload vehicle from  
pontoon ferry operated by 308th  
Engineers at Beaugency, France.

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