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11 December 1944

SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Seventh Army, APO 758, U S Army.

Transmitted herewith Historical Record of the 120th Engineer Battalion, this command, for the period 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944, inclusive.

For the Commanding General:

EMIL F NAVTA
WOJG USA
Asst Adj Gen

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Hist Red-120th Eng Bn
1 Nov 44 - 30 Nov 44 (trip)
Annex 1 - Unit Journal
Annex 2 - Intelligence Bulletins

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2. Original and two copies of the record have been forwarded to the Commanding General, Seventh Army, by letter, this headquarters, dated 11 December 1944, copy of which is attached.

For the Commanding General:

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C. S. Monnier
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Lt Col CE
Commanding
120th Engr C Bn

HEADQUARTERS 120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

AFPO # 45, U S Army
3 December 1944

OPERATIONS SUMMARY)

NUMBER 2)

1. This summary covers the engineer functions of the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion for the period 1-30 November 1944.

2. During the period, operations of the battalion were divided into three phases:

- a. Operations in the Jarmanil-St Benoit and Baccarat area.
- b. Rest and training period in Fontenoy le Chateau area.
- c. Return to action in the Saverne Gap area.

3. The first eight days of November were a continuation of work begun and carried on through the previous month, characterized by slow and difficult advances through the Rambervillers Forest against desperate enemy resistance. Use of mines and timber abatis by the enemy was far greater than any encountered by this organization in previous operations. Reduction of enemy barriers and maintenance of roads and trails constituted the bulk of engineer work during this eight day period. Bad weather further complicated road maintenance on all types of roads. Beginning 2 November, this battalion was in process of being relieved in sector by the 325th Engr Combat Bn. All possible aid and information was given to this battalion. Mine schools for all personnel of the 100th Inf Div was held under direction of Corps Engr instructors. Instructors from the 120th Engr C Bn were present and aided in this training. On 2 November, Co B 325th Engr C Bn was attached to the 120th Engr C Bn and on 5 November Companies A and C were also attached. All companies immediately took over part of the engineer work being done in the sector. Control of all troops of the 325th Engrs passed to the 325th Engr battalion commander at 0800 9 November 1944.

II Rest and Training Period:

1. A fourteen day rest period for the entire 120th Engineer Combat Battalion was utilized as a general cleanup and training period in addition to providing rest and recreational opportunities for all personnel. Training in the following operations was conducted:

- a. Rifle marksmanship.
- b. Mine schools including battalion mine SOP.
- c. Physical hardening.
- d. Personal Hygiene and sex morality.
- e. Close order drill and military courtesy.

III Resumption of Action by the Division:

1. Regimental combat teams of the 45th Inf Div, with engineer company support, started motorized movement into the Saverne Gap area on 22 November. All companies remained attached to Infantry until 27 November, at which time they reverted to battalion control and normal

Engineer functions were resumed with the 120th Engineer C Battalion supporting the attack of the 45th Infantry Division in the direction of Muhlhausen and Pfaffenhoffen.

IV: Tabulation of Engineer Functions:

1. Removed 39 enemy road blocks.
2. Removed 150 enemy mines and one demolition charge.
3. Installed five road blocks.
4. Filled two large craters in roads.
5. Constructed five timber bridges.
6. Constructed one footbridge
7. Built two bypasses
8. Laid one mine field
9. Swept 65 miles of road for mines.
10. Hauled 150 yards of gravel to improve roads around the clearing station and field hospital.
11. Cut five gaps in enemy barbed wire.
12. Installed one treadway bridge.
13. Painted 456 signs.
14. Furnished 241,695 gallons of water to division and attached units.
15. Furnished one demolition train to blow in entrances to enemy fortified position.
16. Trained one crew for tank dozer.
17. Furnished instructors and training aids to assist Corps in training new engineer and infantry troops of the 100th Inf Div prior to their commitment.

V: Miscellaneous:

1. Casualties:

	<u>EM</u>	<u>OFF</u>
a. KIA	1	0
b. WIA	8	1

c. Two EM of the 6638 Engr Mine Clearance company were wounded in action while attached to the 120th Engr C B.

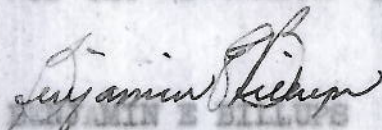
2. Equipment:

a. Four trucks, 2 1/2 ton, lost during the month of October were replaced early in November.

b. Two 1/2 ton trucks were destroyed by mine explosions during the month. Replacements were received during the rest period.

c. There was a serious shortage of paint during the entire month. No other serious shortages of engineer material was encountered.

For the Battalion Commander:



BENJAMIN E. BILLUPS
Major, CE

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COMPANY ACTIVITIES

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FOR THE MONTH OF

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NOVEMBER 1944

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Taken from the Station and Record of Events of
the Company Morning Reports

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PERIOD 0001-2400 1 November 1944:

D/78

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras.

H&S Co: Detail from the Operations section laid sommerfeld matting on the air strip at Sercoeur for the 45th Div Air CP.

Co A: CP $3\frac{1}{2}$ miles east of Housseras. The 1st platoon completed checking road in sector where a $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton truck hit a mine yesterday, $4\frac{1}{2}$ kilometers east of Jeanmenil; no mines found. Also cleared road of mines and road blocks, from St Benoit to two miles east, and removed seven R mines. The 2nd platoon maintained a trail from the 157th CP to 2nd Bn 157th Inf CP area. 3rd platoon checked roads for mines in vic of 3rd Bn area. S/Sgt Kalfatto stepped on a Schu mine and was seriously wounded. The same mine also wounded Lt Etherton. The tank dozer cleared a road block two miles east of St Benoit and hit an R mine which disabled the tank. The 2nd Platoon removed 30 Schu mines from a minefield in the vic of St Remy.

Co B: CP $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles southwest of La Bourgonce, France. One squad of the 1st platoon removed a road block and AT mines previously placed by the 1st platoon, in the vic of La Salle. The same block and mines were later replaced. Lt Dayton and the 2nd platoon maintained the 179th Inf supply roads. Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon cleared and improved supply trail for Co L of the 3rd Bn 179th Inf.

Co C: CP $3/4$ mile south of La Grande Carse. The 1st platoon swept four kilometers of road along main road from St Benoit northeast and removed four roadblocks. The 2nd platoon swept road from St Benoit northwest and leading back to the main road, and removed three small road blocks.

PERIOD 0001-2400 2 November 1944:

D/79

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras, France.

Co C, 325th Engr C Bn, (100th Inf Div) was attached to the 120th Engr C Bn and took over the sector at present maintained by Company C 120th Engr C Bn, and was put under control of the CO 120th Engr C Bn.

H&S Co: Detail from the operations section completed laying sommerfeld matting on air strip at Sercoeur for the 45th Div Air CP.

Co A: The 1st platoon maintained trail leading into the 157th Inf CP. The 2nd platoon cleared and maintained trail from the gravel road two miles east of St Benoit to the intersection at the main highway, three miles northeast of St Benoit. R-4 bulldozer was used on this job and to dig in the Regimental CP.

Co B: CP moved to $\frac{1}{2}$ mile south of Fraipertuis. One squad from each platoon swept road from three kilometers north of Rambervillers to Baccarat. Twenty R mines were found and destroyed. One booby trap, which was found in a house in Menil was also destroyed. The remainder of the company maintained the entrance to the battalion CP. T/4 Hagglund was seriously wounded when he stepped on a Schu mine south of Menil. Pfc Quiroz was also wounded by the same mine.

Co C: CP 3/4 mile south of La Grand Carse. The 1st platoon swept road from the intersection two miles northeast of St Benoit along road which runs parallel to the gravel road, and removed four Schu mines. Pvt Roybal was seriously wounded when he stepped on a Schu mine in the process of clearing a road block, and when he was pinned down by machine gun fire directed at the block, Capt Frank and Lt Safir went to his rescue and dragged him to safety. The attached tank dozer was hit by enemy fire on the road two miles northeast of St Benoit.

PERIOD 0001-2400 3 November 1944:

D/80

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras, France.

Co C 325th Engrs (100th Inf Div) opened a road block, 100 yards long, 1/2 miles west of La Salle. No mines were found. Block was log abatis.

Co A: CP moved to 1 kilometer east of St Benoit. The 1st platoon cleared a road block and removed mines on main road northeast out of St Benoit. No other engineer work performed.

Co B: CP moved to Baccarat. Lt Ficket and the 1st platoon attached to the 1st Bn 179th Inf and removed a road block northeast of St Benoit. Lt Dayton and the 2nd platoon were attached to the 2nd Bn 179th Inf in the morning and reverted back to company control in the afternoon. The D-7 filled two large shell craters on the road east of Ste Barbe.

Co C: CP 1/2 miles northeast of St Benoit. Lt Safir and the 1st platoon removed three small road blocks and cleared the main highway past the infantry outposts. Also removed approximately two tons of explosives from a culvert on the main road northeast of St. Benoit, which had a delayed action, time device attached. Lt Westwood and the 2nd platoon cleared a road four miles northeast of St Benoit and removed two R mines. Also swept several small trails off the main highway for the 180th Inf and removed 12 R mines. Lt Thuring and the 3rd platoon cleared the company bivouac area.

PERIOD 0001-2400 4 November 1944

D/81

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras, France.

Co C 325th Engrs (100th Inf Div) started clearing a series of roads and trails between St Remy and La Salle and from the towns three kilometers to the west.

Co A: The 1st platoon began work on the removal of a road block on the main highway from St Benoit to La Rappe. The tank dozer was used briefly on this project. After working on the block approximately 15 minutes, it hit a mine and was disabled. A 2 1/2 ton truck was used to pull logs out of the block. As one of the logs was pulled from the block, it set off a mine and wounded five EM. The 1st platoon removed two other road blocks about 100 yards apart. Both AT and Schu mines were removed and many more remain yet to be removed. The 3rd platoon assisted the 3rd Bn 157th Inf removing a log road block in their sector and picking up and
-ing mines.

Co B: Lt Picket and the 1st platoon attached to the 1st Bn 179th Inf and swept for mines on main road west of Thisville. Also swept two trails in the same vicinity. Swept the road from north of Menil to Ste Barbe then east to RJ 2 1/2 kilometers east. Lt Dayton and the 2nd platoon improved road from Menil to east of Ste Barbe; swept for mines and removed three road blocks. The first block consisted of felled trees. The 2nd block consisted of rubble and the 3rd block consisted of prepared logs with rocks piled around it. Later Lt Dayton, with the aid of the R-4 bulldozer, maintained and improved road from the 2nd Bn 179th Inf northeast of Baccarat. Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon removed one road block of felled trees and swept for mines on road east of Baccarat. This road was maintained throughout the day.

Co C: CP northeast of St Benoit. Lt Lipscomb and the 1st platoon prepared road for the 171st FA Bn to move into position and also checked the area for mines. Lt Prestwood and the 2nd platoon removed two R mines and six Schu mines two miles southwest of La Neuveville. Pfc Hegstrom was killed and Sgt Waibel was wounded, when one of the mines was accidentally detonated. The 2nd platoon also opened trail to the 1st Bn 180th Inf CP and marked a mine field two miles southwest of La Neuveville. Lt Thuring and the 3rd platoon cleared road one mile north of La Neuveville and swept a trail for the Aid station of the 3rd Bn. The 3rd platoon also cleared debris and widened the main from St Benoit to La Neuveville.

PERIOD 0001-1400 5 November 1944

D/82

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras, France.

Co C 325th Engrs (100th Inf Div) completed clearing a series of roads and trails between St Remy and La Salle and from the towns three kilometers to the west.

Co A: CP 1 kilometer east of St Benoit. The 2nd platoon worked on the highway from St Benoit to two kilometers northeast, maintaining and improving it. The 3rd platoon constructed a 30' x 2 span bridge after dark, in the vic of La Rappe. Lumber for the bridge was cut in the rear and hauled to the bridge site for placing.

Co B: CP in Baccarat. Lt Picket and the 1st platoon maintained a supply trail for the 1st Bn 179th Inf throughout the day. Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon constructed a class 60 bridge at Baccarat and was relieved by the 2nd platoon at dark.

Co C: Lt Thuring and the 3rd platoon swept and cleared three small trails, off the main road, two miles southwest of La Neuveville. Also swept and cleared two trails and a side road one mile west of La Neuveville. Lt Prestwood and the 2nd platoon swept a road 1/2 mile off the main road, southwest of La Neuveville, and removed six Schu mines. Pvt Maes was wounded when his peep ran over a mine. Pys King, Buck (atchd Medic), Keats and Rollo (battalion prisoners) were wounded by artillery fragments southwest of La Neuveville. Lt Safir served as an instructor in a VI Corps mine school for personnel of the 100th Inf Div.

HAS Co: M/Sgt McAlarnis and a detail from the Operations section started construction of a footbridge in the vicinity of the battalion rest area in Fontenoy. Pvt Brown was wounded in the left leg when his peep ran over a mine northeast of St Benoit.

PERIOD 0001-2400 6 November 1944:

D/83

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras, France.

At 1100 Co B, 325th Engrs (100th Inf Div) was attached to the 120th Engrs in Baccarat.

Co C 325th Engrs installed a treadway bridge across a creek on the east edge of La Salle.

Co A: The 1st platoon swept trail for the 1st Bn 157th Inf. Only engineer work performed.

Co B: Company moved by motor to the battalion rest area in Fontenoy.

Co C: Lt Prestwood and the 2nd platoon, Lt Thuring and the 3rd platoon swept trails in support of leading elements of the 2nd and 3rd Bn 120th Inf, one mile southwest of Raon L'Etape.

PERIOD 0001-2400 7 November 1944:

D/84

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras, France.

Co C 325th Engrs reinforced a damaged arch bridge to class 24, and filled a large crater in the east approach to the bridge, vic of St Remy. The company was subjected to enemy small arms fire.

Co A: CP 1 kilometer east of St Benoit. The 2nd platoon cleared the main road in area between St Benoit and forward areas, removing blown down trees. Also checked an area for the 157th Inf.

Co B: Company in rest area in Fontenoy. Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon with eight $3\frac{1}{2}$ ton trucks hauled gravel for roads in the 120th Medical Battalion area. One squad of the 2nd platoon moved the Engineer Dump.

Co C: Company moved to rest area in Fontenoy.

PERIOD 0001-2400 8 November 1944

D/85

Bn CP 1 mile north of Housseras, France.

Co B 325th Engrs (100th Inf Div) was attached to the 120th Engr C Bn at 1800 and placed in support of the 120th Inf.

Co A: At 0630, company moved to rest area in Fontenoy

Co B: In rest area. One MCO and the 2nd platoon spread gravel for roads in the 120th Med Bn area

Co C: Company in rest area in Fontenoy

1. On 9 November 1944 the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion, less Companies A, B & C, moved to the village of Fontenoy le Chateau, in the 7th Army Rest Area. The battalion CP, H&S Company, Companies B and C were quartered in the village proper, Company A was quartered in a saw-mill approximately one and one-half miles north of Fontenoy.
2. A program of rest, recreation, clean-up of personnel, equipment and vehicles was put into effect immediately. The battalion's 32 head shower bath unit was put in operation and was operated continuously during the period.
3. The Medical Detachment administered inoculations and vaccinations to all members of the battalion on 10, 11 and 12 November.
4. Members of the battalion staff supervised inspections of motor vehicles and all engineer tools and equipment on 13, 14 and 15 November.
5. A four-hour daily training schedule went into effect on 16 November and included road marches, engineer reconnaissance, scouting and patrolling. During this period, each individual had the opportunity of firing his weapon on an improvised rifle and machine gun range, constructed by the battalion. Each company was allotted one day on the range for this purpose.
6. A daily conference school for officers was held.
7. Full advantage was taken of all recreational facilities in the area. Personnel were sent to daily movies in Bains les Bains. A dance for enlisted personnel was held in Bains les Bains on 18 November. Excellent mineral baths were available daily in Bains les Bains.
8. A motor vehicle inspection was conducted by 7th Army on 17 November. The battalion received a rating of "Excellent" on this inspection.
9. On 20 November, a battalion formation was held at which time Major General Eagles, commanding general of the 48th Infantry Division, presented Silver Star Medals to Captain Alvin L Frack, 1st Lt Edwin Safir of Company C, and 1st Lt Wayne W Bridges of Company B. Bronze Star citations were presented to the following individuals:

Major Joseph W Lowe, Jr	Headquarters
S/Sgt Laurence S Jones	Company "B"
Sgt David L Blackmer	Company "C"
Sgt Joseph W Gray	Company "C"
Sgt Ernesto R Manzanares	Company "C"
Sgt Lawrence L Waibel	Company "C"
Tec 4 Marsh Bouldrey	Company "C"
Tec 4 John W Usher	H&S Company
T/S John L Gresson	H&S Company
Tec 3 Sanford L Davidow	H&S Company
Pfc John B Horne	Company "B"
Pvt Moncor Donigian	Company "B"
Pvt James W Mullen	Company "B"

so Star Ribbons were not available for presentation in this later of operations at this time.

10. Warning orders for movement of the Division back into combat with the XV Corps in the vicinity of Sarrebourg were received on 22 November 1944.

23 November 1944

D/100

Bn in rest area in Fontenoy, France

Co B left the Fontenoy area, and moved out with the 179th RCT.

24 November 1944:

D/101

Bn CP moved at 1100, by motor convoy, and bivouaced for the night in the town of Biblikirchen.

Co A: At 1130, company moved out with the 157th RCT, to the town of Haute-Clocher, France.

Co B: Company moved at 1630 to the town of Westhofen, France. Lt Picket and the 1st platoon put in two temporary road blocks south of Balbronn, consisting of eight AT mines and two felled trees across the road. Lt Dayton and two squads of the second platoon cut four gaps of 50 yards depth through a double apron barbed wire fence on a high ridge overlooking the forts of Molsheim.

Co C: Co moved out with the 180th Inf RCT and established CP in Behr. Pfc Durkin captured one PW enroute.

25 November 1944:

D/102

Bn CP moved from temporary CP in Biblikirchen and set up CP in Duntzenheim, France.

Co A: At 1400, the company moved to the village of Reding with the 157th RCT. No engineer work was performed.

Co B. CP in Westhoffen, France. Lt Picket and the 1st platoon put in two road blocks composed of four felled trees and 17 AT mines. One block was put in at Still and the other at Dinsheim. Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon breached a barbed wire entanglement vic of Dinsheim with bangalores, to a depth of 60 ft. One squad, under cover of darkness, blew the entrance to an enemy fortified position, using C2 pack charges. An enemy flying bomb landed within 150 yards of the company area and injured Pvts Andreozzi and Pennington.

Co C: Company left Behr and set up CP at Duntzenheim. Seven 2½ ton trucks were used to haul infantry troops of the 180th Inf.

PERIOD 0001-2400 26 November 1944

B/103

Bn CP in Duntzenheim, France.

Co A: CP in Reding, France. No engineer work performed.

Co B: Company moved to Imbsheim. Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon bivouaced in Bouxwiller with the 3rd Bn 179th Inf.

Co C: CP at Duntzenheim. Company trucks were used to haul infantry troops.

PERIOD 0001-2400 27 November 1944

B/104

Bn CP moved to Wickersheim, France.

Co A: At 0830 the company CP moved to Steinbourg, France, in support of the 157th Inf. No engineer work performed.

Co B: CP in Imbsheim, France. Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon returned to the company area. Lt Dayton made a road reconnaissance for the 179th Inf. The company motor pool checked vehicles for minor repairs.

Co C: CP moved to Geisweiller. Lts Safir, Thuring and Prestwood made a road reconnaissance of the 150th Inf. sector.

PERIOD 0001-2400 28 November 1944:

B/105

Bn CP in Wickersheim, France.

Co A: CP moved to Obersoulsbach. The 2nd platoon removed log type obstacles on the road leading into Obersoulsbach and Neuwiller. The D-7 removed log obstacles on road into Weiterswiller.

Co B: CP in Imbsheim. Lt Picket and one squad swept and probed road for mines from Sutzendorf to Schillersdorf, following the advance of the 2nd and 3rd Bn 179th Inf. Lt Bridges and Lt Picket made a reconnaissance of a blown bridge in Muhlhausen. Two squads of the 1st platoon awaiting orders to repair the bridge. Lt Dayton and two squads of the second platoon, with the aid of the D-7 bulldozer, put in a by-pass at Menchhoffen. Lt Cohen and one squad of the 3rd platoon repaired a damaged street near road block in Bouxwiller. Another squad checked Div CP building in Bouxwiller for booby traps.

Co C: CP at Geisweiller. Company was alerted to be ready to move out to construct a bridge near Pffofenhofen.

PERIOD 0001-2400 29 November 1944

B/106

Bn CP in Wickersheim, France.

Co A: CP moved to Ingwiller. 3rd platoon removed seven log type obstacles on both sides of the road leading into Ingwiller.

Co B: CP moved at 1245 to Menschhoffen. Lt Picket and 2 squads of the 1st platoon, with the aid of the D-7, put in a one lane culvert bypass at Muhlhausen. Lt Cohen and 2 squads of the 3rd platoon attempted to maintain this bypass later in the morning, but enemy activity and artillery fire prevented any work being done. Later in the day, when the sector had quieted, maintenance work was done on the bypass.

Co C: CP moved to Ettendorf. Lt Safir and one squad of the 1st platoon constructed 30 feet of treadway, 1000 yards west of Pfaffenhoffen. Pfc Mendoza was lightly wounded when an artillery shell landed in the company area.

PERIOD 0001-2400 30 November 1944:

D-107

Bn CP moved at 1700 to Uttwiller, France.

Co A: CP in Ingwiller. The 1st platoon constructed a 25' single span wooden bridge at Rothbach, on the road to Muhlhausen. The lumber used on the bridge was obtained from a mill just south of Ingwiller. The 2nd platoon constructed a single, span wooden bridge at Muhlhausen, on the road to Offwiller.

Co B: CP in Menschhoffen. Lt Picket and 2 squads of the 1st platoon removed a culvert from a bypass at Muhlhausen. This was necessitated by heavy rains flooding the culvert. The other squad, with the aid of the D-7, removed four small road blocks in the Obermodern area. Lt Dayton and the 2nd platoon followed the attack of the 1st and 2nd Bns 179th Inf.

Co C: CP at Ettendorf. Lt Safir and the 1st platoon removed planks and repaired treadway bridge southwest of Kenweiler. Lt Frestwood and the 2nd platoon cleared road blocks and debris from Pfaffenhoffen, Beberach, Niedermodern and Lowach. Also removed 10 AT mines from the railroad tracks in Pfaffenhoffen.

HEADQUARTERS 120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

APO #45, U S Army
1 December 1944

MEMORANDUM:

BATTLE CASUALTY REPORT

1. Following is a list of battle casualties, incurred by this battalion during the month of November 1944:

KILLED IN ACTION

Pfc	Vernon E Hegstrom	Co C	4 Nov 44	Schu-Mine
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WOUNDED IN ACTION

1st Lt	William W Etherton	Co A	1 Nov 44	AT Mine
S/Sgt	Louis J Malfatto	Co A	1 Nov 44	AT Mine
Tec 4	Algot A Hagglund	Co B	2 Nov 44	AP Mine
Pfc	Domotilo M Quiroz	Co B	2 Nov 44	AP Mine
Pvt	Benito Roybal	Co C	2 Nov 44	Schu-Mine
Sgt	Eara A Alford	Co A	4 Nov 44	Schu-Mine
Pvt	Conroy F Frans	Co A	4 Nov 44	Schu-Mine
Pvt	Charles S Whitney	Co A	4 Nov 44	Schu-Mine
Pfc	Simon Mendoza	Co C	29 Nov 44	Artillery

For the Battalion Commander:

John H. Dismant
JOHN H DISMANT
1st Lt CE
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS 120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
OFFICE OF THE BATTALION SURGEON

AFO 45, US Army
4 Dec 1944

MEDICAL REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944

1. Statistical Data:

Number of patients admitted to hospital	37
Battle casualties (one officer and eight enlisted men)	9
NEA	1
MIA	0
Recommended for Purple Heart Medal	5
Patients receiving Dental Treatment	50
New Venereal Cases	2
New Malaria Cases	0
Recurrent Malaria Cases	4

2. Comments:

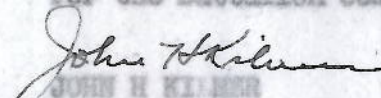
a. During this past month we have seen action, had a rest period and gone back into action. From the first of the month up until the ninth of the month we were in action around the Baccarat sector. As the whole division was then withdrawn for a well deserved rest period we went with the Battalion to the bivouac area in and around Fontenoy Le Chateau, Vosges. There we went to work with physical inspections, immunizations and generally getting the battalion in good physical condition.

b. A dance for the enlisted men at Bain Les Bain, and one for the officers at Flombieres wound up the rest period.

c. On the twentyfourth the Battalion went back into the combat sector in Alcase along the main road from Saverne to Strassbourg. The division had now joined the XV Corps.

d. The greater number of patients admitted to the hospital has been due to illness rather than wounds. The illness has mostly been upper respiratory tract infections brought on by the cold damp weather.

For the Battalion Commander:


JOHN H. KILMER
Capt. M.C.
Commanding Med. Det.

HEADQUARTERS 120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

APO #45, U S Army
2 December 1944

MEMORANDUM:

1. Following is a report on the number of signs provided by this Battalion for units of the Forty-Fifth Infantry Division:

120th Engr C Bn	210
45th Signal Co	4
MP Platoon	6
Div Arty	2
Div Hq Co	55
157th Infantry	96
179th Infantry	33
180th Infantry	24
171st FA Bn	16

Total - - - - - 456

For the Battalion Commander:

John H. Dismant
JOHN H DISMANT
1st Lt CE
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS 120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

APO #45, U S Army
2 December 1944

MEMORANDUM:

Class II, Class IV, Explosives and Demolitions
Engineer Supplies issued from the 45th Division
Engineer Dump for the period 1-30 November 1944.

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>UNIT</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Acetylene	Tanks	54
Axe, chopping, S.B. 36" handled	ea.	184
Axe, chopping, double bit handled	ea.	18
Bulbs, electric, 60 watt	ea.	38
Compass, wrist	ea.	45
Compass, watch	ea.	95
Compass, lensatic, w/case	ea.	35
Hatchet, half, 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ " cut hld	ea	19
Handle, axe, S.B. 36"	ea	36
Handle, pick, RR.	ea.	48
Handle, sledge	ea.	11
Hydrogen	tank	1
Markers, Lum dial rad active	ea.	58
Lumber, 3" x 12" x 12'	pcs	55
Lights, blinker, highway	ea	6
Nails, common, wire, 8d	lbs	350
10 d	lbs	300
16 d	lbs	50
20 d	lbs	40
30 d	lbs	700
40 d	lbs	850
60 d	lbs	750
80 d	lbs	250
Nets, camoufl, garnished, size:		
22 x 22	ea	6
30 x 30	ea	2
36 x 44	ea	4
45 x 45	ea	6
Oxygen, tanks	tanks	50
Pins, drift	ea	190
Picks, pick, RR handled	ea	38
Mattocks, pick, handled	ea	37
Paint, enamel, black	qts	2
Paint, Oil, white	gals	20
Paint, enamel, yellow	qts	4
Peavy, handled	ea	18
Plywood, 3 ply, 4 x 6	pcs	20
Rope, manilla, 1/2" dia	feet	200
3/4" dia	feet	500
1 " dia	feet	1200
Saw, crosscut, 26" 6 pt	ea	6

Saw, crosscut, 1 man 36" w/handle	ea	1
Saw, crosscut, 2 man 60" w/supp hdl	ea	12
Shovels, RP, D-handled	ea	117
Shovels, RP, long handled	ea	14
Tape, friction	rolls	17
Tape, tracing, white	rolls	45
Terneplate, 26 gauge	12 x 24" pcs	200
	16 x 36" pcs	450
	17 x 32" pcs	180

CLASS IV

Bags, sand, burlap w/binder	ea	2400
Cable, steel, 1/4" dia	feet	600
	1/2" dia	400
	3/8"	1500
Concertina	rolls	58
Culverts, 36" dia	feet	80
Pickets, long, drive	ea	75
Pickets, short screw type	ea	184
Wire, galv iron #9, 120 rolls	roll	9
Wire, barbed	rolls	114

DEMOLITIONS AND EXPLOSIVES

Bangalore, torpedoes	ea	110
Beehives, small	ea.	97
Beehives, large	ea	38
Charge, dem, block M-3 (C-2)	ea	21
Charge, dem, chain block, M-1 tet	ea	45
Caps, non-electric, blasting	ea	782
Cord, detonating	feet	1000
Fuse, time, blasting	ea	900
Lighters, fuse	ea	110
Mines, AT	ea	2000
Mines, AP	ea	450
Explosive, TNT	lbs	2552
Firing devices, M-1 Full type	ea	150
	M1al, press type	75
	M1 release type	750

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TABLE OF WATER DISTRIBUTION BY THIS UNIT FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944
(All figures in gallons)

Date	WP #64	WP #66	WP #68	WP #69	WP #70	WP No 71	WP #72	Daily Totals
Nov 1	5300	10360	1765	500				17925
2		12480	1090	4090				17660
3		2210	995	760	2010	2685		8660
4					5380	8775	1625	15780
5					8925	10955	4910	24790
6					4650	12660	6190	23500
7						8625	535	9160
8						7350		7350
Totals:	5300	25050	3850	5350	20965	51050	13260	124825

Period 9-23 November the Division was in a rest area and the water was supplied by the 343rd Engrs.

Nov	WP #73	WP #74	WP #75	WP #76	WP #77	WP #78	WP #79	Daily Totals
24	2165							2165
25	2050	9500						11550
26		10000	650		370			11020
27				4255	8420			12675
28				10710	12570	4475		27755
29				14770	9890	1525	4370	30555
30				16360	9190		6545	32095
Totals	4215	19500	650	46095	40440	6000	10915	127815

Total water distributed for the month of November	242640
Daily average (15 days)	16842
Total previously issued in France (15 Aug-31 Oct)	2109200
Total for French campaign (15 Aug-30 Nov)	2351840
Daily average (93 days)	25288

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