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To : Commanding General, VI Corps, APO 306, U. S. Army.

Transmitted herewith operations report of the 120th Engineer Battalion, this command, for the period 1 February 1944 to 29 February 1944, inclusive.

For the Commanding General:

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Period 0001 to 2400 1 February 1944:

Bn CP same location.

H&S Co CP same location. Serviced and repaired vehicles of the Battalion. Improved road in CP area. Sent two trucks and one squad of men to haul AT and AP mines to troops in forward areas.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Attached to the 157th Inf. Improved and maintained 157th road net - 856240-848271-813150. Lt Gordon made reconnaissance to 812273.

Co "B" CP moved to 902196. Relieved from attachment to the 179th Inf. Lt Postas and 1st platoon and Lt Cohen and the 3rd platoon maintained road and improved it by filling shell holes from 935270-914283.

Co "C" CP unchanged. 1st and 2nd platoons improved the division road net. the third platoon attached to the 180th Inf, placed concertinas on the 180th Inf front.

Period 0001 to 2400 2 February 1944:

Bn CP same location.

At 0830 Capt Lowe left for Div Hq and 3rd Div Hq to ascertain the tactical situation and inquire if any Engineer work was required.

H&S Co CP same location. Lt Picket left on a water reconnaissance to discover possible sites for water points. Enemy shells landed in area during the night. Crew maintained road leading in the Co Bivouac area.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Area suffered heavy bombardment during the night. Pvts Nelson and Martas wounded by shrapnel and hospitalized. Pfc Lowrey suffered severe concussion in same attack and was also hospitalized. Co attached to the 157th Inf. Lt Rickey and the 1st platoon continued maintenance of the 157th Inf road net. Lt Smith and the 2nd platoon constructed 40 yards of Sommerfelt matting, detoured road and cut a new one all on the 157th Inf road net. Lt Cooper and the 3rd platoon carried on maintenance of road net from CP to 851256 thru to Cisternia Highway.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Postas and 1st platoon and Lt Clodfelter and 2nd platoon gravelling and improving roads from 916283-940270 and 910197-903204. Road in very poor condition and can only be worked on at night due to enemy observation.

Co "C" CP unchanged. 1 platoon, the third, attached to the 180th Inf. Aided in constructing defensive line along line 942279-920287. Other two platoons improving road net in area 910197-923210-895230.

Water point opened at 815247.

Period 0001 to 2400 3 February 1944 :

Bn CP Same Location

H&S Co CP unchanged. Sent four trucks to haul concertinas for the Inf. One squad maintaining road into bivouac area. Lt Picket made water reconnaissance down to airport on coast road.

Co "A" CP unchanged. At 1000 moved to new area at 834260. Company maintained and improved 157th Inf road net. Co still attached to the 157th Inf.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon hauled gravel for road 935270-914283 during the day. Lt Postas and 1st platoon, Lt Clodfelter and the 2nd platoon maintained and improved the above road during the night.

Co "C" CP unchanged. 3rd platoon reverted back to Co Control at 1900. Assisted in laying defenses in the 180th Inf sector by placing concertinas. Other two platoons improved division road net and maintained road 924210-903227.

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Period 0001 to 2400 4 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&amp;S Co CP unchanged. Motor maintenance crew servicing battalion vehicles.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Lt Rickey and 1st platoon assisted 1st Bn 157th Inf in laying concertinas and barbed wire during night. Lt Smith and 2nd platoon, Lt Cooper and 3rd platoon carried on maintenance of 157th Inf road net. Co remained attached to 157th Inf.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Postas and 1st platoon, Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon worked on maintenance of road 935270-914283. Lt Clodfelter and 2nd platoon maintained road at 936267 and constructed a treadway bridge at 925262 to assist the Field Artillery.

Co "C" same location. Repairing and surfacing road running NW from Erecancelli 1 platoon assisted the 179th Inf in laying concertinas in front of the 179th positions.

Period 0001 to 2400 5 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&amp;S Co CP unchanged. Hauling gravel and repairing road in CP area.

Co A CP unchanged. During day, all platoons aided the 157th Inf to set up defensive positions by laying barbed wire concertinas. During the night, continued maintenance of 157th Inf road net.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Clodfelter and 2nd platoon maintained and improved road 915261-935269. Lt Postas and 1st platoon and Lt Cohen and 2nd platoon assisted the 179th Inf in wiring in positions: Laid concertinas. Also laid treadway over existing bridge at 927263.

Co C CP unchanged. Continued improvement of road 904228-917245-940270, leading into 180th Inf CP.

Period 0001 to 2400 6 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&amp;S Co CP unchanged. Bn CP area underwent enemy air attack at 0500. No casualties. One squad maintaining road into area.

Co "A" CP unchanged. 1st and 3rd platoons inactive. Lt Smith and the 2nd platoon continued maintenance of the 157th Inf road net. Company still attached to 157th Inf.

Co "B" CP same location. Lt Clodfelter and 2nd platoon maintaining and improving road 915261 to 935269. Lt Postas and 1st platoon, Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon, maintaining road net in vicinity of Campeviarte.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Company improved and maintained road 904228-917245-940270 leading into the 180th Inf CP. 3rd platoon maintained road during the night. Also assisted the 451st AA into position.

Period 0001 to 2400 7 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged

H&amp;S Co CP unchanged. Co sent four trucks to haul concertinas to forward areas.

Co A CP unchanged. Lt Rickey and 1st platoon repaired roads from 815240-857242. Lt Smith and 2nd platoon repaired roads 812250-842267. Lt Cooper, 3rd platoon built shell proof shelter for 157th Inf Hq. All roads in 157th sector. Co still attached to 157th Inf.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Postas and 1st platoon maintained and improved road

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from 915261-935260. Lt Clodfelter and 2nd platoon, Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon, maintaining and improving road net in vicinity of Campomarto.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Lt Bridges and detail of 6 men assisted the 179th Inf in preparation of switchback position at 8231-8629. Rest of company continued improvement of road 904228-917245-940279, 180th Inf road net.

Period 0001 to 2400 8 February 1944:

Bn CP remains unchanged.

CP area shelled all day. S-4 tent struck by shell and demolished. There were no casualties.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Still attached to the 157th Inf. Lt Rickey and 1st platoon continued repairs on road 815240-857242. Lt Smith and 2nd platoon continued repairs on road 812254-842267. Lt Cooper and 3rd platoon finished bomb-proof shelter for 157th Inf Hq.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon maintained and improved road 935270-914283. Lt Postas and 1st platoon worked with Co C in maintaining and improving road from 936267-925262. Lt Clodfelter and 2nd platoon did general maintenance work on road net near Campomarto. Pvt Burke wounded but not hospitalized. Enemy planes over area all day dropping bombs, but there were no casualties.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Company continued improvement of road 904228-917245-920252.

Period 0001 to 2400 9 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged.

Co A CP unchanged. Co attached to 157th Inf. Continued maintenance of roads and trails in 157th Inf sector.

Co B CP unchanged. Company continued improvement of road net in Campomarto area.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Company continued improvement of road 904228-917245-940270. 3rd platoon attached to 180th Inf at 1800.

Period 0001 to 2400 10 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&S Co CP unchanged. Normal Service functions.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Company continued maintenance of 157th Inf Road net. Area raided by enemy airplanes which dropped anti-personnel bombs. Pfc Livingstone and Pvt Griego wounded and hospitalized.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Cohen and 2 EM made reconnaissance for bridge in vicinity of Campomarto. Lt Fields and third platoon hauled gravel during the night for road 915261-935269. Lt Clodfelter and 2nd platoon worked on above road. Lt Postas and 1st platoon set up a simple stringer bridge in 171st FA Bn area.

Co C CP unchanged. Co continued maintenance and improvement of road in 180th Inf sector.

Period 0001 to 2400 11 February 1944

Bn CP same location.

CP area shelled intermittently during the day. No casualties.

H&S Co CP same location. Provisional platoon constructing road and turn-around into Quartermaster dump.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Still attached to 157th Inf. Lt Smith and 2nd platoon Lt Cooper and 3rd platoon maintaining 157th Inf road net.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon, Lt Williams and 2nd platoon maintained road from 941269-916283. This road is of the utmost importance as it is the only lateral road that extends all along the MLR. Lt Postas and 1st platoon maintained road from 936269 to treadway bridge at 926262.

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Co "C" CP unchanged. 1st and 2nd platoons maintaining same road in the 180th Inf sector. 3rd platoon furnished 16 man detail to guard 4 bridges in the forward areas, which have been prepared for demolition. Remainder of platoon assisted Co "B" in maintaining road along railroad bed.

Capt McClernon, S-4 for the Battalion, is relieved of duty and assigned to Fifth Army City Administration Section. Capt Lyle takes over duty as Bn S-4. Lt Picket assumes temporary command of H&S Co.

Period 0001 to 2400 12 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged. Area underwent severe enemy air attack at 2100 and was shelled intermittently throughout the day. There were no casualties.

H&S CP unchanged. The provisional platoon under M/Sgt Foster repairing and maintaining road in QM area. Another crew maintaining road in CP area.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Lt Rickey and 1st platoon maintained 157th Inf road net during the night. Also assisted 1st Bn to lay barbed wire. Lt Cooper and 3rd platoon also continued maintenance of road net.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon prepared three bridges for demolition in the 179th Inf sector. Lt Williams and 2nd platoon maintained road 941269-916282 by placing rock on road. Improved trail 926263-909250. Lt Postas and 1st platoon blasted rock at rock quarry to maintain the above roads.

Co "C" CP unchanged. 1st and 2nd platoons and part of the 3rd platoon improved trails at 909250-903258-918282-910271-926253. Assisted Co B in graveling road 918282-940270. 3rd platoon attached to the 180th Inf drained road 918282-940270 preliminary to graveling operation by Co B. Provided bridge guard to 180th Inf.

Period 0001 to 2400 13 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged. Bn area shelled intermittently during the day. No casualties.

Co A CP unchanged. Attached to 157th Inf. Lt Rickey and 1st platoon aided the 157th Inf in laying wire during the night. Maintained roads and trails in the 157th Inf sector during the day.

Co B CP unchanged. Lt Postas and 1st platoon, Lt Williams and 2nd platoon maintained and improved road 946235-935269. Lt Hartnagel and Co Hq section, hauled gravel and road matter for the above road.

Co C CP unchanged. 1st, 2nd and 25 men from the 3rd platoon maintained road 910271-926273-940270. 16 men from the 3rd platoon attached to the 180th Inf, furnished a bridge guard for them.

H&S Co CP unchanged. Provisional platoon gravelled trails in QM area vicinity 889183. Also gravelled access road to WP at 916202.

Period 0001 to 2400 14 February 1944:

Bn CP unchanged.

H&S CP unchanged. Provisional platoon improved entrance to WP at 919202.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Lt Smith and 2nd platoon maintained roads in 2nd Bn 157th Inf area. Lt Cooper and 3rd platoon maintained road net in 157th Inf area.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt Postas and 1st platoon, Lt Williams and 2nd platoon, Lt Cohen and 3rd platoon maintained and improved road from 936268-945234. Brush and debris is being thrown on road and Summer Felt matting are laid.

Co C CP unchanged. Lt Meyers, Pvt Gallegos awarded the Purple Heart. Company continue work on 180th Inf road. Also worked on road into the 143rd FA area. Lt Bridges and 3rd platoon constructed foot bridge over canal for 180th Inf. 3rd platoon maintained guard at bridges prepared for demolition.

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Period 0001 to 2400 15 February 1944

Bn CP unchanged.

Area shelled all day. Planes over at 1700 and shelled the area heavily for 30 minutes. Enemy plane crashed in H&S CP area. Sporadic Artillery fire throughout the day.

H&S CP same location. Provisional platoon from Co. blasting rock on road 906191 - 902189. Enemy plane crashed 50 yards from CP at 1820. Identified as a JU-88.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Relieved from attachment to 157 Inf. Reverted to Bn Control. Aided the 158 & 160 FA to move guns into position. Lt SMITH and 2nd platoon maintained road net vicinity of 845285. Lt SMITH made road reconnaissance of road net 875268 - 888283. Lt COOPER & 3rd platoon built shell proof shelter for 157 Inf CP. Co area immediate vicinity bombed & anti-personnel bombs dropped beginning 0400. No casualties.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt POSTAS & 1st platoon, Lt WILLIAMS & 2nd platoon, Lt COHEN & 3rd platoon, less one squad, maintained & improved road from 936268 - 945234. More of the road was improved by laying Sommerfelt Matting on it after brush had been spread on road bed. Platoons working on road were strafed twice by enemy planes but no casualties were inflicted. Also prepared bridges at 877318, 886306, 892318 for demolition.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Co less 3rd platoon improved trail 910271 - 926263 - 940270. 3rd platoon attached to 180 Inf furnished bridge guards to 180 Inf.

Period 0001 to 2400 16 February 1944

Bn CP unchanged.

H&S Co CP unchanged. Provisional platoon placed rock on road 906191-902189. Area of CP shelled and Pvt Barbalinaldo struck by shrapnel in left leg.

Co "A" CP unchanged. 1st platoon assisted 157 Inf in digging in new positions. Remainder of Co opened trail from 835263 - 847271 - 854289 for possible use as supply route.

Co "B" CP same location. Entire Company, maintained & improved road from 936268 - 945234. Lt WILLIAMS demolished bridge 898318. Capt TAUSCHER and five EM demolished two bridges 899296 & 911288. More Sommerfelt matting was spread on road. Company working under fire and being strafed by enemy planes.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Co. less 3rd platoon, improved trails 910271 - 926263 - 940270 and 904227 - 926263. 3rd platoon attached to 180 Inf furnished bridge guard; also assisted Co "C" on road work. T/5 Burrell and T/5 Smith wounded by shrapnel on back, arms & legs and hospitalized. Pfc Salinebene & Pvt Zyskowski struck by shrapnel in back but not hospitalized.

Period 0001 to 2400 17 February 1944

Bn CP unchanged.

Area shelled all day and raided by enemy planes at 0500 and 1500.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Co Area under almost constant artillery shelling during early part of morning. Lt JOHNSON, Lt RICKEY & 1st platoon continued maintenance of 157 Inf road net 847271 - 854289. Lt COOPER and 3rd platoon maintained road 857241 - 890233.

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Co "B" CP unchanged. Lt WILLIAMS & 2nd platoon, Lt COHEN & 3rd platoon, Lt POSTAS and 1st platoon maintained & improved trail 936268 - 945234. While platoons were working on road the enemy laid down a heavy concentration of Artillery. No casualties. Enemy planes also strafed working platoons. Lt WILLIAMS & 1st platoon demolished bridges at 886306 - 905290. Also furnished bridge guard to 179 Inf.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Continued improvement of trail 904227 - 926263. Third platoon attached to 180 Inf, furnished bridge guard to 180 Inf. Pvt. J. Miller wounded in cheek by shrapnel but not hospitalized.

H&S Co CP unchanged. Provisional platoon placed rock on road 906191 - 902189.

Period 0001 to 2400 18 February 1944

Bn CP unchanged.

At 1000 a Special Order and overlay was received from Division committing this Bn to set up defenses on the front. A Forward Engineer dump was set up 896249. We are to coordinate with 1st Bn 157 Inf.

H&S CP unchanged. Provisional platoon completed hauling concestina, mines and sand bags to forward Engr dump at 896249. Furnished 28 man detail for security Patrol in front of 179 Inf Reserve positions. Provisional platoon also placed rock on road 906191 - 902189. This was the first occasion that H&S Co was ever called upon to function as Infantry patrol.

Co "A" CP moved at 1600 to 898197. All platoons worked on maintainance of 157 Inf road net 891241 - 867260. At 2200 3rd platoon sent out a 20 man security patrol behind the 179 Inf Reserve line to prevent enemy infiltration and stragglers.

Co "B" CP same location. All platoons worked constructing a secondary line of defense for a Battalion. Concertinas were laid and gun emplacements dug. Wire was hauled by company. All Company heavy weapons were put in a dump in rear of MGR to be ready if needed. Company worked all night under constant enemy shelling. One 2½ ton truck received a direct hit.

Co "C" CP same location. Co. less 3rd platoon continued improvement of trail 904227 - 926263. Constructed treadway bridge at 926261. 3rd platoon attached to 180 Inf furnished bridge guard to 180 Inf.

Period 0001 to 2400 19 February 1944

Bn CP same location.

H&S CP unchanged. Provisional platoon maintaining security patrol for the 179 Inf.

Co "A" CP same location. Lt RICKY and 1st platoon maintaining road 853241 - 854289 at 0700. Lt SMITH & 2nd platoon were preparing to move to present bivouac area when they were caught in an enemy bombing raid. S/Sgt Pasowicz and T/5 Lucero were seriously injured & hospitalized. After bombing platoon moved to present CP area. Lt SMITH & 2nd platoon laid barbed wire for AA reserves on front lines. Lt COOPER & 3rd platoon in support of 179 Inf helped evacuate wounded for the 157 Inf.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Pvt Aragon killed in action; Cpl Aguirre, Pfc Lindiner wounded in action from shrapnel hospitalized. Pvt Sawyer attached from 504 Prchte Regt wounded & hospitalized & Pvt Colwell attached Medic wounded but not hospitalized. S/Sgt Kolodziejczyk hit by shrapnel on 18 Feb but not hospitalized.



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All platoons moved during the night to prepare defense positions 1 and 2 behind 179 Inf Sector (see attached overlay). A 2½ Ton truck destroyed from enemy shellfire.

Co "C" CP same location. Co. less 3rd platoon, continued improvement of trail 904227 - 926263. Third platoon furnished bridge guard to 180 Inf remainder of platoon helped company on road work.

Lt Col FRANTZ returned from Engr VI Corps. 120 Engrs Bn will prepare all reserve defense positions behind 179 & 180 sectors. 400 men from AA units available for labor. Co "A" to lay out positions 3 and 7. Co "B" positions 1, 2 and 4.

Period 0001 to 2400 20 February 1944

By CP unchanged.

Enemy air attack during the morning and in the evening. No casualties.

At 1530 ~~Company~~ <sup>Battalion</sup> was alerted to occupy position #4 by dark to-night.

At 1600 all companies were notified to abandon all Engineer work, except one platoon of Co "A" working on road 853241 - 854289 & bridge guards from 3rd platoon Company "C", and move into defensive position #4. Forward Bn CP opened at 909250. Forward element left for CP. All staff except S-1 & wire crew & phone operators.

H&S CP unchanged. Provisional platoon furnishing security patrol in front of 179 Inf reserve positions.

Co "A" CP moved forward to defense position #2. Lt RICHKEY & 1st platoon improved & maintained trail 853241 - 854289. Rest of Co. furnished officers & NCO's as supervisors on construction of defensive position 3 and 4. These two platoons moved at dark with Bn to occupy position #4.

Co "B" CP moved to 913259. During daylight prepared defensive positions 1, 2 & 7. Company released from Normal Engineer duties. Assumed defense in rear of 179 Inf. Company moved by truck to within one mile from where the positions were dug. Company is covering about a 400 yard front. Occupied position #4 at dark.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Lt BRIDGES demolished bridge at 914310. Furnished bridge guard to 180 Inf. Maintained 180 Inf road. Moved at dark and occupied defensive position #4.

Period 0001 to 2400 21 February 1944

Bn CP same location. Bn area suffered its heaviest air attack to day. Planes started coming over at 2000 and bombed the area until 2100. A parachute was seen to fall and upon investigation was found to be a flare.

H&S CP unchanged. Provisional platoon from Co. Relieved from duty as security patrol.

Work on defensive positions 3, 4 & 7 were turned over to the 39 Engrs and Bn was relieved from occupying position No. 4 at 0930. Then ordered to prepare defensive positions 1, 2 & 5. Positions were assigned as follows: #1 to Co "B", #2 to Co "A" and #5 to Co "C". These positions are to be occupied at dark to-night.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Lts RICHKEY & JOHNSON & 1st platoon maintained & improved road 848277 NE to Highway for 157 Inf. Occupied defense position #2 at dark.

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Co "B" CP moved at 1000 in Vicinity of defense position #1. One squad from each platoon laid another strand of Concertina wire in front of position. T/5 Barrett and T/5 Ake were lightly wounded by shrapnel and not hospitalized. Occupied defense position #1 at dark.

Co "C" CP moved to 868253 Vicinity of defense position #5. Detail from 2nd platoon demolished a windmill tower at 902260 which the enemy had been using as an aiming point. General EAGLES had called previously in the evening and had requested the tower to be demolished. Lt BRIDGES and detail worked with the 180 Inf. Pvt Mastinez wounded in right foot by shrapnel & hospitalized.

Period 0001 to 2400 22 February 1944

Both the Forward & Rear Bn CP's unchanged.

Co "C" CP unchanged. Occupied position #5 until noon when it moved into position #6 and prepared it. At 1530 Company occupied position as Infantry. The third platoon of Co "C" still maintaining road 853241 - 854289 in support of 157 Inf. One platoon furnished bridge guards to the 180 Inf. Lt BRIDGES and squad laid a minefield in Vicinity of 915285.

Advance & Rear CP's of Co "B" unchanged. Entire Company occupied position #1 during the day. A minefield was laid about 200 yards in front of wiring. Orders received at 1900 to abandon positions # 1 and take up position #2. Company occupied new position and improved same by improving gun positions and clearing fields of fire. Enemy laid down an Artillery barrage in front of positions, (All night, but there were no casualties incurred). The company is being moved from one position to another to give close support to our MLR in case of an enemy break-through.

Co "A" CP's unchanged. Lt RICKEY & JOHNSON and 1st platoon continued improvement of road in 157 Inf sector in support of 3rd Bn 157 Inf. Other platoons occupied defensive position #2 during the night.

Bn CP area was quiet through out the day and night. There were no air attacks and little artillery. The Companies occupying the defensive positions were shelled heavily through-out the day & night.

Capt CHALSTROM was placed on TD with the third Bn 157 Inf Med Det.

Period 0001 to 2400 23 February 1944

Bn Forward & Rear CP's unchanged.

H&S CP same location. Provisional platoon under Lt SIMMONS from Co "A", built two culverts for the 645 TD Bn.

Co "A" CP unchanged. Lt RICKEY and 1st platoon continued maintainance of road in support of 157 Inf from 848277 NE to Highway. 2nd & third platoons remained in defensive position #2. During an enemy barrage, Pvt Della Grotta was wounded and hospitalized.

Co "B" CP unchanged. Entire Company still occupying defensive position #2. The enemy laying down a heavy mortar and Artillery barrage all day but there were no casualties.

Co "C" occupying defensive position #5 all day.

The 39th Engineers are taking over all work on the other positions.

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Period 0001 to 2400 24 February 1944

Bn &amp; Co CP's same location.

At 1200 Bn was relieved from occupation of defensive positions and ordered back to old area to continue normal Engineer duties. Work up front taken over by 39th Engineer Regt. Bn moved back at 1300 to former rear CP.

H&amp;S Provisional platoon completed constructing culvert for 645 TD.

Co "A" - During the morning, Company continued clearing fields of fire in front of positions. Co. relieved from right half of defense position #2 and returned to original bivouac area.

Co "B" - Released from left half of defense position #2 and returned to original CP area. During the time Co. was committed as Infantry Reserve, they changed positions three times supporting the MLR. As company pulled out, the enemy threw up a heavy barrage, but no casualties were suffered.

Co "C" released from reserve position #5 (reserve for position #2. and returned to original bivouac area.

There was little Air or Artillery activity in the Bn Area.

Period 0001 to 2400 25 February 1944

Bn &amp; Co CP's remain unchanged.

H&S - 3 dump trucks helping the 180th Inf haul rock for roads. Provisional platoon helping maintain & improve road in CP area.

Co "A" - Lts RICKEY & JOHNSON & 1st platoon began repairs of Div. Road net. From Nero Turnpike to 179th CP, 2nd and 3rd platoons maintained & improved road from Blacktop to intersection with Truscott Blvd.

Co "B" - All platoons maintaining and improving road from Truscott Blvd. NE three positions 3 & 4 to 180 Inf CP. Trucks hauled rock for this road from Rock Quarry and were loaded with a power shovel. All extra trucks in Bn being used to haul gravel. Detail of 2 NCO's and 4 men laying wire and AP mines in front of positions for 179 Inf.

Co "C" - One platoon attached to 180 Inf. Co. backdragged road around Div. CP. Co. maintaining and improving road running NE past right flank of Position #4.

Battalion coordinating with 39th Engineers to secure all data on position for Division use.

Period 0001 to 2400 26 February 1944

Bn and all Co CP's unchanged.

H&S Co - Provisional platoon working in Le Ferriecce quarry, blasting rock. Co. furnishing all available trucks to letter Companies for rock hauling.

Co "A" - Furnished one platoon to Co "B" for work on road. Rest of Company maintaining same road as previous day.

Co "B" - 1 officer & 2 NCO's assisting the 179th Inf to wire in forward position. All platoons maintaining and improving road 902238 - 909251. Rock bottom placed on road Company was supplemented with 7 extra trucks from H&S Co. Rained all day.

Co. CP same work as previous day. Continued work on road 902230 - 908266.

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Period 0001 to 2400 27 February 1944

Bn and all Co CP's unchanged.

H&amp;S Co provisional platoon blasted rock in quarry at Le Ferreece. Also improved road in Co CP area.

Co "A" - Lt RICKEY and 1st platoon. Lt SMITH &amp; 2nd platoon repaired road from 890241 - 878752 - 880260. Also repaired road 918220 - 906231. Lt COOPER and third platoon attached to Co "B", repaired road 898230 - 918265.

Co "B" - Lt POSTAS and 6 EM worked with the 179 Inf positions. Putting up barbed wire in front of positions. Also laid AP mines. Lt FIELDS also aided the 179th to lay wire &amp; mines. Lt COHEN &amp; 3rd platoon, Lt WILLIAMS &amp; 2nd platoon maintained &amp; improved road 898230 - 918265.

Co "C" - Furnished bridge guard detail attached to 180 Inf. Repaired road 904228 - 940270 also road 926262 - 910271. Also constructed 24 ft span, 2 bents, Class 12 bridge at 920267.

There were no Enemy planes over the area, but several shells landed very close to the C.P.

Period 0001 to 2400 28 February 1944

Battalion &amp; Co CP's unchanged.

H&amp;S Co - Provisional platoon maintaining road in bivouac area. Also blasted rock in quarry at Le Ferreece.

Co "A" - (less third platoon). Drained and placed rock on road 887245 - 879252 - 880260 and road 918220 - 906231.

Co "B" - Repaired road 898230 - 918268. 250 Gerdurey base with rock cover of 8 inches laid at 905243. Drained road from 904241 - 905244. Officer and detail furnished as technical adviser and Supervisor for wire laying in front of 179 Inf Positions.

Co "C" - Furnished bridge guard for and attached to the 180 Inf. Laid a one way 150 ft plank road at 920265. Put a culvert in at 919243. Maintained and improved roads 902228, 926262, 940270 and 926262 - 910271.

Period 0001 to 2400 29 February 1944

Bn and all Co CP's unchanged. Area underwent severe enemy air attack from 2010 to 2245. Four enlisted men were killed as a result and one EM injured. Two EM suffered severe shock. The men killed were Pvt Gomolla, Pvt Murray, Pvt Smith and Pvt Brooks. The man injured was T/4 Drummond. Pvt Savage &amp; Sgt Debney suffered severe shock. The provisional platoon blasted rock from the Le Ferreece quarry.

Co "A" - Continued work on Div Road 887245 - 879252 - 880260. Lt COOPER and 3rd platoon attached to Co "B". Lt JOHNSON LO at Div as Parachute Alert Officer.

Co "B" - Repaired road 904241 - 905244. Lt WILLIAMS &amp; 2nd platoon prepared bridge at 920267 for demolition. Prepared three craters on roads for demolition at: 904264 - 917265 - 926263.

Co "C" - Repaired road 902228 - 926262 - 940270 and 926262 - 910271. Lt BRIDGES, Lt GIBSON attached to 180 Inf with the third platoon. Lt BRIDGES and detail laid mines on both flanks of crater 919307. Blew crater on road Vicinity 919307. Lt GIBSON and detail prepared bridge at 910288 for demolition. Blew crater in road 909289.

Bn CP Area shelled all day &amp; underwent severe air attack during the evening.

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JOSEPH W LOWE JR  
Capt CE  
Commanding

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A. P. O. #45, U. S. ARMY

6 March 1944

SUBJECT: Water Supply Report, February 1944

TO : AGO, Historical Record Office, 45th Inf Div, APO 45, US Army.

1. Following is a report of the water dispensed by this Battalion from a total of two (2) water points; for the month of February 1944:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Point #32</u>	<u>Point #33</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Feb 1	9270		9270
Feb 2	11005	860	11865
Feb 3	5025	10970	15995
Feb 4	8000	5295	13295
Feb 5	8050	7115	15165
Feb 6	12735	9325	22060
Feb 7	9305	13105	22410
Feb 8	15660	7385	23045
Feb 9	12870	8710	21580
Feb 10	10110	6790	16900
Feb 11	2550	9055	11605
Feb 12	9815	11825	21640
Feb 13	11120	12825	23945
Feb 14	14080	13295	27375
Feb 15	15565	12995	28560
Feb 16	13625	9615	23240
Feb 17	13835	11445	25280
Feb 18	15300	5670	20970
Feb 19	8010	5880	13890
Feb 20	18275	9835	28110
Feb 21	17750	10855	28605
Feb 22	17090	13545	30635
Feb 23	16710	9525	26235
Feb 24	17640	9385	27025
Feb 25	17780	10465	28245
Feb 26	16600	8530	25130
Feb 27	18260	6120	24380
Feb 28	21605	5730	27335
Feb 29	20455	5480	25935
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For the Battalion Commander:

WILLIAM C PICKET  
2nd Lt CE  
Water Supply Officer

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APO # 45, U. S. Army

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report

TO : AGO, Historical Record Office, 45th Inf Div, APO 45, US Army

1. Following is a Battle Casualty Report for this Battalion from D Day of the Sicilian Campaign up to February 29, 1944:

February 1944KILLED IN ACTION

ARAGON, ALFREDO	Pvt	Co "B"	19 Feb 44
BROOKS, JOHN R	Pvt	H&S Co	29 Feb 44
GOMOLKA, THEODORE M	Pvt	H&S Co	29 Feb 44
MURRAY, JOSEPH M	Pvt	H&S Co	29 Feb 44
SMITH, JACK R	Pvt	H&S Co	29 Feb 44

WOUNDED IN ACTION

NELSON, FRED	Pvt	Co "A"	2 Feb 44
MARTAS, EDWARD	Pvt	Co "A"	2 Feb 44
BURKE, FRANCIS J	Pvt	Co "B"	8 Feb 44
LIVINGSTONE, CHARLES	Pfc	Co "A"	10 Feb 44
GRIEGO, D'AMACIO	Pvt	Co "A"	10 Feb 44
LOWREY, BRUNNER E	Pfc	Co "A"	2 Feb 44 & 23 Feb 44
BARBALINALDO, JOSEPH	H&S	Pvt	16 Feb 44
BURESS, WILLIAM	T/5	Co "C"	16 Feb 44
SMITH, REEFORD N	T/5	Co "C"	16 Feb 44
SALIMBENE, JAMES	Pfc	Co "C"	16 Feb 44
ZYSKOWSKI, ANTHONY J	Pvt	Co "C"	16 Feb 44
MILLER, JAMES R	Pvt	Co "C"	16 Feb 44
AGUIRRE, JOSE A	Cpl	Co "B"	19 Feb 44
LINDNER, ADOLPH	Pfc	Co "B"	19 Feb 44
KOŁODZIEJCZYK, JOSEPH	S/Sgt	Co "B"	19 Feb 44
COLWELL, OZON	Pvt	Med Det	19 Feb 44
PASOWICZ, EDWARD	S/Sgt	Co "A"	19 Feb 44
LUCERO, HERACLIO	T/5	Co "A"	19 Feb 44
MARTINEZ, JOE M	T/5	Co "C"	21 Feb 44
AKE, JOSEPH	T/5	Co "B"	21 Feb 44
BARRETT, JAMES	T/5	Co "B"	23 Feb 44
DRUMMOND, ARTHUR	T/4	H&S Co	29 Feb 44

SICILIAN CAMPAIGN

KILLED IN ACTION	- - - - -	10	EM
KILLED NOT IN ACTION	- - - - -	7	EM

TOTAL

17 EM

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PRISONER OF WAR - - - - - 1 EM

WOUNDED IN ACTION - - - - - 15 EM  
2 Off

Totals: Killed in Action 10 EM  
Killed not in " 7 EM  
Prisoner of War 1 EM  
Wounded in Action 15 EM  
2 Off

ITALIAN CAMPAIGN

KILLED IN ACTION - - - - - 9 EM  
2 Off

KILLED NOT IN ACTION - - - - - 1 EM

WOUNDED IN ACTION - - - - - 50 EM  
7 Off  
1 WO

TOTALS FOR THE THE BATTALION IN ALL CAMPAIGNS:

KILLED IN ACTION - - - - - 24 EM  
2 Off

KILLED NOT IN ACTION - - - - - 8 EM

PRISONER OF WAR - - - - - 1 EM

WOUNDED IN ACTION - - - - - 87 EM  
9 Off  
1 WO

For the Battalion Commander:

JAMES F BEZEMEK  
Capt CE  
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APO #45, U.S. ARMY

2 March 1944

SUBJECT: Engineer <sup>D</sup>ump Report

TO : AGO, Historical Record Office, 45th Inf Div, APO 45, US Army.

1. Following is a list of Engineer supplies issued from the Engineer Dump, 120th Engr C Bn, for the month of February 1944:

Axe, Chopping	109
Bags, Sand	128,465
Crimpers, cap	2
Caps, non-electric	77
Concertinas	5000 rolls
Cord, detonating	200 feet
Fuse, Time	300 feet
LUMBER:	
3 x 6 x 12	244 pieces
3 x 8 x 14	75 pcs
3 x 12 x 12	80 pcs
3 x 12 x 16	215 pcs
2 x 12 x 12	1,020 pcs
Cross ties	900
Lighters, fuse	40
Mattocks, pick	32
Matting, summerfelt w/accs	150 rolls
Nails	
8 d	100 lbs
10 d	100 lbs
30 d	200 lbs
40 d	1500 lbs
60 d	500 lbs
Pickets, screw anchor	500
Pickets, screw, long	300
Saw, crosscut 36" one man	1
Shovels, D-handled gen prup	432
Wire, barbed	151 rolls
Tracing tape	61 rolls
TNT	5,522 lbs
Oxygen	2 tanks
Mines, A.T.	4150
Mines, A.P.	764

For the Battalion Commander:

GEORGE A. FERGUSON  
WOJG  
ASS'T S-4

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7 March 1944

## OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER

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1. This summary covers the operations of the 120th Engr C Bn from 1 February 1944 to 29 February 1944 inclusive.
2. Roads and bypasses:
  - a. Maintained and improved twenty-six (26) miles of road all through marshy terrain.
  - b. Bridges: Two timber-trestle bridges and two armored treadway bridges were constructed in the vicinity of Campemorto.
  - c. Culverts: Twenty-five (25) culverts were placed in the Division Road Net.
3. Demolitions:
  - a. Two (2) bridges were destroyed in the vicinity of Padiglioni.
  - b. Two (2) road craters were blown in the same sector.
  - c. Five (5) bridges and three (3) craters were prepared for demolition in the same sector.
4. Mines:
 

Minefields were laid on either side of the craters of 3a.
5. Reconnaissance:
 

Continuous engineer reconnaissance was maintained on the Division road net.
6. Defense Positions:
  - a. Prepared 7 battalion defensive positions by erecting triple concertina entanglement, preparing M.G. emplacements and clearing fields of fire.
  - b. Occupied parts of the above positions for 3 nights.
7. Battle Casualties:
  - a. Killed in Action:
 

Five (5) EM
  - b. Wounded in Action:
 

1 Officer  
24 EM

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8. Water Supply:

- a. Two Water points operated at 923205 and 817246. The latter was operated at the request of Corps for the use of Corps troops.
- b. 645,935 Gallons of water was distributed during the month.

For the Battalion Commander:

*Charles H Derr*  
CHARLES H DERR  
1st Lt CE  
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