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June 20, 1942

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1. PAC radio JAF UL482C, Hq 3rd AF, Tampa, Fla., dated June 19, 1942, to the CO, Will Rogers Field, Okla., which confirms instructions in parts, SO 164, 3rd AF, Tampa, Fla., dated June 19, 1942, the following named officers of the orgn indicated are hereby reld from asgnmt and duty at this Sta, are asgnd to the 818th Engineer Battalion, Pass Christian, Mississipi, and will proceed by rail, without delay, from this Sta to Enss Christian, Miss., reporting not later than June 23, 1942, to the CO thereat for duty:

2nd Lt ALBERT F. WIEDEMAN - 01100393, CE, 328th Engr Bn. 2nd Lt LATRENCE A. WIDOWSKI - 01100301, CE, 828th Engr Bn. 2nd Lt CARL M. MERBITZ - 0461112, CE, 8285h Engr Bn.

The M will fur necessary rail the Pass Christian, Miss. TDN and payment when made is chargeable to procurement authority FD 31 P-02 A 0425-23: M 100 P-01, P-03, P-07, P-08, A 0500-23. Orders covering the alove assignment are being mailed direct from Hq, 3rd A^F, Tampa, Fla., to destinction.

By order of Colonel DeFORD:

JANES H. BEARLY, Captain, Army Air Forces, Adjutant

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SUBJECT: Orders.

TO : Commanding Officer, Fort Dix, N.J.

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Pursuant to telephonic instructions from the office of Chief of Transportation, SOS, (Major Farr to Lt Col Pedersen, S-3) each of the officers and warrant officer listed below of units indicated at Ft Dix, NJ, will proceed to Hq, NYPE, Brooklyn, NY, and report to the OG thereat in tele duty for the purpose of following up shipment of organization equiptert, vehicles, etc., of their units. Upon completion of this temp duty, each officer will proceed to the overseas destination of his unit under orders to be issued by the OG, NYPE.

CE WILLIAM E BETTS, JR., 0301787, CE

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FPC/rhb/gfl

June 28, 1942

The O and WO listed above are authorized a flat per diem of \$6.00 in lieu of subs for the period of travel and temp duty. The travel directed is necessary in the mil serv. FD 34 P 02 A 0425-23.

By command of Brigadier General GRONINGER:

F. P. CHRISTENSEN, Captain, A. G. D., Ass't Adjutant General.

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HEADQUARTERS 18TH ENGINEER BATTALION, AVIATIC. A. P. O. 1206, c/o POSTMASTER, NEW YORK CITY

June 29, 1942

SPECIAL ORDERS:

NO. 49 :

1. The following named Privates transferred to this Command per VOCG and having joined are hereby assigned to Headquarters & Service Company.

	Markin Channel Distriction
Arnold, Franklin Jr 37113835	Merkle, Steve J 36315640
Austin, Adrian N 31063317	Moore, Robert E
Boggs, Roy A 37146068	Mudry, Stephen 32214737
Bongiovanni, John 32214987	McGuire, James T 6497078
Burchett, John W 35285627	Nikolin, Michael M 35268216
Beauchamp, Andrew B 36170527	Oesterreich, Earl F - 36302708
Castelli, Salvatore 32218192	0'Neal, George E 39386083
Davis, Homer 6520078	Paaros, Anthony G 32218097
De Steffano, Vito 32218192	Parisi, Louis 32238760
Giorgianne, Salvatore J 32217179	Rebitz, Wensel J 36235072
Carrison, Charles C 39385386	Reider, Edward 38149142
Grossman, Charles 6710925	Robinson, Trafford 39386085
Groshouse, Joseph R-3597820	Strickland, Lawrence W. 36169444
Goldner, Jack I 32218828	Styles, Charles 31068373
Higginbotham, John A 34231265	Sullivan, William C - 31068321
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Laskowski, Emil \$8091032	Valentine, Richard B = 35284859
Iembke, Gottlieb 30915651	Whittaker, Harold G 32237442
Martello, Anthony A 35283553	Wieck, Alexander 32217331
Meints, Raymond C 37145669	Wisnieskim, John 33131430

2. The following named Privates transferred to this Command per VOCG and having joined are hereby assigned to Co "A".

Brugger, Marlow A	39016077	Palma, Anacleto P 32214551
Budzinski, Maximillian E		Parola, Sam J 32218245
Cubra, Vasso		Patterson, Warren R 36172840
Desposiers, Leo J	31068725	Pearlmutter, Harry 33143237
Drissler, Milton E		Rasmussen, Iouis A 37162710
Hachtel, Robert L		Rice, Floyd E 37146290
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Hart, Jack C	39385537	Quigley, William J36172728
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3. The following named Privates transferred to this Command per VOCG and having joined are hereby assigned to Company "B",

Grimes, Thomas R Williams, John S Bonsetto, John S	 38022660	Gross, Leopold E Surgecoff, Abraham Hammill, Theodore E	31068354	
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Moore, James R.	 36054767	Westwood, George J	37002210	

Mezo, William A.---36054323 West, Verner -----39385625 Bemis, Thomas P. --36319447 Vigil, Gasper G.V. ----38148967 Pilot, John ------35284402 Johnson, Lloyd ------ 37162723 Lindow, Allen L. --37129505

'4. The following named Private transferred to this Command per VOOC and having joined is hereby assigned to Company "C".

Corwin, Herbert E. ----- 37275623

By Order of Capt. G. B. HALL

A. W. FEABODY 2nd Lt. Sicth Engr Avn En Adjutant

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A. W. FEAEODY 2nd It. 618th Engr. En (Avn) Adjutant

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To : Communding Officers, Units Haned on This Order

1. Pursuant to instructions contained in * * * Searet ltr, KD, NTPE (SPTAA 370.5 - S-3 (TMO) June 28, 1942, subject, Hovement Order, Sthpmenter * * \$ 5152, * * * the following units will proceed fr this sta by rail-ferry to NTPE, Brooklyn, NT, and North River, NT, NY, on June 30 and July 1, 1942. Upon arrival thereat the Train Commanders as listed will report to a Representative of the CG, NTPE, for further instructions for transfer to foreign service: This is a PERMANENT change of station.

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By order of the Secretary of

OFFICIAL: J. A. ULIO,

Major General, The Adjutant General G. C. MARSHALL, Chief of Staff.

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HEADQUARCERS 818TH ENGINEER BATTALION, AVIATION A.P.O. 887, UNITED STATES ARXY

17 August 1942

SPECIAL ORDERS:

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1. The following Officer and Enlisted Men will proceed by Government Motor Transportation on or about 14 August 1942 from Graet Dunnow, England to Chipping Onger, England, on temporary duty, for the purpose of constructing a camp and upon completion of that duty will return to their proper station.

	'2nd Lt. Albert F. Wiedeman (-1100393 CE	Company "B"
	S/Sgt. Harold C. Washburn	32099880	1 11
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	Sgt. George C. Aldridge		
	Sgt. Joe E. Everhart	35255905	
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	Col. Herbert W. Dennis	35255993	
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	Cpl. Henry G. Hauntz		
	Cpl. Donald M. Leffler	35255007	
	Cpl. William E. Perkins	33256136	
	To5th Grade Paul F. Bruner	35295494	
	T/5th Grade Junius A. Houk	15256090	
	T/5th Grade Taylor E. Jarvis	36160993	
	T/5th Grade Oliver E. McClister	35256100	
	T/5th Grade Otis Woods	35256192	
	Pvt. 1cl. Raymond J. Alter	32198991	
	Pvt. 1cl. George V. Bridgewaters	35255937	
	Pvt. 1cl. Fred L. Cooper	35255890	
	Pvt. 1cl. Francis A. Goffinet	35255561	
	Pvt. 1cl. Leonard H. Hartman	35255518	
	Pvt. 1cl. Wilmer A. Hoskins	35256060	
	Pvt. 1cl. Stanley J. Kuczek	35255488	
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	Pvt. 1cl. Sol Rosenzweig	32199072	
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	Pvt. George D. Hampton	35255523	
	Pvt. John N. Hartman	35256039	
	Pvt. Bert Helton	35255642	
	Pvt. Wilfred L. Hoover	33113147	
	Pvt. Ferdinand J. Hoverson	37094326	
	Pvt. James O. Hulett	35256069	
	Pvt. Wallace G. Jack	33143065	
	Pvt. Joseph T. Janisky	310684.50	
	Pvt. Paul A. Jefferys	33143465	
	Pvt. Lloyd Johnson	37162723	
	Pvt. Robert Z. Johnson	35110360	
	Pvt. Michael H. Keller	32233009	
	Pvt. John R. Kieser	16019553	
	Pvt. Morris Klein	33143329	
	Pvt. Lawrence J. Koester	35255580	
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By Order of Capt. HALL

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HEADQUARTERS 818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION A.P.O. 517, UNITED STATES ARMY

31 October 1942

SPECIAL ORDERS:

NO. 88 :

1. Pursuant to the verbal orders of the Commanding officer, EBS, SOS, ETO, A.P.O. 517, U. S. Army, 30 October 1942, Company A.P. 818th Engineer Battalion, Aviation, consisting of one hundred and corty (140) Enlisted Men and three (3) Officers, 1st Lt. CARL C. UP MAN, C-26558 CZ, 2nd Lt. WILLIAM C. HARRIS, JR., 0-465187 CE, and 2nd Lt. MARKICE A. WIDOWSKI, 0-1100391 CE, will proceed without delay from their proceed station to -

0-1100391 CE, will proceed without delay from their process station to reporting upon arrival to the Commanding Officer, Air Force Ordnance Depot 583 for a period of temporary duty of about one week's duration. Upon completion of this temporary duty, Company "A", 818th Engineer Battalion, Aviation, will return to its proper tation.

2. During this period of temporary duty, Company "A", 818th Engineer Battalion, Aviation, will be attached to the Third Provisional Ammunition Company, Eighth Air Force Saprice Command for rations and quarters only.

3. Each of the open induced and forty (140) Enlisted Men and each of the three (3) Officers of Company "A", 818th Engineer Battalion, Aviation, will take his individual equipment, clothing, blankets and arms for this period of temporary duty.

4. Transportation will be furnished by the Eighth Air Force.

By Order of Major HALL

OFFICIAL

A. W. PEABODY 2nd Lt. 318th Engr. Bn. (Avn) Adjutant

/s/ A. W. FEABODY

A. W. PLABODY 2nd Lt. 818th Engr. Bn. (Avn) Adjutant

Special Orders) NO 226

War Department Washington, 22 August 1942

1. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following-named officers to the grades indicated in the AUS with rank from 22 August 1942 under the provisions of Sec 127a NDA as amended:

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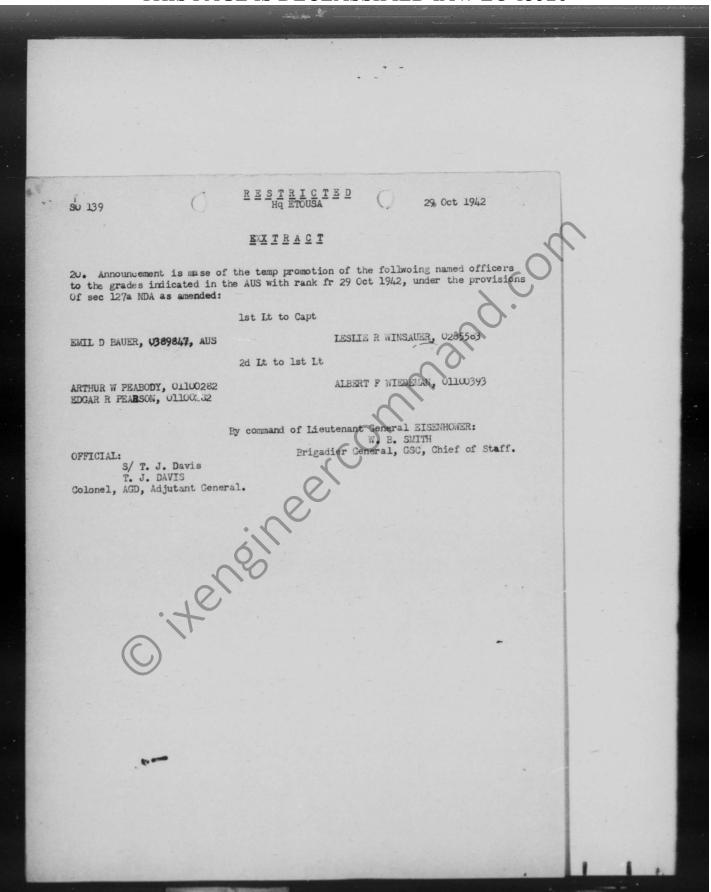
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By order of the Secretary of War:

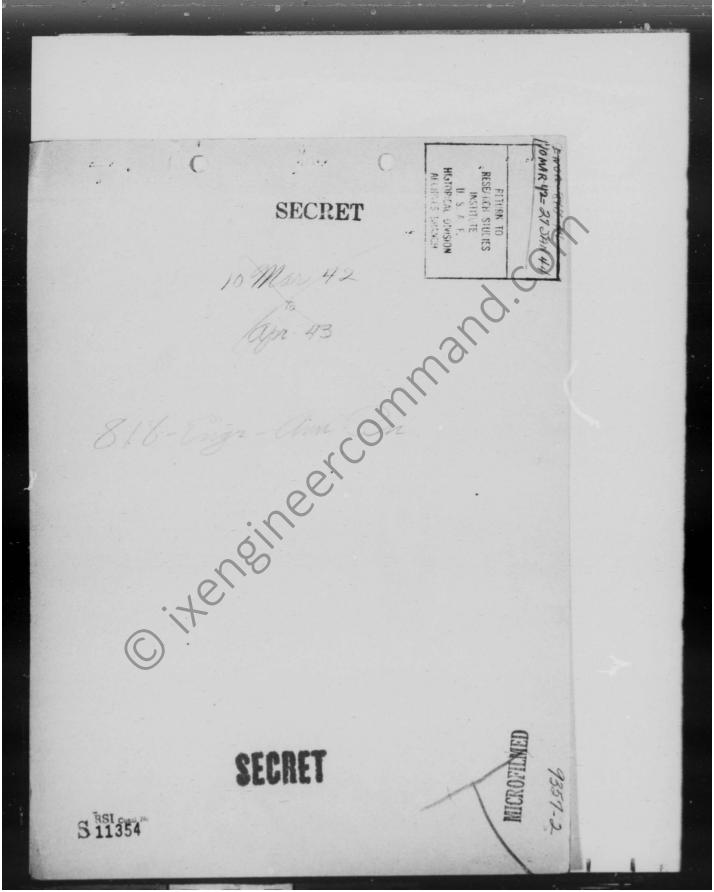
G. C. MARSHALL, Chief of Staff

Official:

J. A. ULIO Major General, The Adjutant General.



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APO 638, U.S. Army 14 March 1944

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UNIT HISTORY

The 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, then known as the 818th Engineer Battalion (Avn) (Sep), was constituted by the War Department on 29 Jan 1942 and was activated on the 10th of March 1942 by Headquarters, Savannah Army Air Base, Savannah, Georgia. The original cadre of 42 enlisted men to form the battalion were transferred from the 809th Engineer Battalion on 12 March 1942. Under the command of Major Francis X. Purcell, the battalion's first month of existence was spent in organizing with the limited personnel available.

On 14 April 1942, 524 enlisted men were transferred into the battalion from the Branch Immaterial Replacement Training Center, Fort McClelland, Alabama. This group, along with the original cadre, is the basis on which the organization is formed.

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The first move made by the battalion occurred on 29 May 1942. On that date the unit moved to Pass Christian, dississippi by troop train, arriving at destination on the 30th of May 1942. The unit was billeted in the Pines Hills Hotel at Pass Christian and was assigned the mission of constructing a bombing range to be used by the 3rd Air Force. Due to the time necessary for organization and orders to depart from Pines Hills soon after arrival, only the beginnings of the bombing range were constructed.

Personnel of the battalion further supplemented by the transfer of 156 enlisted men from the 815th Engineer Battalion, formerly stationed at Pass Christian. Officer strength was increased with the assignment of 10 officers to the unit.

Prior to leaving Pass Christian, It Col. Purcell was relieved from assignment to the battalion and It Col. Hall, then Captain, assumed command.

On the 22nd of June 1942, the unit departed from Pass Christian en route to Fort Dix, New Jersey by troop train, and arrived in Fort Dix on 25 June.

At Fort Dix the unit was concerned in preparation for overseas movement. Personnel of the battalion were further supplemented by the transfer of 78 enlisted men from the 820th Engineer Battalion. By the 30th of June 1942, the strength of the organization consisted of 20 officers and 762 enlisted men.

On the 30th of June 1942, the battalion boarded a troop train for the NYPE, arriving the same date and boarded the troop ship. The convoy sailed for foreign service early in the morning of 1 July 1942.

The troop ship arrived in Greenoch, Scotland on the 12th of July 1942, after an uneventful journey. It was not until the 14th of July, however, that the unit disembarked and boarded a troop train. The unit arrived at the site of its first overseas mission, Easton Park, Great Dunmow, Essex, in the early hours of the 15th of July

The mission assigned to the unit at Great Dummow was the construction of an aerodrome according to Air Ministry specifications. Work on the drome began immediately with the equipment on hand, but it was two weeks before full construction was under way.

On the 20th of August 1943, the aerodrome at Great Dunmow was considered operational. In constructing the aerodrome, 2 concrete runways 4,300 feet long and one 6,000 feet long, all three with a width of 150 feet and eight inch thickness were laid. The perimeter track 3 1/8 mile long, 50 feet wide and 8 inches thick, with 50 hardstandings, was constructed. Including the access roads approximately 140,000 Cubic yards of concrete were poured, 131 Nissen type huts, 30 miscellaneous type buildings, 20 miles of water lines, 7 miles foul drainage, 12 miles French drains, 4 miles stom Marsins and a filtration sewage disposal plant were constructed. Approximately 10,000 trees were removed, and 300 acres were cleared, graded, cut, or filled.

The aerodrome was dedicated at a ceremony in which Col. Ewart G. Plank, the Commanding Officer, of the Eastern Base Section was commander of troops. The unit departed from the station at Great Durmow on the 22nd of August 1943, by motor convoy.

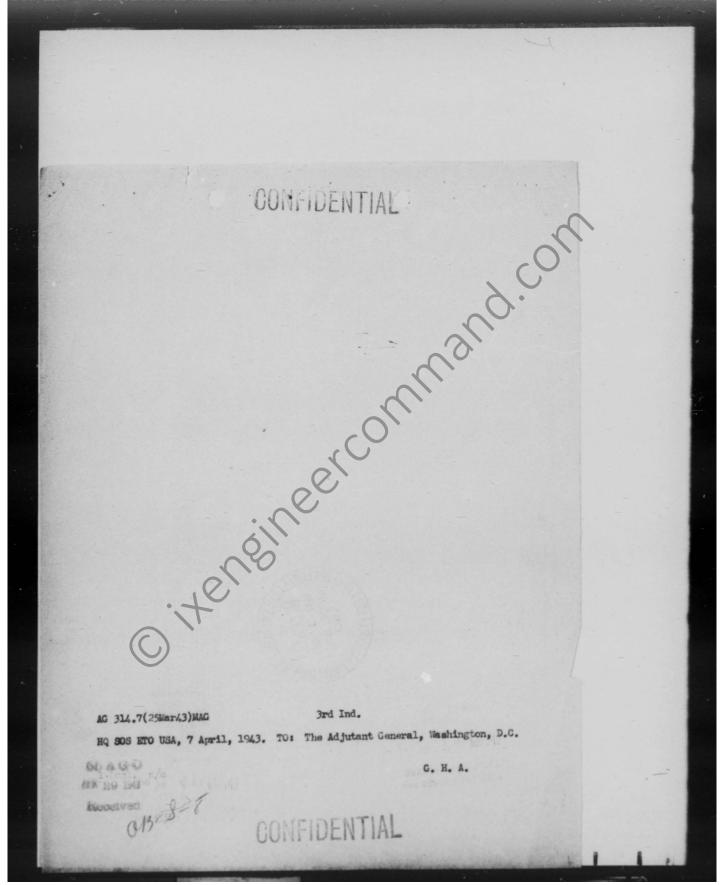
On the 22nd of August 1943, the battalion arrived at the site of the next mission, Honington, Suffolk. Construction was immediately commenced on a Repair Depot in connection with the conversion of the Honington Repair Depot into an operational fighter base.

By the 26th of January 1944, the Repair Depot was 75% complete. One pierced plank runway and one asphalt runway on the fighter base were constructed.

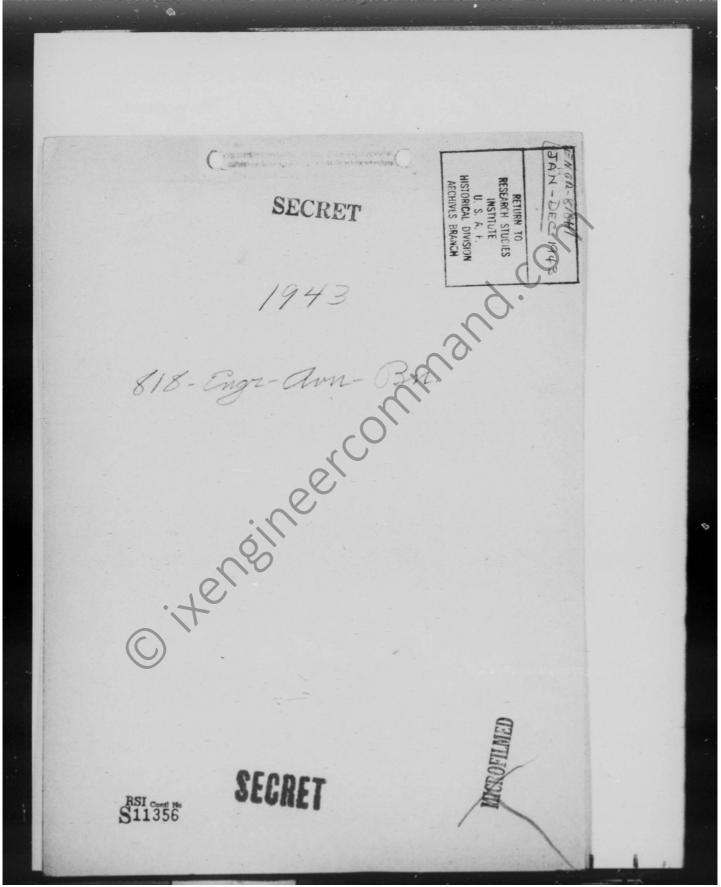
On the 27th of January 1944, the battalion again moved by motor convoy to its present location. Great Barrington, Cloucestershire. The activities of the unit since arrival have been largely limited to combat and technical training. In addition to the prescribed training, the unit has constructed 2 Butler combat type hangars, one at Ashford, Kent, one at Staplehurst, Surrey. A pierced plank marshelling area was constructed at Membury, Wilts. At Grittleton, Wilts, a camp for newly arrived units was established. A detachment of the battalion was engaged in Exercise "FOX".

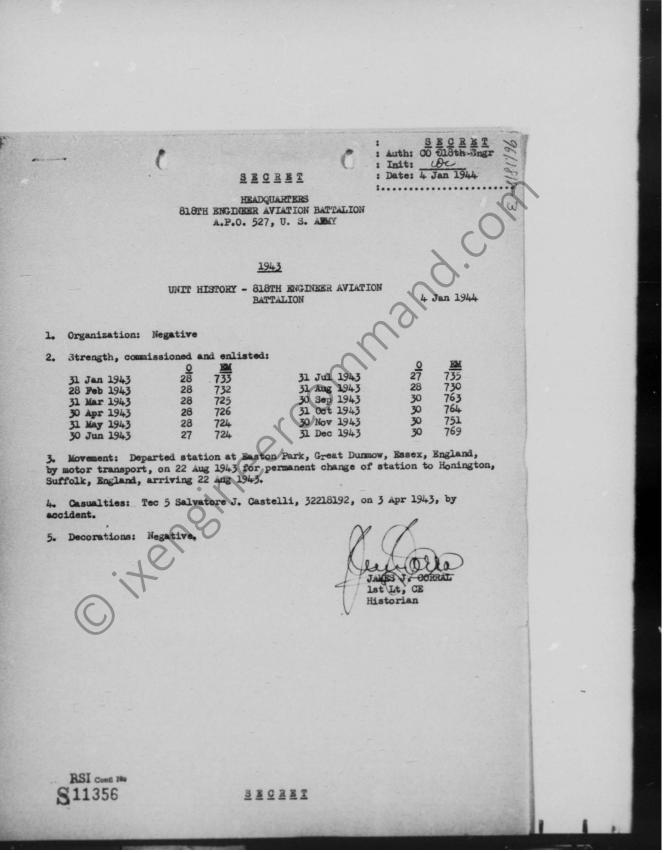
CONFIDEN 818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION A.P.O. 517, UNITED STATES ARMY 25 March 1943 History of Organization. SUBJECT: Commanding Officer, IBS, SOS, APO 517, U.S. Army. TO: 1. In compliance with letter, AG 314.7, Hq. IBS, 505, 22 March 1943, Subject: "Histories of Organizations", the history of this organization, complied in accordance with Par. 11b, AR 745-105, is as follows: a. Original unit. Designation --- 818th Engineer Battalion, Aviation, (Sep)
 Date of organization --- 10 March 1942. (3) Place of organization --- Savannah) Georgia. Authority for organization - Constituted 29 January 1942 by War Department. (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained --- Draft. b. Changes in organization - Designation changed to 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion by Change 2, 7/0 5-415 dated 1 August 1942. c. Strength, commissioned and enlisted :-Activated 10 March 1942 ---- Off. 2 121. 3 47 575 = March 1942 --(r11 1942 -----16 1942 --14 834 762 770 770 765 765 766 751 741 0 June 1942 28 31 July 1942 28 Aug. 1942 Sept. 1942 28 Oct. 1942 -28 Nov. 1942 31 Dec. 1942 -28 733 28 31 Jan. 1943 28 Feb. 1943 -28 732 N 23 March 1943 ----d. Stations :--- Departed Army Air Base, Hunter Field; Savannah, Georgia, en route to Fass Christian, Mississippi, 29 May 1942. Arrived in Pass Christian, Mississippi, 30 May 1942. Departed Pass Christian, Mississippi, 22 June 1942, en route in RECEIVED to Fort Dix, New Jersey, arriving at new station 25 June 1942. Left Fort Dix, New Jersey for New York Fort of 27 MAR 1943 Embarkation 30 June 1942. Sailed for foreign service from HQ EES. SOS N.Y.P.Z. 1 July 1942. Arrived at present station in England ETO. 15 July 1942. e. Marches :--- None. CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL f. Campaigns :--- None. g. Battles :--- None. h. Commanding Officers in important engagements :--- None. i. Losses in action; officers and men: --- None. j. Former and present members who have distinguished themselv in action :--- None. k. Fhotographs of personnel, important scenes or events - None. For the Commanding Officer 818th Ingr Avn Bn jutant HQ, EBS, SOS, ETOUSA, Office of the Engineer >? Non 1947 TO: C.O., EBS, SOS, ETOUSA, ld Ind. 314.7 U.S. Army, 5 April 1943. Hq EBS, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 51%, To: Commanding General, SOS, ETOUSA, APO 871. The history of the S18th Engineer Aviation Battalion has been verified. For the Commanding Offic reer TIEN C. SPENCER, Major, Cily, History of the El8th Engr Avn Bn. Adjutant. 3rd Ind. AG 314.7(25Mar43)MAG HQ SOS ETO USA, 7 April, 1943. TO: The Adjutant Coneral, Washington, D.C. 50 16 13 10 G. H. A. APR 29 1445 8 - APR 1943 Marger Tist 18716 CONFIDENTIALC



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HEADQUARTERS 818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

UNIT HISTORY

1943

The activities of the battalion during the year 1943 may be divided into two main periods and will be so divided for the purpose of this history. The first phase will be concerned with the conditions surrounding the organization on its construction of the Great Dunmow aerodrome, through 21 August. From that date until the close of the year, the history of the unit is hinged around the mission of the battalion at Honington, Suffolk.

During this period of the stay at Easton Park, there was a tendency toward stabilized and static garrison conditions in almost every phase. Work on the drome, administration, recreation, training became standardized within the battalion, under the directions of the now fully established higher headquarters. Standard operating procedure became the rule, replacing the former "catch as catch can" method.

Work on the aerodrome proceeded with regularity, if at a pace that way overshadowed by many similar units. The policy of quality rather than quantity and rapidity had been established at the very outset of construction. Attention to detail and good construction were the keynote throughout. They considerations, of course, were subject to the elements that militated against the desired objective. First and foremost among these was the vertex, particularly during the winter months, when dayligh hours were reduced to a minimum. Second to the weather and closely related thereto was the ballish mud. During most of the period, the unit encountered mud the likes of which few had seen before and which made good construction doubly difficults. And there was the usual difficulties of supplies. Despite difficulties, work continued ten hours a day, seven days a week, and, during the short tinter days, a night shift was set by the battalion during the 24 hours of 4.5 March. Under ideal conditions, 6520 linear feet of concrete, 20 feet wide and 3 inches thick was poured. By 13 March, the runways, perimeter track are hardstandings were completed. The field was declared operational 21 August

A review of the figures outlening the project completed will serve to give an idea of the magnitude of the mission accomplished. Two runways, 4300 feet long and one runway 6000 feet long, all three 150 feet wide and 8 inches thick were laid. A concrete perimeter track encircling the runways, 3 1/8 miles in length, 50 feet wide and 3 mones thick, with 50 herdstandings, were poured. Including these items and all access roads on the field, a total of 140,000 cubic yards of concrete was set down. 131 Missen type huts and 30 miscellaneous buildings, including brick, were erected. 20 miles of water line, 7 miles of foul drainage, 12 miles of French drain, 4 miles of storm drain and a filtration sewage disposal plant were constructed. During the process, 10,000 trees were removed and 300 acres were cleared, graded, cut and filled.

In addition to the primary mission, the battalion was called upon by the Commanding Officer, Eastern Base Section, to arrange for the reception for an incoming unit to the United Kingdom. On 12 January, Lt. Pearson and a detail of Company "C" departed for Shudy Camp, Essex, to establish a camp for an anti-aircraft battalion, a job which lasted a fortnight (Special Orders #4, Headquarters, 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, 12 Jan 1943).

The morale of the battalion was never better than during this period. Facilities for recreation at the camp were plentiful. From the beginning, a theater had been established in the Lodge and a new movie was played almost nightly. The buildings of the field were made available for dances, the music being furnished by the battalion's own dance band. This band, organized under the direction of Sgt. Robert F. Helm, 3219899, was engaged on an average of three nights a week, playing not only for battalion dances, but for other British and American units in numerous cities. Its following grew into large proportions. The Aeroclub was unofficially opened by the Red Cross for the use of members of the battalion in May. Capably handled by two very attractive girls, Miss Marjorie Stein, an American, and Miss Pat Dean, an English girl, the club was a source of Red Cross entertainment close at hand. Day rooms were

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operated in each company, with pool tables, victrolas, radios, ping pong tables and other means of entertainment. Post exchange facilities were excellent, with beer parties under its supervision being held frequently. The unit also received its share of USO, Red Cross and ENSA shows and had the honor to be host to such stars as Bob Hope, Allen Jenkins, Frank WeHugh, Adolph Menjou, Frances Langford, Patricia Morrison, among others.

Opportunities for recreation outside of the station were granted to all personnel. A 24 hour pass each week and a four day furlough every four months were available to all personnel. The town of London and Cambridge were within reach of those on 24 hours pass, while Edinburgh, Scotland, was a favorite among those on furlough.

In the town of Great Dunmow itself, limited facilities for recreation were offered and accepted. The local cinema, public houses and dances were much frequented. Boxing matches, tug-wars, and other events were arranged between members of the battalion and members of the British forces. A few men of the organization were selected to participate in the "Dunmow Flitch", a traditional celebration of the town. Friendships between the soldiers and the inhabitants of the town were made. A true indication of relations existing between members of the unit and the town is shown in the marriage of soldiers to Dunmow girls. When the battalion was ordered to change its station, both the people of Dunmow and men of the organization were saddened by the change of station.

One of the highlights of the year was the visit of the ETO Commander to the Great Dunmow station. While on his way to the dedication of Adrews Field in May, Lieutenant General Jacob L. Devers paid an inspection visit to the project.

The enlisted strength of the unit continued to degreese. Losses of personnel by transfer, through disease or injury, return of key personnel to the United States for training as Aviation Cadets, loss of men to Officer Candidate School and even death contributed to make the manpower situation a serious one. First Sergeant Myborg of Head graders & Service Company was transferred to the American School Center to Attend OCS there. His position was filled by S/Sgt. William J. Hart, who is appointed on 22 June. Company "A" also lost its First Sergeant Ainslie, returned to the United States for training at the Engineer Officer Candidate School. Sgt. John S. Kozak, 32204234, succeeded Sgt. Ainslie and wis made first sergeant on 26 September. Other important personnel who was returned to the United States for training as officers were M/Sgt. Lester & Framer, 3202049, Battalion Sergeant Major, S/Sgt. Harold C. Washburn, 3200930, Company "B", S/Sgt. Michael (MMI) Rosics, 32100719, Company "C". Sgt Joseph V. Dellaggio, 32199040, was appointed the Battalion Sergeant Major on Linge. S/Sgt. David (MMI) Kletzelman, 32241296, chief clerk in the Medical Centon N. Lipman, 35262540, appointed Staff Sergeant on 26 January

On 3 April, Ter 5. Salvatore J. Castelli, 32218192, Headquarters & Service Company, as lost through death caused by accident. While performing his duties on a finishing machine on concreting operations, the coldier's clothing was dought in the machine and he died of strangulation.

In July, the manpower situation was somewhat relieved by the first shipment of replacements to join the organization on masse. On the 25th of the month, 15 much needed enlisted men reported for duty and were distributed among the companies (par. 8, Special Orders #165, Headquarters, AF - 591, 12th Replacement Control Depot, 21 July 1943.

During this period, the battalion caught up on its officer rank, once sadly lacking. It. Gutter was promoted to Captain and Lt. Angle to First Lieutenant (par. 21, Special Orders #14, Headquarters, ETO, 14, January 1943). It. Ghent was promoted to Captain and Lt. Sentman to First Lieutenant on 4 February (par. 10, Special Orders #25, Headquarters, ETO, 4 February 1943). Capt. Selsemeyer received his Majority on 5 February (par. 6, Special Orders #36, Headquarters, ETO, 5 February 1943). It. Denney and Lt. Henry were promoted to Captain and First Lieutenant respectively on 26 February (par. 10, Special Orders #57, Headquarters, ETO, 26 February 1943). It. Younie and Lt. Uppman were promoted to Captain on 17 May and 19 July (par. 18, Special

Orders #137, Meadquarters, ETO, 17 May 1943 and par. 17, Special Orders #200, 19 July 1943).

It. Sentman was lost to the battalion on 13 February. He was relieved from further duty with the unit and assigned to the Office of the Chief Engineer, SOS (par. 11, Special Orders #39, Headquarters, SOS, 8 February 1943). To replace him, Headquarters, SOS, assigned 2nd Lt. Carl-R. Gates, 02040736 (par. 1, Special Orders #43, Headquarters, SOS, 12 February 1943), who assumed the duties of Assistant Engineering Officer.

Lt. Angle transferred from Company "A" and was assigned to Headquarters & Service Company as Transportation Officer on S March.

On 19 April, an even greater change took place among the officers of the organization. Major Selsemayer, the Executive Officer, was transferred to the 325th Engineer Aviation Battalion (par. 3, Special Orders #93, Headquarters, ESS, 905, ETOUSA, 17 April 1943). Capt. Cutter was appointed to the post vacated, to be succeeded as Supply Officer by Lt. Peabody. The position of adjutant was assigned to Lt. Corral. On 22 April, Lt. Geesler was assigned as Personnel Adjutant, a position which he was not to hold for long. On 5 May, he was sent on detached service to the American Section, School of Military Engineering and was never returned to his duties (Special Orders #50, Headquarters, 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, 5 May 1943). 2nd Lt. Elma M. Fulmer, 02040796, just graduated from OCS, American School Center, was sent to the unit and became the Administrative Officer of Headquarters? Sentice Company, the post formerly held by Lt. Geesler (par. 15, Special Orders #00.112.02.

Further changes in the organization were occassioned by the transfer of Capt. Winsauer to Headquarters, ES, on 16 May 19/3 (par. 4, Special Orders #115, Headquarters, ES, 18 May 19/3). Capt. Denney was called from his duties as Commander of Company "B" to be Engineering Officer, and Lt. Smith who had been acting as Plans & Training Officer for the battalion, was assigned to command the company.

On 22 June, It. Golden was relieved from assignment to the organizationand was transferred to Eighth Air Force.

Other officer replacements were send to the unit at this time. 2nd Lt. Joseph L. Norton, OllO292, a casual from the United States, joined the battalion 15 June (par. 13, Special Orders 157, Headquarters, ETC, 6 June 1943) and was assigned the duties of the Provinel Adjutant. 2nd Lt. Vivian Dewsnap, OllILO26, graduated from Engineer OS at Ft. Belvoir, reported on 28 July (par. 1, Special Orders 1145, Meadquarters, 10th Replacement Depot, 26 July 1943) and was assigned as a placeon commander in Company "C". The battalion received a much needed chapter of a August, when 1st Lt. Morris F. Arnold, 0511972, ChC, arrived in Command to Dunmow (par. 10, Special Orders 2191, Headquarters, IES, SOS, TOUSA, 6 August 1943).

Before departure from Easton Park, the transfer of Lt. Peabody to Headquarters, MDS, (par. 5, Special Orders #181, Headquarters, MDS, 27 July 1943) made further reassignments among the officers of the battalion necessary. Lt. Betts a sin was called upon to become the Battalion Supply Officer, a job he had previously held, and Lt. Fulmer was relieved from duties with Headquarters & correct Company to assist Lt. Betts in his new assignment.

Anticipating the arrival of the Army Air Forces to take control of the station, Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters & Service Company evacuated the Lodge on 10 July. Battalion Headquarters established itself in a large mess site on the north side of the field, and Headquarters & Service Company moved into the living site with Company "A". After occupation of the Lodge for almost a year, not many were pleased with the change. Aside from sentimental attachments that were formed, the old Lodge had been improved into the most comfortable billet that the organization had ever had.

In the middle of July, the much awaited Air Force appeared to claim the station. A Service Group under Lt. Col. Simpson was transported by the unit from the depot at Great Dunnow. The Släth had become, by the arrival of the group, a subordinate unit on the field it had constructed. The situation was hardly appreciated, particularly as the arrivals were considered as "green" and just over from the old country.

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The first American planes landed on the field 15 August. Amidst the cheers of the battalion, three Marauders from a nearby base came in for a landing in the early afternoon of that date. They remained a short while to be inspected by the land-bound engineers and then departed again for their home station.

The field was deficated formally on 21 August. The battalion formed a parade to be reviewed by Colonel Plank, commanding the Eastern Base Section, and to receive a talk from him prior to departure. Colonel Plank reviewed the history of the organization and spoke of the tremendous task done in the construction of the field at Great Dunmow. Perhaps even more pleasing were the remarks made by Colonel Plank concerning the parade. With little time for training, he said, the battalion had put on a parade of which the "doughboys" could be proud.

The day following the dedication, the battalion, less Company "A" and heavy equipment elements of Headquarters & Service Company, It. McClain and Lt. Gates, who were to remain until 15 September to put the finishing touches on the drome, began movement to its new station (Movement Orders #63, Headquarters, EBS, 22 July 1943) at Honington, Suffolk. AAF Station 595, an advanced repair depot, was operating at Honington on a base that had been a former permanent RAF field, with all the comforts of home. But quarters could not be found there for the battalion. An advanced detachment for the purpose of setting a tented camp nearby had been sent out under It. Betts and Lt. Pearson on 8 August (par. 4, Special Orders #76, Headquarters, 318th Ensineer Aviation Battalion, 6 August 1943). A good job was done and the battalion was provided with far better accommodations thin had been encountered a year previously. There were those hard to convince, however, after the comparative luxuries that had been encouve at Great Dunmow.

The first day in Honington, word was received from Great Dunmow that an attack had been made on the station. On the night of 22 August, with Company "A" and "B" still occupying part of the field, an enemy plane had circled overhead and dropped shatwas believed to be a 500 pound bomb, close to the intersection of two main runways. Guards at the field also reported the plane first its cannon down the main runway, and evidence that this was the case was discovered the following day in the form of fired cannon Shall. Fortunately, excitement was all that the incident produced and no casualties nor damage were suffered.

The new mission assigned to the unit at Honington was the erection of a repair depot adjoining and Station 595. The depot now operating from LAF Station 595 was to more into the new area when completed, and the permanent installation was to be converted into a fighter base. The latter was to be the task of the Sl9th Engineer Aviation Battalion, then already on the site. The Sl9th, however, was ordered elsewhere in November, and much of its work was assumed by the battalion.

complete end of November, the mission of the organization was 58% complete total of 128 buildings, including American prefabricated huts, Nomey and Seco huts had been erected. 13,000 feet of foul drainage with 112 man-holes were constructed. The filtration sewage plant was 41% complete.

Although the installation was not completed, formal dedication was held on a December. A parade again was formed and the units participating were addressed by Colonel Grower, the Deputy Commander of the Eastern Base Section. The dedication was much publicized, in connection with the dedication of six installations that were dedicated the same date, two years after Psarl Marbor.

As soon as sufficient prefabricated huts were available for occupation, the unit left its tent area in favor of the better billets. An attempt was made to establish the battalion as well as it had been established in Great Dunmow. The facilities were not available, however. Day rooms on a smaller scale were established; two USO shows were brought to the camp; two dances were held during the period, with the battalion band furnishing the music; a Christmas party was held for the orphans of Dr. Bernardo's Home, located on the Duke of Grafton's estate nearby, and the Red Cross Club at the AAF station was opened to the use of members of the battalion.

Little in the way of recreation was afforded in the adjacent towns. Thetford and Bury St. Eduands were so crowded with military personnel of all types and nationalities that no friendships with the populations were possible. The cinemas, public houses and other facilities were all overstrained. The only recreation available outside of camp was to be had on 48 hour passes to London, Edinburgh and Great Dunmow.

It was while stationed at Honington that the battalion was attached to the S26th Engineer aviation Regiment (Sec. I, General Orders #29, Headquar ters, EES, 26 August 1943). The unit had previously been attached to that was known as an aviation Battalion Group, but no visible effects had read noticeable by this attachment. Then the 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment arrived in Honington, however, it operated on a rather closely knit was the attached to the state of the regiment retained their status as an arate battalions, regimental headquarters undertook to do much in the word consolidation and operation of equipment among the various construction projects under its jurisdiction. For the second time in a construction projects under an organization newly arrived from the United States, although its command of a separate battalion, for some time

The manpower situation, if anything, was wirst than at Great Dunnow. In addition to the mission assigned, the work theor over from the El9th, regimental headquarters called upon the unit almost daily to furnish personnel, particularly operators of vehicles and heavy equipment, to innumerable projects. There were the weat losses to the battalion, through transfers, sickness and injury among the more prominent were S/Sgt. John G. Nichter, 6909867, Her Juriters & Service Company and Tec 3. James A. Garris, 12057725, or the S-3 Section, transferred to Engineer OCS in the United States. JSgt. Fatrick J. Sofarelli, Headquarters & Service Company, as transferred to the hospital and never rejoined the battalion.

Fortunately, on 27 monumber, 37 enlisted men, the first large group received overseas, were received as replacements, (par. 32, Special Orders #205, Headquarters, Oth Replacement Depot, 24 September 1943), and 15 more arrived on 71 archiber (Paras. 17 and 22, Special Orders #295, Headquarters, 10th represent Depot, 23 December 1943).

For ther important changes occurred among the enlisted men of the organization S/Sgt. Daniel F. Sullivan, 32198378, succeeded John Kozak, 32201 ch. J. First Sergeant of Company "A" and was appointed to the position of 2 December. Ed I. Nelson, 6387367, was replaced as First Sergeant of Company "B" by S/Sgt. Raymond Lt Hardy, 35255981.

Promotions among the officers were frequent during this period. Mejor Hall was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (par. 4, Special Orders #245, Headquarters, ETO, 2 September 1943). Captain Cutter received his Mejority on the fifteenth of the same month (par. 19, Special Orders #258, Headquarters, ETO, 15 September 1943). Lt. Perrine of the Medical Section became a Captain (par. 13, Special Orders #254, Headquarters, ETO, 21 September 1943). 2nd Lts. Marris and Merbitz received promotions to First Lieutenant on 10 September (par. 13, Special Orders #253, Headquarters, ETO, 10 September 1943) as did Lt. Widowski and Lt. Corral on the following day (par. 15, Special Orders #254, Headquarters, ETO, 11 September 1943).

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On 15 September there was a general reassignment of officers within the battalion. It. Betts was relieved of duties as Supply Officer, returned to Company "A". He was replaced by Lt. Hill. Lt. Dewsnap was transferred from Company "C" to Company "A", and Lt. Angle was assigned to Company "C". Lt. Merbitz was assigned as the Transportation Officer, Headquarters & Service Company, from Company "B". Lt. Harris was transferred from Company "A" to become the Heavy Equipment Officer of Headquarters & Service Company, and Lt. McClain assumed the duties of the Service Platoon Commander of the same company, a post vacated by It. Hill. It. Fulmer was relieved of duties as the Assistant Supply Officer and was assigned as a platoon commander in Company "B".

Company "B".
Losses in the battalion were numerous during the period, but replacements were furnished rapidly. It. Norton and Lt. Dean were transferred to Regimental Headquarters on 3 September (par. 2 and 5, Special Orders #28, Headquarters, 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment, 31 August 19/3). It. Gates, who had not rejoined the unit with Company "A" in September and who had been placed on detached service with Headquarters, IV District, EDG, was transferred to Headquarters, EES, 19 October 19/3). Replacements were received in 2nd Lt. Joe V. Hingo, Ollil/A5, CE, who joined the organization on 17 September (par. 4, Special Orders #37, Headquarters, 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment, 23 September (par. 2, Special Orders #36, Headquarters, 926th Engineer for the company is the Charles H. Batchelder, Jr., Oll03057, CE, Joined on 19 September (par. 2, Special Orders #36, Headquarters, 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment, 13 September 19/3), and was assigned as lathor leader in Company "B"; 2nd Lt. Michael J. Wohead, 02041068, CE, who ferorted on 13 October (par. 2, Special Orders #46, Headquarters, 93th Engineer Aviation Regiment, 13 October 19/3) and was assigned to Company "A", and 2nd Lt. Walter J. O'Malley, Oll08214, CE, who arrived on 29 December (par. 1, Special Orders #33, Headquarters, 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment Adjutant. 2nd Lt. Carl A. And Oll13332, CE, assigned and Joined 25 September (par. 1, Special Orders #33, Headquarters, 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment, 25 September 19/6) as a platoon leader in Company "C". On 24 Dec. M. Wheek are from and from assignment to Co A and was assigned to Bn Hy as Asst Engr Officer and Plans & Training Officer.

Was assigned to Bn Hq as Asst Engr Officer and Plans & Training Officer.
The second Christmas and New Years by that the organization spent in the ETO came and went with little in the way of celebration. The Christmas party already mentioned was one of the object affairs, and a small party attended by a few officers at the home of the Date of Grafton closed the season. As in the year before, work went on as usual.

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HEADQUARTERS SISTH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION A.P.O. 517, UNITED STATES ARMY

12 January 1943

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SPECIAL ORDERS:

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1. Fursuant to par. 3, letter, Hq. MPS, SOS, ETO, Office of the Engineer, U. S. Army, dated 5 January 1943, the following named Officer and Enlisted Men, Company "C", S18th Engineer Battalion, Aviation, are hereby placed on detached service and will proceed on or about 12 January 1943, from their home station, to Shudy Camp, England, reporting upon arrival thereat to the Commanding Officer for duty. Upon completion of this period of detached service they will return without delay to their home station for duty.

1st Lt. Edgar R. Pearson S/Sgt. George O. Keene Sgt. Andrew C. Adwell T/4th Grade Roy Kaczmarczyk T/4th Grade Francis Vetrand Cpl. Charles J. Gallo Cpl. Charles Vanderploeg T/5th Grade Noah A. Berry T/5th Grade John G. Brown T/5th Grade John 5. Broan T/5th Grade Zigmunt Burzynski T/5th Grade George H. DeBaun T/5th Grade Jess J. Johnson T/5th Grade Ralph D. Leonard T/5th Grade Rabon L. Lopez T/5th Grade Jewell D. Lyon T/5th Grade Frank McGinnis T/5th Grade Clarence W. Robison T/Sth Grade Frank T. Scarola Sgt. Francis C. Spayd

50b Grade Julius V. Schiffli T/5th Grade Joseph F. Stapinski 7/5th Grade Lawrence P. Steele 7/5th Grade Carmino A. Vadala T/5th Grade Francis Wright, Jr. Pvt. lcl Phillip L. Ashbough Pft. 1cl Douglas B. Herring Pvt. 1cl Sam Marano Pvt. lcl William H. Mann Pvt. 1cl Willard F. Slattery Pvt James E. Brown · Pvt. Freeman H. Harris Pvt. Patrick T. Mallon Pvt. Roscoe P. Miller Pvt. Clarence P. Pelegrini Pvt. Genero J. Serra Pvt. Clarence E. Shryock Pvt. Carroll A. Turner

The B18th Engineer Battalion, Aviation, will furnish the Reproductation for the journey to Shudy Camp, England. ecessary

By Order of Major HALL

A. W. PEABODY 1st Lt. 818th Engr. Bn. (Avn) Adjutant

OFFICIAL: /s/ A. V. PEABODY

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21. Association of the temp promotion of the following officers to the grades indicated in the AUS with rank fr the date of this order under the provisions of sec 127a NDA as amended;

lst Lt to Capt

LLOYD A. CUTTER, 0237183, AUS 2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.

RICHARD W. ANGLE, 0288316, AUS

By order of the Theater Commander; E. S. HUGHES, Brigadier General, GSC, Deputy Chief of Staff.

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/t/a/ T. J. DAVIS, Brigadier General; ACD, Adjutant General.

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10. Announcement is made of the temp promotions of the following Officers to the grades indicated in the AUS with rank fr the date of this order under the provisions of sec 127a NDA as amended:

1st Lt. to Capt.

IRA W. GHENT, 0368097, DC

2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.

LEE H. SENTNEN, JR, 0297673, CE

By command of Lieutmant General ANDREWS: R. W. BARKER Brigadier General, CSC, Acting Chief of Staff.

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RALPH PULSIFER, Colonel, ACD, Adjutant General

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6. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following officers to the grade indicated in the AUS with rank fr date of this order under provisions of sec 127a NDA as amended:

Capt to Maj

JOHN SELSEMEYER, 0200089, CE

By command of Lieutenant Constal ANDREWS: R. W. BARKER, Brigadier General, GSC, Acting Chief of Staff

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10. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following officers to the grades indicated in AUS with rank fr the date of this order

1st Lt. to Capt.

LAWRENCE R. DENNEY 0907160, AUS

2nd Lt. to 1st Lt.

BEVERLY Z. HENRY, JR. 0462788, AUS

By command of Lieutenant General ANDESWS:

C. H. BARTH, Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff.

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RAIPH FULSIFER Colonel, ACD, Adjutant General,

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18. Annoucement is made of the temp premotion of the following deficers to the gr indicated in the AUS with rank fr the date of this order:

lst Lt. to Capt.

GEORGE C. YOUNIE

0403648 AUS

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

I. H. EDWARDS, Major General, GSU, Chief of Staff

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BALPH PULSIFER Colonel, ACD, Adjutant General,

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19 July 1943

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17. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following officers, SOS, ETOUSA, to the grade indicated in the AUS with rank fr the date of this order:

CARL G. UPPMAN

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1st Lt. to Capt.

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

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WALLAM G. WEAVER, Colonel, GSC Chief of Staff

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11. 2nd Lt LEE H. SENTMAN, Jr, 0297673, CE is relieved from assignment and duty with 818th Engr Bn (Avn), is assigned to this headquarters and will proceed to his proper station reporting to the CG for duty with the Engineer Service. A por diem of six dollars (\$6.00) is authorized 2nd Lt SENTMAN while traveling.

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By command of Major General LEE:

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/s/t/ C. R. LANDON, Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General.

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EXTRACT

1. 2nd Lt. CAEL R. GATES, 02040735, CE, is relived from assignment and duty with this headquarters, is assigned to 818th Engr Bm (Avm) and will proceed to his proper station reporting to the CO for duty.

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By command of Major General LEE:

Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff

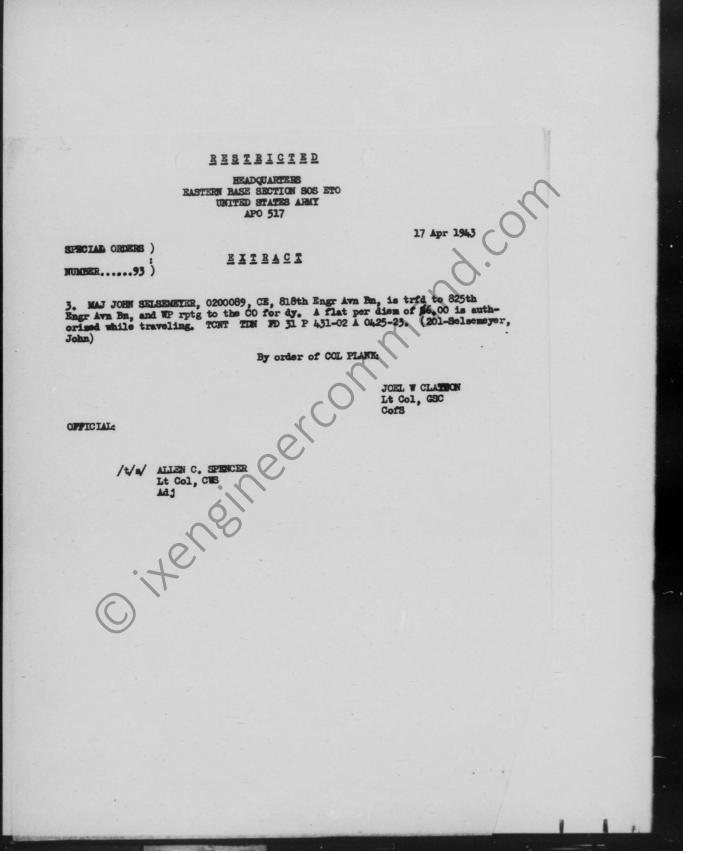
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SPECIAL ORDERS:

Pursuant to the verbal orders of the Commanding Officer, EKS, SOS, ETO, 5 May 1943, 2nd Lt. FIND M. GEESLER, 0278477, CE, is hereby blaced on detached service at the American Section, School of Military Engineering, and will proceed thereto without delay, reporting upon arrival therat to the Commandant for instructions.

By order of Major HALL

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5 May 1943

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JAMES J. CORRAL 2nd Lt. 818th Engr Avn Bn Adjutant

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1	15. The following named officer, on temporary duty with orgainzations indicated are relieved from assignment to this headquarters, assigned thereto, and will report to the CO for duty. (No travel involved):
	2ND LT ELMER M. FULMER, 02040796, AUS, 818th Engr Bn (Avn) (Sep)
	By command of Major General LEE WILLIAM C. WEAVIR, Folgael, GSC, Shief of Staff
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	/s/t/ C. R. LANDON Colonel, AED, Adjutant General.
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13 May 1943

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4. CAPT LESLIE R. WINSAUER, 0285584, CE, 818th Engr Avn Bn, is trid to Hq EBS, is asgit to dy with the Engr Sec, Hq EBS, is placed on DS with Det D, Hq EBS, at 4th Engr Dist, EBS, and WP therete rptg to the Dist Engr for dy. A flat per diem of \$6.00 is authorized while traveling. TCNT TDN FD 31 P (431-02 A 0425-23. (201-Winsauer, Leslie R)

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By order of COL PLANK:

JOEL W CLATTON LT Col, GSC CofS

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#### 6 June 1943

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13. The following officers, 2d Lts, CE, 12th Repl Dep, Eighth AF, are asgd to units indicated:

BISth Engr Avn Bn JOSEPH L. NORTON, 01108892

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

I. H. EDWARDS, Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

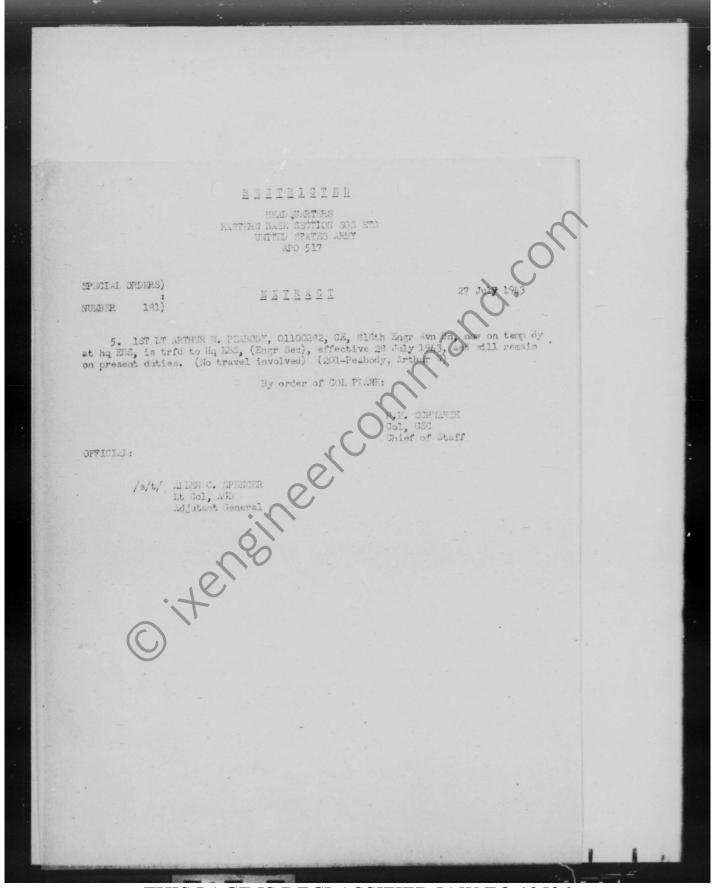
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#### HEADQUARTERS EASTERN BASE SECTION, SOS, ETO UNITED STATES ARMY APO 517

370.5 (Movement Order No 63).

Subject: Troop Movement

#### To: Commanding Officer, 818th Engr Avn Bn, APO 644, U. S. Army.

1. The 818th Engr Avn En, less one (1) company, is relieved from station at Great Dunnow, Essex (wM 0442) and is assigned to station at Homington, Suffolk, (wM 3492). This movement will be made during the period 23 July 1943 to 23 August 1943, in such echelons as may be determined by the Commanding Officer, 818th Engr Avn En.

2. One (1) mompany of the 818th Engr Avn En (to be designated by the Commanding Officer, 818th Engr Avn En) will remain at Creat Dunmow, Essex, until further orders

3. Suitable quarters are available.

4. Individual and T/BA equipment will be taken.

5. Movement will be accomplished by organic transportation.

6. Within 24 hours of arrival at the new station of any echelon of the 818th Ingr Avn Bn, the echelon commander will comply with the provisions of letter this headquarters, 370.5, 15 July 1943, subject: "Reports of Movements". TDN. 1-5600 P 431-02-03-07 A 0425-24.

By order of Colonel PLANK:

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S/ Henry J Foley HENRY J. FOLEY Capt, AGD, Asst Adjutant General.

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4. UP ltr 370.5 H4 MBS SOS ETOUSA, dtd 22 July 1943, Subject: "Troopmovement", the foll 0 and MM WF on SD to Honnington, Suffalk, or about 9 Aug 1943, to carry out the verbal orders of the CO, S1254 Eng Avn Bn.

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By order of Major HALL

OFFICIAL: JAMES J. CORRAL, 2nd Lt. CE

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HEADQUARTERS EASTERN BASE SECTION, SOS, ETO UNITED STATES ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 29)

<u>EXTRACT</u>

I. ATTCHMENT OF ENGR AVN BATTALIONS TO ENGR AVN REGTS. 1. Effective 27 August 1943, the following Engr Avn Battalions are attached for all command and technical functions to the Engr Avn Regiment indicated:

c. 926th Engr Avn Regt:

#### 818th Engr Avn Bn

2. Engr Avn Battalions attached to Avn Regiments will retain their identification as separate battalions.

3. Channels of communication: See par 8, G.O. No 19, Hq EBS, SOS, ETOUSAl dated 1 July 1943. All correspondence from or to attached units of Engr Avn Regiments will be addressed to (or through) the Commanding Officer of the Engr Avn Regiment concerned.

4. Movements of Units: Movement orders pertaining to elements of the Engr Avn Regiments will be issued by this headquarters only.

5. Regimental Commanders are authorized to reassign personnel within their commands.

By order of Colonel PLANK:

H. M. SCHWARZE, Colonel, GSC, Chief of Staff

26 August 1943

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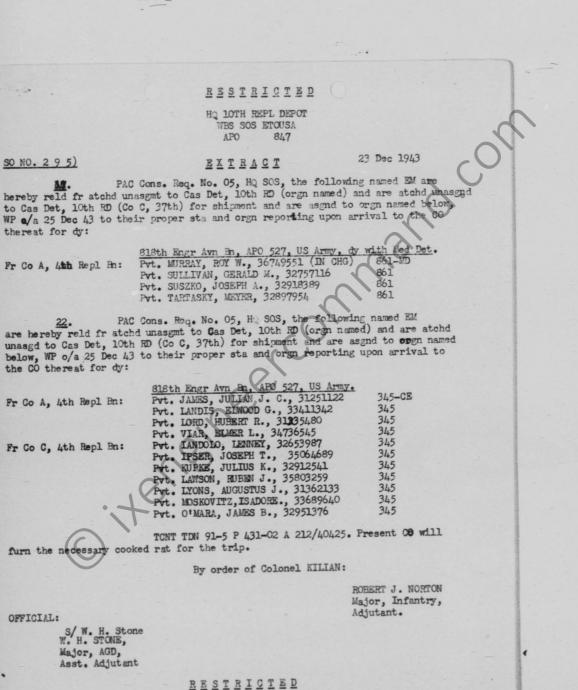
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	Pvt. CODISPOTI, RAYMOND J., 33777272 345
	Pvt. COLE, GERALD J., 37479802 345
	Pvt. COOK, RAYMOND E., 39294567 345 Pvt. DUREE, BILLIE R., 37522488 345
	Pvt. EVERAGE, EARL MMI., 38466920 177
	Pvt. HARRIS, WILLIAM H. jr, 38476651 345
	Pvt. HUMPHREY, EARL V., 34772310 121 Pvt. LIEERKOWSKI, MEERT J jr., 35554087 245
	Pvt. MILLER, IRVIN A., 36597458 345
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Fr Co C, 40th Repl Bn	Pvt. CHRISTOFFERSON, GERALD J., 37552851 244
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	Bvt. DUKE, ALVIE E., 36745040         244           Pvt. MOOREHEAD, HENRY H., 38476522         255
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Fr Co B, 41st Repl Bn	Pvt. GILLIAM, EURL E., 35658680 101
	Pvt. VAN HAREN, BERNARD M., 36660917 255
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4. Announcement is made of the temp promotion of the following officers, SOS, ETOUSA, to the gr indicated in AUS with rank fr date of this order:

Maj to Lt Col

GILBERT B. HALL, 021430, AUS

By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS:

I. H. EDWARDS, Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff.

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RALPH PULSIFER, Colonel AGD Adjutant General

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SO# 258 EXTRACT 15 Sep 1943 R 19. Announcement is made of the temporary promotion of the following named officer SOS, ETCUSA, to the gr indicated in the AUS with rank fr date of this order Capt to Maj LLOYD A. CUTTER, 0237183, AUS By command of Lieutenant General DEVERS I. H. BDWARDS, Major General, GSC, Chief of Staff OFFICIAL: RALPH PULSIFER Colonel, AGD, Adjutant General. RESTRICTE reugineerc

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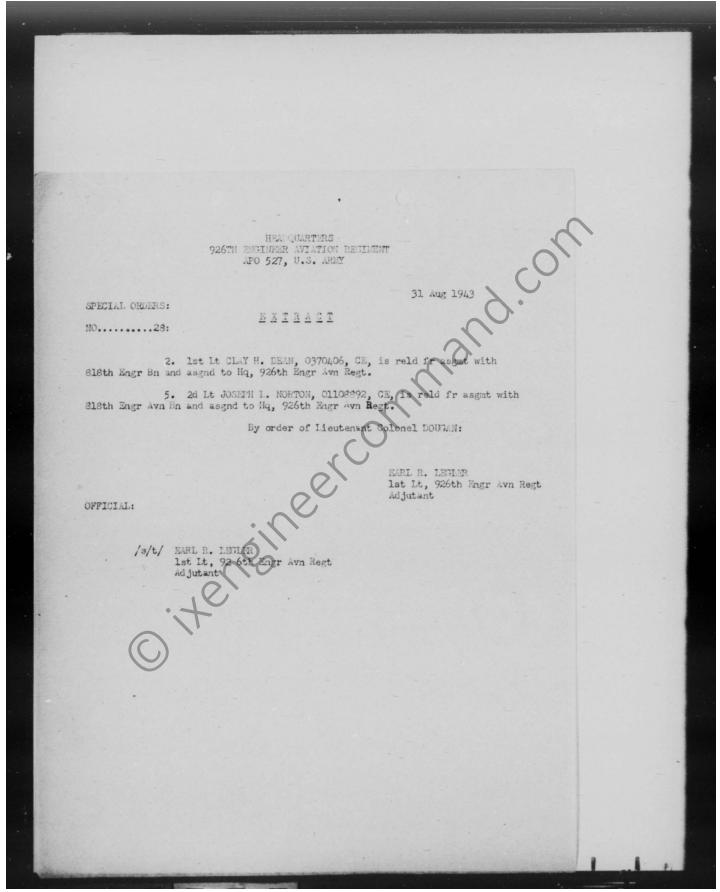
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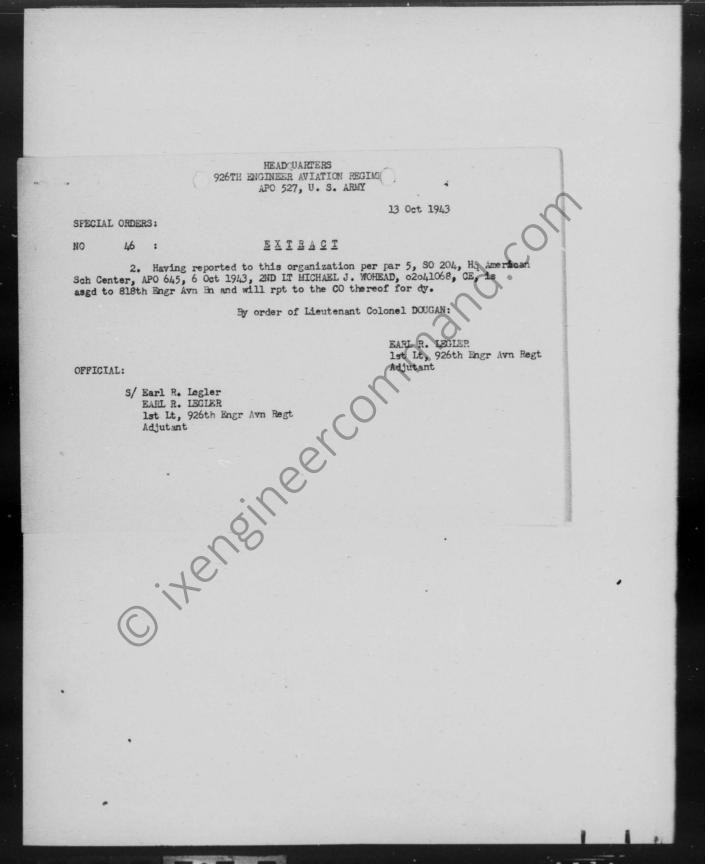
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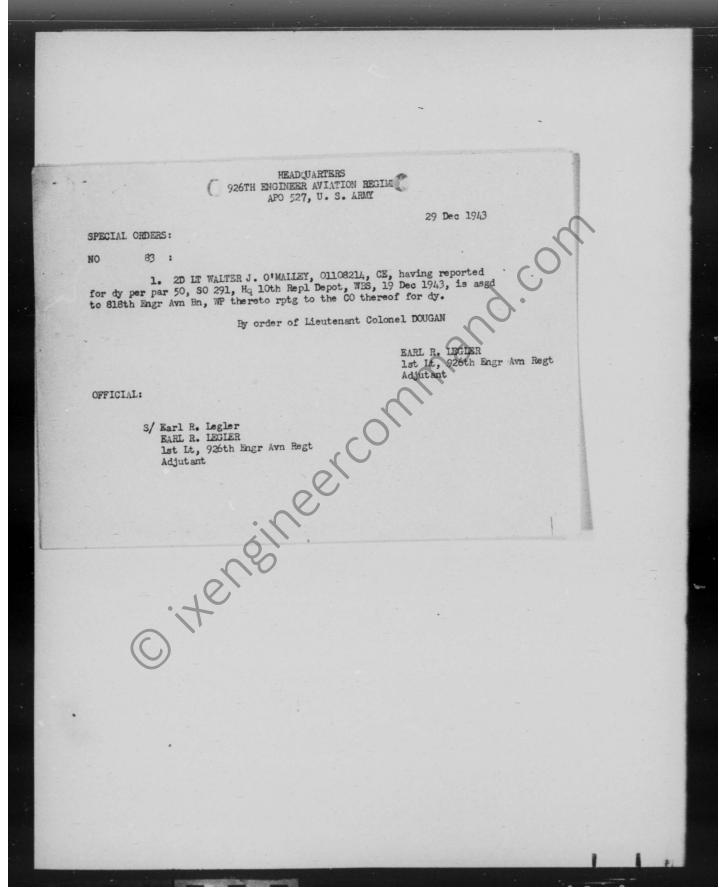
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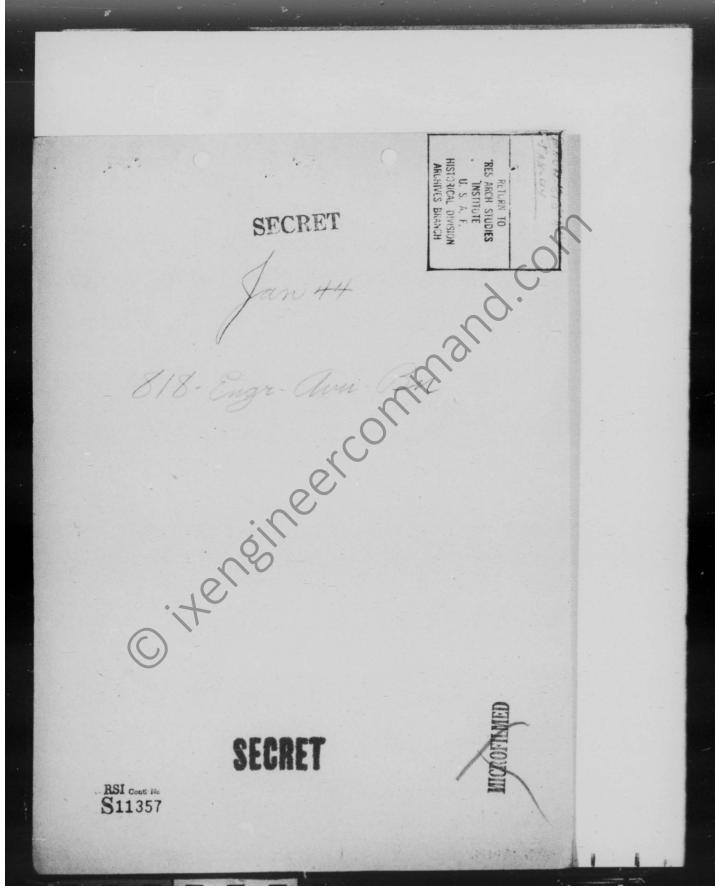
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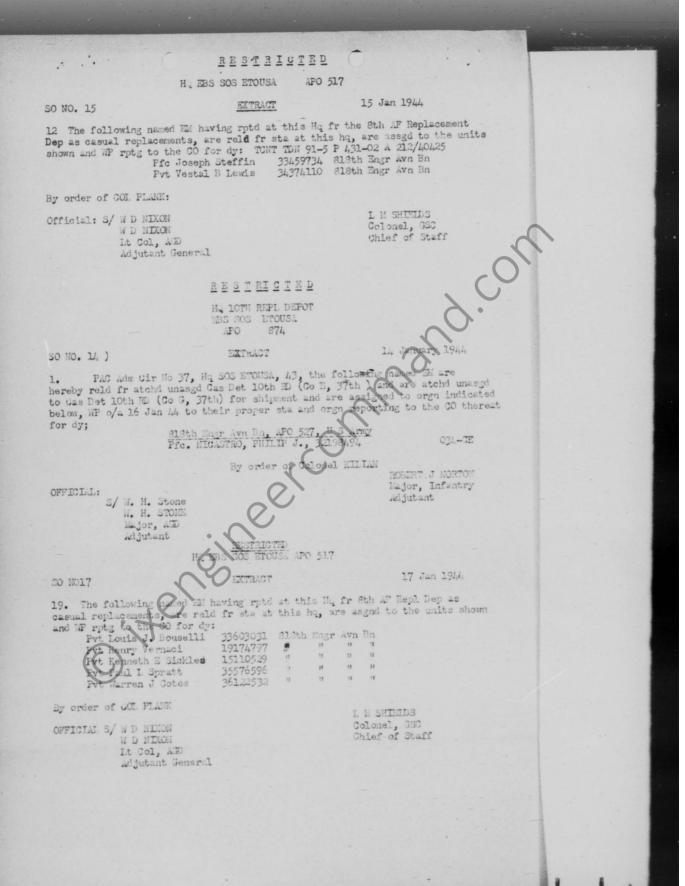


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5. Movements will be accomplished by rail and/or organic transportation. The unit commander will immediately present a copy of this order to the nearest RTO, who will make arrangements for the movements. The unit commander will also comply with the provisions of Adm Cir No 52, Hq, SOS, 17 Aug 1943.

6. The commanding officer of each unit will notify the Commanding General, IX Air Force, in downce, of the date and hour of expected arrival at destination. TCNT. TDN. FSA 91-5 P 431-02 A 212/40425.

By order of Colonel FLANK:

S/ William Sanders WILLIAM SANDERS Captain, ACD, Asst Adjutant General.

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