

OPERATIONS REPORT OF THE  
120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

Period 0001 1 May 43 to 2400 25 May 1943:

On 2 May 1943 the Battalion left to participate in a "Touchdown Exercise", dry landing assault tactics, which was held outside of the Camp Pickett, area. Co A was attached to the 157th RCT, Co B was attached to the 179th RCT, Co C was attached to the 180th RCT, and H&S Co and the Battalion were part of Division Troops. The exercise ended on 4 May 43 and the companies returned to camp. For the period 5 May 1943 to 25 May 1943 the entire battalion prepared for a move. Clothing, equipment and ordnance were checked and replaced; and all personnel records were brought to date. A drive was put on by the battalion to have the men avail themselves of all the insurance permissible and it brought very favorable results. At midnight of 25 May 43 the entire battalion was ready to move out.

Period 0001 26 May 43 to 2400 May 43.

At 0800 Cos A, B and C moved out with their respective RCT's, for a staging area. Moved by rail.

At 1000 H&S Co and the Battalion staff left with Division Troops by rail for staging area.

At 1330 Cos A, B and C arrived At Camp Patrick Henry and were assigned quarters in the same area as their respective RCT's.

At 1450 H&S Co and the Battalion staff arrived at Camp Patrick Henry, Va. and were assigned quarters with Division Troops.

Period 0001 27 May 43 to 2400 2 June 43:

All companies went thru the staging area to prepare them for overseas duty. Clothing, ordnance and equipment were checked and replaced if necessary. All personnel records were brought up to date. Personnel in excess of T/O strength were transferred and the Battalion was brought up to T/O Strength. 2nd Lt Gueritey of Co A, who had been hurt in a demolition demonstration several weeks before, was transferred to Special Troops, Second Army, Camp Pickett, Va. That brought the Battalion up to T/O strength in Officers and enlisted men.

Period 0001 3 June 43 to 2400 3 June 43:

The entire Battalion, Companies with their respective RCT's and H&S Co and staff with Division troops, left Camp Patrick Henry, Va. by rail and arrived at the Hampton Roads Port of Embarkation and boarded ship. The morale of the men and officers was very high as they boarded the gangplank towards the ship.

Period 0001 8 June 43 to 2400 8 June 43:

Convoy pulled anchor, pulled out of harbor, went into formation and set sail.

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Period 0001 9 June 43 to 2400 22 June 43:

At sea. H&S Co and Battalion staff aboard USS James O'Hara. Co A: Co Hq aboard USS Susan B Anthony. 1st Platoon aboard USS Charles Carroll. 2nd Platoon aboard USS Thomas Jefferson. 3rd platoon aboard USS Biddle. Co B: Co Hq aboard USS Leonard Wood. 1st platoon aboard USS Henry Lee. 2nd platoon aboard USS Dorothy Dix. 3rd platoon aboard USS Florence Highingale. Co C: Co Hq and 1st platoon aboard USS Calvert. 2nd platoon aboard USS Neville. 3rd platoon aboard USS Frederick Funston. The trip was uneventful. No sign of enemy action to mar the voyage. Weather was excellent. Religious services held aboard ship. At 1230 21 June 43 the Rock of Gibraltar was sighted and the convoy entered the Mediterranean Sea. At 1100 the convoy anchored at harbor of Mers-el-Kebir the harbor of Oran Africa.

Period 0001 23 June 43 to 2400 9 July 43:

Harbor of Mers-el-Kebir. Major Buchanan, formerly of H&S Co boarded the USS James O'Hara and conducted services for the personnel. On 25 June 43 the entire Division participated in the "Camberwell Operation". Personnel disembarked by boat teams and with their respective RCT's. Co A landed with the 157th RCT; Co B with the 179th RCT; and Co C with the 180th RCT. H&S Co landed with the Division Troops. Division landed at the beach of St. Leu, North Africa and proceeded to their bivouac areas. During the duration of the exercise, troops participated in road marches, ordnance inspections and supervised swimming on the beach. On June 28, attended a demonstration given by the 19th Engineers of the 9th Division on the laying of hasty mine fields, clearing of mine fields and the clearing of a path through a mine field called the "Lambeth Drill". Left the bivouac areas on 1 July 43 and boarded ship. Approached and anchored off the coast of Southern Sicily around midnight of 9 July 43. During the previous all the personnel were informed of the mission of the task force: The invasion of the coast of Sicily. All personnel assembled equipment and prepared to disembark.

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of  
120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION  
in  
THE SICILIAN CAMPAIGN  
July 10, 1943 - August 20, 1943

I. HISTORICAL

1. Organization at 0001 July 10, 1943

Staff:

C.O.	Lt Col	LEWIS G. FRANTZ
Executive	Major	GERALD H. HINES
Asst Div Engr	Capt	CHARLES O. ERWIN
S-1	Capt	OLLIE F. HOWELL, JR
S-2	Capt	BENJAMIN E. BILLUPS
S-3	Capt	JOSEPH W. LOWE, JR
S-4	Capt	PATRICK L. McCLERNON
Personnel Off	1st Lt	JOHN H. DISMANT

Headquarters and Service Company

C.O.	Capt	GLAYTON B. LYLE, JR.
Bn Motor O.	1st Lt	ALVIN L. FRANK
Asst Motor O.	WO (JG)	JIM M. FLANAGAN
Asst Bn Supply O.	WO (JG)	GEORGE A. FERGUSON

Company "A"

C.O.	Capt	JAMES F. BEZEMEK
Hq Section	1st Lt	HUGH T. McCULLOUGH, JR
1st Platoon	1st Lt	JAMES H. RICKY, JR.
2nd Platoon	2nd Lt	ROY C. SMITH
3rd Platoon	2nd Lt	IRA D. COOPER

Company "B"

C.O.	Capt	RICHARD M. STRONG
Hq Section	2nd Lt	ALFRED S. INZERELLI
1st Platoon	1st Lt	JULIAN A. YOCOM
2nd Platoon	1st Lt	ARTHUR TAUSCHER
3rd Platoon	2nd Lt	MAX R. HARTNAGEL

Company "C"

C.O.	Capt	WILLIAM J. HERRMANN
Hq Section	2nd Lt	BERNARD GORDON, JR
1st Platoon	1st Lt	CHARLES H. DERR
2nd Platoon	2nd Lt	RAYMOND W. MEYER
3rd Platoon	1st Lt	ELMER S. PICKETT

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Medical Detachment:

CO	Capt	AUBREY E STOWERS
Ass't Med Off	1st Lt	HARRY E CHALSTROM, JR
Dental Officer	Capt	STEWART C HOWE

2. Strength at 0001 July 10, 1943	Off	WO	EM
Bn Hq	8	--	--
H&S Co	2	2	135 (1 EM BJU)
Med Det	3	--	20
Co "A"	5	--	194
Co "B"	5	--	192
Co "C"	5	--	193(1EM BJU)
Total	28	2	734

3. Tactical distribution of Units at 0001 10 July 1943

Bn Hq-----aboard U.S.S. AP 90 James O'Hara  
 H&S Co-----aboard U.S.S. AP 90 James O'Hara  
 Med Det-----aboard U.S.S. AP 90 James O'Hara  
 1/2--WO Flanagan and 25 EM aboard U.S.S. AK 1  
 7 EM aboard U.S.S. AK 15

Co "A" attached 157th Inf  
 Co Hq-----Aboard Susan B Anthony AP 72  
 1st Pl atchd 1st Bn 157 Inf AP 28 Charles Carroll  
 2nd Pl atchd 2nd Bn 157 Inf AP 30 Thom Jefferson  
 3rd Pl atchd 3rd Bn 157 Inf AP 8 U.S.S. Biddle  
 3 EM aboard AK 2

Co "B" attached 179th Inf  
 Co Hq-----Aboard AP 12 USS Harry Lee  
 1st Pl atchd 1st Bn 179 Inf USS Leonard Wood  
 2nd Pl atchd 2nd Bn 179th I. USS Dorothy Dix  
 3rd Pl atchd 3rd Bn 179 Inf Florence Nightingale  
 14 EM aboard AK 7

Co "C" attached 180th Inf  
 Co Hq-----Aboard AP 32 USS Fred Funston  
 1st Pl atchd 1st Bn 180 Inf USS Calvert  
 2nd Pl atchd 2nd Bn 180 Inf USS Neville  
 3rd Pl atchd 3rd Bn 180 Inf USS Fred Funston

1st Bn 19th Engr Regt (less Company C) attached, loaded in LST's to report upon landing.

1 Officer, 4 enlisted Men, Map Depot Company was to land on D Day from LST's. This group was never seen.

1 Officer, 2 enlisted men from 401 W. Sup. Bn. was to land on D / 1, to perform water reconnaissance

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4. Period 0001 to 2400 July 10 (D Day)

Landing operations began at 0345 on the morning of July 10 in the vicinity of SCOGLITTI. The several attached platoons landed with the assault waves of their respective Infantry Battalions, with the mission of assisting the advance of the Infantry.

The first Platoon of Company "A" landed at 0430, and moved inland with the First Battalion 157th Infantry. Roads were found in good condition, and the only work required was clearing the roads of destroyed and disabled vehicles.

Lt RICKEY and two (2) squads were pinned to the ground by snipers as they attempted to enter S. Croce Camerina along the road from Yellow Beach at 1400. Camerina had not been taken by our troops and Mortar Fire from our Infantry forced them to retreat. Later the other two (2) squads of the Platoon entered the town with the Infantry, clearing Bivouac and C.P. Areas of mines and cleaning out snipers. Complete consolidation of the Platoon was made by 1800 and the Platoon bivouaced at S. Croce Camerina.

Contact was made with the 1st Platoon in S. Croce Camerina at 1600. Contact party were strafed by Nazi Airplanes at this time.

The second platoon landed with the 2nd Bn 157th Infantry at 0430, cleared the beach of wire and mines, and worked on the exit roads from the beach until relieved by the Third Platoon at 0930, then moved inland behind the 2nd Bn 157th Infantry bivouacing for the night at H434033.

The Third Platoon landed at 0900, and took over the task of improving the road net behind the beaches from the second Platoon.

Company Headquarters landed at 1200, after being subjected to repeated aerial bombing, attacks and shore battery fire since 0430, established CP at H421021, gained control of the Third Platoon at 1400. Traffic control was established behind the beaches. The 1st Battalion beach was abandoned during the day, and the other beach was abandoned during the evening when the capture of Scoglitti and connecting roads to S. Croce Camerina made landing of equipment at Scoglitti feasible. The company, less 1st and 2nd Platoons moved inland, and bivouaced for the night at H430019 at 2030.

Company "B" landed approximately five miles North-West of Scoglitti, assembled, and operated thereafter as an integral unit. During the landing, 1st Lt JULIAN A. YOCOM and Pfc LYTOON J. OILLE attacked an enemy pillbox with hand grenades, and took nine (9) prisoners after killing two (2) wounding five (5) Italian soldiers. An exit was built from the beach to connect with the land road nets. They came under Battalion control at 1150. One man Pfc RUCKERT was killed in action.

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SICILIAN CAMPAIGN Cont'd-

Company "C" landed on the left flank on the right bank of the Fiumi Aceti about six (6) miles south-east of Gela. The landing operation started at 0245.

First platoon of Company "C" moved inland with the first Battalion 180th Inf. The second Platoon with the second Battalion. While both Battalions were still organized as boat teams the enemy counter-attacked with a reinforced armored battalion. Both Platoons functioned as infantry with their respective boat teams. Lt GORDON and four (4) of his men assisted the Infantry in reduction of pill boxes on beach. The Third Platoon and Company Headquarters landed in the afternoon and set up CP  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles inland from Red Beach. The CP was later moved back near the Beach. During the night the bivouac area was bombed and machine gunned.

Battalion Headquarters began landing at 0700 and immediately began a reconnaissance of the area. A CP was established at H333178 by 1030. Contact was made with "B" Company at 1150. A Water Point at H358168 was put in operation by 1800. Contact was made with Lt Col BROWNING, Commanding 1st Bn 19th Engrs in Scoglitti at 1600 and it was decided that the 19th Engineers would assist the 40th (Shore) Engineer Regiment until the fall of Comiso Airport. Company "B" demolished road blocks in Scoglitti and swept the roads to Vittoria, and between Scoglitti and the beach for mines.

5. 0001 to 2400 July 11

The Battalion, less Companies "A" and "C" moved to H404178 where the CP was opened at 1000. A dry water point was established with water hauled from the beach. Collection and sorting of maps got under way; and all the prominent roads were checked for mines. Comiso Airport was reported seized, and Lt MAUSCHER with the weapons section of 2nd Platoon of Company "B" was sent to examine the field. As he entered the Airport he was fired on by an enemy machine gun nest. The fire was returned, and the next silenced after killing two and capturing eight (8) prisoners. Our men suffered no casualties. All available trucks were put to work hauling engineer equipment and supplies from the beaches. Contact was made with "C" Company late in the afternoon.

Company "A", following the Infantry advance moved at 0630 to H465065, and again at 1630 to H551144. Very little engineering work was required, as roads were found to be in good condition, and few mines were found. Most of the day was spent in recovering and repairing vehicles disabled in the landing operation. The 1st and 2nd Platoons were attached to their respective Infantry Battalions throughout the day, and cleared the roads of obstruction. 1st Platoon rested with 157th Infantry until 1530 and then continued in the attack with the 1st Battalion who were to take Ragusa. Pvt DAN ROMERO was shot in the hand by an American Paratrooper, while he was guarding an ammunition and Supply Dump in the Camarina Area.

"C" Company was organized at the old CP Water Point was set up in well near CP. Road reconnaissance was made on Highway 115. One of the half track crews shot down an enemy plane during a night bombing attack.

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The 1st Bn 19th Engr moved to H494183 at 1330 and at 1800 commenced moving equipment to Comiso Airport.

6. Period 0001 to 2400 July 12.

The Battalion, less Co's "A" and "C" continued operations of the previous day. A new water point was established North of Vittoria. A Platoon of Company "B", while clearing the Comiso Airport runway of debris, was bombed and strafed by enemy planes, but suffered no casualties. Company "C" reverted to Battalion Control and moved into the Battalion Area at 2000. A cratered road SE of MANGARO was repaired by "B" Company. All available transportation was given to G-4 for use in hauling ammunition.

Company "A" Continued to follow up the advance of the 157th Infantry but found little work. They repaired and de-waterproofed their vehicles, which were just coming ashore. They also spent considerable time gathering and destroying captured enemy equipment. Lt RICEY and First Platoon checked and cleared a large German Motor Park and Headquarters building of Booby Traps. Numerous vehicles from this Park were put into-operation near Ragusa on the highway between Ragusa and Comiso.

Company "C" maintained water Point at old CP. Second Platoon, third Platoon and company headquarters rejoined the Battalion  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile North of Vittoria. First Platoon remained in support of the 180th.

The 1st Bn 19th Engineers began operation on Comiso Airport.

7. Period 0001 to 2400 July 13:

The Battalion, less Company "A" continued the tasks previously reported. The trucks which had been put to hauling ammunition from the beach reported in the early morning, and the Battalion moved to H480195 at 1130. At 1230 Capt CLASSELL of Division G-3 Office reported that the bridge at 448273 was destroyed. Lt TAUSCHER and his platoon built a by-pass, and destroyed mines there. Lt YOCOM with his platoon checked a German Arsenal for booby traps. "C" Company moved up at 1500 to provide close support for the 180th Infantry in their attack on Biscari Airport.

Company "C" assisted one Platoon of Company "B" in the construction of by-pass over COUNZIA River North of Biscari. Repaired craters on road North of Biscari. Removed enemy demolition charges on Highway 115 bridge over Fiume Acate. Maintained Water Point at same place. Company set up CP one mile North of Biscari. Removed demolition charges on bridge  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile South of Biscari Airport. This work was done in front of our own lines under enemy fire.

Company "A" spent the day in reconnaissance and sweeping roads, and in destroying captured enemy equipment. They moved up to H637249 at 0330.

1st Bn 19th Engineer continued operations on Comiso Airport.

8. Period 0001 to 2400 July 14:

The Battalion, less Company "A" moved to H510245 at 0800. It was decided to establish a semi-permanent dump one mile west of Vittoria, and the day was spent filling this dump with supplies both from the beach and from accumulated stocks. The S-2 Section began accumulating maps for the area Pietra Perzia - Westwards. The road from Comiso to Caltagirone was cleared of obstacles and mines.

SICILIAN CAMPAIGN Cont'd -

Company "A", still attached to 157th Infantry, moved to H685328 at 0700 and again to H573334 at 1300. Reconnaissance was made for water in the vicinity of CHIARAMONTE without success. 51 Teller Mines were removed from under a bridge at H616398 after a German soldier was shot while trying to detonate them. The road from LICODIA to H573334 was swept for mines.

The 1st Bn 19th Engineers moved to Biscari Airport during the afternoon, repairing 3 road craters on Biscari Airport across road, and began repair operations there.

Company "A" Second and Third Platoons under Company control made Engineer reconnaissance. 1st Platoon stayed with 157th Infantry, moving from the Bivouac Area seven (7) miles South of Vizzini to the ridge over-looking Vizzini from the Southwest. Strong enemy Artillery, Mortar and Machine Gun fire were encountered along ridge. A member of the Engineers assisted the Infantry by carrying ammunition to M.G.S. and Mortars. During the evening the 1st Bn was relieved by 3rd Bn 157th. 1st Platoon was relieved and bivouaced on the outskirts of Laccodia.

Company "C" established CP 2 miles North of Biscari. Water Point set up in the town of Biscari. Repaired road crater  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile south of Biscari airport.

The 1st Bn 19th Engineers continued work on Comiso Airport and reconnoit-ered Biscari Airport.

9. Period 0001 to 2400 July 15:

The battalion continued to build up the Engineer dump near Vittoria to support the Infantry. On this day the Infantry began withdrawal to a line 3 miles South of Highway 124 to permit passage of 1st Canadian Division across our front. Lt HARTNAGEL was sent on a road reconnaissance mission, via Charamonte - Mazzarino to determine the feasibility of this route for the 180th Infantry. He drove 127 miles in the course of this reconnaissance mission and made his report to G-3 at 1930.

Company "A" Capt BEZEMEK and two (2) Enlisted men proceeded from Licodia Area in early morning to vicinity of Pietra Perzia on reconnaissance of area for 157th Infantry. Arrived in new area late afternoon and made contact with elements of Division on the right of our new sector. Bivouac areas were selected and water reconnaissance made.

Company "C" maintained water point in Biscari and moved CP to San Basilio. Road reconnaissance in 180th Sector to Caltagirone.

The 1st Bn 19th Engineers moved to Biscari Airport during the afternoon, repairing three (3) road craters on Biscari Airport across road, and began repair operations there.

10. Period 0001 to 2400 July 16:

The battalion began making preparation for movement. All Companies were attached to their respective combat teams for movement. H&S Company released all available vehicles to Division for the movement of the Infantry. The 157th CT, Company "A" attached moved to the vicinity of Pietra Perzia. Company "B" moving separately.



SICILIAN CAMPAIGN Cont'd -

Lt HARTNAGEL with 3rd Platoon Company "B" moved northward to Mazzarine behind 1st Canadian Division. Company "C" continued to support the 180th Infantry. Water Point set up 3 miles North of Biscari by Company "C". Road reconnaissance to Airport of Callajirone.

11. Period 0001 to 2400 July 17:

Company "B", less 3rd Platoon moved during the morning to the assembly area 3 miles South of Pietra Perzia. The Battalion followed suit in the afternoon and established their CP 8 miles South of Pietra Perzia at 2000. Company "C" also rejoined the Battalion at the same place.

Company "A", following 157th Infantry constructed two large by-passes North of Pietra Perzia, removed 25 Teller Mines from five miles of road swept.

The 3rd Platoon Company "B" rebuilt a bridge three miles north of Mazzarine, and rejoined the battalion in the late evening at the new bivouac area. Maintained Water Point and moved CP 2 miles South of Pietra Perzia. Cleared road block at railroad underpass, one blown bridge and one shell crater on road Caltagirone to Highway 117. Constructed two by-passes, removed one mine field and removed demolition charges from three bridges on road from Caltagirone to Messina.

Company "C" Lt FRANK and a detail of driver remained behind at Scoglitti to collect our vehicles from the liberty ships and to move equipment and supplies from the beach to the dump at Vittoria.

12. Period 0001 to 2400 July 18,

Company "B" moved forward through Company "A" in support of Company "A" along Highway through Pietra Perzia to Caltanissetta, filled several shell craters, cleared streets in Caltanissetta of debris and moved North. Received shellfire at Caterina, and bivouaced for the night 4 miles South of Caterina.

"A" Company moving forward came beneath the same shell fire and bivouaced near "B" Company. Little work was required of either Company, consisting mainly of filling occasional shell craters and checking the road for mines. All available vehicles were turned over to G-4 for hauling troops forward and prisoners to the rear.

Contact was made with the newly organized Corps Map Depot in Gela and arrangements to turn over 45th Division maps still on beaches in return for right to draw on depot.

13. Period 0001 to 2400 July 19:

Battalion CP opened  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles Southwest of Caltanissetta at 0630. Notified of activation of Seventh Army. Companies "A" and "B" continued to follow the Infantry advance, clearing the roads of obstacles and checking for mines. Company "C" remained in bivouac as reserve.

SICILIAN CAMPAIGN Cont'd-

14. Period 0001 to 2400 July 20:

All available trucks released to G-4 for use in hauling troops forward and prisoners to the rear.

"B" Company moved to 907972, prepared turnaround at Water Point in vicinity. Checked enemy arsenal for Booby Traps. Cleared road junction at Comiso of destroyed enemy tanks.

Companies "A", "B" and "C", generally followed close behind the Infantry advance, clearing roads of obstacles.

15. Period 0001 to 2400 July 21:

Battalion less Companies "A" and "B" established CP at H967957 at 0330. "B" Company constructed by-pass at B801002 (?)

16. Period 0001 to 2400 July 22:

Battalion moved to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile Northwest of Vallalunga at 0030.

"B" and "C" Company supported their respective combat teams, 179th Infantry attacking Northward along Staz di Valledolmo - Caltavuturo road, and 180th Infantry continuing the drive to Palermo.

"B" Company constructed by-passes at B900065 (?) and at B9212. Their CP was established at a point 2 miles Southwest of Valledolmo. Company "C" cleared a minefield at Bivio Manganaro (B6611) and performed engineer reconnaissance in that area. Large stores of Engineer Supplies were found at Staz di Roccapalumba.

Capt BILLUPS with a small party reconnoitered Highway 121 as far Northward as Bologuetta. On this evening of this day the direction of attack was deflected to the right, and the new objective became the Termini Imerese - Cefalu road. "C" Company constructed a by-pass at B- one mile South of Montemaggiore. This by-pass is of peculiar interest, as advantage was taken of an old Roman road which ran along the crest. The demolition site had been well selected, and had it not been for this ancient via, which apparently had been overlooked by the Germans, passage would have been extremely difficult. The Road Junction at Staz di Valledolmo was widened to permit traffic from the Southeast to turn right towards Caltavuturo.

17. Period 0001 to 2400 July 23:

Company "C" constructed by-pass on Alia - Montemaggiore - Cerda Road at B8422 (?) Passed entire RCT with attached 155 mm GPF Battalion before dawn.

Company "B" constructed by-pass 2 miles East of Scillata. Capt STRONG and 3 Enlisted Men, on reconnaissance East of by-pass site attacked by Machine Gun and Mortar Fire. Vehicle destroyed, no casualties.

Company "A" constructed by-pass at B8324 (?) and by-pass over F Torto at B 8227?

Company "C" reverted to Battalion control at 0800 and was held in working reserve at by-pass (B8422?) which they continued to maintain and improve.

Battalion CP opened at 2045  $\frac{3}{4}$  mile Southeast of Cerda.

SICILIAN CAMPAIGN Cont'd-

Company "A" attached 157th RCT at 1930

Company "B" attached 179th RCT at 1930

Capt BEZEMEK relieved of Command Company "A" and temporarily assigned Assistant S-4 on Water Supply. Lt McCULLOUGH assumed Command of Company "A".

18. Period 0001 to 2400 July 24:

Battalion less Companies "A" and "B" moved at 2050 to B992368, approximately 2 miles West of Cefalu.

Company "A" attached to 157th RCT followed Infantry advance, clearing road of obstacles and minefields.

Company "B", attached to 179th RCT, cleared roads, constructed by-pass  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles East of Isnello (C060265). CP established 2 miles East of Isnello at 1400. Two by-passes constructed by "B" Company two miles east of Isnello.

Company "C" improved detour at Junction of Highways 120 and 113. The Battalion was alerted by Division at 2050 to be prepared for possible enemy landing attempt. No sleep at Headquarters tonight.

19. Period 0001 to 2400 July 25:

Battalion CP unchanged.

Companies "A" and "C" constructed two by-passes at C050360. (Demolished RR overpass and blown bridge) "B" Company filled a large crater on the main road between Cefalu and Castelbuono.

Capt BEZEMEK, while scouting for water at Stazione di Castelbuono, was pinned down one hour by exploding ammunition from a burning ammunition train.

Mr ERNIE PYLE, War correspondent, joined the Battalion for the purpose of securing data for a series of articles about Engineers. }

Unidentified ships seen at sea.

20. Period 0001 to 2400 July 26:

Company "A" and "C" built by-passes by two large craters near C121221 and both companies established CP's at Finsle. Company "A" removed concrete of obstacles and A-T ditch at C090352.

Company "B" cleared road of mines from Castel Buono to Staz di Castelbuono, and filled crater at C066343, and performed reconnaissance for  $\frac{1}{2}$  ton vehicular trail from S. Mauro Castelverde to Castel di Lucio. CP moved in late evening to 3 miles East of Castelbuono.

Mr Pyle visited Company "B".

21. Period 0001 to 2400 July 27:

Company "B" continued reconnaissance for truck trail. Moved CP to 4 miles North of S. Mauro Castelverde.

Company "C" followed the advance of the Infantry. Company "C" improved by pass near Finale and swept neighboring beaches for mines.

Capt BILLUPS and Lt PICKETT, while on reconnaissance near Castel di Tusa came under artillery fire. Capt BILLUPS  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ton Amphibian was destroyed, and Lt PICKETT's  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ton was damaged. There were no casualties. }

SICILIAN CAMPAIGN Cont'd-

Mr. PYLE was evacuated to a field hospital during the morning. *Illness*

22. Period 0001 to 2400 July 28:

Battalion CP moved to Finale (0141359) at 1745;

Company "A" remained attached to 157th Infantry Company "C" reverted to Battalion control.

Company "B" remained attached to 157th Infantry.

Company "A" and "C" built by-pass over Fuime di Tusa, and cleared Minefield in same area Company "A" followed the 157th Infantry Southward into the mountains. Company "C" remained behind and improved the by-pass across F di Tusa. A total of 890 Teller mines was removed by 1st Platoon "C" Company in this field.

Company "B" constructed five miles of trail passable by  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ton vehicles.

23. Period 0001 to 2400 July 29:

Company "C" continued working on minefield at F Di Tusa. CP in Castel di Tusa.

Company "B" constructed nine (9) miles of  $\frac{1}{2}$  Ton truck trail.

24. Period 0001 to 2400 July 30:

Company "A" cleared trails for 157th Infantry.

Company "B" widened truck trail to make it passable for all organic vehicles.

Company "C" constructed by-pass at (02435) ?

Capt HERRMANN and Lt PICKETT, while on reconnaissance of demolished bridge, were seriously wounded by German S-Mine. Lt DERR assumed command of Company "C".

Minefields were sown indiscriminately along road and berms, and in likely turnouts. These were cleared by Company "C".

25. Period 0001 to 2400 July 31:

45th Division relieved by 3rd Division.

Company "B" moved to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles South of Mistretta checked demolished bridge site 2 miles North of Mistretta for mines, and began construction of by-pass.

26. Period 0001 to 2400 August 1:

Battalion less Company "B" moved to 1 mile West of Campo Felice in reserve. Organized for beach defense.

Company "B" continued operation at bridge site. Two bulldozers destroyed by Teller Mines. Relieved at 1700. Began movement to Battalion assembly area.

27. Period 0001 to 2400 August 2:

Company "B" joined Battalion. Day spent in cleaning and repairing equipment.

28. Period 0001 August 3 to 2400 August 13:

Cleanup and repair activities.

August 4: Capt BEZEMEK and four (4) Enlisted Men went to Mistreeta with a four ton wrecker and after a days work managed to salvage the two mine-disabled bulldozers. One 8-Ton bulldozer was raised out of a fifty foot deep gorge by use of block and tackle.

General MIDDLETON addressed the assembled officers of the Battalion at 0800 August 4, in very commendatory terms, and thanked the Battalion for its services.

Company "C" attached 180th Infantry and moved to 0358364 on August 6, 1943. General mission protect rear of 3rd Division.

Two replacement tractors loaned by 7th Army arrived on August 7th.

Company "C" swept areas in vicinity of Coronis for mines on August 8th.

School for Infantry and Artillery in mine detecting and removing begun August 8th terminated August 14.

Division caused mine removal detachments to be formed in each Infantry regiment and Division Artillery, which are made responsible for clearing their own roads and bivouac area.

Capt HOWELL relieved of duty as S-1, transferred to Seventh Army Headquarters on August 11. Capt BEZEMEK assumed duties of S-1.

August 13 Capt ERWIN transferred to G-4 section as Asst G-4. Capt LOWE from S-3, Lt YOCCOM to Command of "B" Company. Capt STRONG relieved of Primary Duty as Commanding Officer of "B" Company and assigned to Battalion Staff with Primary Duty as S-3.

29. Period 0001 to 2400 August 14:

Battalion less Company "A" moved to 0633490 Company "A" attached 157th Infantry, preparing for amphibious operation. One additional bulldozer given to Company "A".

Company "B" cleared bivouac area for 120th Medical Battalion.

30. Period 0001 to 2400 August 15, 1943:

Capt BEZEMEK to hospital for dysentery.

Company "A" loaded for amphibious operation.

31. Period 0001 to 2400 August 16, 1943

157 RCT landed behind own lines due to fact that enemy retirement was so rapid that operation as planned would be useless.

Company "A" in bivouac with 157th Infantry after clearing beach exits of mines. Italian "box" type mines were found. Pvt DIEHL narrowly escaped drowning when a landing craft sank. He was hospitalized. A Water Point was placed in operation at 1100 B at  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile North of Calamaria.

Purple Heart medal awarded to Cpl ARTHUR MOLINE, Pvt's DAN J. ROMERO, FERNANDO ALVAREZ, ROSS J. PERRY, LUCIANO OTERO.

32. Period 0001 to 2400 August 17:

1st Platoon Company "A", Lt RICKEY in command entered the city of MESSINA, Sicily with the 1st Battalion, 157th Infantry. They were

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among the first Allied Troops to enter this city. This assault marked the closing of the Campaign of Sicily. The route used was through Messina heights and entry was made to the city proper.

Balance of Company remained in bivouac.

Capt BEZEMEK returned to duty at 1200.

Beach adjacent to CP cleared of mines by Company "B".

33. Period 0001 August 18 to 2400 August 22:

Battalion less Company "A" moved to B634368. Company "A" 1st Platoon reverted to Company control. No activity this day.

August 19: Company "A" re-embarked on L.C.I.s and landed at Palermo in the late evening. During the transport of troops by truck from Palermo to 157th Infantry bivouac area near Trabia a truck carrying men of the 2nd Platoon rolled down a steep embankment. Sgt EARSEL J. CHAPMAN, Cpl ARTHUR McCANN, Pfc JOHN KLEFFNER, and First Aid Man Pvt KENNETH A. FERGUSON, Med. Det. were killed outright. Pvt FELIPE GODINEZ died enroute to the hospital. Thirty one (31) other men were injured, twenty eight (28) being hospitalized. Of these Cpl CHARLES TINSLEY and Pvt FLOYD NORTHCUTT later succumbed to their injuries.

Silver Star awarded on August 21 by General MIDDLETON to Lt YOCOM and Pfc OILE of Company "B" for gallantry in action on July 10.

All units engaged in checking, cleaning, repairing and requisitioning of equipment.

BOB HOPE, FRANCES LANGFORD and TONY ROMANO entertained the Division on August 22 with a variety show from a platform provided by Engineers.

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Period from 23 August 1943 to 2400 31 August 1943

During this period The Battalion and Companies' CP remained the same. All companies underwent training schedule as prepared by the Battalion S-3. On August 24, Company "A" constructed a five mile road from Division Artillery CP to the Division CP. On 25 August 1943, all officers and non-commissioned officers of the Division attended a speech by Lt Gen Patton, Commanding General of the 7th Army. Lt Gen Patton complimented the officers and men of the Division for the fine showing made during the Sicilian campaign. On 26 August the entire Battalion left, under supervision, for a trip to Palermo. On 30 August 1943, Lt Col Frantz left for Division Headquarters to receive a silver star medal on behalf of Lt Tauscher, who is at present in the hospital. On 31 August 1943 a seventh Army motor vehicle inspection was held, and all the vehicles of the Battalion were found fit for any future use. During this period Company "A" completed the "Black Buck" staging area at Termini Immersi.

Period 1 September 1943 to 2400 6 September 1943.

On 1 September 1943 a Purple Heart Medal was presented to T/4 Joseph Compagnone of Co "B", Pvt Drape of Co "B" and Pvt Garland Anderson of Co "C" for wounds received in action during the Sicilian campaign. During this period Co "C" prepared and maintained a port area in Termini Immersi. All Engineer Supplies were hauled to ports at Palermo and Termini Immersi. All companies making preparations for future operation. On September 5, the Battalion received nine (9) new officers as replacements. 2nd Lt Simmons, assigned to Co A, Lts Williams and McKinnon, assigned to Co B, Lts Richey and Clodfelter, assigned to Co C, Lt Burger assigned to H&S Co, Lt Meyers assigned to Bn Staff as Ass't S-4 Lt Wehrenberg assigned to Bn Staff as Ass't S-3 and Lt Bridges assigned to Bn Staff as Ass't S-2. Co C constructed 600 yards of Sommer Felt matting along the beach area at Termini Immersi Port. 10 Ballards placed on beach to provide anchorage for ships. During this period Capt Strong and Capt McClernon supervised operations of the companies in hauling Class IV engineer supplies to the Ports Areas and preparing the companies for a future move. *Italy*

Period 0001 7 Sept 1943 to 2400:

Lt Col Frantz and the entire staff spent the entire day at Termini Immersi port supervising loading of LST's. *For attack Italy*  
H&S Co continued to haul Engineer supplies to the Port.  
Co "A" left their bivouac area at 1700 and embarked aboard the LCI No 11 with the 157th RCT. 5 Officers and 182 EM.  
Co "B" embarked aboard LST's as part of the 179th RCT with 185 EM and 5 Officers. Capt Strong accompanied 45th Division Staff.

Co C still in bivouac area sent bulldozer to work on beach road at Termini transporting the 45th Div to LST'S. Also dis-assembled Bailey Bridge and loaded it aboard trucks for transportation to the port.

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Period from 0001 8 Sept 1943 to 2400 8 Sept 1943.

H&S Co continue hauling Engineer Supplies to Termini Port.  
Co "A" aboard LCI No 11 underwent enemy bombing attack at  
midnight without any casualties.  
Co "B" aboard LST with the 179th RCT. Afloat all day.  
Co "C" aided in loading of landing craft at Termini Port.

Period from 0001 9 September 1943 to 2400 9 Sept 1943

H&S Co engaged all day in hauling lumber from Dump to Palermo.  
Co A and B enroute for debarkation beaches underwent bombing by  
enemy aircraft. No casualties.  
Co C continue preparations for movement.

During the period 10 July 1943 to 29 August 1943 there was a  
total of 2,247,300 gallons of water put out from a total of  
twenty-seven (27) water points. For location of water points  
see appended overlay.

#### Sicilian Campaign Losses

	KIA	Wounded
Officers	0	2
Enlisted Men	* 17	15/15
* 7 EM. Killed in accident		
Prisoners of War		1 EM



Period 0001 10 Sept 43 to 2400 10 Sept 43:

H&S Co completed preparations for embarkation and awaited arrival of LST to transport them toward their destination.

1st and 3rd platoons of Co A landed as part of the 157th RCT, 1st platoon upon landing, was immediately attached to the 157th Inf, 3rd platoon assembled at N862109.

Co B landed as part of the 179th RCT on the beach of Italy. Prior to debarkation the company underwent an enemy bombing attack. S/Sgt Quintana and T/5 Gonzales were wounded by shrapnel and taken off the ship and transported to a field hospital. Company organized upon landing and the 2nd and 3rd platoons moved out to construct a ford over the Fiume Calore. Co CP was set up at Il Barizzo.

Co C left the bivouac area in Sicily and accompanied the 180th RCT to Palermo to board embarkation boats.

Period 0001 11 Sept 43 to 2400 11 Sept 43:

H&S Co still awaiting arrival of LST.

Co Hq and 2nd plt of Co A landed at 1000, 13 kilometres north of Agrigoli and marched to assembly area at N862109.

Co B CP moved from Il Barizzo at 2000 to three miles south of Persano by the Calore River. 1st platoon moved out at 0800 to assist the 2nd and 3rd platoons on work on the river front. 1st Lt Julian A. Yocom CO of Co B was killed in action two miles north of Persano as a result of being hit by shrapnel from an enemy 88mm gun. He was buried in the 179th cemetery No 2. T/5 Joe Wavra, driver for Lt Yocom was also wounded and evacuated to a field hospital. Pvt Bartlett was wounded by the same burst but did not require hospitalization. 2nd Lt Hartnagel assumed command of the company. Work on the river ford was completed and the third platoon remained to maintain the by-pass. The first platoon moved out and joined the company at Persano.

Co C bivouaced with the 180th RCT awaiting LCI from transportation to beaches.

Period 12 Sept 43 to 2400 12 Sept 43.

H&S Co still awaiting arrival of LST.

Co A CP located at N856132. 1st platoon relieved of assignment to 157th Inf. During this day the 1st platoon acted as left flank guard for 1st Bn 157 Inf which was expecting a strong flank attack from the north.

Co B CP located 300 yards across the Calore River. The 1st platoon helped the 179th Inf to hold the line of resistance. They reported back to the Co CP at 1800. The third platoon moved out to maintain ford on River Calore for the 36th Div. They reported back to CP and bivouaced for the night.

Co C embarked at Palermo with the 180th RCT aboard LST No 381.

Period 0001 13 Sept 43 to 2400 13 Sept 43:

H&S Co less Mr Flanagan and a guard for the Engineer Dump left the bivouac area enroute for Port of Termini at 2300.

Co A in bivouac. At dusk two men from Co B located 1000 yards east reported their company pinned down by machine gun fire. Co A organized as part of line established by the 179th Inf about 1 and one half mile east of company bivouac area. Remained at the line from 2000 on. Little action was encountered because of the Calore River, a natural barrier. Friendly chemical mortars fire fell dangerously close to troops at this point. No casualties.

Co B CP three miles south of Persano until 1700 when it moved to N874139. Second and third platoons moved into the area and was attacked by a German patrol which was wiped out by half-track crews. Companies A and B formed a defensive line along the Sele River. The first platoon of Co B was pinned down all night by enemy artillery fire. No casualties.

Co C aboard LST No 381. Sailed at 1900.

Period 0001 14 Sept 43 to 2400 14 Sept 43.

At 0915 H&S Company, the Battalion staff and Medical detachment, less Capt Strong, he accompanied the Division staff, boarded the LST No 20 at Termini.

Co A at dawn was still holding line of defense, and was relieved by Co K of the 157th Inf. Went into bivouac area at N856132 west of RR parallel to main highway. Co prepared to move out and was shelled by enemy artillery. Pvt John B Castillo was killed as a result of being struck by enemy shrapnel. Trucks and troops were evacuated in 15 minutes to new area at N835124. 1st and 2nd platoons moved out to hold part of front line to prevent possible breakthrough by enemy. Co Hq and third platoon remained at CP as Division Reserve.

Co B CP at N130840. Relieved from defensive line at 0500. Co B organized across Highway 18 on an open field and were caught and pinned down by 88mm fire. The company was called upon by Col Hutchins of the 179th Inf to help the Regiment the first, second, and third platoons moved out from the company CP at 1800.

Co C debarked from LST at Salerno and the Co underwent an attack by enemy bombers. They unloaded, assembled and the Co CP was established 2½ miles NE of Paistum.

Period 15 Sept 43 to 2400 15 Sept 43.

H&S Co debarked from LST 20 and landed on the beach in the vicinity of Paestum. Trucks went to a de-waterproofing area and all the vehicles were de-waterproofed. Underwent enemy bombing attack prior to debarkation. No casualties. Established CP at N835124, one mile west of the Sele River.

Co A third and headquarters platoons bivouaced same location as part of Division Reserve. 1st and 2nd platoon holding the line and infantry from the junction of Sele and Calore Rivers to the junction of Torrente Laccosa and Fiume Calore. Platoons shelled heavily intermittently throughout the day.

Co B CP same location. Company attached to 1st Bn 36th Engrs as infantry holding the line at N815177 to N836174.

Co C moved into bivouac area with the 180th Inf at N879059. CP was opened at 1500 by company to furnish the 180th Inf.

Period 17 Sept 43 to 2400 17 Sept 43.

Bn CP same location.

At 0400 1st and 2nd platoons of Co A moved out to hold sector and act as support to the 141st Inf of the 36th Div. 3rd platoon joined them at 2000. Co Hq sent a squad of men to H&S Co as part of a provisional platoon to work on a bridge.

Co B. All platoons still holding the defensive positions at front lines as support of the 36th Engrs. Co Hq sent a squad of men to H&S Co to construct bridge as part of a provisional platoon.

Co C same location. Co still attached to 180th Inf. Received an alert to move out but the alert was called off at 2200.

Two water points established at N823120 and N804140.

Period 0001 16 Sept 43 to 2400 16 Sept 43

Bn CP no change.

H&S Co hauled ammunition and Engr Supplies to various Engr Dumps.

Co A CP N835124. 1st and 2nd platoons relieved from front line duty at 1900. and control of the platoons reverted back to the company. At 1500 the third platoon moved out and constructed a bridge at N804093 across the Sele River. At the completion of this task, Co A was attached to 141st Inf of the 6 Inf Div.

Co B CP same location. All platoons still holding defensive positions on front.

Co C still attached to 180th RCT. In bivouac area and no Engineer duties performed.

Bn water point opened at N805140. To be ready at dark.

Period 0001 18 Sept 43 to 2400 18 Sept 43:

Bn CP same location.

Capt Lyle and 35 EM of a provisional platoon from all companies, moved out to construct a trestle bridge across the Fiume Calore at N871133. There was little enemy activity during the day.

Co A on the defensive line with the 141st Inf. 3rd platoon moved out to effect a road block in and around RS.

Co B still in support of the 1st Bn 36th Engrs. On the line.

Co C attached to the 180th Inf as Div Reserve.

From 0001 19 Sept 43 to 2400 19 Sept 43:

Bn CP moved to N866171. at 1630.

Co H&S, provisional platoon replaced ponton bridge across Fiume Calore with a six ton timber trestle bridge at point N870133.

Co A relieved of attachment with 141st Inf and reverted to Bn Control at 1800. CP moved to 835125. 2nd platoon in support of the 180th Inf. CP moved to 835125. 2nd platoon in support of the 180th Inf and cleared road of obstacles and filled in bomb craters in vicinity of Eboli from N9124 to N940275.

Co B relieved from support of the 36th Engrs and reverted back to Bn. control moved to new CP at N880229. T/5 Alberto Lopez was wounded by enemy shrapnel when the Co CP area was shelled during the day.

A and B Co bulldozers constructed a road from N825170 to N825120.

Co C repaired road from N885200 to N9124 and also cleared and repaired roads along N888169. Constructed two small by-passes by 2400. 1st platoon went on a burying detail at Persano. 3rd platoon reconstructed by-pass at N889232. and also improved road 1500 yards on each side of the by-pass. 2nd platoon cleared blown bridge in under pass at Eboli RR station.

At 1330 the command car of Lt Col Frantz with driver T/5 Archuletta and radio operator Pfc Hartge struck a land mine on the outskirts of Eboli. T/5 Archuletta was killed and the Colonel and Pfc Hartge was slightly wounded, and required only on the spot medical treatment.

Two new water points opened at N889203 and N835236.

Period 0001 20 Sept 43 to 2400 20 Sept 43.

New Bn CP opened at N935273 at 1700.

Co CP moved to N955264. 1st and 3rd platoons in reserve. 2nd platoon finished a by-pass at N2794, and constructed new by-pass at N275970.

Co B CP moved to 2½ miles south of Compagna. Sgt McKinney and five enlisted men swept the Div CP area for mines, none found. Rest of Company inactive.

Co C CP located at N934263. 2nd platoon cleared one way by-pass thru Eboli and constructed by-pass at blown bridge at N906243. Filled in shell craters on highway 19 and 91. 3rd platoon constructed by-pass at blown bridge at N889204. 1st platoon constructed by-pass at N941271 at blown bridge. Lt Derr and detail of men removed mines and shells from bridge at N940280.

Water point at N804140 closes at 0800. Points now in operation at N823120 N890203 and N833237.

Period 0001 21 Sept 43 to 2400 21 Sept 43:

Bn CP same location.

Co A CP at 990284, 1st platoon built by-pass at 997293. 2nd platoon still on by-pass built yesterday, 3rd platoon built by-pass at 988295.

Co B CP same location until 1800 when new CP opened at N985281. No Engineer duties performed.

Co C CP same. 1st and 3rd platoons widened by-pass at 971271. CP moved forward at 2130 to N985234.

Period 0001 22 Sept 43 to 2400 22 Sept 43:

Bn CP same location.

Co A CP moved to 985291. In support of the 157 Inf. 1st platoon built by-pass working all day and night at 038284. 3rd platoon joined them at 0800. Subjected to mortar fire during this work. 157th Inf were held at this point and tried to drive the enemy from their positions. By-pass required three hours wait until work would be resumed. Second platoon in reserve.

Co B CP Same location. 1st platoon cleared road from highway 91 to 951272 to Oliveto. Third platoon moved out at 1600 to help the first platoon. 2nd platoon inactive. Lt Wehrenberg while on a foot reconnaissance for Col Cookson of the 180th Inf in the 1st Bn area of the 180th Inf, surprised three German foot soldiers in the act of putting up a machine gun emplacement. He was armed with a .45 cal revolver which he fired at them at a point blank range of 29 yards. He seriously wounded one, captured the other and the third escaped.

Co C CP same location. No Engineer activity. Prime mover disabled as a result of enemy fire.

Period 0001 23 Sept to 2400 23 Sept 43.

New Bn CP located at 049298.

Co A CP 372287. 1st and 3rd platoons continued to work on Sele River by pass while the 2nd platoon followed in support of the 157th Inf, repairing shell holes and clearing road of mines. Advance was along main road to Oliveto Citra. Company placed a trestle trestleway bridge to replace by-pass across Sele River at Contursi.

Co B CP at 003313. 3rd platoon built a by-pass on highway 91 east of Oliveto 1st platoon following 179th Inf and withstood a tank attack north of Oliveto. Also cleared road of obstacles.

Co CP located at 039282. 2nd platoon in support of the 157th Inf in Oliveto area. Lt Derr was lightly wounded by shrapnel in left foot and Tech 5 Williams lightly wounded by shrapnel in right hand.

Period 0001 24 Sept to 2400 24 Sept 43.

Bn CP no change

Co A CP at 313304. Company carried out road maintenance in forward area at 1400 one squad moved out to work at by-pass at 328058 and returned at 2200.

Co B same. In support of the 179th Inf up highway 91 north of Oliveta. Only work consisted in clearing road of tanks, trucks and debris as a result of yesterdays tank battle.

Co CP no change. Advanced up right of Oliveta towards Valva. No engineer work required. Only slight enemy resistance encountered.

Period 0001 25 Sept 43 to 2400 25 Sept 43.

At 1400 Bn CP moved to 043367.

H&S Co worked all day hauling lumber from Engineer Dump to site of blown bridge where a timber trestle bridge is being built.

Co A CP at 037382. Co in support of two Infantry Regiments, the 157 and the 180th Inf. A squad of the first platoon worked all day at bypass at 328058.

All platoons and Co Hq platoon inactive at 1800 when the entire company moved into new CP area.

Co B CP moved to 1 mile north of Quadrilla. 3rd platoon built a bypass two miles north of Quadrilla on Highway 91. 1st platoon cleared road of obstacles from Oliveta to Quaglietta and then built a bypass at 045456. Co Hq and 2nd platoon remained at the CP and underwent an enemy bombing attack. One pole type trailer was damaged. No other casualties.

Co C CP located at 072434. 2nd platoon cleared road of debris from Valva to 043463. 2nd platoon strengthened breached culvert at 022435 and constructed a bypass over Sele River at 095450.

Period 0001 26 Sept 43 to 2400 26 Sept 43

Remainder of H&S Co arrived in CP area at 0830.

Class 40 Timber trestle bridge under construction at 058328 by Co A and a provisional platoon from H&S Co. Also a heavy trestle bridge to carry heavy and tank traffic.

Co A 2nd and 3rd platoons moved out in the morning to work on bypass at 328058. 3rd platoon worked all night and 2nd platoon returned at 2000. 1st platoon in reserve.

Co B CP located one mile northeast of Calabrito. Lt Williams and 2nd platoon and Lt Inzerelli and the 3rd platoon cleared road from Calabrito to Teora of demolished enemy vehicles also filled bomb craters on the same road.

Co C CP located at 093470. 1st platoon filled bomb craters at crossroads 099493. 2nd and 3rd platoons filled in bombed bridge at 084450.

Water points now in operation at 049286, 058327, 045358, 082448. Water Point at 935266 closed at 1200.

Period 0001 27 Sept 43 to 2400 27 Sept 43.

Bn CP same location.

Co A CP same location. 1st and 3rd platoons followed in support of the 157 Inf. 2nd platoon worked on blown bridge and bypass at 328058. 1st and 3rd platoons hauled gravel to fill in road bomb craters along highway No.7.

Co B CP same location. 3rd platoon constructed bypass and maintained same one mile south of Lioni on highway 7. 2nd platoon maintained bypass at 045457 and filled bomb craters from bypass to Lioni 2 1/2 miles southeast of Calabrito.

Co C CP same location. 2nd and 3rd platoons worked on blown bridge at 085450. 1st platoon maintained and filled craters at cross roads 099493.

Period 0001 28 Sept 43 to 2400 28 Sept 43:

Bn CP no change.

H&S Co set up new Engineer dump at Teora.

Co A new CP set up at 105474, and then moved to 988538. 1st and 3rd platoons gravelled muddy roads and filled bomb craters along highway No. 7. 2nd platoon still on Sele River wooden structure bridge.

Co B CP two miles north of Lioni by RR station of S Angelo. 3rd platoon maintained bypass one mile south of Lioni. 1st platoon cleared road of vehicles and filled road craters from S Angelo through Guardia Lombardi to highway No 9. Cpl Tafoya, Pvt Bartlett and T/5 Alberto Lopez awarded the Purple Heart.

Co C CP located at 061509; 1st platoon constructed bypass at 026506 and 052508. 2nd platoon constructed bypass at 028508. 3rd platoon constructed bypass at ~~098492~~ 098492 and also improved by pass 026506.

Period 0001 29 Sept 43 to 2400 29 Sept 43

Bn CP no change.

H&S Co hauling Engineer equipment to new Engr Dump at Teora.

Co A CP at 030512. 1st and 3rd platoons worked along highway No 7 from Teora to 100493 filling road craters. This road is bombed beyond recognition. 2nd platoon in reserve.

Co B CP no change. 1st and 3rd platoons inactive. 2nd platoon maintaining bypass one mile south of Lioni.

Co C CP same location. 1st platoon improved bypass for two way traffic at 076506. 2nd platoon improved bypass for two way traffic at 028507. 3rd platoon constructed bypass at 098457.

Period 0001 30 Sept 43 to 2400 30 Sept 43

New Bn CP opened at 971579 at 1800.

Co A CP at 780587. Co in rest. Cleaning equipment.

Co B CP same location. 1st platoon built bypass at 994617. 1st squad of 2nd platoon maintained bypass one mile south of Lioni. rucks hauled gravel for the maintainance of the above bypass.

Co C CP same location. No Engineer duties performed.

Purple heart awarded to 1st Lt Derr, Pvt Madziars and Pfc Miller of Co C and Pfc Hartge of H&S Co, and Pfc Kroner of Co A.

Two new water points opened at 998532 and at staz di S Angelo

Period 0001 1 Oct 43 to 2400 1 Oct 43:

Bn CP No Change.

H&S Co in rest for day.

Co A CP No change. Held supply check and brought in barracks bags.

Co B in rest. No engineer duties performed.

Co C same location. 1st platoon widened by-passes at 076506 and 052508, and put in guard rails. 2nd and 3rd platoons widened and improved by-pass at 028508.

Water point truck of H&S Co containing Pvt GOERGEN, driver, T/4 LIGHTBODY, and Pvt's O'CONNOR and DUFFY were strafed by enemy planes in the vicinity of Teora. T/4 LIGHTBODY was lightly wounded by machine gun fire.

Period 0001 2 Oct 43 to 2400 2 Oct 43:

Bn CP no change.

Co A CP moved to 795729. 3rd platoon built a by-pass in the vicinity of 682913 in support of the 180th Inf. 1st and 2nd platoons inactive.

Co B CP moved to 877698. 1st Lt TAUSCHER returned from the hospital and assumed command of the company. 1st Platoon worked on by-pass in the vicinity of 998607.

Co C CP same location. Co improved and maintained by-pass 2 and one half miles north of Co CP.

Period 0001 3 Oct 43 to 2400 3 Oct 43:

Bn CP no change until 2100 when H&S Co and staff left to establish new CP.

A Co CP remained at 795729, where company remained to complete work on by-pass.

B Co CP moved to 705767. 2nd platoon worked on by-pass at S. Girogio also at 610995 and 800675. 1st platoon built culvert and by-pass on blown out bridge at Highway 7, 2 miles S of Benevento.

C Co CP at crossroads  $1\frac{1}{2}$  miles north of S Girogio. Co cleared streets of Benevento of debris. Gravelled by-pass and put in guard rail 2 miles north of Co CP.

Period 0001 4 Oct 43 to 2400 4 Oct 43:

At 0130 new Bn CP set up at 805727 on the outskirts of Benevento. H&S Co hauled Engr supplies from Corps dump to H&S Engr dump.

Co A CP moved to 799728. Co still working on by-pass at 795729. Deep mud through a cornfield made this job difficult.

Co B CP moved to Benevento on Highway No 7. 3rd platoon helped armored force construct a ponton bridge at 657813. 1st and 2nd platoons worked clearing two main supply routes leading from Benevento. T/5 JOE J. WAVRA awarded the Purple Heart.

Co C CP moved to Benevento. Cleared streets of debris and filled in bomb craters. 3rd platoon removed approximately 800 pounds of demolition from bridge north of Benevento.

Period 0001 5 Oct 43 to 2400 5 Oct 43:

Bn CP set up in building in Benevento.

A Co compelled and maintained by-pass at 795729 over the Calore River.

Co B CP same location. 3rd platoon under Lt INZERELLI maintained bridge and by-pass on the outskirts of Benevento. Lt WEHRENBURG and 1st Lt WILLIAMS and 2nd platoon assisted another Bn of the 157th Inf on two roads leading out of Benevento.

Co C CP same location and still working clearing the streets of Benevento and filling bomb craters and shell holes.

Period 0001 6 Oct 43 to 2400 6 Oct 43:

Bn CP still in building at Benevento.

The 3rd platoon of Co B, under Lt INZERELLI, while beginning work on a bridge at N599896, were fired upon with small arms and machine guns from the vicinity of points N597897 and N596892. This small arms fire continued for at least 20 minutes and was followed by an artillery bombardment along the road from bridge N599896 to stream crossing N607888 which was still going on at 1030. Sgt DALE T. SUNLEY was killed; Lt INZERELLI and Sgt GILLESPIE were wounded. Two 2½ ton trucks were destroyed and one half-track damaged. 1 squad, under Sgt ARAUJO maintained armored force ponton bridge at Benevento. 1st Platoon under Lt WEHRENBURG filled craters on road leading from Benevento.

H&S Co still the same. Hauling Engr equipment to Benevento.

Co A CP at 669793. 1st platoon went forward to support Co B. of the 120th Engrs. 2nd and 3rd platoon went to work on road and by-pass on the North side of Benevento.

Co C CP moved to ½ mile SW of Pretrecina. 1st platoon built by-pass ¼ mile SW of Pretrecina. 2nd and 3rd platoon repaired road and filled in bomb craters on road from Benevento to Pretrecina.

Period 0001 7 Oct 43 to 2400 7 Oct 43:

Bn CP same location.

1st Lt INZERELLI died of wounds received on 6 Oct 43.

2nd and 3rd platoons of Co A continued to work on by-pass started the day before. 1st platoon went forward to work on by-pass at 643858.

Co B CP no change. 2nd platoon under Lt WILLIAMS constructed by-pass at 607891. Other platoons inactive.

Co C CP no change. 1st platoon gravelled and improved by-pass ¼ mile SW of Pretrecina. 3rd Platoon constructed two by-passes 2½ miles North of Pretrecina. 2nd Platoon hauled gravel to these by-passes.

Temporary water point set up at N706909. Water points now in operation at 676799, 652817.



Period 0001 8 Oct 43 to 2400 8 Oct 43

Bn CP same location.

Co A CP moved to 605888. All platoons inactive.

Co B CP same location. Lt WEHREBERG and 1st platoon constructed by-pass outskirts of Ponte; also maintained same. Filled craters on road leading from CP to Ponte. 3rd platoon under Lt HARTNAGEL relieved 2nd platoon on maintenance of by-pass at 607891.

Co C CP moved to Pescolanazzo RR Station. 1st platoon repaired road at Frontemonte Forte. 2nd platoon worked on by-pass 1 mile NE of CP. 3rd platoon improved by-pass Pietrecino. New water point opened up at 576903 (Ponte).

Period 0001 9 Oct 43 to 2400 9 Oct 43:

Bn CP moved at 1325 to town of Ponte.

1st Platoon Co A built by-pass 533909. 2nd platoon worked on RR bridge at same point to take care of traffic in case of high water. After dark 2nd platoon moved up to work on and rebuild 180 ft of side hill road that was blown out; job was completed at 0130 10 Oct but platoon could not return. They remained there all day under fire by enemy and friendly artillery fire. 3rd platoon moved up under darkness and rebuilt road which was cratered at 528929.

Co B CP moved 582914. Sgt McKINNEY and squad of men maintained by-pass at 599895. Lt WEHREBERG and 1st platoon cleaned town of Ponte for possible roads leading through town. Sgt GILLESPIE awarded Purple Heart.

Co C repaired culvert  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile South of Frontemonte. 3rd platoon maintained road from 2 miles S Of Pescolanazzo RR Station to 2 miles North of Benevento.

Period 0001 10 Oct 43 to 2400 10 Oct 43:

Bn CP still in town of Ponte.

New Water Point opened at N533911.

Co A CP at 626923. 1st platoon in reserve. 2nd platoon unable to move on account of artillery fire. 3rd platoon repaired 189th supply road and built by-pass at 494956. 3rd platoon pinned down during most of the day by artillery and mortar fire. No casualties but several trucks were hit by shrapnel.

Co B located at N547907. Lt HARTNAGEL and third platoon hauled gravel for by-pass at 599895. 1st and 2nd platoons in support of the 189th Inf to perform needed Engineer repairs.

Co C CP moved to three and one half miles West of Ponte. No engineer work performed.

Period 0001 11 Oct 43 to 2400 11 Oct 43:

At 1600 Bn CP moved to Staz di Solopaca.

1st Platoon Co A in reserve. 2nd platoon went forward on road North from 492910. 3rd platoon built by-pass under fire at 496953 and maintained

the road during the night. At this point the bulldozer was hit by two pieces of shrapnel. 1st Platoon built by-pass at 493957 during the night and maintained the road during the day. Shell fire during the work was very heavy.

Co B CP located at 479899. Lt WILLIAMS and 2nd platoon constructed at 469896. 1st and 3rd platoons still following the 179th Inf.

Co C CP no change. Constructed Bailey Bridge one mile east of Ponte also repaired the road. 1st squad from the 3rd platoon laid anti-personnel mines at Campelatteo. Also maintaining MSR from Bailey Bridge to Staz di Solopaca.

Period 0001 12 Oct 43 to 2400 12 Oct 43:

Bn CP still at Staz di Solopaca.

H&S Co completed hauling equipment to new Engr Dump. Serviced Battalion tractors with servicing crew from Company.

Co A CP at 523945. 1st platoon built a by-pass 478962. 2nd platoon moved up and built very difficult cross-country road during the night from 457923 to 446925. 2nd platoon also maintained two by-passes at 495957 and 446925.

Co B same location at Staz di Solopaca. Lt HARTWAGEL and 3rd platoon constructed two by-passes at 448909 and 454490. 3rd platoon maintained above passes all day.

Co C maintained Bailey Bridge one mile east of Ponte. In support of Co A and B maintained MSR from Ponte to front. MSR begins at Ponte, runs through Telese, San Salvatore, Faicchio and Gioia. 2nd Bn 36th Engrs takes over maintenance of MSR at 0001 13 Oct 43.

Period 0001 13 Oct 43 to 2400 13 Oct 43:

Bn CP still at Staz di Solopaca.

1st and 2nd platoons Co A maintained MSR for 179th Inf. 3rd platoon built by-pass at 454967. In maintenance of MSR Co built trails from 471965 to 462966 and from 464966 to 461461.

Co B CP same location. St Montoya received Purple Heart. Lt HARTWAGEL and 3rd platoon constructed by-pass at 448907. Lt WEHRENBURG and 1st platoon constructed 2 by-passes in vicinity of 455920. Lt WILLIAMS and 2nd platoon constructed by-pass at 426920.

Co C CP  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile East of Telese. 1st platoon constructed by-pass 1 mile NW Telese. 2nd platoon repaired and cleared bridge at Telese. Also constructed a piling and stringer bridge at Telese. Maintenance of MSR taken over by 2nd Bn 36th Engrs.

Water point at Ponte closed. New water point to be opened at Telese. Points now in operation at Benevento, 532914, 489910 and 679943. Lt TAUSCHER reported that he was fired upon with small arms and machine guns while working on by-pass. He estimated the distance to be 600 yards.

Period 0001 14 Oct 43 to 2400 14 Oct 43:

Bn CP still at Staz di Solopaca.

H&S Co completed hauling Engr supplies to new Engineer Dump. T/4 LIGHTBODY awarded the Purple Heart.

Co A CP no change. 1st platoon built by-pass at 454925. 2nd platoon built by-pass at 450964. 3rd platoon maintaining MSR for the 179th Inf.

Co B CP moved to N427928. Lt WILLIAMS and 2nd platoon maintained by-pass at N425921. Lt WEHRENBURG and 1st platoon built three wooden culverts to have on hand ready for any future use. Also patrolled roads in vicinity of Telese. Co Hq and 3rd platoon inactive.

Co C CP same location. 1st platoon constructed two by-passes one, two miles and the other three miles north of Telese. 2nd and 3rd platoons completed piling and stringer bridge at Telese. Lt GORDON and detail of six men reconnoitered fords west of Puglianello and laid six mines at road fork 100 yards East of Volturmo River.

Water points now in operation at Benevento, 532913, 489910, 679943, 435905.

Lt MYERS reported that Water Point at Ponte had been shelled by enemy artillery.

Water Point at Telese being installed today.

Period 0001 15 Oct 43 to 2400 15 Oct 43:

CP still at Staz di Solopaca.

Co A CP at 457955. 1st platoon built by-pass at 448918. Also hauled gravel for Co B working on by-pass at 400972. Co engaged in repair of 179th Inf Supply road.

Co B CP unchanged. All platoons inactive.

Co C CP unchanged. 1st platoon worked on by-pass and repaired bridge at Puglianello. Pfc GROVE wounded by falling flak and evacuated to aid station.

Water Point at 679943 closed. Points now in operation. Benevento Telese, 532913, 489910.

Period 0001 16 Oct 43 to 2400 16 Oct 43:

Bn CP moved at 1530 to N413927.

Co A CP at 412923. At 1800 2nd platoon began work on by-pass at 411921. 1st and 3rd platoon inactive. Co is in support of the 179th Inf advance now.

Co B CP moved to 407937. 1st Platoon under Lt WEHRENBURG constructed by-pass at  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile South of Faicchio. All other platoons helped by hauling gravel. By-pass was completed and during operation Co underwent shelling by enemy artillery. Co B is in support of Co A.

Co C CP moved to 1 mile SE of Puglianello. 1st platoon constructed by-pass at Puglianello. 2nd and 3rd platoons cleared and repaired road from Amorosi to Puglianello.

Water Point for  $\frac{1}{4}$  ton vehicles only opened at S Salvatore.

Period 001 17 Oct 43 to 2400 17 Oct 43:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Continued to maintain Division MSR. 1st platoon hauled gravel and gravelled by-pass at 411921. Other platoons inactive.

Co B CP located at 378895. Lt WILLIAMS and 2nd platoon constructed two (2) by-passes at N368002 and N368003. Platoon was under fire during the performance of this work but there were no casualty. Other platoons inactive.

Co C CP same location. 1st and 3rd platoons constructed Regimental Supply road from two miles NE Pugianella and proceeded two miles in a Northwest direction. 2nd platoon constructed culvert and road six miles North of Pugianello.

Water Point at Benevento closed. New Water Point opened at 423914.

At 1800 Capt STRONG and Lt TAUSCHER in a reconnaissance for a possible by-pass route under went shelling by enemy 6 barrel mortars.

Period 0001 18 Oct 43 to 2400 18 Oct 43:

At 1130 Bn CP moved to building at San Salvatore.

0800 Co C Area shelled by 14 rounds of enemy artillery.

W&S Co sent five trucks to Army Dump to pick up lumber for Engineer Dump. T/5 FREEMAN was hit with shrapnel while operating D-7 tractor, clearing the streets of Gioia.

Co A CP unchanged. 1st and 2nd platoons worked on by-pass at 411921. 3rd platoon maintained Div MCR and repaired by-pass that the Germans had used in the evacuation of Faicchio.

Co B CP same. Lt HARTNAGEL and 3rd platoon cleared debris in town of Gioia. They also widened road to water point in Gioia. Sgt CHAVEZ and squad of men from 2nd platoon maintained by-passes at 368002 and 368003. 1st platoon inactive.

Water Point at S Salvatore closed.

Co C same location. Three and one half miles of new constructed road 2 miles north of Pugianello gravelled and improved by entire Co.

New Water Point opened at Gioia.

Period 0001 19 Oct 43 to 2400 19 Oct 43:

Bn CP still at S. Salvatore.

Co A CP moved at 1100 to 394967. 1st and 2nd platoons worked on by-pass and road at 411921. 3rd platoon gravelled and improved road from 394967 to Titero River. Co maintained MSR from S Salvatore to Piedimonte

Co B CP same location. Lt HARTNAGEL and 3rd platoon constructed five by-passes from Gioia to S Potitio. Sgt KOLODZIEYCYSK and squad of men left at 2000 to construct four more by-passes along road from above S. Potitio. Command Car of Lt Col PRANTZ were the first Americans to enter S.

Potitio.

Co C CP same location. Company graveling and improving road two miles North of Pugianello.

Period 0001 20 Oct 43 to 2400 20 Oct 43:

Bn CP at S. Salvatore.

Co A CP at 392972. Co Engaged in widening of Division MSR. 1st platoon built a bridge at 307052. 2nd and 3rd platoons maintained MSR from Faicchio to Piedimonte.

Water Points now in operation. Telesse, Gioia, N532913, N489910, N353925.

Co B CP same location. Lt BURGER and 1st platoon constructed two by-passes on MSR in vicinity of S. Potitò. Entire Company assembled in CP area.

Co C CP moved to  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile North of S. Salvatore. 1st and 3rd platoons constructed culvert two miles east of Pugianello. 2nd platoon improved and maintained road.

The 45th Division went into a rest area, as Corps Reserve, effective upon receipt of Division Field Order No 19 dated and effective 19 Oct 43.

Period 0001 21 Oct 43 to 2400 21 Oct 43:

Bn CP no change.

Co A continued to work on Division MSR. CP moved to 412928. Two bridges in Piedimonte 308054 and 309056; repaired with box culvert and fill. Timber trestle bridge completed just south of Piedimonte and open for traffic.

Co B and Co C Are now assembled in Bn area. No Engineer work performed.

Water Points closed at N532913, 489910, 353925. Points now in operation at Telesse and Gioia.

Corps Engineers now maintaining all roads North to Piedimonte.

Period 0001 22 Oct 43 to 2400 22 Oct 43:

Bn and Co's CP no change.

1st platoon Co A built by-pass and bridge at 307051. Lt SMITH made 100 mile reconnaissance for possible division travel.

Co B. No Engineer duties performed.

Co C 3rd Squad of 2nd platoon improved Gioia Water Point.

Water Point opened ~~at 433914~~ at 433914.

Period 0001 23 Oct 43 to 2400 28 Oct 43:

Bn and Co CP's unchanged.

All line companies conducting road reconnaissance for possible future division travel route.

Battalion in Division rest area.

Four Officers and 21 Enlisted Men received as replacements.

Period 0001 29 Oct 43 to 2400 29 Oct 43:

Bn CP unchanged. Making preparations to leave rest area.

Co A move out of rest area and established CP at 2 miles N. of Alife.

Co B and Co C remain in rest area and are making preparations to move out.

Period 0001 30 Oct 43 to 2400 30 Oct 43:

Bn CP closed at 1400. New Bn CP established at H209048 at 1615.

Co CP of Co A moved up to 205057. Reconnaissance made in areas to determine work necessary to fix bridges. 1st platoon unable to move forward to work on bridge 145086 because of a 5 mile traffic jam. 2nd platoon built by-pass at 157145, completed at 2100. 3rd platoon in reserve. Lts COOPER and SIMMONS and squad of men made extensive road, river and terrain reconnaissance boat and pack mules.

Co B CP moved to H228049. No engineer work performed. Lt WILLIAMS made a road reconnaissance to forward areas.

Co CP C Co moved to 213063. No Engineer work performed.

Water Point opened at 310800 and H180057. Water Point at H933914 closed.

Co A at 2100 2nd platoon squad was enroute back to CP when squad truck overturned at 190057. Pvt WALTER W. JONES was killed and Pvt EDMUND KOMPERDA and Pvt LESLIE POWERS were injured.

Period 0001 31 Oct 43 to 2400 31 Oct 43:

Bn CP same location.

H&S Co completed hauling Engr Supplies to new Engineer Dump.

Co A CP same. 1st platoon built by-pass and four span trestle bridge at 145086. 2nd and 3rd platoons truck hauled gravel to 1st platoon. Lt COOPER and squad made extensive reconnaissance of Volturno River from 090110 to 130070. 3rd platoon worked at night on above by-pass.

Co B CP same. Lt WILLIAMS and second platoon moved out at 1600 to construct bridge at H103111. Other platoons inactive.

Co C CP same. Co constructed by-pass at 4 miles NE S. Angelo.

Water Point at Telese closed. Total amount of water issued in October was 1,224,040 gallons; average of 2 gallons per man per day. Total amount of water issued from September 10 to October 31 was 1,773,135 gallons from a total of 26 water points.

See Operations Memorandum No. 1, Hq 120th Engr C Bn, dated 29 Oct 43, for information of Engineer work performed by this Battalion during period September 10 to Oct 21, 1943, appended.

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APO 45,  
In the Field  
Near S. Salvatore, Italy.  
29 Oct 43

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 1 )

1. This summary covers the operations of the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion from 10 September 43 to 21 October 1943.

2. Following is a list of bridge demolitions and other obstructions encountered and overcome.

a. Bridges and culverts repaired or by-passed: Seventy-two (72). This type of obstacle was most readily overcome by placing a culvert in the original alignment, blowing down the abutments or approaches and finishing the grade with a bulldozer. Four timber trestle bridges were placed. Two standard trestle trestway bridges were placed and one ponton bridge erected.

b. Fourteen (14) bomb craters were filled on the four roads in the vicinity of O-100493.

c. Six cities and towns, Eboli, Benevento, Amorosi, Gioia, S. Potito and Sepicciano were cleared to enable traffic to move forward.

d. A road and trail was opened North of Amorosi.

3. a. Battle casualties were considered extremely light when the time and enemy dispositions during work was considered.

1. Killed in action:

2 Officers

3 Enlisted Men

2. Wounded in action:

2 Officers

14 Enlisted Men

4. There were no serious equipment losses or breakdowns. This is attributed to the fact that a maintenance section visited each job and company daily and made adjustments on the spot.

For the Battalion Commander:

RICHARD M. STRONG  
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0001 10 Sept 1943

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