

HEADQUARTER 120th ENGINEER C BATTALION

6 FEB 1945

Table of water distributed by this unit for month of January 1945
All figures in gallons

Date: Jan.	# 89 LEMBACH	# 92 WEILER	# 93 REICHSHOFFEN	# 94 DOSSENHEIM	# 95 OPULINGEN	# 96 ERKARTSVILLER	# 97 ZINSVILLER	DAILY TOTAL
1	13195	4170						17365
2	13100		2255					15355
3	26295		6330	2645				8975
4			6780	15700	800			23280
5			4075	18345	1200	6155		11430
6			4550		2000	5415		9965
7			4765			6840	890	12495
8			6065			7240	1450	14755
9			6420			7290	1115	14825
10			8340			9040	2100	19480
11			9220			12130	3400	24750
12	# 98		6860			6880	4645	18385
13	WIDERTH	# 99	7800			8560	3640	20000
14	1460	WIMMENAU	9350	# 100		9290	1200	21300
15	4160	1170	10200	DOSSENHEIM		7820	18440	23350
16	5085	7800	10620	515		86661		24020
17	4215	9345	9870	670				24100
18	2140	8210	8500	1560				20410
19	17060	7815	122000	1710	# 101			9525
20		5110		3190	ERKARTSVILLER	# 102		8300
21		39450		4485	9845	HANGVILLER		14330
22				2095	15145	700	# 103	17945
23				14225	18215	1390	SPARSBACH	19600
24					17245	2970	180	20395
25					16250	1830		18080
26	# 104				19755	1865		21620
27	SPARSBACH				12645	4160		16805
28	1935				14260	3210		19400
29	1005	# 105			12445	2780		16230
30	1885	PUBERG			12525	4280		18690
31	485	400			11625	5065		17575
	5310				139955	28250		542745

Total water distributed in month of January 542745
 Daily average (31 days) 17508
 Total previously issued since landing in France
 15 August - 31 December 3213780
 Total for French and German Campaign to date
 (15 August - 31 January) 3756520
 Daily Average (155 Days) 24239

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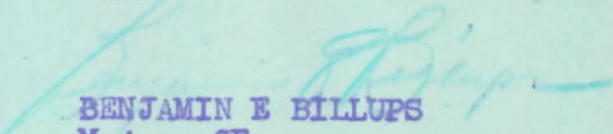
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1. A school on preparation of charge sheets in court martial cases will be held, beginning Thursday, 8 February and lasting for three (3) classes
2. Personnel to attend: Co Administrative Officers, 1st Sergeants, typists from all companies.
3. Instructor: Captain Arthur Tauscher
4. Place: H&S Co Officers' mess; La Petite Pierre
5. Time:
1st Class: Thursday 8 Feb, 1330A.
2nd Class: Saturday 10 Feb 1330A.
3rd Class: Monday 12 Feb 1330A.
6. Equipment: Each company group will bring Manual of Courts Martial, pencils, notebooks.

By order of Lt Col MONNIER:


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SCHOOL ON USE OF MINE DETECTOR AN/PRS-1

1. A school will be held, beginning at 0900 7 Jan 1945, on use of the mine detector AN/PRS-1 (Dinah).

2. Purpose - To train at least one (1) mine detector team per company to a high level of proficiency in the use of the Dinah type detector.

3. Personnel to attend - Two (2) men from each lettered company. Individuals selected should be chosen from the same unit, having in mind that a team is being formed, and not merely individual instruction.

4. Place - Personnel will assemble initially at Bn Hq. in moving picture room of Castle at La Petite Pierre,

5. Time - Classes will be held daily from 0900A to 1200A, and from 1300A to 1530A. FIRST CLASS will be Wednesday 7 February and school will continue until further notice.

6. Instructor - Lt Fields.

7. Each team of two (2) men will bring to class one detector AN/PRS-1. A safe place for storage of detectors will be provided by H&S Co.

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SNIPER TRAINING

1. Each lettered company will furnish two (2) men for training as snipers. In selecting these men, company commanders will bear in mind that these men are to be trained as a team, rather than as individuals.
2. Men selected for sniper training will conform to the following specifications:
 - a. They will have previously qualified as expert riflemen.
 - b. Consideration will be given to coolness under fir, as demonstrated in past actions.
3. Men selected for this training will report to Lt A. Dean Foster at S-3 section, Bn Hq, at 1500A on Wednesday 7 Feb 1945.
4. Each individual will bring with him full field equipment to include bedroll, shaving equipment, 1 complete change of clean clothes messkit, M-1 rifle.
5. Snipers Rifles (US, M1903, Cal 30, w/telescopic sights) will be furnished by this Hq at time of assembly.

By order of Lt Col MONNIER:

JOSEPH W LOWE, JR
Major, CE
Executive Officer

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Date: 7 Jan 1945

HEADQUARTERS 180TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

APO # 45, U S Army
7 January 1945

OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS:

NUMBER

1:

1. 45 Inf Div (reinf) continues atk to secure objectives on general line LEMBERG (743447)-Dambach (922448)-LEMBACH (040450)-095445. 120 Engr C Bn (a) continues to support atk of 179th Inf, 180th Inf, 313th Inf and TF HERREN.

(b) Continues to assist Infantry in organizing the ground DAMBACH (922448)-095445. 36 Engrs will organize their own sector.

2. Co A, 2nd Plat Co B atchd:

a. Continue to assist 157th Inf organize Maginot Line from DAMBACH (922448)-030447.

b. Support atk of TF HERREN. Upon reaching objectives, assist TF HERREN to wire in positions.

3. Co B, less 2nd Plat Co B:

a. Support atk 179 Inf.

b. Upon reaching objective, assist 179 Inf to wire in positions.

4. Co C.

a. Support atk of 180th Inf and 313 Inf.

b. Upon reaching objectives, assist 180 Inf and 313 Inf to wire in positions.

5. Rcn Sec.

a. Make continuous rcn of area for suitable sites for preparation of obstacles.

b. Check all prepared defenses in Div area behind MLR, and see that defense map and records are kept up to date.

6. Engr Dump is located at 754213. No large dumps are contemplated forward of this point. Companies will draw and stockpile barbed wire and other fortification materials as needed, but not more than is expected to be used in the next 24 hours.

7. Ice on roads is becoming a serious problem. Each company will keep roads in its sector as free of ice as possible. The use of a thin layer of sand or crushed rock, not over 3/4" size on icy spots will greatly reduce danger of accidents.

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21 January 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

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4)

1. a. 45 Div, reinf, holds along line 754407-760395-782383-Reipertswiller-Rothbach.
 - b. 120th Engr Bn supports Div by:
 - (1) Wire in and lay mines along MLR.
 - (2) Prepare demolitions to rear of MLR.
 - (3) Improve Haguenau and Vosges positions.
2. Co A:
 - a. Support 36th Engr Regt; thicken defenses of MLR.
 - b. Maintain road* in sector.
 - c. Maintain road La Petite Pierre-RJ730296.
 - d. Continue preparation of blocks and obstacles, between Haguenau position and MLR.
 - e. Improve Haguenau position in sector.
 - f. Reconnoiter Vosges position in sector.
 - g. Investigate possibility of demolishing Lichtenberg tower.
3. Co B:
 - a. Support 179th Inf. Thicken defenses of MLR in sector, by use of wire and mines.
 - b. Maintain roads in sector.
 - c. Continue preparation of obstacles and blocks in zone between MLR and Haguenau position.
 - d. Improve Haguenau position in sector.
 - e. Reconnoiter Vosges position in sector.
4. Co C:
 - a. Support 180th Inf; thicken defenses of MLR in sector by use of demolitions, mines and wire.
 - b. Maintain roads in sector.
 - c. Continue preparation of obstacles and blocks in zone between MLR and Haguenau positions.
 - d. Improve Haguenau position in sector.
 - e. Reconnoiter Vosges position in sector.
5. Tank dozers remain at Engr Dump.
6. All available tractors will be kept busy removing snow from roads. Priority will be given the following roads:
 - a. La Petite Pierre-RJ806316-Kostaig.
 - b. La Petite Pierre-Zittersheim-Wingen

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13 January 1945

OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

NUMBER 2)

1. a. 45 Div, reinforced, continues present mission.
b. 120th Engr C Bn supports atk of 157 Inf, 179 Inf, 180th Inf, 36th Engr Regt; assists TF Herren in organization of defensive line 867430-Dambach-095445.
2. Co A:
a. Support TF Herren
b. Prepare demolition charges on bridges and other suitable terrain features in sector.
3. Co B:
a. Support 180th and 179th Infantry
b. Relieve Co C of all demolition and road blocks in sector.
c. Man all blocks containing primers, or where explosive can be readily detonated.
d. Prepare all suitable locations in sector for blocking
4. Co C:
a. Support atk of 157 Inf, and 36 Engr Regt.
b. Prepare all suitable locations in sector for demolition.
c. Prepare all bridges along Rau de Falkenstein for demolition.
5. Where possible in areas S and E of the line Wingen-Ingwiller-Niederbronn-Woerth, emplacements will be prepared for explosive charges on bridges, craters or similar locations, and so arranged that traffic will not be interfered with. Charges need not be placed at this time, if the site is so prepared that the charge can be installed, and the demolition executed on short order.
6. All demolition charges on, or forward of, the line Wingen-Ingwiller-Niederbronn-Woerth will be manned by a security guard to insure that charges are not tampered with.

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OPERATIONS INSTRUCTIONS)

NUMBER 3)

1. a. 45th Div prepares to withdraw to new positions on MLR #2. Withdrawal to be accomplished in two phases. Phase 1, 36th Engrs and 157th Inf withdraws to switch position; phase 2, Div withdraws to MLR #2.
b. 120th Engr Bn prepares to block all approaches to division sector and to Rhine Plain.

2. Effective immediately, the following operations will be carried out:

a. Co A, supporting 157th Inf and 36th Engr Regt.

- (1) Block all trails in sector not required by 157th Inf or 36th Engr Regts for current operations or for withdrawal
- (2) Prepare demolitions on all other trails or roads in sector.
- (3) Prepare detailed withdrawal plans with CO 36th Engrs and CO 157th Inf to include:

- (a) Withdrawal routes.
- (b) Delegation of authority to execute all demolition projects in sector.

(c) Plans for use of AP and AT mines in sector. Lay those fields which will not interfere with current operations. Fields laid now will be fenced in and marked with minefield markers, which will be removed when withdrawal is accomplished.

(4) Priority will be given to blocks and demolitions in Zone 1. Blocks in Zone 1 will be manned by adequate guards, as soon as charge is installed, and preparations made for defense of garrison from enemy patrols prior to order for execution of block.

b. Co B:

(1) Support 179th Inf.

(2) Block trails in sector in Zone 2 which are not now, nor will be used.

(3) Prepare demolitions on all roads and trails not blocked. Post guards to secure against tampering with charges or premature demolition.

(4) Prepare detailed withdrawal plan in cooperation with CO 179th Inf Regt to provide for:

- (a) Use of mines in Zone 2, laying of fields, etc.
- (b) Routes of withdrawal.
- (c) Delegation of authority to order execution of demolitions, and method of transmission of order.

c. Co C: (Same as for Co B, except read 180th Inf in lieu of 179th Inf).

3. Upon receipt of orders to execute phase 1:

a. Co A will execute demolitions in zone 1, in accordance with plan, as 157th Inf and 36th Engrs withdraw. Upon conclusion of withdrawal intensify preparation of area in zone 2.

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24 January 1945

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5)

1. a. 45 Div. continues present mission.
b. 120th Engr Bn continues to support defense of Division.
2. Co A:
 - a. Maintain roads and trails in sector.
 - b. Improve trails from vic of SPARSBACH and ECKARTSUILLER into defense area bounded by roads WIMMENAU-CR 807316-CR 731296 -ERCKARTS-VILLER - WIMMENAU. Prepare this area for possible occupation by infantry.
 - c. Be prepared to assist either "B" Co or "C" Co with at least one (1) platoon on two (2) hour notice.
 - d. Maintain guarded blocks on road SPARSBACH - INGWILLER and on road WIMMENAU - INGWILLER - These blocks will be maintained in a state of constant alert. Execution will be accomplished on order of local road block commander, in accordance with verbal instructions.
 - e. Be prepared to block all entrances into Division sector between HAGUENAU position and VOSGES position on both Eastern and Western flanks of Division.
3. Co B:
 - a. Support 179 Inf and 38 Engrs with one (1) platoon each.
 - b. Relieve Co "A" in assigned sector to include guards for demolition charges on WIMMENAU-INGWILLER road, except the crater charge at 7999322, which will be manned by Company "A".
 - c. Be prepared to block all approaches into Division sector along line, ROTHBACH-799322.
4. Co C:
 - a. Support 180 Inf and 274 Inf with one (1) platoon each.
 - b. Relieve Co "A" of obstacle guards in assigned sector, to include guards for demolition charges along INGWILLER-WIMMENAU road.
5. Each company is responsible for keeping roads in sector free from snow, and open to traffic.
6. Division Rear Boundary - Corps Engrs will maintain all roads South of line - PETERSBACK-LA PETITE PIERRE-WEINBURG inclusive.

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(Overlay)

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180=274

274=36E

36E=7A

120=328

MLR

Hq 120th Engr C Bn
24 Jan 1945
Overlay to Accompany
O.I. No 5
Map: 1/50 000

"C"

C-B

"B"

120

A-B

A-C

HAGENAU POSITION

"A"

35 XX 75

45 XX 103

VOSGES POSITION

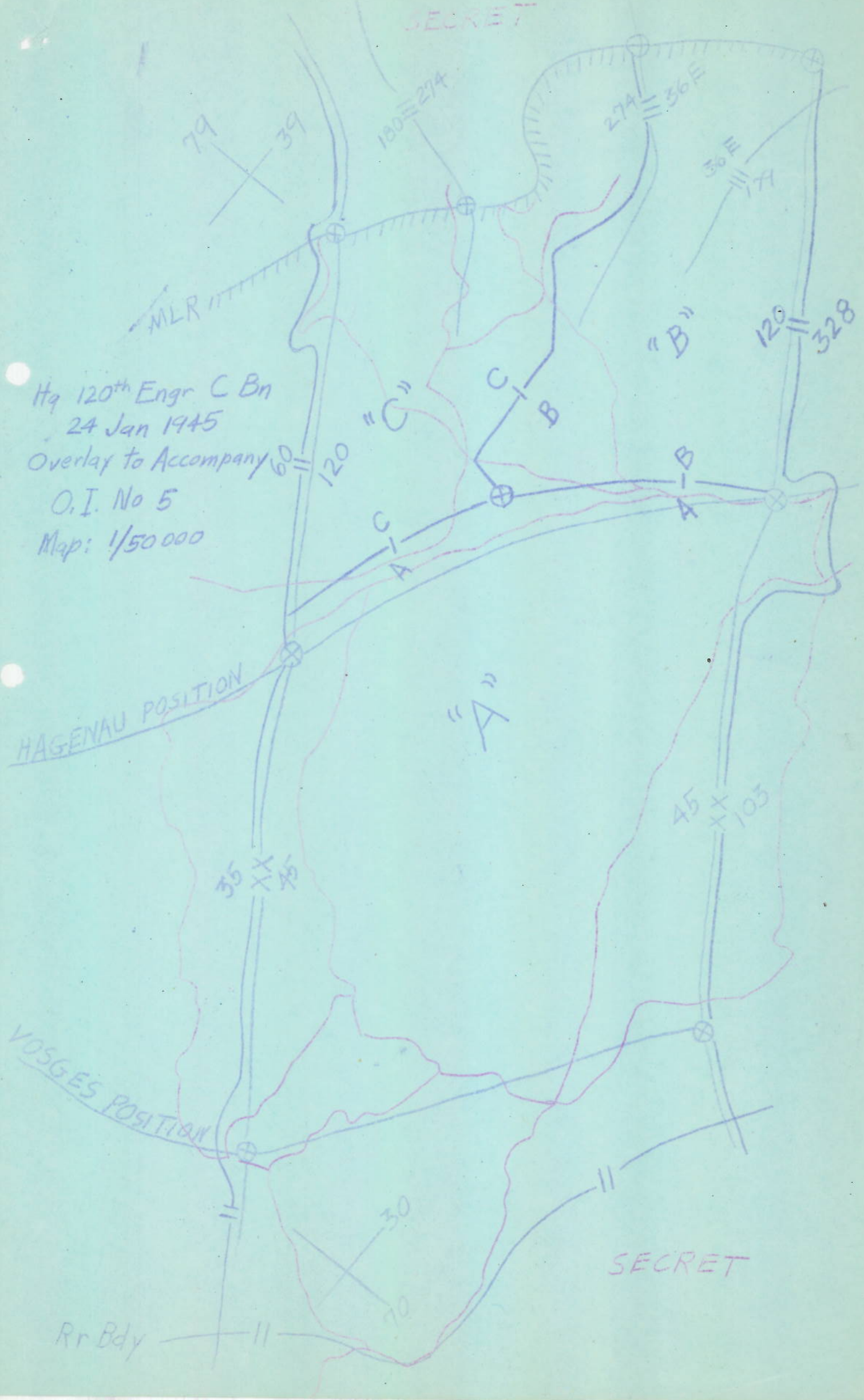
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Map: France - 1/50,000

1. 45th Div, and 120 Engrs continue present mission.
2. Co A:
 - a. Support 36th Engr Regt (1st Bn 179th Inf atchd).
 - b. Construct and maintain rifle range at Q730264.
 - c. Maintain cub airstrip for Div Air OP at Petersbach (Q655305).
 - d. Maintain roads and trails in sector as shown on overlay.
3. Co B:
 - a. Support 179th Inf (-1 Bn).
 - b. Maintain roads and trails in sector as shown on overlay.
4. Co C:
 - a. Support 180th Inf.
 - b. Maintain roads and trails in sector as shown on overlay.
5. Tank dozers:

Both at H&S Co. Available on call.

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NUMBER 7)

1. a. 45 Div continues to defend present MLR.
b. 120 Engr Bn continues present mission.
2. Co A:
a. Support 36 Engr Regt until they are relieved (070700).
b. Support 157 Inf effective 061200A.
c. Relieve Co C demolition guards in sector by 061200A.
d. Turn over to Co C, road blocks at 799323, vic of GR797310, and farther south along division right flank. Arrange for Co C to make physical contact with road block commanders (645 TD Bn).
e. Relieve Co C in forward areas by 061200A.
3. Co B:
a. Continue support 179 Inf.
b. Relieve Co C demolition guards in sector by 061200A.
c. Relieve Co C in forward areas by 061200A.
4. Co C:
a. Relieve Co A and Co B of work in area to rear of Haguenau position. For exact boundary, see Annex A.
b. Take over maintenance of division sniper range (731265) from Co A by 061200A.
c. Maintain air OP landing strip at Peterbach (655305).
d. Garrison and improve demolition blocks at present maintained by Co A in conjunction with 645 TD Bn by 061200A. Contact will be established with elements 645 TD Bn charged with protection of area of each road block.
5. For normal zones of responsibility, see Annex A.
6. In case of snow, responsibility for keeping open main roads will be apportioned as shown on Annex B.

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ANNEX A - Zones of company responsibility
ANNEX B - Road snow clearance assignments.

Distribution:

1 - ea Co	1 Corps Engr
ea Inf Regt	540 Engr Regt
G-2	9 - S-1
G-3	1 - S-2
G-4	S-3
ADE	S-4

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