

HEADQUARTERS 120TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION
OFFICE OF THE BATTALION COMMANDER

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APO 45,
US Army
3 December 1943

OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 2)

1. This summary covers the operations of the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion from 1 November 1943 to 30 November 1943.

2. Road and bridges including by-passes and new construction:

a. Craters filled: five (5). Average time per crater: 2 hours with bulldozer.

b. Bridges or culverts by-passed: Fifteen (15). Culverts were placed in all of these obstacles.

c. Six (6) miles of mountain or "Roman" trails were improved to pass vehicles.

d. Two (2) miles of new road were constructed across open fields.

e. Two (2) abbatis of at least twenty (20) trees each were removed east of VENAFRO and south of POZZILLI.

f. Sixteen (16) large boulders were removed from Highway 85 south of IL CANALE by bulldozer and explosives.

g. Supply dump areas were constructed for class I, II, III & IV supplies.

h. Four (4) simple stringer bridges 16' each

One (1) timber trestle bridge 56'

One (1) suspension foot-bridge 110' were constructed.

3. Mines and Explosives:

a. Three (3) Teller Mine fields totaling 396 Teller mines, were removed.

b. Two (2) S-Mine fields were removed totaling thirty-seven (37)

S-Mines.

c. Several Italian Box-Mines were removed.

d. Two thousand (2,000) lbs. of explosives were removed from buildings in VENAFRO.

e. Four hundred (400) lbs of explosive removed from culvert at HQ46263.

4. Water Supply:

a. 2,684,040 gallons of water distributed up to 20 November 1943, and for the month of November there was a total of 1,298,870 gallons distributed from a total of six (6) water points.

5. River crossing operations:

a. Two (2) crossings were made on VOLTURNO River in Division sector at HQ92092 and HQ66166. 1st crossing at HQ92092 on 2 November 1943. 2nd crossing at HQ66166 on 4 November 1943.

b. Starting on the night of 30 October 1943, Engineer reconnaissance patrols were sent forward to the river in the vicinity of HQ92092 to reconnoiter for all possible ford and bridge sites. During the night of 1 November 1943, reconnaissance was pushed to include the road net on the west side of the River and Engineer patrols entered PRESENZANO at HQ60080. On the morning of 2 November 1943, reconnaissance of the selected sites was conducted by Officers of the 120th Engineer Combat Battalion and Company "B" of the 16th Armored

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Engineer Battalion. Starting at 1830, 2 November 1943, a ponton treadway was erected at 092092 and a trestle treadway erected at H123066. Both bridges were completed by 2300 2 November 1943. Division Artillery crossed at 2400 2 November 1943. Initial Infantry crossings were made starting 1800 3 November 1943.

c. Reconnaissance was made on the River near 066166 on the night of 2 November 1943-3 November 1943. During the morning of 4 November 1943, a ford was constructed at 066166 and 1/4 ton C&R vehicles and ambulances crossed. Starting at 1830 4 November 1943, a ponton treadway was erected at 066166. This bridge was completed at 2030 4 November 1943.

6. Battle casualties were incurred as follows:

Killed in action:

No Officers

2 Enlisted Men

Wounded in action:

1 Warrant Officer

19 Enlisted Men

7. During this period nineteen (19) 2½ ton dump trucks were issued to replace a like number of 1½ ton dump trucks.

For the Battalion Commander:

/s/ Richard M Strong
RICHARD M STRONG
Capt CE
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Annex No. 1 to
OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM
NUMBER 2

1. This annex covers the period 22 October 1943 to 29 October 1943.
2. During this period no major engineer activities were engaged in.
3. A brief review of mine sweeping and mine clearing tactics was held in each of the Divisional Infantry Regiments.
4. On 29 October 1943, this Battalion moved as part of the Division, to the vicinity of San Angelo di Alife to prepare for the crossing of the Upper Volturno.
5. There was one (1) enlisted man killed in action during this period.

For the Battalion Commander:

/s/ Richard M Strong
RICHARD M STRONG
Capt CE
S-3

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SUPPLY MEMORANDUM)

NUMBER 1)

1. The following Engineer Supplies have been issued from the Class IV Dump of this organization during the Italian Campaign. From September 9, 1943 to November 30, 1943:

<u>ITEM</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>
Acetylene	2 cylinders
Ammunition Cal. .30 MG	1 box
Ammunition Cal. .50 MG	1 box
Ax, SB 4#, handled	44 ea.
Bags, sand, entrenching	80,770 ea
Bangalores	22 ea
Bar, crow	4 ea
Caps, Electric	175 ea
Caps, non-electric	380 ea
Clamps, cable 1/2"	40 ea
Cord, detonating	3900'
Fuse, time	2000'
Lighters, fuse	165
Maching, blasting, 10 cap	1 ea
Lumber, 2x6x12	970 pcs
2x6x16	475 pcs
2x8x12	105 pcs
2x8x16	240 pcs
2x10x12	70 pcs
2x12x12	650 pcs
2x12x14	100 pcs
2x12x16	2079 pcs
3x12x16	200 pcs
6x6x14	12 pcs
6x8x12	509 pcs
Hydrogen	1 drum
Matting, Steel 75'	80 rolls
Mattock, pick	334 ea
Maul, wooden	2
Mines, AP	430 ea
Mines, AT	180 ea
Nails, 8d	300#
Nails, 10d	100#
Nails, 16d	400#
Nails, 20d	200#
Nails, 30d	1200#
Nails, 40d	1500#
Nails, 60d	2600#

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Nitrate	140#
Nets, camouflage 22x22	3 ea
Nets, camouflage 36x44	3 ea
Paint, OD	5 gallons
Pins, drift	5765 ea
Pickets, anchor	10 ea
Pipe, corrugated steel 24"	3 ea
Oxygen	5 cyls
Reel, firing, w/500' wire	3 ea
Rake, steel, road	1 ea
Rope, manilla, 3/4"	1600 ea
Rope, wire 1/2"	300'
Saw, crosscut, 2 man	1 ea
Shovel, rd pt, D Handle	635 ea
TNT, (1/2 lb blocks)	8800 ea
Tape, tracing	178 rolls
Wire, 16 ga., iron	2 rolls
Wire, chicken	1 roll
Wire, 9 ga.	2 rolls
Wire, barbed	33 rolls

For the Battalion Commander:

PATRICK L McCLENNON
Capt CE
S-4

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APO 45,
US Army
8 December 1943

SUBJECT: Battle Casualty Report to Supplement Operations Report for November 1943

TO : Commanding General, 45th Inf Div, APO 45, US Army

1. Killed in Action:

<u>Name</u>	<u>ASN</u>	<u>Co</u>	<u>Date</u>
a. Pvt GENE CISCO	33449767	Co A	9 Nov 43
b. Pvt J. B. DAVIS	20842275	Co C	19 Nov 43

2. Wounded in Action:

a. Pvt ALVIN L WILLE	32745692	Co B	4 Nov 43
b. 2nd Lt HARRY M FIELDS	01107411	Co B	4 Nov 43
c. Pvt ALFRED KRZYANOWSKI	32248164	Co B	4 Nov 43
d. Pvt AUGUST GLICK	6654323	Co A	5 Nov 43
e. Pfc CHARLES A BRUNO	11114489	Co A	9 Nov 43
f. WO JIM M FLANAGAN	W2117845	H&S Co	6 Nov 43
g. Pvt RICHARD J ROMERO	20841924	Co C	9 Nov 43
h. Pvt FREDERICK POCRATSKY	33292704	"	9 Nov 43
i. Pvt STEPHEN KOTLARZ	32348940	"	10 Nov 43
j. T/5 DONALD P. GABRIK	37091283	"	10 Nov 43
k. Sgt LORENZO GARCIA	33010173	"	16 Nov 43
l. Pfc LLOYD M WOODWARD	30018568	"	16 Nov 43
m. Pvt EVAN J PRISTON	30019650	"	16 Nov 43
n. Pvt LESTER D CLARK	32047974	"	18 Nov 43
o. Pfc WILLIAM J DURKIN	33331064	"	21 Nov 43
p. Pvt ANTONIO GALLEGOS	20841872	"	23 Nov 43
q. Sgt ERNEST PADILLA	20841872	"	26 Nov 43
r. Pfc NICK EDVABARSICH	35395006	"	26 Nov 43
s. Pvt CASIMIRIO GARCIA	20841660	"	27 Nov 43

For the Battalion Commander:

JAMES F DEZEMEK
Capt CE
Adjutant

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