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HISTORY OF COMPANY

6 August 1944

Arrived Utah Beach, France 1400. Left by motor convoy for St. Jores arriving at 1630.

8 August 1944

Left St. Jores, France at 1405 by motor convoy for Montinmy, France, arrived 2000.

9 August 1944

Left 11 miles east of Avranches, France by motor convoy at 0030. Arrived at LaBazouge, France at 1745 distance traveled approximately 75 miles.

11 August 1944

Left by motor convoy for new bivouac area 7 miles S. W. of Conlie, France. Left 1030 arrived 1230, distance traveled 20 miles.

13 August 1944

Left from 7 miles S. W. of Conlie, France by motor convoy at 0100. Arrived in area 1 mile north of Rville en Champagne at 0400. Left Rville en Champagne at 0400 by motor convoy and arrived at 1 mile north of St. Aubin De Desert 1800. Distance traveled 30 Miles. Third platoon of 48 EM and 1 Officer attached to 80th Recon. Group.

14 August 1944

Left St. Aubin-Du-Desert, France by motor convoy at 0700 to area 1 1/2 miles N. E. of St. Pierre-Des-Hids, France arriving 0900. Distance traveled 15 miles.

15 August 1944

Left area 1 1/2 miles N. E. of St. Pierre-Des-Hids by motor convoy 1300, arrived new area 2 miles N. W. of Evaron, France 1700. Distance traveled 13 miles.

17 August 1944

Left area 2 miles N. W. of Evaron, France by motor convoy 0900 and traveled 38 miles to area 6 miles S. W. of Montree, France arriving 1500.

Two German Prisoners of War evacuated to Prisoner of War enclosure.

18 August 1944

Left area 6 miles S. W. of Montree, France at 0700 and moved by motor convoy to area 4 miles S. E. of Argentan, arriving 0800. Distance traveled 7 miles.

20 August 1944

Third platoon rejoined company from attached to 80th Recon Group. 48 EM and 1 Officer.

22 August 1944

Left bivouac area 4 miles S. W. of Argentan at 1430 by motor convoy arrived at new bivouac area 6 miles N. W. of Medv y, France at 1500.

27 August 1944

Left bivouac area 6 miles N. W. of Medvay, France by motor convoy at 1110, 26 August 1944. Arrived new bivouac area 2 miles S. E. of Origny-Le-Sec, France at 1400 27 August 1944. Distance traveled 350 miles. Made reconnaissance on Seine River.

28 August 1944

Company moved by motor convoy from area 2 miles S. E. of Origny-Le-Sec at 0800 and arrived at new area 3 miles west of C Cheniers, France arriving 1130. Distance traveled 58 miles. Company was caught in artillery barrage and fired upon by automatic weapons and small arms fire. Captured 30 prisoners.

29 August 1944

Left area 3 miles W. of Cheniers by motor convoy at 0900 and arrived at new area 1 mile West of Vraux, France at 1200. Distance traveled 44 miles.

Third platoon built a timber bridge across channel. First platoon built a treadway bridge across same channel 1/2 mile west of Vraux, France.

30 August 1944

Left area 1 mile west of Vraux, France by motor convoy at 2130 and arrived at new area at 2215, 1 1/2 miles N. E. of Vraux. Distance traveled 3 miles. Spotted German ME 109 over area. No action.

Company C. P.s from 6 August 1944 to 31 August 1944.

6-7 St. Jores, France: 8 Avranches, France: 9-10 Montsurs, France:
11-12 Conlie, France: 13 St. Aubin Du Desert, France: 14 St. Pierre-Des
Hids, France: 15-16 Evron, France: 17 Montree, France: 18-21 Argen-
tan, France: 22-26 Medvay, France: 27 Origny-Le-Sec, France:
28 Cheniers, France: 29-31 Vraux, France.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

1 September 1944

Left area 1 1/2 miles N.E. of Vraux, France by motor convoy at 1900 and arrived new area 1900 1 mile west of Revigney-Sur-Ormain, France on 31 August 1944. Traveled 48 miles. Left area 1 mile west of Revigney-Sur-Ormain, France by motor convoy 0630, followed 1st Battalion of the 318th Inf. No action. Arrived at bivouac area 1 1/2 miles N.W. of Euville at 2030. Traveled 36 miles.

4 September 1944

Moved from area 1 1/2 miles N. W. of Euville by motor convoy at 0830 and arrived at new area 1 1/2 miles west of Manon Eu Court at 1330. Traveled 46 miles. Squads making recon of bridges. One squad from third platoon drove twelve Germans out of jail.

5 September 1944

At 1500 company received a report that Germans were in Villey-St-Etienne. A platoon commander and two squads of the third platoon were sent for a bridge recon in the same town. Approximately 50 Germans were present and the platoon commander sent back to the company for reinforcements. The Commanding Officer and second platoon arrived and seized the town and held it with difficulty until given orders to withdraw. The result was seven dead Germans and several others were casualties. One Enlisted Man from the third platoon was killed in the action.

Left area 1/2 mile NW of Euville by motor convoy at 0400 5 September and arrived at new area 1 1/4 mile west of Preny, France 1000. Distance traveled 30 miles.

6 September 1944

Left area 1 1/4 miles west of Preny, France by motor convoy at 1000 and arrived new area 3/4 mile NE of Fey-En-Haye at 1100. Distance traveled 11 miles. Company was in support of 2nd Battalion of the 317th Infantry. First squad of the third platoon assisted the infantry across a canal by putting across a barge. Enemy artillery active day and night.

7 September 1944

At 0100 sent out motorized patrols toward canal and Moselle River. Enemy automatic weapons and artillery fire made it impossible to reach objective.

9 September 1944

Preparation and recon for crossing Moselle River.

12 September 1944

At 1830 11 September 1944 company left bivouac area 3/4 mile NE of Fey-En-Haye by motor convoy and arrived at new area 1900. Traveled 7 miles. Company with the second platoon of Company "C" attached moved out on foot and put footbridge across canal and carried 20 assault boats and 280 ft. of footbridge across canal; then put second battalion of the

317th Infantry Regiment across Moselle River in the vicinity of Loisy, France, while in assault boats under heavy machine gun fire. In 45 minutes (0500-0545) constructed footbridge approximately 250 feet long and crossed third battalion of the 317th Infantry Regiment by 0830.

Company vehicles left bivouac area at 0900 to meet Company and arrived back at new area at 0950. Distance traveled 9 miles.

13 September 1944

Left area 1 1/4 miles SE of Blened-Les-Pont-A-Mousson at 1800 by motor convoy and arrived new area 1 mile west of Jezainville at 1900. Left area at Jezainville at 1615 by motor convoy and arrived at area 2 miles SW of Jezainville at 1700. Traveled 8 miles.

14 September 1944

Company moved from bivouac area at 1800 13 September by motor convoy to area 1/2 mile west of Jezainville. At 1900 platoons set up a defensive position along the Moselle River to protect ponton and foot bridges. Bridges under enemy artillery fire at 1300, 14 September 1944. Company moved back to bivouac area and arrived 1400. At 1430 third platoon was removing mines near Lorey and second platoon was removing mines and vehicles from roads.

15 September 1944

At 1500 14 September 1st squad of the third platoon moved out on mission to remove booby traps and mines along Moselle River NE of Dieulourd. Removed 44 booby traps and two Teller mines. Mission accomplished without loss. The 1st squad of the second platoon had the mission of removing an abatis, mined and booby trapped, near Blened-Les-Pont-A-Mousson. Accomplished mission with light casualties caused by booby trap exploding. At 1400 15 September 1st squad of company headquarters platoon moved out by motor march to remove footbridge across Moselle River. Mission accomplished and squad returned to bivouac area at 1500.

16 September 1944

Second and third platoon left bivouac area by motor convoy at 1700 15 September with the mission to protect bridges across the Moselle River. Arrived at river 1730. Second platoon dug in on east side of river and set up defensive positions. Third platoon set up defensive positions on west side of river. Both positions were shelled by enemy artillery during night and day. Received orders to withdraw from positions at 1530 16 September and returned to bivouac area at 1600. Distance traveled 15 miles.

17 September 1944

Second platoon moved out by motor convoy at 1000 to repair roads and culverts. Vehicles hauling rock and cinders, bulldozer also in use.

19 September 1944

Left area 2 miles SW of Jezainville by motor convoy at 1000 and arrived at new area 1 mile west of Etton at 1200 after traveling 10 miles.

21 September 1944

Company left area 1 mile west of Etton by motor convoy at 1500 and arrived at new area 3/4 mile NW of Autreville-Sur-Moselle at 1600 after traveling 6 miles.

22 September 1944

Company in support of the 318th Infantry Regiment. Improved roads and laid protective mine fields.

23 September 1944

Company moved from area 3/4 mile NW of Autreville-Sur-Moselle by motor convoy at 1000, arriving at new area 3/4 mile NE of Millery at 1100. Traveled 6 miles. Company in support of the 318th Infantry Regiment. Second platoon cleared roads and also removed two booby trapped abatis. 1st and 3rd platoons repaired and improved roads.

24 September 1944

Second platoon cleared and marked roads also removed abatis. Third platoon constructed bypass and put in culvert near Morey, France. Headquarters platoon cleared mud from roads using dozer, 1/2 mile NE of Millery

25 September 1944

Company left area 3/4 mile NE of Millery by motor convoy at 1430 and arrived at new area in Villers-Les-Prud-Hommes at 1500. Distance traveled 2 miles. Company maintained roads, made recon of bridges and roads.

27 September 1944

Left area at Villers-Les-Prud-Hommes by motor convoy at 0700 and arrived at new area in Pont-A-Mousson at 0900. Traveled 18 miles.

28 September 1944

Company laid protective wire and mine fields as part of the defensive position. Although under enemy fire, mission was completed without casualties.

30 September 1944

First platoon put in abatis 400 yards in length. Second platoon laid a hasty mine field consisting of 63 anti-tank mines. During the time of work German automatic weapons were active but mission was accomplished without casualties. Third platoon put in 17 Anti-personnel mines while also under German automatic weapon fire.

Company was in support of the 319th Infantry Regiment. All work was preparation of defensive positions SE of Pont-A-Mousson.

Company C. Ps from 1 September to 30 September 1944.

1-3 Euville, France: 4 Manoncourt-En-Woevre, France: 5 Preny, France
6-11 Fey-En-Haye, France: 12 Blenod-Les-Pont-A-Mousson, France:
13-18 Jezainville, France: 19-20 Etton, France; 21-22 Autreville-Sur-Moselle, France: 23-24 Millery, France: 25-26 Villers Les Prud Hommes, France: 27-30 Pont-A-Mousson, France.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

5 October 1944

S/Sgt. Ross W. Smith made a recon of roads leading to the 318th Infantry Regimental C. P.

6 October 1944

First squad of second platoon removed three german tanks from road. Another squad patrolled roads. Third squad marked forward edge of mine fields in vicinity of defensive positions. First platoon with aid of dozer dug in advance C. P.

7 October 1944

Company left Pont A Mousson by motor convoy at 0830 and arrived at new area 1/2 mile south of Ville Au Val at 0900. Traveled 3 miles. First platoon digging in C. P. for 318th Infantry Regiment.

9 October 1944

At 0830, the second squad of the first platoon, Lt. Henke in charge, moved out by truck to remove enemy mines and booby traps south of Benincourt.

11 October 1944

Sgt. Sansbury had mission of removing enemy mines and booby traps south of Les-A-Fers. They removed 12 SS mines and 7 Reigel mines.

14 October 1944

Company moved by motor convoy from area 1/4 mile east of Serrieres at 1500 and arrived at St. Genevieve at 1500 after traveling 6 miles.

17 October 1944

Company maintaining roads in Division C. P. Area.

18 October 1944

First platoon had mission of removing enemy mine field east of Sivry and west of Serriers.

20 October 1944

A squad from third platoon destroyed a german supply dump in the vicinity of Lixerles, France.

Company C. Ps from 1 October 1944 to 31 October 1944.

1-6 Pont-A-Mousson, France: 7-11 Ville Au Val, France: 12-13 Serrieres, France; 14-31 Ste. Genevieve, France.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

4 November 1944

Company preparing and making recon for crossing the Seille River in France.

8 November 1944

Company left Ste. Genevieve at 1900 7 November by motor convoy and arrived new area Benicourt at 2000 after traveling 5 miles in blackout. Second and third platoons crossed second and third battalions of the 318th Infantry Regiment in boats and over footbridges in vicinity of Clemery while under enemy sniper fire. First platoon crossed First battalion of the 318th Infantry Regiment in boats and footbridge in vicinity of Nomeny.

10 November 1944

Second and third platoons crossed Seille River at Clerery and swept mines from roads from Clemery to Reuves and from Reuves to Nomeny. Remainder of company left vicinity of Benicourt by motor convoy at 1900 for Nomeny arriving 2000. Traveled 5 miles. Company left Nomeny by motor convoy at 1000 arriving at Thezey Ste Martin at 1500 after traveling 8 miles.

11 November 1944

Company left bivouac area by motor convoy at 1000, and arrived at Feville 1130. Left Feville by motor convoy 1400 and arrived Mancheux 1500. Traveled 10 miles. Platoons are following battalions of the infantry in close support, sweeping roads of mines.

12 November 1944

Left Mancheux by motor convoy at 1930 and arrived Tragney at 2030. Traveled 4 miles. Company billeted in Tragney for the night. The above move was on 11 November 1944.

Left Tragney by motor convoy at 1000 12 November and arrived Meville Sur Nied at 1130. Traveled 5 miles.

One platoon is in close support of each infantry battalion doing a good job of building bridges, putting in culverts and removing mine fields and road blocks as they advance.

17 November 1944

First and second platoons moved out by motor convoy at 0900 16 November for Brulange arriving 1100 after traveling 8 miles. Third platoon moved out at 1900 16 November for Tricourt and arrived 2100. Enemy shelled town for 24 hours but we had no casualties.

18 November 1944

Company left billeting area 1/2 mile NW of Baudrecourt by motor convoy at 1900 and arrived new area in Brulange at 2000. Distance traveled 10 miles.

21 November 1944

21 November 1944

Company left billeting area in Brulange by motor convoy at 1500 and arrived new area in Faulquemont at 1630. Traveled 10 miles.

22 November 1944

Second platoon completed Bailey bridge 50 feet in length at Faulquemont. Third platoon cleared roads of mines, repaired culverts and maintained roads.

24 November 1944

Company left Faulquemont by motor convoy at 1800 23 November and arrived new area in Cites Des Charbonnages 1900. Traveled 2 miles. Captain Robert C. Marshall was relieved by Capt. Edward Selego.

26 November 1944

Company moved by motor convoy from Cites Des Charbonnages at 1900 and arrived new area in Bambiderstroff at 1000 after traveling 3 miles.

27 November 1944

Company moved by motor convoy from Bambiderstroff at 1330 and arrived new area in Longeville at 1440. Traveled 3 1/2 miles. Demolition crew used 80 pounds of TNT to blow out a hole in a steel emplacement for an O. P. to be used by the artillery.

28 November 1944

Company left area in Longeville by motor convoy at 1500 and arrived new area in St. Avold 1545. Traveled 2 1/2 miles. Company in support of the 319th Infantry Regiment. Platoons in support of battalions clearing roads of mines, filling craters and removing abatis.

29 November 1944

Company left bivouac area by motor convoy at 1600 and arrived at new area Guenviller at 1700. Distance traveled 4 miles. Company in close support of 318th Infantry Regiment. Platoons checked St. Avold for booby traps and time bombs.

30 November 1944

Company left area in Guenviller at 1000 by motor convoy. Arrived at new area in St. Avold at 1100. Distance travelled 4 miles.

Company C. Ps from 1 November 1944 to 30 November 1944

1-7 Ste. Genevieve, France: 8-9 Benicourt, France: 10 Thezey Ste Martin, France: 11 Mancheux, France: 12-13 Meville Sur Nied, France: 14-17 Baudrecourt, France: 18-20 Brulange, France: 21-23 Faulquemont, France: 24-25 Cites Des Charbonnages, France: 26 Bambiderstroff, France: 27 Longeville, France: 28 St. Avold, France: 29 Guenviller, France: 30 St. Avold, France.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

3 December 1944

Enemy shelled St. Avoird with heavy artillery. One round fell in second platoon billet wounding 4 Enlisted Men. Removed one artillery dud from city building.

7 December 1944

Company left St. Avoird 1330 by motor convoy and arrived at Helleringen at 1430. Distance travelled 4 miles.

9 December 1944

Company went into reserve with the 318th Infantry Regiment.

10 December 1944

Company attended a battalion party at Merlebach.

15 December 1944

Company reorganized in accordance with Table of Organization and Equipment 5-17 dated 13 March 1944 and change 1 dated 2 Aug. 1944.

18 December 1944

Company left Helleringen 0800 by motor convoy. Arrived Rahling 1200. Distance traveled 35 miles.

19 December 1944

Company left Rahling, France 0800 by motor convoy enroute to Luxembourg.

20 December 1944

Company arrived Lintgen 1200. Distance traveled 165 miles.

21 December 1944

Company preparing to set up defensive positions for 318th Infantry Regiment.

22 December 1944

Three platoons moved north of Lintgen 0530 in support of 318th Infantry Regiment. Third platoon captured 5 prisoners in Schieren. Company left Lintgen 1430 by motor convoy and arrived Chau de Birtrange 1630. Distance traveled 8 miles.

24 December 1944

Company billeting area was subject to enemy artillery fire during the night during which one Enlisted man on guard duty was wounded by shrapnel. Detail of demolition men moved into enemy held town of Ettelbruck and destroyed three enemy guns and three prime movers.

Company C. Ps from 1 December 1944 to 31 December 1944

1-6 St. Avoird, France: 7-17 Helleringer, France: 18-19 Rahling, France
20-21 Lintgen, Luxembourg: 22-31 Char de Birtrange, Luxembourg.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

2 January 1945

Company area was subjected to enemy artillery barrage from 0400 to 0600. 24 shells were counted.

19 January 1945

Company sanded and maintained roads in 318th Infantry Regiment area.

21 January 1945

Company left Chau de Birtrange 0930 by motor convoy and arrived at new area Niederfeulen 1100. Distance traveled 5 miles.

23 January 1945

Company was alerted to move to Wiltz. Lt. LaPrade left Niederfeulen 1200 for Wiltz to reconnoiter billeting area.

25 January 1945

Company left Niederfeulen 0730 by motor convoy and arrived new area Wiltz 1030. Distance traveled 20 miles.

27 January 1945

Company left Wiltz 0800 by motor convoy and arrived new area Christnach 1130. Distance traveled 20 miles.

28 January 1945

Company left Christnach 1000 by motor convoy and arrived new area Waldbillig 1100. Distance traveled 1 mile.

29 January 1945

Captain Robert C. Marshall assumed command of Company this date.

Company C. P.s from 1 January 1945 to 31 January 1945

1-20 Chau de Birtrange, Luxembourg; 21-24 Niederfeulen, Luxembourg, 25-26 Wiltz, Luxembourg; 27 Christnach, Luxembourg; 28-31 Waldbillig, Luxembourg.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

2 February 1945

Capt. Marshall and Lt. Smith reconnoitered the Sauer River for general engineer information. Lt Henke, Sgts. Lembo and O'Neal and PFC Brown reconnoitered another portion of the same river. Private Brown, the battalion photographer is spending a few days with us to take pictures of the company and when out performing their various duties. Sgt. Hofmann and Private Dunn went on pass to Paris, France. Sgt. Hofmann's squad removed two Teller Mines from a field reported by a friendly unit at 1830.

A patrol from the third platoon went on a mission, which was to ferry a combat patrol from the 318th Infantry Regiment across the Sauer River. Two attempts were made, both unsuccessful due to the swift water and chunks of ice which would dam up behind the boat and force it down stream. The patrol returned at 0500. It consisted of the following men: Siegrist, Rossman, Calhoun, Brown, and Matherne.

A patrol from the second platoon reconnoitered the Sauer River for general engineer information. It consisted of the following men: Gerl Hak, Olson, Timmons, and Schieble.

3 February 1945

Capt. Marshall, Lt. Smith and Sgt. Jackson reconnoitered the Sauer River. While on the mission Jackson set off a booby trap and was wounded slightly. Batalias, Tallion and the D-6 were kept busy burying dead cattle in the Regimental area. Lt Henke reconnoitered the road net in vicinity of Reisdorf. A night patrol consisting of H. Grant, Dabrieo, Riley, Yuminger, Griffith, Mattucci and Hicks reconnoitered the Sauer River South East of Dillingen. Another patrol consisting of Lt. Smith and Sgt. Cento reconnoitered an old bridge site south of Dillingen. Both patrols returned without casualties and completed their missions. Lt. Smith's patrol was fired upon by small arms fire, but according to Smith's version, they were lousy shots.

Sgr. Sansbury's squad reconnoitered for an AP minefield laid by a friendly unit in the vicinity of Reisdorf. The field was located along with an abundance of Jerry S-mines. Batalias, Tallion, and the D-6 continued to bury dead animals in our area. Sgt. O'Neal's squad instructed the second battalion in the art of crossing streams in assault crossing equipment. Lt LaPrade and a detail from his platoon were busy in preparation for a night crossing of the Sauer River, South of Dillingen. In the afternoon Lt. Henke, Sgt. Dunlavey, Cpl Grever, Lt. Smith and officers from the second and third battalions of the 318th Regiment oriented officers from the 186 Engr. Combat Battalion as to the ground in Regimental Area.

5 February 1945

In the early morning hours, a detail from the third platoon consisting of the following men: Matherne, Faulkner, Siegrist, Calhoun, Rossman, Knarr and Brown attempted to take an infantry patrol across the Sauer River, south of Dillingen. They were unsuccessful due to heavy machine gun fire and the condition of the river. In the action Siegrist, Calhoun, Brown, and Faulkner were seriously wounded. All were wounded with machine gun bullets with the exception of Faulkner who stepped on a Schu mine. Th

a Schu mine. They were taken to an Infantry O. P. where they were given first aid. It was impossible to evacuate Siegrist, Calhoun and Faulkner until that evening due to the direct observation of the enemy. They were successfully evacuated to an evacuation hospital in Luxembourg. Rossman is missing in action.

The dozer buried animals in the morning and in the afternoon was to assist 633 AA platoon in digging in their quads, but they were unable to do this due to the clear weather, thus affording direct observation by the enemy.

Two squads from the first platoon checked areas for mines that were designated to be battery positions for the cannon company.

Sgt. Jackson and a detail from his squad checked the road leading to and out of Bigelbach for mines and road blocks. They were unable to complete their mission due to enemy machine gun fire but under cover of darkness they were successful in opening the road.

6 February 1945

The company spent the day preparing themselves for their part in the crossing of the Sauer River. Inasmuch as we do not expect to have vehicles across for at least a day, the men are going across equipped as infantry plus a few engineer tools and demolition.

7 February 1945

Lt. Arthur G. Henke and two squads from his platoon left company area at 0100 in support of battalion that was to attack at 0300. The men took rations and full combat packs because they were to cross in boats and would not have their trucks on the far shore.

Lt. Smith with two squads from his platoon also was to go across with a battalion from the 318th Infantry in close support. Company received three 300 radios for communication between units and regiment. Capt. Marshall and Lt. LaPrade left company area at 0230 with two squads from third platoon to be in reserve if needed. Men and officers were under constant shelling by enemy artillery and small arms fire. Three trucks of Brockway Treadway, one tank dozer and one tank retriever are attached to company. Breakfast was at 0400. Lt. Stranix went back to Regiment, as Liaison Officer.

8 February 1945

Sgt. Gerlach and his squad went on a night mission to clear roads of mines from Beaufort to Dillingen. Squad removed four Riegel Mines, removed an abatis of five trees felled across road and then removed a jeep from a ditch. When the men got into Dillingen, our own artillery was shelling the town. The men got out without any casualties.

Lt. Henkes platoon made preparation to put in footbridge across Sauer River. Lt. Smith and his platoon were to set up machine guns for protection while men worked, but it was impossible to get the equipment down to the river bank. River was too swift. It had washed out two footbridges farther up stream where water was not as swift.

9 February 1945

Company C. P. was the busiest spot in whole sector, I do believe. There were officers from 166th Engineers trying to get information on river and river bank. Sgt. Howard Grant, Sgt. Matherne and Sgt. Gerlach were used as guides practically all night. To date Cpl. Batalias has buried 46 dead cows in vicinity of Waldbillig, Luxembourg.

10 February 1945

Lt. Smith took Sgt. Jackson and Sgt. Gerlach and their squads and crossed the Sauer River in vicinity of Dillingen. They swept the roads of mines. Lt. Smith made a reconnaissance of all roads and road blocks on far shore. The men were shelled by artillery and nebelwerfers (screaming meemies). The men tell some awful stories about the sound and the explosion of these Nebelwerfers.

Two boys from the Special Service brought out a movie (Saratoga Trunk). The boys of the company certainly enjoyed the show very much.

11 February 1945

Lt. LaPrade has hit it lucky. He is going to the states on a furlough. He is afraid though that he will not return to this company.

S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo is temporarily appointed platoon commander of the third platoon. S/Sgt. James Sutton was transferred from the second platoon to the third platoon as a platoon sergeant. Sgt. Edward Hofmann took over the duties as a platoon sergeant in the first platoon. Sgt. LeRoy Jackson took over the duties as a platoon sergeant in the second platoon. Sgt. Cento formerly a weapons sergeant took over the duties of a squad leader in the first platoon, second squad.

Sgt. Lembo and two squads from the third platoon crossed the Sauer River in vicinity of Dillingen and cleared roads and also reconnoitered roads on far shore. Lt. Smith and Sgt. Gerlach went to the river and were going to cross via a flying ferry but it was not completed per schedule, returned to company.

Cpl. Batalias and Cpl. Morckel started to Beaufort with the D-6 at 1900. He called at 0100 that he was off the road and bogged down in Hal-ler. They spent the night at second battalion message center.

Capt. Marshall made a reconnaissance of river bank where our patrol was shot up during a night mission to cross infantry combat patrol. He found PFC Nathan Rossman's body on edge of river bank.

One of the former members of our company who was transferred to the infantry in January was killed in this action of the Sauer River. He was an Indian named Harold Deer. To members of the company he was known as the "Chief" or "Light Horse Harry."

Tec 5 Stanley Grant promoted a spring for a jeep, also a shock absorber for a 2 1/2 ton truck. Somebody is going to do plenty of cussing when they find these items missing.

Company enjoyed chicken and trimmings with ice cream for the dessert

12 February 1945

S/Sgt. Sutton and one squad from his platoon crossed the Sauer River in boats and reconnoitered far shore for engineer information. Lt. Henke and two EM made a reconnaissance of 318th Inf. sector for possible bridge across Sauer River. Sgt. Samsbury and his squad cleared roads and areas south of Dillingen on far shore. Removed and destroyed 127 Schu Mines, 51 Riegel Mines and two Teller mines. Sgt. Howard Grant and his squad cleared roads and areas south west of Dillingen on far shore of Sauer River. They removed and destroyed 72 Schu mines, seven Riegel mines,

PFC Mayer and PFC Weidman reported to H & S Co. at 0800 for temporary duty as interrogators and guards on German Prisoners of War. They will be absent from company for 3 or 4 days. Company received their P. X. rations today. Getting more cigarettes since the army stopped black marketing in Paris. Company enjoyed movie at 1900.

13 February 1945

This Sauer River is an obstacle, but the first two days ice flows and debris made it impossible to cross over bridge, then rising waters continued to hamper bridging operations. This morning a Treadway bridge is across. Lt. Henke and the first platoon with three truckloads of brockway treadway and the D-6 left the company area at the break of dawn and crossed the Sauer River. Mission of opening roads for regiment trains into Biesdorf, Germany. The men put in two treadways bridges over large craters in road 24 feet and 36 feet in length. A few men with the dozer removed a large portion of german ponton bridge equipment from road evidently knowked out by our air corps. Removed one enemy truck and a couple of wagons; also filled three smaller craters and had the road open into Biesdorf by 1800.

Some of the men are setting up housekeeping in the pillboxes. One ME 109 flew over our area at 1030 and the AA sure had a field day. Tec 5 David O. Morckel hauled the D-6 and trailer to engineer maintenance at Esch, Luxembourg for repairs. Sgt. Russell A. Dunlavey's and Sgt. Cento's squads guarded bridges until relieved by second platoon at 0900. One squad checked a field for mines where an AA unit was to set up their guns. Tec 5 George A. Grever and Tec 4 Opie V. Henson started toward Baisdorf to make a reconnaissance of a 60 foot crater reported there. They were fired on by snipers and had to crawl for a hundred and fifty yards before they returned.

14 February 1945

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and second platoon removed an enemy mine field consisting of nineteen Teller mines and twenty-seven Riegel mines. Main-gained roads in Regiment sector. Removed Anti-tank obstacles in Siegfried line and demolished five pillboxes. Company maintained and guarded bridges previously installed. Built a C. P. for 318th Inf. Regiment.

Company left Waldbillig at 1400 by motor convoy and arrived in new area one mile south of Biesdorf, Germany. Distance traveled approximately five miles. It might be interesting to note that Company "B" was the first company in our battalion to set up a C. P. on German Soil. The Sauer River was the boundary line between Luxembourg and Germany. Company has no billeting area and are bivouacked in woods. The men prepared dugouts and shelters and seemed to enjoy roughing it once.

Sgt. Jerome C. Matherne and Tec 5 Armin W. Sander left for a rest camp

in Esch, Luxembourg. They will spend four days there enjoying life.

15 February 1945

Second platoon repaired and maintained roads in Regimental sector. Remainder of company are preparing their new home, improving their sleeping quarters and cleaning their tools and equipment.

16 February 1945

S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo reconnoitered roads in Regimental sector. One squad built a hundred feet of cordoroy road and continued to maintain all other roads.

17 February 1945

Company continued to repair and maintain roads in regimental sector. Squads hauled rock and sand and filled ruts and improved shoulders.

Graves Registration picked up the body of a German soldier that was in front of kitchen and also the American Squad that was found on the hill 300 yards from our C. P.

18 February 1945

The 318th Regiment attacked at 0600. The second platoon in close support of the regiment cleared roads of mines. During one phase of the attack the second platoon moved into Cruchten, Germany at the same time the infantry moved in, which was during a heavy enemy mortar and artillery barrage. The platoon captured thirty-six prisoners. One of the prisoners was a sniper that fired a few rounds at Capt. Marshall and then came out with his hands up. Four of these prisoners were chased out of a hay loft in a barn where we were feeding supper by Lt. Gilbert A. Smith's bird dog "Recon." Platoon removed eleven Teller mines.

Sgt. Leroy Jackson was wounded in the elbow by shrapnel from artillery. They were going to evacuate him but he wouldn't go because he is going to the states on the 20th of February for a furlough on the rotation plan. Sgt. Jackson now wears three Oak Leaf Clusters on his Purple Heart.

The first and third platoons were also in support of Regiment. They swept and marked roads and also filled craters. First and second platoons billeted in Cruchten, Germany. Enemy shelled the town at intervals during the night.

S/Sgt. Aloysius B. Lynch fed supper in Cruchten and also at old bivouac area. Tank dozer operator and Tec 5 Peter Batalias, the D-6 operator, did a swell job of clearing roads of mud and debris.

19 February 1945

Remainder of Company, Co. Hdqrs and third platoon left area one mile south of Biesdorf by motor convey at 0900 and arrived in Cruchten, Germany at 1100. Enemy shelled the town for an hour after our arrival. Three EM were wounded near our C. P. one from the Recon and two from the TDs. Two of our vehicles were damaged. Second platoon cleared road of mines from Cruchten to Hommerdinger removed twenty Teller Mines and twenty-two light panzer mines. First platoon cleared roads east and west

off Cruchten, Germany. Tec 4 Opie V. Henson and Tec 5 George Grever destroyed an 88 mm by demolition abandoned by the Germans. Sgt. Norris A. Samsbury and squad were on a mission to clear road north of Hommerdingen. Upon arrival infantry were dug in and would not let them go forward as a direct fire weapon was firing down the road. Later they tried again but same results. Sgt. Raymond Nelson's squad removed 28 Teller mines in vicinity west of Cruchten. Sgt. William E. Gerlach, acting platoon sergeant made a reconnaissance on roads leading into Meidergergen, Germany and found an abatis 60 yards long and a crater 22 feet long and 7 feet deep.

A damaged tank was removed from road near C. P. area. Unfortunately the area under the tank was not cleared of mines. A jeep with three EM and an officer from 244th FA hit a mine on that spot. All four were killed. S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo and a squad filled the crater made by the explosion. Third platoon also repaired and maintained roads in regimental sector.

Tec 5 Paul C. Yuninger was evacuated today for a hernia operation. Sgt. Jerome C. Matherne and Tec 5 Armin Sander returned from the rest camp in Esch, Luxembourg. They certainly enjoyed it.

20 February 1945

Lt. Arthur G. Henke and the first platoon cleared roads from Hommerdingen to Freilingen. Removed and destroyed 30 Teller mines. Cleared roads from Freilingerhohe to Freilingen, removed 23 enemy mines and destroyed them, also found 52 Teller mines at road junction north of Freilingen, Germany and destroyed them. Tec 5 Michael V. Mattia was along with the platoon. Platoon was fired on by the enemy.

Second platoon led by Lt. Gilbert A. Smith cleared roads from Hommerdingen to Kewenig from Kewenig to Huttingen. Platoon also worked under enemy artillery fire at times.

S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo, acting platoon commander, and one squad with tank dozer attached removed 2 tanks and an enemy assault gun, cleared rubble and debris from roads in vicinity of Freilingen, Germany. Tec 5 Peter Batalias with D-6 filled craters in roads on the regimental sector.

South of Hommerdingen the third platoon removed 500 Teller mines. They piled them in piles of 50 and demolished about 100 in that manner. Each time a pile was blown, enemy artillery would come in the area. The boys put a pile of 200 and blew them. All the windows in the buildings in our billeting area were broken. Everybody in town thought a new "V" weapon was coming in and started for the cellars. It was really comical.

Sgt. Howard Grant and PFC Thomas Yeseta went out on a night mission to de-booby trap an enemy 88 gun in vicinity of west of Freilingen, Germany. They found a charge in the muzzle of the gun and brought it in. The 318th Infantry took over the gun to use against the enemy.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall, Lt. Arthur G. Henke, Tec 5 Stanley Grant, Tec 5 John Kareha and Tec 5 Andy J. Tallion went out on a night mission to open road. They removed a friendly knocked out tank from road and cleared road of mines--returned at 1200. They also found four enemy Tiger tanks that were scuttled. The Heinies had no fuel to continue.

21 February 1945

First platoon and one squad of the third platoon were sweeping roads of mines in the vicinity of Freilingen, Germany. They were fired on by the enemy. Pfc Issac Stumbo set up a Cal. .30 machine gun and with Capt. Robert C. Marshall directing fire engaged the enemy in a fire fight. They inflicted unknown casualties on the enemy. Later withdrew without a casualty.

Sgt. Edward Tricker destroyed three Teller mines in vicinity of Crutchen, Germany. Company continued to repair, maintain and sweep roads in 318th Engineer Regiment area. Lt. Robert Stranix, Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and 1st Sgt. Edw. T. Sroka visited the P. W. cage for an hour while the interrogator was trying to get information from German engineer prisoners of war. Sgt. Marshall E. O'Neal was evacuated to hospital with a back ailment.

22 February 1945

Sgt. Edw. T. Sroka with two men from each platoon went out on a quartering party in Huttingen, Germany to find a new billeting area. It was unsuccessful because the town was too badly demolished.

Company continued to sweep, repair and maintain roads in regimental sector. Peter Batalias, Tec 5, went to Esch, Luxembourg with his D-6 to be repaired. A D-7 and 3 EM are attached to us temporarily. The mine platoon of the 318th Infantry Regiment consisting of one officer and 19 EM are now attached to our company. They are glad to be with us.

S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo and one squad went to Huttingen, Germany to clear an S-minefield that caused five casualties. Due to darkness they could not remove it. They marked it off with tracing tape and are removing it in the morning.

23 February 1945

Sgt. Howard Grank and his squad removed and destroyed 27 S-mines in Huttingen, Germany. The company enjoyed a hot shower at Bellenforf at the QM showers. Second squad of the first platoon removed 68 Teller and L. P. Z mines from Huttingen, Germany. They also removed an unknown quantity of igniters for S-mines stored at a dump. One squad from third platoon with the D-7 cleared roads from Lahr, Germany north.

S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo spent most of the day at H & S Company getting a physical examination prior to his being commissioned a second Lieutenant in the AUS.

24 February 1945

One squad from third platoon cleared a field west of Hemmerdingen, Germany of 217 Teller mines. The boys piled them in piles of 60 and placed a charge against them. The mines were demolished in a field 75 yards from town. The concussion from the explosion knocked all the windows from the building, shattered all the plaster from the ceiling in our kitchen and destroyed one of the best suppers "Pappy" Lych had prepared for sometime. Third platoon cleared a mine field N.W. of Crutchen, Germany--they found and destroyed three Teller mines.

25 February 1945

Lt. Arthur G. Henke and three EM made a reconnaissance of roads north of Mettendorf, Germany and found all bridges across river blown. One squad cleared roads north of Mettendorf. Removed and destroyed 13 Teller mines in ford across river near one of the blown bridges. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith made a reconnaissance of roads and bridges on west and east of Mettendorf, Germany. Platoon cleared, repaired and maintained roads. Removed and destroyed 21 Teller mines at road junction east of Mettendorf. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and two squads from second platoon left Crutchen at 1530 for Mettendorf to hold on to a billeting area for the company. Supper meal was taken to them at 1900. Company had ice cream for dinner and supper. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith was promoted to 1st Lt. yesterday.

26 February 1945

Lt. Arthur G. Henke left for Paris, France on a 72 Hour pass.

S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo and the third platoon removed and destroyed 217 Teller mines north of Crutchen, Germany. Company left Crutchen at 1200 and arrived at new billeting area at 1400 in Mettendorf, Germany.

27 February 1945

Company was alerted at 0700 to move out in support of 318th Infantry Regiment. Breakfast was at 0530. Waited for orders. Company was released from state of alert at 1330. Everyone began to settle down. All units cleaned their respective billeting areas and also worked on their tools and equipment.

H & S Company sent us a movie at 1900 but as usual the generator would not work and the boys are very unhappy.

28 February 1945

Eighteen EM received passes to Luxembourg City, Luxembourg. S/Sgt. Frank T. Lembo was in charge of the convoy.

Company continued to repair, maintain roads in regimental sector.

Company C. Ps from 1 February 1945 to 28 February 1945.

1-14 Waldbillig, Luxembourg; 15-19 Biesdorf, Germany; 20-25 Crutchen, Germany 26-28 Mettendorf, Germany.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

1 March 1945

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith made a reconnaissance of roads North East of Mettendorf, Germany. His platoon repaired and maintained roads.

Sgt. Edward F. Tricker destroyed nine enemy and nine friendly mines east of Mettendorf.

Private Paul Valuch returned after an absence of a few weeks and was placed under arrest in company area. He sleeps in a pup tent in the wide open spaces.

Company left billeting area in Mettendorf, Germany at 1600 by motor convoy and arrived at new billeting area, Idesheim, Germany, at 0100, traveling 35 miles in blackout. Everybody arrived but the D. T. which caught up the following morning.

2 March 1945

Surprise--Tec 5 Paul H. Ruth and S/Sgt. Walter A. Tienken, who are always the last ones to get up for breakfast, were the first present for breakfast this morning.

PFC Oscar McCann hauled 32 prisoners of war into Welschbillig, Germany. Third platoon repaired roads from Idesheim to Welschbillig, Germany.

3 March 1945

Company was alerted to move to vicinity of Arlon, Luxembourg to a rest camp. We were to be in corps reserve. Alert was called off and company moved from Idesheim by motor convoy at 1430. Arrived in Seffern, Germany at 1800 after traveling 30 miles. Nine families were evacuated from the house that was our C. P.

4 March 1945

platoons cleaned billeting area. Worked on roads in Regimental sector.

5 March 1945

Lt. Arthur G. Henke and the 1st platoon cleared roads of mines in Regiment sector. Removed an abatis that was booby trapped and also removed 24 improvised Anti-tank mines composed of Kilogram charges. Captured 1 prisoner.

Second platoon reconnoitered roads into Malberg and Kyllburg, Germany. Cleared and repaired some roads. They liberated five allied prisoners of war and captured one German officer and three enlisted men.

Third platoon with dozer filled two craters and repaired roads in Regimental sector.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall picked up a 2½ ton cargo truck north of Seffern, Germany. The truck was abandoned by some unknown unit.

6 March 1945

First platoon cleared and marked roads from Seffern, Germany to the Kyll River vicinity of Kyllburg, Germany.

Third platoon filled two craters in the vicinity of Kyllburg, Germany.

7 March 1945

Company continued to repair and maintain roads in 318th Regimental Sector. Third platoon hauled approximately 30 truck loads of rock to fill a crater 35 feet in depth and 45 feet in width.

8 March 1945

Company continued to repair and maintain roads in Regimental sector. Eighteen men are going on passto Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, daily.

9 March 1945

Company worked on roads. Removed 57 S-Mines with trip wires attached. Captain Clay E. Easterly and four EM from our Medical Unit came to our area and gave the boys their shots, monthly physical and also inspected clothes for cooties.

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith promoted a pressure pump and all vehicles in company were washed.

Company received a commendation for their magnificent work supporting the 318th Infantry Regiment from 10 February to 25 February 1945.

Third platoon removed five road blocks and repaired culverts.

10 March 1945

Company continued to wash and maintain vehicles.

Sgt. Floyd Reynolds made an inventory of supplies available at enemy engineer dump in the vicinity of St. Thomas, Germany.

Lt. Arthur G. Henke and a detail of six men made a reconnaissance of possible mine field reported by civilians in vicinity of St. Thomas. No mines were found.

Lt. Robert Stranix left for a rest camp at Esch, Luxembourg. He will be gone for four days.

Company was alerted at 1000 to make a move by motor convoy.

11 March 1945

Company traveled 35 miles by motor convoy to Erpeldange, Luxembourg. During the trip we had a couple of accidents. Tec 5 David O. Morckel, company heavy truck driver, had a collision with a jeep. PFC Hector A. MacDonald's truck broke down and was delayed for three hours. The boys were very happy to fraternize again.

12 Mar

12 March 1945

Company did not stay long in Luxembourg. They left at 0800 and moved by infiltration to Kaiferhaus, Germany. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and a detail of three EM made a reconnaissance of the river and bridges.

13 March 1945

Our billeting area was shelled heavily by artillery and nebelwerfers. Pvt. Martin Voelp and Sydney Prince were wounded and were evacuated to a field hospital.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall and second platoon made a reconnaissance of roads leading into Zerf, Germany. They stayed in Zerf, Germany overnight. The Germans shelled it heavily with artillery and nebelwerfers. At 0500 the enemy threw in about 600 shells and everyone expected the Germans to counter attack. The story is told how Captain Marshall and Lt. Smith barricaded the windows with sand bags. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith's famous dog "Recon" was along with the platoon and he seemed to hear the Nebelwerfers before any one else heard them. He would start for the cellar. It got to a point where the men would watch the dog the moment he took off so would the boys.

14 March 1945

Company is now with the 20th Corps. Company left billeting area in Kaiferhaus, Germany at 0900. Arrived at new area in Zerf, Germany at 1100. During the night the enemy shelled the area.

Second platoon cleared roads of mines.

Third platoon removed two road blocks and filled a crater. Tec 5 Peter Batalias, our Dozer operator, had to abandon his dozer for a while because the shelling was so heavy during the time he was cleaning roads of rubble.

Lt. Robert Stranix returned from Esch and is back as Liaison Officer with Regiment.

Cpl. George Simon, Tec 4 Elbert McMurray and PFC Edward Spann left for 72 hour passes to Paris.

15 March 1945

Third platoon continued to remove perries on road leading to Zerf, Germany. Second platoon removed Anti-tank mines composed of 150 MM shells laid in groups of three with a board across them.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall, Tec 5 Joseph Serbenski and Tec 5 Andy J. Tallion were on a road reconnaissance south east of Zerf, Germany when they were forced to dismount when fired upon by an enemy patrol of eight Germans. Tec 5 Andy J. Tallion was wounded in the skirmish. They crawled about 400 yards to safety. Tec 5 Joseph Serbenski destroyed the radio by firing two rounds into it and they had to leave without the jeep. Capt. Robert C. Marshall later returned with Tec 4 Opie V. Henson's squad and after a reconnaissance of the area engaged the enemy in a fire fight inflicting unknown casualties on the enemy patrol and returned with his jeep. The humorous part about this deal was that instead of coming bac

back with one jeep they came back with two. It seems that the Germans captured another jeep at one time or another and it took "B" Company to get it back.

PFC Clayton Morrison and Pvt. Wilbert Cummings were evacuated to clearing station today. N. B. C.

16 March 1945

The 318th Combat team which includes "B" Company became attached to the 10th Armored Division.

Third platoon removed demolition from trees prepared by enemy. Also cleared roads in sector. Marked off mine fields with barbed wire.

The road from Zerf, Germany had to be opened. The first platoon is in close support of the third battalion of the 318th Infantry Regiment and one company of medium tanks. In a night mission they removed abatis, cleared roads of mines and general engineer duties. One squad from the second platoon followed them and improved the road for two lane traffic. Tec 5 Stanley Grant now has the pleasure of being Captain Marshall's driver.

17 March 1945

Company left Zerf, Germany by motor convoy at 1230 and arrived at new billeting area in Weiskirchen, Germany. The distance traveled was seven miles.

Captain Marshall, Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and the second platoon were on a mission of clearing roads leading north of the Main Supply Route. Due to enemy activity in the sector they were forced to dismount and walk. They removed 30 Teller mines, two Abatis of 60 trees each and captured five prisoners.

Third platoon removed two road blocks in Weiskirchen, Germany and also removed an enemy vehicle from road.

First platoon constructed 35 feet of treadway bridge across stream N. W. of Losheim, Germany.

18 March 1945

Second platoon made a reconnaissance of roads from Weiskirchen to Bushfeld. Third platoon removed two abatis consisting of trees felled across road. One squad maintained a ford and also cleared roads from Weiskirchen to Thailen to Wadern, Germany.

Cpl. George Simon, Tec 4 Eleber McMurray and PFC Edward C. Spann returned from Paris. PFC Clayton Morrison returned from the clearing station.

19 March 1945

Company moved from Weiskirchen, Germany at 0900 by motor convoy. Arrived at new billeting area in St. Wendel, Germany at 1200. Distance traveled 17 miles. Company is now under Battalion control. Water point number 4 set up in St. Wendel, Germany.

Second platoon removed three sperres road blocks in vicinity of Werchweiler. Third platoon

Werchweiler. Third platoon repaired ford in Warden, checked division C. P. for mines and booby traps. The dozer cleared rubble from St. Wendel. Company made a general reconnaissance of roads in 80th Division sector.

20 March 1945

Company moved from St. Wendel, Germany at 1300 by motor convey. Arrived at new billeting area in Niedernahr, Germany at 1600. Traveled approximately twenty miles.

Company worked on roads removing speeries.

21 March 1945

Company moved from Niedernaer, Germany at 0900 by motor convey arrived at new billeting area in Bad Durkheim, Germany at 1800. Distance traveled 25 miles.

Company with one dozer attached removed hundreds of enemy vehicles and dead horses from roads leading into Bad Durkheim, Germany. Practically 2/3 of the company found themselves a pistol or some other souvenir.

PFC Herace J. Dabrice shot himself through the palm of his left hand while cleaning a pistol.

First squad of third platoon removed steel pole from road in Bad Durkheim, Germany.

22 March 1945

Company is cleaning and maintaining equipment.

Second platoon cleared roads in division sector.

Company received orders to move at 1200. Moved out by motor convey at 1330 arrived at new billeting area in Grundheim, Germany at 1630. Officers made a reconnaissance of 318th Combat team area. First platoon in lead on motor march removed wrecked enemy vehicles from roads on main routes of march.

A truck with supplies and three enlisted men lost from convey. Returned to company at 1200 23 March 1945.

23 March 1945

Company performed normal duties. Tec 5 Henry C. Humphrey and Tec. 5 John Turner were sent to clearing station.

24 March 1945

Company moved at 0630 to Gundersweiler, Germany traveling approximately 25 miles. PFC Hermit Mengel's truck broke down and was towed in later. Men are cleaning equipment and clothes.

One prisoner surrendered to company at 0600. He traveled to Grindersweiler with company and was turned over to CIC at 1230.

25 March 1945

Washing vehicles, clothes and taking showers. Repairing vehicles.

26 March 1945

Company continued to clean and maintain equipment. PFC Stephen S. Olson and PFC Robert Hak left for Paris on a 72 hour pass. Company moved to Partenheim, Germany at 1400 arrived at 1830. Traveled approximately 30 miles.

27 March 1945

Company is in reserve with 318th Infantry Regiment and continued to repair and clean equipment.

Had a movie at 1900 for company and later showed it for the infantry.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall, Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and Tec 5 Stanley Grant drove to Mainz, Germany on a reconnaissance where they found a 75 MM gun and fired it across the Rhine River at some Germans.

28 March 1945

Company moved by motor march for Mainz, Germany at 0630. Arrived at 1200 after traveling 35 miles.

Platoons are in support of 318th Infantry Regiment.

Each platoon with two squads went across the Rhine River on LCT's to perform normal Engineer duties. Ate "C" rations for dinner. Have a doctor's office for a C. P. Very elaborate.

29 March 1945

Mine platoon removed 60 Teller mines from approaches to bridge in Mainz, Germany.

Company cleared roads from Cassel to Erbenheim to Bierstadt to Alppenheim, Germany removed road blocks and did general engineer work in support of 318th Infantry Regiment.

30 March 1945

Normal engineer duties were performed by company.

The remainder of company crossed the Rhine River at Mainz, Germany at 0100 on a bridge 1851 feet in length. It might be interesting to note that this particular bridge was the longest bridge built across the mighty Rhine.

31 March 1945

Company moved by motor convey at 0730. Arrived at new billeting area in Lendlerf, Germany at 1400. Traveled 59 miles. No accidents and all arrived on time.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

1 April 1945

Company moved by meter march from Lenderf, Germany at 0900. Arrived at new billeting area in Zinnern, Germany at 0800. Traveled six miles.

One squad repaired a bridge in vicinity of Zinnern. Company was attached to 6th Armored for the past few days but has reverted to support of the 318th Infantry Regiment.

2 April 1945

Capt. Robert C. Marshall and Lt. Gilbert A. Smith made a reconnaissance of roads leading into Kassel, Germany. Demolition men of Second platoon destroyed three 88 MM guns in vicinity of Kassel, Germany. Company set up a water point at Ndr. Versheid, Germany. Received P.X. rations today. The meals are now poor because "B" rations are not available and we are eating 10 in 1's.

3 April 1945

Company moved by meter march from Gudersberg at 0800. Arrived at new area in Brasselburg, Germany at 1200, traveling seven miles.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe and demolition men of his platoon destroyed eight 88MM and 6 20 MM guns in vicinity of Kassel, Germany.

Eight enemy planes flew over area.

PFC Peter Mayer accidentally shot himself through the hand with a 7.65 pistol.

First platoon removed three road blocks in vicinity of Kassel, Germ.

4 April 1945

First platoon removed three barriers in Kassel and filled two craters. One squad of the platoon was on security while men worked. They were fired on by the enemy.

Second platoon removed road blocks in Kassel.

Third platoon made reconnaissance of all roads in Kassel.

Lt. Ross W. Smith returned to company with the duty of Ex. Officer.

Lt. Henke left the company to become Assistant Division Engineer.

One squad from first platoon removing enemy vehicles from highway under small arms fire. They found one enemy P.X. truck loaded with French chocolate, champagne, tobacco, milk and salmon. It was brought back to the company and distributed to the men.

Lt. Henke discovered an enemy arsenal in Kassel.

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and one squad captured 13 prisoners that were guarding a road block in Kassel, Germany.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall brought in two German vehicles, one Buick and a six by six truck and what a six by six.

5 April 1945

Company was alerted to move.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall brought in 300 rolls of film, shaving lotion and cigarettes lighters for the men of the company.

6 April 1945

Company ready to move and waiting for orders. Two enemy planes flew over area strafing columns in vicinity.

Company moved from Brasselburg, Germany at 1800 and traveled all night.

7 April 1945

Company arrived at new billeting area in Hania, Germany. Traveled 72 miles.

Third platoons' S/Sgt. James C. Sutton captured two prisoners in town. Eight enemy planes flew over area strafing our column's on the highway.

Tec 5 George G. Grever and PFC Joseph Ellis left for Paris, France on a 72 hour pass.

8 April 1945

Company moved by motor march at 0830. Arrived at new area in Seeborgen, Germany at 1100. Traveled 20 miles.

Squads making a reconnaissance of roads in 318th Infantry Regiment sector. A German tried to move an engine out of the railroad yards but a detail of three EM stopped him. Demolition men destroyed railroad tracks.

Unknown number of enemy planes flew over our area, they were engaged in a dog fight by our P-47's. Company watched dog fight for 20 minutes and saw the P-47's shoot down a FW-109.

9 April 1945

Squads cleaned tools, and trucks. Motor section repaired a German 1-8 Ford. It will be the C. P. in the near future.

The company enjoyed a movie at 1930.

10 April 1945

Lt. Frank T. Lembe went out on a quartering party at 0800. Company moved at 1230 by motor convey. Arrived at new billeting area in Kleinretzbach, Germany at 1330 traveled six miles.

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith, S/Sgt. Edward Hofmann, S/Sgt. William J. Gerlach, PFC Wallace G. Ponder and Tec 5 Harold Shelton went on a road reconnaissance toward Erfurt, Germany. They were fired upon by the enemy.

accomplished their mission.

S/Sgt. Edward Hofmann and a detail on a road reconnaissance found a crater in vicinity of Ned-Dietenderff but could not fill it. Our Artillery was shelling the town.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall, Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and a detail went on a reconnaissance into Velleberr, Germany and their mission was to determine strength of enemy defenses.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe and one squad in support of 2nd battalion, 318th Infantry Regiment. They remained near their C. P. ready for any engineering work.

Capt. Marshall and Lt. Gilbert A. Smith made a reconnaissance of roads and bridges in vicinity of Erfurt, Germany.

The Brockway Treadway that joined us was called out to go to Company A" at 0430.

11 April 1945

Company moved by motor convey at 1800 arrived at new area in Neuer-auer, Germany at 1200 distance traveled approximately 8 miles.

S/Sgt. Edward F. Hofmann and 1 squad in close support of 1st Battalion 18th Infantry. Removed destroyed enemy vehicles from MSR in vicinity of Neda, Germany, also made a reconnaissance of roads in sector.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe and one squad in close support of 2nd Battalion 18th Infantry removed three road blocks south of Erfurt, Germany.

A Brockway Treadway truck joined us at 1400; also a prime mover and -4 from H and S Company.

Seven enemy airplanes flew over area at 1400. Three were shot down by anti-aircraft fire.

1st Sgt. Edward T. Sreka, Tec 5 John Kareah and Tec 5 Paul H. Ruth made a trip to Ohrdruf, Germany to see a former German Concentration Camp and saw the methods of torture used by the Germans. Approximately one hundred and fifty slave laborers from occupied countries were murdered and piled in one room of a building.

12 April 1945

1st platoon removed a road block and filled a crater in Erfurt, Germany.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall, Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and one squad from first platoon were removing a road block in Erfurt, Germany under enemy small arms fire. Capt. Robert C. Marshall was slightly wounded. He was hit in upper part of abdomen, the bullet went thru his binoculars and thru a "D" ration can which probably saved him from serious injury.

S/Sgt. Edward F. Hofmann, PFC Wallace Pender and PFC William E. Clifford captured two German Officers and 31 German Enlisted men. The prisoner had a weapons carrier which the men recovered.

S/Sgt. Edward F. Hofmann had a detail of seven prisoners working for him in Erfurt, Germany removing a road block. One prisoner, an N.C.O. was not working fast enough, S/Sgt. Hofmann hit him over the head with his carbine breaking the stick.

It was while we were in Erfurt, Germany that we received the word of the death of our President. We received the news over one of our 283 radios.

13 April 1945

Company moved by motor march at 1400 to Lebensten, Germany. Traveled thirty miles. The men bedded down in the field.

14 April 1945

Company moved at 0600 arrived in new area in Oberweis, Germany at 2330 traveled 70 miles. Tec 5 David O. Merckel and Tec 5 Paul H. Ruth in the four ten with dozer in rear, got off main road after missing convey. They went into a town that was still occupied by the enemy. The noise from the vehicle woke the Germans that were asleep in their fox-holes and they scampered off into the fields. It was a narrow escape for them.

Sgt. Thomas Burkholder, Tec 5 John Kareha and PFC Kenneth I. Fisher returning from Gotha, Germany to rejoin the company also drove through a town still occupied by the Germans. 47 Germans surrendered to them, two of which were high ranking officers.

15 April 1945

Company repaired and maintained equipment. Set up water point No. 4.

16 April 1945

Company moved by motor march at 1300. Arrived at new billeting area in Hortmann, Germany at 1350 traveled approximately 10 miles. First platoon beat the second platoon in a fast softball game.

17 April 1945

Company performed normal engineer duties. PFC Nelsen Stephenson and PFC David R. Sterner left for a pass to Paris. Lt. Ross W. Smith also went to Paris on a pass. PFC Joseph Bednar left on the 16th for a seven day furlough at the French Riviera. S/Sgt. Edward Hofmann took his physical today prior to getting his commission.

Pvt. Hector A. MacDonald returned from Luxembourg, City, Lux. He had an accident along the road. Three enlisted men going on pass to Paris were injured and were evacuated to the hospital.

Men took showers today. Company was alerted for moving destination unknown.

18 April 1945

Company moved by motor march at 2000 traveled all night. Had two accidents. Tec 5 Wm. K. Held driving 3/4 ton turned over near Erfurt, Germany while on a detour toward Super Highway (Auto Bahn). PFC Thomas Yeseta driving jeep ran into another vehicle. No one was hurt.

During the trip an enemy plane strafed the conveyance at 0200.

19 April 1945

Arrived at Kottensdorf, Germany at 1300 after traveling a distance of 31 miles. The men worked on vehicles.

The enemy abandoned a 75 MM gun. It was parked in company area. Lt. Frank T. Lembo and Tec 5 John Orleski were looking it over when the gun was accidentally fired. The recoil knocked them both to the ground. The A.P. projectile hit our supply truck damaging it slightly. S/Sgt. Richard N. Cleary standing about ten feet from the truck was injured slightly. He ate his meals off the mantle for the next couple of days. Lt. Frank T. Lembo, Tec 5 John Orleski and S/Sgt. Richard N. Cleary received first aid at the dispensary and returned to duty. The biggest tragedy of all was that Lt. Lembo had two bottles of Scotch on the trail legs of the gun. Upon a hasty reconnaissance of the area it was discovered that the scotch was smashed to smithereens.

20 April 1945

Company turned in all of our German captured vehicles. We continued to repair and maintain our vehicles and equipment.

Pvt. Curtis Niece and Pvt. Wilbert P. Cummings returned to duty after being sent to hospital for some time.

Company is in Corps reserve with Division.

21 April 1945

Company was alerted to move at 1250. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and three enlisted men left on a quartering party at 0900. Company left at 1250 by motor conveyance. Arrived at new area in Nurnberg, Germany 1800. Traveled 45 miles. Made last issue of Cognac and whiskey to company.

The city of Nurnberg is "Kaput". Bombers have done a good job of it. Nevertheless Lt. Gilbert Smith found good quarters for the company.

22 April 1945

Company working on vehicles and equipment.

Set up water point in Nurnberg, Germany and put a 24 hour guard on it.

Company now has a reconnaissance section composed of four EM and a driver, Tec 5 George Grever in charge. PFC Henry L. Tucker, driver, PFC Charlie Davis, PFC Lloyd Lucky are the cal. .50 gunners.

23 April 1945

One squad searched for booby traps and time bombs in buildings occupied by division headquarters.

One squad widened road in Nurnberg, Germany by removing road blocks and debris from roads.

Company enjoyed a movie entitled "Winged Victory." Pvt. Joseph Bednar returned from the Riviera.

24 April 1945

First platoon repaired five miles of barbed wire fence around PW enclosure.

Third platoon filled shell holes and craters on roads in Nurnberg, Germany. Demolished two 88 MM guns in Nurnberg.

Second platoon removed two road blocks to make two land traffic through city.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall inspected railroad cars loaded with demolition and ammunition for booby traps.

Sgt. Leslie Spencer former squad leader of this company in the third platoon, now with an engineer unit in the seventh army, came over to visit us for one night.

25 April 1945

Second platoon hauled four truck loads of enemy small arms and ammunition to ordnance.

First platoon lined up railroad cars in railroad yards that were loaded with enemy demolition and ammunition.

The cars were distributed in yards.

Tec 5 John Kareha umpired a softball game between A and C Companies of this battalion.

Sgt. William Gerlach brought in four cases of wine and two cases of syrup to be issued to the men.

Thirty-nine civilians have come to our C. P. requesting various passes to see relatives and friends.

26 April 1945

Company performing various duties around area.

Men attended a G. I. show at 1300 and 1530 held for 80th Division in stadium here in Nurnberg where Olympics were held in 1936.

The softball team held a practice game at 1900.

27 April 1945

Company performing normal duties. The company headquarters softball team defeated the third platoon and lost another game to the first platoon.

Sgt. Gerlach brought in four cases of wine from a warehouse in Nurnberg, Germany. The company had its usual distribution.

28 April 1945

Company moved by motor convey at 0830. Arrived at new area near Ober-Isling, Germany at 2400. Traveled 70 miles. Company bivouacked in the field. Tec 5 Joseph Serbenski, our radio operator, returned to duty after an absence of three days due to a kidney ailment.

29 April 1945

Company moved by motor march at 1400. Arrived at new area in Wechshorn, Germany at 1800. Traveling approximately 35 miles. During the trip the first platoon was in close support of first battalion of the 318th Infantry Regiment. They removed enemy vehicles from roads.

Remainder of the company repaired a bridge and removed five road blocks. All work was done while combat team was moving forward.

22 EM and one officer from 528 Engineers attached with assault boats and foot bridge.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall, Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and Lt. Frank T. Lembo made a reconnaissance of Isar River for possible assault crossing and bridge sites.

30 April 1945

Company moved at 1230 by motor march arrived at new area in Sossau, Germany. Continued with reconnaissance of Isar River.

Third platoon built a ferry to cross light vehicles but the river was too swift and the power boat furnished by 528th Engr. Bn. couldn't push it. Cpl. George Simon fell in the river and was very fortunate to reach the shore.

1700 the enemy shelled the ferry site with mortars. PFC Duvall was wounded and evacuated.

First and third platoons took 1st and 2nd Bn. of the 318th Infantry Regiment across river in assault boats under enemy mortar fire.

At 0100 the second platoon with the mine platoon as guides took the wire sections and 3rd battalion of the 305th Medics. This operation was all completed in one hour and twenty minutes.

During the operation Sgt. Eurialus Cente and PFC William Moran fell in the river and were rescued by their buddies.

Capt. Robert C. Marshall supervised all these operations.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

1 May 1945

First platoon disassembled the ferry across Isar River and loaded equipment on trucks. Twenty-two enlisted men and one officer from 528 Engrs that were attached to us for rations with equipment for an assault river crossing left company at 1100 today.

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith crossed the Isar River via an assault boat and made a foot reconnaissance of all roads in Dingelfing, Germany for possible road blocks and craters.

The second platoon crossed Isar River on ferry with mission to support battalions of the 318th Infantry Regiment on far shore.

The bridge across the Isar River was completed at 2200. Remainder of company moved by motor march at 2230. Arrived in new area Mamming, Germany at 1400 2 May 1945.

2 May 1945

Company rolled out at 0500 and at 0530 moved to new area in Rimbach Germany. Traveled approximately 35 miles. First platoon maintained roads and repaired bridges along route while remainder of the company maintained roads and repaired culverts.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe left for a three day leave in Paris, France.

One Brockway Treadway truck joined us today from 997 Engineers.

3 May 1945

Second platoon left Rimbach at 0400 to repair railroad bridge in Simbach, Germany across Inn River leading into Austria. First platoon had mission of repairing a bridge in vicinity of Reischbach, Germany and ~~also~~ also repair roads in vicinity. Third platoon repaired bridges and maintained roads along route of march.

Company headquarters left by motor march at 0800 arrived at new area in Senbach at 1330. Remainder of company joined us at 1500.

First platoon and third platoon crossed 3rd Battalion of 318th Inf. Regiment across the Inn River in assault boats. Second platoon built a scaffold and ladders across damaged railroad bridge to assist first battalion of infantry across the Inn river. They also crossed them with a civilian barge and power boats. Third platoon crossed first battalion via assault boats. One squad remained at river until 1200 4 May to help put supplies across the river.

4 May 1945

Third platoon loaded assault boats on trailers. Second platoon removed 2100 lbs. of bombs from bridge in Simbach. Moved water point across river. Company moved by motor march at 2100. Arrived in new area in Ranshofen, Austria at 2330. Distance traveled five miles.

5 May 1945

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and one squad made a reconnaissance of a warehouse with shower facilities.

An Austrian civilian who was a strong supporter of the Nazi Party hung himself in a shed this morning. Tec 5 John A. Minarchin cut him down. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith who is (acting) G. R. employed some of the townsfolk to bury him.

There were quite a few American flyers that were prisoners of war here in the town. We fed them and furnished transportation to get them to an American Camp.

Third platoon defeated company headquarters in a softball game. 5-3

6 May 1945

Company moved by motor convey at 2100 5 May 1945 arrived at new area in Volklabruck, Austria at 0400 after traveling 50 miles. We received 1000 gallons of gas in drums. Company gassed up and left at 0700 and arrived at new area in Kirchdorf, Austria at 1530 after traveling 50 miles.

First platoon joined Task Force "James". Second platoon joined Task Force "Simon". and Third platoon joined Task Force "Black". The mission of these Task Forces was to destroy all enemy resistance North of Inn River and to make contact with our ally, the Russians.

7 May 1945

platoons continued to work with Task Forces.

8 May 1945

First platoon prepared two bridges for demolition.

German divisions that have surrendered are coming in through our sector. First platoon is collecting the arms, ammunition, demolitions and destroying same.

9 May 1945

Platoons continued to collect all arms and ammunition from enemy who are surrendering.

The peace that has been in the offing so long will be official at 0001 10 May 1945.

First Sgt. Brophy, Sgt. Hyer, Tec 5 Jorgensen, Cpl. Pedersen joined our company today. Company moved from Kirchdorf, Austria by motor convey at 1800. Arrived at new area in Garsten, Austria at 2000 after traveling approximately 45 miles.

The platoons joined the company again but are still working with Task Force "Smythe."

10 May 1945

First platoon prepared two bridges for demolition.

S/Sgt. Sutton and a detail from third platoon started operating a railroad with mission of evacuating German prisoners of war.

The company had a beer party at 1800--four barrels of beer.

11 May 1945

Third platoon with Lt. Robert Stranix as Manager ~~xxx~~^{is} still operating the railroad approximately 1000 PWs were transported to the allied camps set up for them.

Second platoon collecting various weapons and ammunition from prisoners.

Company softball team was defeated 18-14 by the infantry.

S/Sgt. Edward F. Hofmann received his commission today.

12 May 1945

Third platoon continues to operate railroad.

The men of the company are filling out their questionnaires for the I and E program which goes into effect shortly.

Lt. Edward F. Hofmann is transferred to H. & S. Company with the principal duty of Reconnaissance Officer.

Company softball team won another game from the Infantry 18-14.

13 May 1945

Company continues to operate a 30 mile run of railroad evacuating PWs German and stragglers from other armies.

The Articles of War were read to the company by Capt. Robert C. Marshall.

Each soldier in the company is filling out his forms on the I and E program that will soon be in effect.

Lt. Robert Stranix changed duties from Adm. officer to first platoon commander and Lt. Ross W. Smith took over the duties as Executive Officer.

14 May 1945

Second platoon relieved the third platoon operating the railroad.

Company continues to have a clothing and equipment check up.

Tec 5 William K. Held, PFC Clifford Edwards, PFC Carl York left for 72 hour pass to Paris, France.

PFC Oscar E. McCann returned from a seven day furlough to the Riviera.

15 May 1945

First platoon from 179 Engineer Combat Battalion relieved company in operation of railroad.

Company moved by meter march at 0830 and arrived at new area in Unterlegau, Austria at 1230 after traveling approximately 60 miles.

PFC Harold Calheun, a casualty who was wounded on the Sauer River, returned to duty. Tec 5 Willmer W. Werth, who had his leg broken when a tree fell on him, returned to duty. PFC Peter W. Mayer, who was evacuated due to accidental injury while cleaning a pistol, returned to duty. Company was happy to have men return.

16 May 1945

Company had its first reveille formation at 0630 since we hit Omaha Beach in France. Also had twenty minutes of close order drill.

PFC Blair Kissinger and PFC Kermit Mengel took dump trucks to vicinity of Wimsbach, Austria to haul enemy arms and ammunition to a dump. They will be attached to S-4 of 319th Infantry Regiment until 27 May 1945.

Company bought 26 cases of beer for a party.

Company headquarters defeated second platoon in a softball game 9-1.

At a company formation prior to retreat, Capt. Marshall presented Tec 5 Stanley Grant, PFC Robert Davis, PFC Robert Hawkins and PFC Loyd Lucky with Bronze Stars. The battalion photographer was present to take pictures of the presentation.

Company enjoyed a movie.

17 May 1945

Pvt. Paul Valuch had a general court martial at Division Forward C. P. Capt. Robert C. Marshall, First Sgt. Edward T. Sreka, Sgt. Norris Sansbury, Tec 5 Paul H. Ruth and Pvt. Bob Melrey were called as witnesses. Pvt. Valuch was sentenced to 30 years in prison.

Company worked on vehicles and equipment. Company headquarters defeated the first platoon in a softball game.

The company enjoyed a movie at 2100, beer was served during the showing of the movie. 15 cases of beer were disposed of in short order.

18 May 1945

Two dump trucks of the company still hauling enemy arms and ammunition.

Company has organized athletics, softball and swimming.

The company softball team defeated Company "A" in a double header. Scores were 5-2, 6-4.

19 May 1945

Company saw a movie called "Two Down and One to Go." It was put out by the War Dept. to give the G. Is an idea on the point system.

PFC Kermit Mengel and PFC Blair Kissinger returned to Company after being absent for a few days. They were on special duty with the 319th Infantry Regiment.

We received six riding horses from the battalion. Also received 28 German 31 cal. rifles with 22 cal. inserts. The men made a small firing range in vicinity of company.

PFC Kenneth I. Fisher returned to duty after being lost to hospital for two weeks.

20 May 1945

Tec 5 George J. Grever went to Liezen, Austria to receive a Russian decoration. After traveling 90 miles, the Russians did not have enough awards to go around therefore he was not decorated.

Sgt. Raymond Nelsen and PFC David Sterner drove to Armond, Austria and brought back 20 saddles.

Company played ball and some of the men rode horses. We had a movie in the evening.

21 May 1945

Capt. Robert C. Marshall and a detail of five enlisted men traveled to Garsten, Austria to get 20 horses for the company.

Sgt. Eurialias Cente and his squad checked airport in Leitzen, Austria for beeby traps and mines but found none.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe and a detail of men made a reconnaissance of railroad yards and found six railroad cars of oil and six big drums of gasoline.

Lt. Ross W. Smith and a detail of men repaired our softball diamond. They made a backstop and rolled the diamond. They also built a horse corral.

The men are continuing to take their physicals.

Tec 4 Ralph Pepovich and PFC Warren E. Teague left for a three day rest in Thionville, France.

22 May 1945

Capt. Robert C. Marshall and the men returned from Leitzen, Austria with fourteen riding horses.

Three trucks from company left to haul camouflage nets to Luxembourg. The drivers and assistant drivers took five days rations.

Four trucks from company were detached on SD to haul displaced persons to various camps on the continent. The drivers and assistant drivers took 3 days of rations with them.

23 May 1945

Capt. Robert C. Marshall left for Paris today. He is to attend a school on the I and E program. Lt. Robert Stranix has assumed command of the company.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe bought seven kegs and three cases of beer for the company. The boys drink two kegs with each meal and each platoon receives a keg in the evening.

Our horses broke out of the corral last night. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and a detail of enlisted men rounded them up this morning.

Company lost its first softball game tonight 14-2. The 305th Medics defeated us.

24 May 1945

Two trucks reported to Headquarters 305th Engr. with eight days rations to haul displaced persons.

Company enjoyed a movie at 1900 hours.

Softball game with "C" Company was called off on account of rain.

Fifty men were scheduled to go to the recreation area in Gmunden, Austria but decided not to go because of rain.

PFC Warren E. Scheible is on detached service with 318th Infantry in Seesbach, Austria where he is used as an interrogator for the purpose of discharging German P.Ws.

25 May 1945

Lt. Robert Stranix, Lt. Gilbert A. Smith went on a reconnaissance in Kirchdorf, Austria. Mission to locate reported German gasoline and oil. They found 50,000 gallons of gas and oil. The recon section of the company reported back to bring in a 55 gal. drum for G-4s approval.

Sgt. Leonard C. Wolfe visited the company today for the purpose of getting men to sign their adjusted rating cards.

Company lost a softball game to H. & S. Company score 8 to 6.

26 May 1945

Reconnaissance of a bridge in vicinity of Klaus, Austria by Lt. Gilbert A. Smith.

Company continued to work on equipment.

Seven trucks are hauling displaced persons to various camps in areas.

27 May 1945

Three trucks and three squads of men collecting wire for PW enclosure around Wels area.

28 May 1945

Thirty five men and five trucks were hauling wire and material in vicinity of Lambach, Austria for use in construction of P. W. enclosure.

Seven trucks continued hauling displaced persons.

Lt. Ross W. Smith made a reconnaissance for a rifle range.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe made a reconnaissance on equipment to be used on rifle range.

All saws, post hole augers and dozer were loaned to company "A".

Company "A" could not get enough men to play us softball. Forfeiting the game.

29 May 1945

Seven trucks continued hauling displaced persons.

Reconnaissance of lumber yard in Steinbach. Thirty men and five trucks continued working on PW enclosure. Dozer continued working with company "A".

Ammunition was obtained from headquarters and some of the men tried their skill with a Luger.

Lost softball game to Company "A" by a score of 4 to 3.

30 May 1945

Seven trucks continued to haul displaced persons. 24 men on lumber trail for PW enclosure.

Lt. Gilbert A. Smith is supervising construction of a railroad bridge at Klaus.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe made a recon for a site for a new P.W. enclosure but was without success. He visited Kirchdorf, Steinbach and Muhltdt.

Company held a retreat in memory of Memorial Day.

Dozer and operator continued working with Company "A".

31 May 1945

Dozer and operator continued working with Co. "A". Lt. Gilbert A. Smith continued supervising construction of railroad bridge at Klaus.

Tec 5 Harlan Hughes rejoined the company after being a casualty on the Sauer River crossing.

PFC Level S. McCreary is going to Frankfurt to visit his brother who is going to the C. B.I.

PFC George W. Frazier is going to Thionville, France to visit rest camp.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

1 June 1945

Dozer and operator continued working with Company "A". Lt. Gilbert A. Smith continued supervising construction of railroad bridge at Klausen.

Softball game with Company "C" called off due to wet diamond.

The following men returned from a pass in Paris. Tec 5 Joseph J. Gerbenski, S/Sgt. William J. Gerlach Jr., Tec 5 Oscar W. Charles and Pvt. Walter J. Szymczyk.

2 June 1945

Dozer and operator continued working with Company "A". Lt. Gilbert A. Smith continued supervising construction of railroad bridge at Klausen.

Six trucks and 28 men hauled barbed wire for PW enclosure.

The company was issued their long sought Coca Cola ration today.

Ball game with H and S called due to wet weather.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe made road recon from Veßklabruck up the MSR to Steinneck. S/Sgt. William J. Gerlach made a recon for barbed wire.

3 June 1945

Dozer and operator continued working with Co. "A". Trucks and men continued hauling barbed wire for PW enclosure.

Company lost a ball game to the AG team with a score of 1 to 0.

4 June 1945

Co. repaired bridge on MSR in vicinity of Wimsbach. Co. marked mine field and booby trap area in vicinity of Wimsbach. Two trucks hauling displaced persons.

Company defeated Co. "A" in a game of softball by the score of 6 to 4.

The company enjoyed a movie entitled "See Here Pvt. Hargrove."

Lt. Ross W. Smith picked up 12 PWs at Meesebach to remove German mines in vicinity of Lambach. Mines had already been picked up by another organization with PWs.

5 June 1945

Capt. Robert C. Marshall returned to company after being in Paris attending I and E school.

Lt. Frank T. Lembe made a road recon on MSR. Tec 5 George J. Grever made a recon to build a latrine at women PW enclosure in vicinity of Schering. Tec 5 Henry C. Humphrey rejoined company after being hospitalized for kidney trouble. Two trucks hauled 30 rolls of steel matting to be used for PW enclosure. Five trucks hauled stumps for Company "A". Company had an orientation on the C. B. I.

6 June 1945

Company defeated Co. "C" in a game of softball with a score of 6-4.

Detail built latrines at women PW enclosure in vicinity of Scherfling.

Company received tetanus typhoid shots today.

Company had a holiday today with the exception of the latrine detail.

Tec 5 George J. Grover received a Russian medal today.

7 June 1945

Company lost a softball game to Co. "C" 5-1. Company also lost two volleyball games to Company "C" 21-1 and 21-5.

Detail constructed a roadblock in vicinity of Eiding. Detail continued on latrines at women PW enclosure in vicinity of Scherfling. Company trucks hauled 10 loads of gravel for H and S motor pool. Care and maintenance of swimming pool in Velklabruck, Austria.

8 June 1945

A squad of men won the battalion road march in 135 minutes.

Co. Ball team defeated H and S by the score of 16 to 8. Co. enjoyed a movie entitled "Brewsters Millions."

Continued supervising road repair in vicinity of Unterburg. Three trucks hauled gravel for H and S motor pool. Detail continued working on Latrines at women PW enclosure in vicinity of Scherfling.

9 June 1945

Capt. Robert C. Marshall and Lt. Robert Stranix left company to be battalion S-3 and Assistant S-3. Lt. Frank T. Lembe, Tec 5 Thomas A. Yeseta, PFC Peter W. Mayer left company on a quartering party for Aitrang, Germany. Two trucks hauled gravel for H and S motor pool.

10 June 1945

Company prepared to move to new area at Aitrang, Germany.

11 June 1945

Company made a march by motor convey from Unterregau, Austria to Aitrang, Germany starting at 0600 and arriving in ~~new~~ new area at 1800. Distance traveled 211 miles.

12 June 1945

Company waited for the 111th Engineer Combat Battalion to move out of buildings and area.

Two trucks returned to Unterregau for cots and mattresses.

13 June 1945

Company moved into buildings vacated by the 111th Engrs. Tec 5 Harlan Hughes, Lt. Keith Eiler and 1st Sgt. John Brophy went out with a MG policeman to pick up a Pole for stealing. It turned out he was a Russian and did not steal. He was released and we returned to C. P. The Russians came to Aitrang and threatened the MG Policeman and chased him in buildings. We took two Russians, Police and Burgermeister to the MG in Markt-Oberdorf and got it straightened out.

14 June 1945

All work was brought to a standstill due to some misunderstanding as to our location.

15 June 1945

Two trucks hauled foot lockers and coats from railroad depot in Markt-Oberdorf to company area. Company horses were unloaded and rode to company area. Company acquired a Hungarian stable boy in the deal.

16 June 1945

One truck hauled Poles from our area to Fussen. Made recon of engineer dump in vicinity of Kaufberon for equipment to make showers for company. One squad of third platoon built a velley ball court. One squad built servers for kitchen.

17 June 1945

A Russian was caught stealing motor bike and was taken to MG in Markt-Oberdorf to be locked up.

18 June 1945

Company had orientation on I and E course. We also started garrison routine. Company had inspection by battalion commander and executive officer. Trucks hauled gravel for the companys motor pool. Company prepared for forth coming I. G. inspection.

19 June 1945

Company attended a battalion parade in Markt-Oberdorf at which citations were given. Company attended a G. I. movie in Markt-Oberdorf entitled "On to Tokio."

Company ball team defeated Company "A" this afternoon by a score of 8 to 8.

Trucks hauled gravel for company motor pool. A squad of men built shed to put our saddles in out of the weather.

20 June 1945

Co. Supply room had an I. G. inspection on Ordnance. Sgt. Leonard Wolfe paid a visit to company to get pay roll signed.

Oiled street in front of C. P.

20 June 1945

This afternoon a number of the fellows enjoyed swimming in Elbe Lake.

Meter Pool had most of the trucks dead lined to get ready for an Ordnance inspection.

Company started laundry service today.

Company defeated Co. "C" in a softball game with a score of 13 to 5.

21 June 1945

1st Sgt. John M. Brophy and PFC H. Ford Brown made a 140 mile trip on bridge reconnaissance.

A number of fellows enjoyed swimming this afternoon during the A and R period.

Trucks hauled gravel for meter pool and stables. Company prepared for an ordnance weapons inspection.

22 June 1945

Company had an ordnance weapons inspection. Lt. Keith Eiler made a road recon on the MSR from Kaufbeuren north to Bad Weisshofen. 1st Sgt. John M. Brophy and H. Ford Brown continued bridge recon on MSR traveling 150 miles.

H and S Company defeated company in ball game by score of 5 to 4.

Company had helmet liners painted.

23 June 1945

Company was inspected by the battalion commander and he stated that the company was in excellent condition. Company received a flag, so old glory will fly over Aitrang.

This afternoon a few of the men enjoyed themselves at Elbe Lake. Others enjoyed themselves by playing volleyball.

24 June 1945

Company enjoyed swimming at Elbe Lake.

25 June 1945

This morning the company constructed an infantry foot bridge across the Iller River at Kempton. Lt. Ross W. Smith, Tec 5 Stanley Grant and S/Sgt. James C. Sutton returned from a trip to Paris.

Detail built a pistol range. Company won two volleyball games today from Company "C".

26 June 1945

A detail of men removed all signs on the MSR not pertaining to the 80th Division. Three trucks hauled gravel in vicinity of Munich. Lt. Gilbert A. Smith and a detail of three men went to Kempten for plumbing equipment from SS Barracks to erect showers in company area.

Company was defeated in a game of ball by Co. "C" by score of 7-4.

27 June 1945

One platoon constructed obstacles for obstacle course. One platoon constructed bleachers for 80th Division ball field. Six men removed all signs not pertaining to the division on the MSR.

Company defeated H and S in a velley ball game by the score of 21 to 15. Eight men enjoyed a Jack Benny show in Augsburg.

28 June 1945

Third platoon building obstacle course. Four trucks hauled displaced persons in vicinity of Markt-Oberdorf. Six men are erecting bleachers at division ball field.

The company received typhus shot this morning.

Company defeated H and S in a softball game by the score of 3-1.

29 June 1945

One truck and six men working on division ball field at Kaufbeuren. Second platoon posted road signs on division MSR. Five trucks hauling 318th Infantry's second battalion from Kempten to Kaufbeuren.

Thirty five men from the company attended a Russian show at Markt-Oberdorf.

30 June 1945

Company held a regular Saturday inspection.

Five trucks completed hauling second battalion of the 318th Infantry Regiment.

HISTORY OF COMPANY

1 July 1945

Men enjoyed playing ball and fishing.

Company defeated Company "C" in velley ball game.

2 July 1945

Company ball team defeated H and S by a score of 9 to 3. Third platoon worked on demolition to be used on the 4th at Division celebration. Detail constructed a sign for entrance to ball field.

3 July 1945

One squad of men worked on division ball field marking base lines. One squad put up sign at entrance to ball field. Detail of four men took down typhus signs in vicinity of Schwabiminnen.

4 July 1945

One squad of men worked at division ball field moving bleacher in place for the citation parade. One squad from third platoon set off 48 demolition charges at division for the citation parade.

Battalion's parade called off.

5 July 1945

One squad of men worked at Elbe Lake constructing a building for quarters. Company constructed an Infantry support raft across the Iller River at Kempten for training.

Battalion held a retreat parade and also had practice for division parade.

Company defeated Company "A" by a score of 9 to 2.

6 July 1945

One squad worked at Elb See on building being erected for the EM.

7 July 1945

One squad on erection of buildings at ElbSee. Sgt. Russell Dunlavey and Tec 5 George Grever made a road reconnaissance in vicinity of Kaufbeuren.

NCO attended a Special Courts Martial in Markt Oberdorf.

8 July 1945

Company enjoyed swimming, fishing and playing ball. Lt. Ross W. Smith would starve if he would have to live on the fish he catches.

9 July 1945

Second platoon trained on Infantry foot bridge at Kempton on the Iller River for demonstration for General George S. Patton Jr. One squad working at ElbSee building EM Recreation area.

Company defeated Company C in a softball game by score of 6 to 4.

10 July 1945

Second platoon training on Inf. foot bridge at Kempton on the Iller River for demonstration for General Patton. One squad working at ElbSee building EM Rec. Area. Two squads made road repairs on MSR. Sgt. Russell Dunlavey made a road reconnaissance on MSR.

11 July 1945

One squad working at Elb See building dance hall and dining room. Two squads made road repairs on MSR. Company had Guiden made.

Company truck B-8 won the best truck in division contest.

12 July 1945

One squad continued working at Elb See on dance hall and dining room. Third platoon worked on obstacle course at Kaufbeuren. Two squads made road repairs on MSR.

13 July 1945

One squad continued working at Elb See. Made road repairs on MSR.

Company defeated Company "A" in softball game by score of 15 to 0.

14 July 1945

All men with Class D profile left company today for Kirchderf.

One squad continued working at Elb See on Dance Hall and Dining room.

15 July 1945

Men enjoyed swimming at Elb See.

16 July 1945

Battalion had an outing at Elb See in memory of activation day 15 July 1942. Different kinds of racing events were held.

17 July 1945

One squad continued working at Elb See constructing dance hall and dining room. Two platoons worked on foot bridge on the Iller River at Kempton for General Patton's inspection Thursday 19 July 1945.

Company ball team was defeated by Co. "C" by a score of 6 to 5.

18 July 1945

One squad continued working at Elb See. Company received 39 EM as replacements to bring T/O up to strength.

H and S defeated company in softball game by a score of 4 to 1.

19 July 1945

Two squads worked on construction of bleachers for division ball field. One squad continued with work at Elb See. One platoon put on demonstration for General Patton. They constructed an infantry foot bridge in approximately 5.5 minutes.

20 July 1945

One squad continued work at Elb See. One squad worked for division building fly traps. One platoon worked on construction of camouflaged area.

21 July 1945

One squad worked till 2100 at Elb See striving to complete job. One squad continued work on fly traps. One platoon worked on camouflage area.

22 July 1945

Day of rest.

23 July 1945

One squad at Elb See. 50 men worked at camouflage area.

24 July 1945

Followed battalion schedule in morning. Inter platoon athletics in the afternoon.

25 July 1945

Followed training schedule. Inter platoon athletics in afternoon.

26 July 1945

Saw film "America goes to war". Followed training schedule. Inter platoon athletics in afternoon. Battalion ball game with 318th Infantry Regiment was lost 2 to 0.

27 July 1945

Fifty men to camouflage area. One platoon working on boxes. One squad working on boxing ring. One squad putting up 80th Division signs.

28 July 1945

Company followed the battalion schedule. Four men to Company "C" to make bleachers for ball field. Company had party at "The Castle". All

men had a good time.

29 July 1945

Followed battalion schedule in the morning with movies on VD, Sex Hygiene and Malaria. Company was off for the afternoon.

30 July 1945

Followed the battalion schedule. Read reconnaissance of two men and a jeep. One squad making fly traps. One squad making boxes for the division. One squad and two trucks hauling foot bridge equipment. One squad and one truck hauling gravel.

Dropped a ball game to Company "C" to the tune of 8 to 0.

31 July 1945

Thirty men at camouflage area. One squad finished up making boxes for division. One squad worked on the lake. "B" Company dropped another game to "C" Company. This time the score was 4 to 2.