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"Periodic Report"

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2 June 1944

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24-31 MAY 1944

SUBJECT: Letter of Transmittal

TO : Commanding General, IX Engineer Command
(Thru: CO, 922nd Engr Avn Regt)

In accordance with Memo. 15-4, unit periodic reports for the period
24 May to 31 May 1944 are inclosed.

L. A. Cutter
L. A. CUTTER
Major, CE
Commanding

1 Incl - Unit Periodic Report (in dup)

1st Ind.

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HEADQUARTERS, 922ND ENGINEER AVIATION REGIMENT, APO 126, U. S. ARMY, 2 June 1944.

TO: Commanding General, IX Engineer Command, Ninth Air Force, APO 126, U.S. Army.

For the Commanding Officer:

W. N. Pressly
W. N. PRESSLY
1st Lt., CE
Ass't Adjutant

Incl: n/c

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UNIT PERIODIC REPORT
IX ENGINEER CORALAND (PROV)

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn

D.P. Gt. Barrington
(Location)

Report for period 24 May to 31 May 1944

3 June 1944
(Date)

1. Operations (S-3)

In compliance with Amendment Number 1, F.O. 18, 922 Engr Avn Bgt, dated 13 May 1944, the following construction work is being carried out with Man hours for the period covered by this report.

- a. Sewer line extension - 1980 Man hours.
- b. Vehicle Parks and Roads - 948 Cubic yards (Pitching stone and broken stone hauled and placed - 308 Man hours)
- c. Ablution camp structures - 1,070 Man hours
- d. Water line extension 394 Man hours
- e. Shower buildings

All material for erection of shower buildings on hand and it is anticipated that construction will begin on or about 2 June 1944.

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn IX ENGINEER COMMAND C.P. Gt Berrington, Glos
Report for period 24 May to 31 May 1944. 1 June 1944
(Date)

2. Intelligence (S-2).

a. Summary of S-2 activities and general observations not covered in Unit Daily Reports:

One case of violation of censorship regulations by misuse of Blue envelope was reported to this headquarters. Soldier was reprimanded and made to read par 6, Cir 33, Hq, ETOUSA, 21 Mar 1944

No information has been received as to papers and photographs that are to be left in the possession of enlisted personnel with regard to POW Security. A few personal photographs will be left in their possession until further notice, and the men will be given instructions to destroy same in case of necessity.

b. Status of Map Supply: No change since last report.

Annex 4 - Negative, other than above.

UNIT MEDICAL REPORT

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV) C.P. Gt Barrington, Glos.
(Location)

Report covering 24 May to 31 May 1944. 1 June 1944
(Date)

3. Personnel (S-1).

- a. Effective strength of Command as of last day of period covered.
(Officers and E.M. will be shown separately) 29 O - 780 EM
- b. Graves registration (locations of all new graves): None
- c. Replacements (received or expected): None
- d. Prisoners of war (captured and evacuated): None; None expected
- e. Stragglers on hand (by organization): None
- f. Morale (show state of subordinate units if not uniform): Excellent
- g. Civilian population (status of evacuation, unusual events incident to control and administration): None
- h. Awards and decorations: None
- i. Special Service activities: Baseball; Nightly movies; Beer on sale; Day Room operating with books, games, victrola and radio; "Stars & Stripes"
- j. Casualties during period: None

Annexes: 4

- 1 : Changes in roster of officers: (Not applicable)
- 2 : Sale of War Bonds
- 3 : Monthly report of Chaplains
- 3A : Classification Report

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

AAF Stn. 422
Great Barrington,
Glous.
(Location)UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn

C.P.

Report for period 24th to 31st May 1944.1 June 1944
(Date)4. Supply and Transportation (3-4)a. Status of Supply

(1) Class I

(a) Location of Supply point - Depot G-35, through railhead at Cirencester, Glou.

(b) Supply is adequate and readily available.

(2) Class II (except vehicles and construction equipment)

(a) Location of Supply points:

(1) QM - G-24

(2) Ord. - 5th T.A.D.

(3) Engr. - G-45

(4) Sig. - 5th T.A.D.

(5) CWS - 4th T.A.D.

(b) Supplies are generally available and sources generally adequate excepting:

Class II Ordnance supplies which are salvaged through normal channels are not readily replaced. Normal replacements on Organizational cleaning tools and accessories for authorized weapons are not received, and requisitions for same are returned with comments thereon, to the effect, that similar items are being issued in 3 day kits. Inasmuch as 3 day kits may not be issued for sometime, the shortage greatly impairs proper functioning of ordnance sections within this organization. Weapons are being used continually on ranges, and proper cleaning is imperative.

(c) Shortages on organizational spare parts sets for small arms exist. Requisitions forwarded to 4th TAD are returned with notation that items are to be issued in 3 day kits. Contact with Ordnance officer, IX Engr. Command, and Ord. Section, 2nd AADA, does not produce results. Shortage of 11, M1 rifles requisitioned on A-4, IX EC.

(3) Class II and Class IV - Vehicles and Equipment.

(a) Ordnance Vehicles.

(1) Location of supply points: None designated.

(2) T/E Shortages:

Truck, $\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 4x4. 1 ea. Req. on A-4, IX ECTruck, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton dump, 6x6. 2 ea. Req. on A-4, IX EC

(3) (a) Vehicles issued during period:

Car, half-track, w/roller, M-2-

1 ea.

Car, half-track, w/winch, M-2

1 ea.

Truck, $\frac{1}{4}$ ton, 4x4-

1 ea. (Salvage replacement)

Truck, $2\frac{1}{2}$ ton, 6x6, dump, w/w

2 ea. (Salvage replacement)

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- (b) Vehicles received during period:
 - Car, half-track, M2, w/roller 1 ea.
 - Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4 1 ea.
- (b) Construction Equipment.
 - (1) T/E Shortages; None
 - (2) (a) Receipts during period:
 - Saw, timber, 36" 1 ea.
 - Pump, centrifugal, 166 GPM 1 ea.
 - Stampickers (PB4 machine) 2 ea.
 - (b) Issues during period; None
 - (3) Special equipment not available; None
 - (4) Additional equipment required; None
 - (5) Surplus equipment on hand; None
- (4) Class III
 - (a) Supply points; Post Store, AAF 423.
C.S.D. Eynsham, Oxford
Petrol. Board- Gloucester
 - (b) Supply is adequate and available.
- (5) Class IV (other than Engineer)
 - (a) Supply point; None specifically allocated.
 - (b) Supply of authorized Class IV is adequate.
- (6) Class IV Engineer (excluding equipment)
 - (a) Supply point; None specifically allocated.
 - (b) Critical shortages, all requisitioned on A-4,

IX Engr. Command:

| | | |
|-------------|---|---------------|
| 812360M-200 | : Steel, Carbon, SAE-1020, soft-rolled, 1/8"x1" | - 500 ft. |
| 808500-230 | : Steel, mach. cold-rolled, Round, 1/2" | - 600 ft. |
| 642600-240 | : Pipe, seamless, 3/4" diam. | - 60 ft. |
| T642600-205 | : Pipe, seamless, 1" diam. | - 60 ft. |
| T117950-220 | : Angle, structural, 1/4" x 2 1/2" x 2 1/2" x 20' | - 4 ea. |
| T117955-220 | : Angle, structural, 1/4" x 3" x 3" x 20' | - 2 ea. |
| T813100-212 | : Steel, mild, bar, 1/4" x 2" | - 80 ft. |
| | : Pipe, seamless, 3" diam. | - 120 ft. |
| Lumber | : 8" x 10" x 10' long | - 1 ea. |
| Lumber | : 8" x 8" (Sub. 6" x 6") | - 30 Lin.Ft. |
| Lumber | : 2" x 8" | - 300 Lin.Ft. |
| Lumber | : 1" x 8" | - 300 Lin.Ft. |
| Lumber | : 2" x 4" | - 200 Lin.Ft. |

- (c) Material locally available; None
- (d) Excess supplies on hand; None
- (e) Estimated requirement for next period; See (b) above.
- (7) Class V
 - (a) Supply point; AAF Stn. 592.
 - (b) Supply is adequate
 - (c) Unserviceable ammunition; None

b. Maintenance

- (1) Engineer equipment.
 - (a) Equipment deadlined over 24 hours and under unit

repair;
 Item; Pump, water, w/distributor attachments. Reg. No. W0121057.
 Make; Roscoe.
 Cause; Cracked valves (3") for header & feed line.

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Date: 29 May 1944.
 Action: Parts requisitioned on G-25, 29 May 1944. Unavailable. Substitution of 1500 gal. asphalt tank parts being attempted.

Item: Pump, water, 166 GPM, 2".
 Ser. No.; P28698. Make: Jaeger.
 Cause: Malfunctioning carburetor.
 Date: 19 May 1944.
 Action: Carburetor salvaged at G-25, 19 May 1944. Unavailable. Item backordered at G-25.

(b) Location and designation of maintenance unit:
 484th Engr. Mtnce Co., Depot G-25

(c) Equipment under repair in maintenance units:
 Item: Roller, 10 ton, 3 wheel.
 Reg. No; W89659. Make: Galion
 Cause: Broken king pin head
 Date delivered to MU: 30 May 1944.
 Expected date of completion: 2 June 1944.

(d) Special difficulties encountered in obtaining maintenance: None.

(2) Ordnance Vehicles.

(a) Vehicles deadlined over 24 hours and under unit repair:
 Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4
 Reg. No. ; W20113493. Make: Willys.
 Cause: Overhaul. U-joints in propellar shaft being replaced.
 Date: 31 May 1944.
 Action: Salvage parts turned in to 4th TAD, replacement not received.

Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4.
 Reg. No. 21017. Make: Willys.
 Cause: Overhaul, brake lining being replaced.
 Date: 28 May 1944.
 Action: Salvage parts turned in to 4th TAD, replacement not received.

Item: Truck, 3/4 ton, 4x4, C&R
 Reg. No. 20183460. Make: Dodge
 Cause: Starting motor removed per VOCO, 922nd Engr Avn Reg't. Given to 834th Engr Avn Bn to take vehicle off deadline.
 Date: 24 May 1944.
 Action: BSO, 834th Engr Avn Bn is to replace item. Apparently unavailable thru normal channels.

Item: Truck, 2 1/2 ton dump, 6x6, w/w.
 Reg. No.; 4491650. Make: GMC
 Cause: Malfunctioning transmission, being replaced.
 Date: 29 May 1944
 Action: Salvage transmission turned in to 4th TAD, replacement not received.

Item: Truck, 2 1/2 ton dump, 6x6, w/w
 Reg. No: 4491458. Make: GMC
 Cause: Broken left front axle.
 Date: 30 May 1944.
 Action: Salvaged part turned in to 4th TAD, replacement not received.

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Item: Car, Half-track, M2, w/roller.
 Reg. No: 4012170. Make: White
 Cause: Malfunctioning starting motor
 Date: 25 May 1944.
 Action: Salvaged part turned in to 4th TAD, replacement not received.

- (b) Maintenance unit: 1763rd Ord. Maint. Co. AAF 408
- (c) Deadlined over 24 hours and in hands of MU.

Item: Truck, 4 ton, 6x6, dump.
 Reg. No: 4451591. Make: Diamond T.
 Cause: Malfunctioning hoist on dump bed.
 Date: 25 May 1944.
 Expected date of completion: 5 June 1944.

Item: Truck, 3/4 ton, 4x4, C&R
 Reg. No.: 20170210 Make: Dodge
 Cause: Motor overhaul.
 Date: 25 May 1944.
 Expected date of completion: 2 June 1944.

(3) Equipment of other arms & services: None

c. Captured Equipment & Supplies: None

d. Salvage.

(1) Location of dumps:

- (a) T/O, T/E, T/BA equipment to normal depot.
- (b) Containers, tins, etc., to local Salvage Centre.

(2) Types of materials being salvaged: All items of salvage

value.

e. Transportation and traffic circulation.

(1) T/BA transportation is adequate for jobs on hand.

(2) No supplemental transportation has been furnished.

(3) See (2) above.

(4) Difficulties in convoy movement and clearance; Inability to properly and effectively control convoy movements has been encountered, due to the fact that no motorcycle escort or control is available for a complete convoy movement. To effectively control a convoy movement of this organization, a minimum of four motorcycles is required. Two for a light serial and two or more for heavy serials.

(5) Special problems: None

f. Evacuation: No comment.

g. Special A-4 activities: None.

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UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn IX Engineer Command C.P. Gt. Barrington, Glos.
Report covering 24 May 1944 to 31 May 1944 1 June 1944

5. Annexes:

- Annex 1 Roster of Officers (not applicable)
- Annex 2 Sale of War Bonds
- Annex 3 Report of Chaplain
- Annex 3a Classification Report
- Annex 4 Counterintelligence Summary (negative)
- Annex 5 Monthly Consolidated Engineer and Equipment Report
- Annex 7 QM Activity Report
- Annex 8 Ordnance Activity Report
- Annex 9 Medical Activity Report
- Annex 9a Sanitation Report
- Annex 10 Chemical Warfare Activity
- Annex 11 Signal Activity

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UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV) C.P. Gt Barrington, Glos.
(Location)

Report for period 24 May to 31 May 1944.

1 June 1944
(Date)

ANNEX 2

SALE OF WAR BONDS

- a. Total payroll deductions for Class B Allotments - \$2599.25
- b. Total Officer, etc. voucher deduction for Class B Allotments - \$543.75
- c. Total amount of cash purchase made through the Unit Bond Officer - \$131.25

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn

C.P.Gt Barrington, Glos.
(Location)

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ANNEX 3A

CLASSIFICATION REPORT

- a. Number of Forms 20 reviewed by Classification Specialists to reduce improper classification and malassignment to minimum - 790
- b. Number of enlisted men interviewed to determine proper classification or assignment - None
- c. Of the total enlisted men interviewed - None interviewed
- d. Number of enlisted men recommended for appearance before a Classification Board - 70
- e. Number of enlisted men reclassified by Board Action - 70
- f. Number of upward classifications recommended to Commanding Officer - 113
- g. Number of upward classifications actually approved by Commanding Officer - 113
- h. Any recommendations or suggestions to facilitate the operation or utilization of classification in the IX Engineer Command (Prov) - None

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ANNEX 5

MONTHLY ENGINEER EQUIPMENT REPORT

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| ITEM | ARMY REG. NO. | UNIT | | | ENGINES | | | CONDITION | MACHINE HOURS or MILEAGE |
|--|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--------|--|----------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------------|--------------------------|
| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Breaker, paving, pneumatic | None | Ind. Eneu. Tool | 25 | P-33719 P-34854 P-38074 CC-80 544992 | | | | G G G G | |
| S 355000-000 Compressor, truck mounted, gas eng. driven, 105 CFM | W-6045995 W-6046059 W-60101866 | Le Roi | 105GA | 160203 158547 173373 | Le Roi | G | 160202 158546 173372 | G G G | 465 446 740 |
| S 355022-200 Compressor, air, trailer ltd. steel wheels, diesel engine driven, 315 CFM | X-801816 | Ing. Rand | IK-315 | 40T17360 | Int. Harvester | D | UDR3461-21 | G | 820 |
| S 374820-000 Crane, tractor operated, non-revolving 20 ton, 20ft. boom | X-801274 | LeTourneau | M-20 | C2225M20AUS7 | | | | G | |
| S 374900-000 Crane, truck mounted, gas eng. driven 3/8 C.Y. (See Check Chart for Attachments) | W-0011909 | Coleman Quickway | Mod. E | (Crane 1168) (Truck 1240) | International | G | UCB2558-21 | F | 3425 |
| S 386500-000 Digger, pneumatic, clay | None | Ind. Pneu. Tool Co. | 412 | 637190 632881 756348 765525 663681 585270 | | N N N N N N | | | |

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| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| S 387800-000 Distributor, bituminous, trailer mounted | W-065474 | Ethyre | LX | D-1446 | Le Roi | G | 153982 | F | 3600 |
| S 404380-000 Drill, pneumatic, port., rock | None | Ind.Pneu.ToolCo. | 75 | 34258 34483 38008 38046 | | | | N N N N | |
| | None | Ingersoll-Rand | JB-5 | 541715 | | | | N | |
| Drill, pneumatic, port. wood boring reversible | None | Ind.Pneu.Tool Co. | 62WB | 665918 682850 777679 | | | | N N N | |
| S 472600-000 Generator, gas eng. driven, complete w/control panel, 3KVA, 115 v. | None None | D. W. Onan & Son | W3M | 75644 78523 | D.W.Onan & Son | G | 68242 69842 | N N | |
| S 472800-000 Generator, port. gas eng. driven, complete w/control panel, 5KVA, 115 V. | None | D. W. Onan | WC-75S | 8234574 | Ford | G. | 33800 | G | 500 |
| Grader, towed, leaning wheel, hand controlled, 10' mold board | W-065913 | Adams | 104 | 1148 | | | | G | |

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| ITEM | ARMY REG. NO. | UNIT | | | ENGINES | | | CONDITION | MACHINE HOURS or MILEAGE | |
|---|---------------|-----------------------------|-------|---------------|-----------------|------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|------|
| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | |
| S 479000-000 Grader, Road, Mtd. Diesel eng. driven, 12' Mold board | W-88197 | Caterpillar | 12 | 9K 4283 | Caterpillar | D | 9K 4283 | G | 2324 | |
| | W-88198 | | | 9K 4282 | | | 9K 4282 | | G | 2711 |
| | W-88199 | | | 9K 4277 | | | 9K 4277 | | G | 2529 |
| | W-88200 | | | 9K 4278 | | | 9K 4278 | | G | 1508 |
| | W-88201 | | | 9K 4279 | | | 9K 4279 | | G | 2835 |
| | W-88202 | | | 9K 4285 | | | 9K 4285 | | G | 2673 |
| S 505500-000 Heater, asphalt, trailer, mtd, 2 Car, 28 HP boiler | W-057705 | Cleaver-Brooks | DS | 741-42 | Briggs-Stratton | G | 39597 | F | 2250 | |
| Kettle, asphalt, repair w/oil burner, trailer mtd. 165 gal. | W-801672 | Littleford | 84HD3 | R 8182 | Lawson | G | | F | 200 | |
| Lubricator, trailer mtd. | None | Stewart-Warner | 2430 | 771613 | Wisconsin | G | 320-5-19790LS | G | 1120 | |
| S 564150-250 Machine, ditching (ladder type) 14" to 18"x5' | W-911018 | Barber-Greene | 44C | 44-13-71 | Buda | G | 253447 | F | 2450 | |
| S 572610-000 Mixer, concrete, trailer, mtd. 14 C.F. | X-801843 | Ransome | 14-SU | 13000 | Le Roi | G | 169897 | G | 970 | |
| Mower, tractor drawn, 7' cutter bar, steel tired | None | Int'l Harv /Case | 57 | None | | | | G | | |

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| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| S 578500-200 Naildriver, pneumatic | None | Ing. Band | 6CND | A-44755 A-52373 A-58223 A-60292 | | | | G N N N | |
| S 668600-000 Pump, asphalt, trailer, mtd., gas eng. driven compressor | W-249603 | Littleford | C | 775 | Le Roi | G | 168364 | N | 0 |
| YS 668700-000 Pump, centrifugal, 2" discharge, 55 G.P.M. | None None None | Barnes Red Jacket Red Jacket | 7M | C-3569 9729 10005 | Wisconsin AB | G | 134750 199767 199951 | G G G | 1500 1500 1500 |
| S 668800-000 Pump, diaphragm, 4", 250 G.P.M. | X-801143 | Novo Eng. Co. | AD 4 | P-12762 | Novo | G | CA331988 | G | 850 |
| Pump, water, w/distributor attach- ments, trailer mtd. | W-021057 | Roscoe | MAE | 105 | Wisconsin | G | 268056 | F | 1950 |
| S 668730-000 Pump, centrifugal, 2" discharge 10,000 GPH | None | Jaeger | ZXPK | P-28698 | | G | 120058 | G | 1200 |
| S 701460-000 Roller, road, gas eng. driven, tan- dem, 2 axle, 5-8 ton | W-88403 W-88847 | Buffalo-Springfield | KT-16 | US21-20021 US21-20138 | Continental | G | F226-401 F226-426 | G G | 5000 5000 |

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| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| S 701560-000 Roller, road, gas eng. driven, 3 wheel, 10 ton | W-89659 | Galion | "Chief" | R23555 | Hercules | G | 170781 | G | 4050 |
| S 701720-000 Roller, road, towed, Sheepsfoot, 2 drums in line | X-800111 X-801298 | LeTourneau | W2 W3 | Unknown SR2355W3B | | | | G G | |
| Roller, road, towed, 13 rubber tires | W-85722 | William Bros. | M67W | 1284W | | | | G | |
| Rooter, road cable operated, 3 tooth | X-801205 | LeTourneau | H-3 | R-2572H30US7 | | | | G | |
| S 710100-000 Saw, pneumatic, port/circ/36"/36" chain, 24" | None | Reed Prentice | THA | 22760 22869 26482 27025 | | | | N N N N | |
| S 710120-000 Saw, pneumatic, port. circ. cap. | None | Skilsaw | 2127 | 126391 126904 247595 | | | | G N N | |
| S 709880-000 Saw, chain, gas eng. driven, port. 36" cap. | None | Diston | KB 6-8 | None | Mercury | G | 4315 5294 5684 5896 | F F F F | 300 300 300 300 |
| | | | | | | | 6040 | F | 300 |

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| ITEM | ARMY REG. NO. | UNIT | | | ENGINES | | | CONDITION | MACHINE HOURS or MILEAGE |
|---|---|--------------------|-------|---|--------------|------|-------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| S 709880-000 Scraper, road, cable operated, towed type, 8 C.Y. | W-065656 W-065659 W-065662 W-096372 W-0359386 W-0359298 W-0378731 | LeTourneau | LS | S-11078 S-11081 S-11084 S-12084 S-16167 S-15580 S-13432 | | | | G G G G G G G | |
| S 714410-000 Sharpener, chain saw, gas eng. driven | None | Kiekhaefer | GLS | 2357 | Mercury | G | 23092 | N | 5 |
| Shop, equipment, 2nd Ech. Mtzd. set No. 1, welding A. Avn. Bn. | W-006838 N | Couse Laboratories | | A-33 | Ford | G | | G | 3157 Miles |
| Shop, equipment, 2nd Ech. Mtzd. set No. 1, Machine B. Avn. Bn. | W-006827 | Couse Laboratories | | B-22 | Ford | G | | G | 1215 Miles |
| S 761930-000 Shovel, gas eng. driven, 1/2 C.Y. (See Check chart for shovel att.) | W-96416 W-96431 | Osgood | 200 | 3342 3357 | Buda | G | 251315 252088 | G G | 7200 7400 |
| S 786500-000 Sprayer, paint, pneumatic, w/compressor, gas | None | Banks | E2 | 7-25301-S 7-25336-S 7-25485-S | Kiekhaefer | G | 20753 20514 20441 | N N N | |

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ORGANIZATIONAL EQUIPMENT PREVIOUSLY REPORTED

| ITEM | ARMY REG. NO. | UNIT | | | ENGINES | | | CONDITION | MACHINE HOURS or MILEAGE |
|--|---------------|---------------|---|---------------|---------------|------|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|
| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Sweeper, rotary, tractor powered | X-801667 | F. G. Hough | Interchangeable between Case Hl & 16 Int. | | | | | F | |
| Tank, 750 gal. 2 Compartment | None | | | | | | | P | |
| | None | | | | | | | P | |
| | None | | | | | | | P | |
| Tank, asphalt, steel, w/steam coils, trailer mtd. | W-090812 | Littleford | 102S | 6042-42-82 | | | | F | |
| S 931800-000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tractor, crawler type, diesel eng. powered, 35 HP, complete w/cable operated AD & Dble drum rear power control unit, 44" guage | W-97149 | Caterpillar | D4 | 7J-7605 | Caterpillar | D | 7J-7605 | G | 2457 |
| | W-97206 | | | 7J-7786 | | D | 7J-7786 | G | 1881 |
| | W-97207 | | | 7J-7788 | | D | 7J-7788 | G | 1467 |
| S 931820-000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tractor, crawler type, diesel powered, 80 HP complete w/cable operated AD, single drum front PCU & Dble drum rear PCU | W-97097 | Caterpillar | D7 | 7M-4307 | Caterpillar | D | 7M-4307 | G | 3156 |
| | W-97098 | | | 7M-4302 | | | 7M-4302 | G | 2990 |
| | W-97109 | | | 7M-4263 | | | 7M-4263 | G | 2273 |
| | W-99866 | | | 7M-4338 | | | 7M-4338 | G | 2940 |
| | W-911987 | | | 7M-4626 | | | 7M-4626 | G | 2433 |
| | W-938755 | | | 7M-6697 | | | 7M-6697 | G | 330 |
| | W-938796 | | | 7M-6715 | | | 7M-6715 | G | 231 |
| | W-938797 | | | 7M-6712 | | | 7M-6712 | G | 176 |
| S 932000-000 | | | | | | | | | |
| Tractor, wheeled, pneumatic, tired, gas eng. driven, 35 HP | W-88599 | International | I-6 | IBK-3906 | International | G | IBKM2656 | G | 4060 |
| | W-88601 | | | IBK-3899 | | | IBKM2649 | G | 3260 |

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| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| S 935600-000 Trailer, full, flat-bed, 8 ton | W-095632 W-095642 W-0130457 | Fruehauf | GPT-8-3P | None | | | | G G G | |
| S 935700-000 Trailer, full, flat-bed, 16 ton | W-057816 W-057830 W-057839 W-057841 W-057842 W-057843 W-057844 W-057845 W-0253350 W-0253536 | LaCrosse | DF6-16 | 1467 1481 1490 1492 1493 1494 1495 1496 Unknown Unknown | | | | F F F F F F F F G G | |
| S 036570-000 Trailer, 2 wheel, spec. shov. att. | W-099299 | Tempte Bros. | T-8 | 1325 | | | | G | |
| S 979200-000 Water purification unit portable | None | Lunkenheimer | 408 | None | Wallace & Tiernan Wallace & Tiernan | | Pres.filt. Chlorinator | F F | 14250F 150 hrs K35239 |
| <u>DUMP TRUCKS ON HAND</u> | | | | | | | | | |
| Truck, 2½ ton, 6x6, W/W | 35 | | | | | | | | |
| Truck, 4 ton, 6x6 | 13 | | | | | | | | |

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| ITEM | ARMY REG. NO. | UNIT | | | ENGINES | | | CONDITION | MACHINE HOURS or MILEAGE |
|---|----------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------------|-------------|---------------------------|-----------|--|
| | | MANUFACTURER, | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Finisher, concrete, form riding, 25' width. | X022144 | Blaw Knox | XC | XC-2134 | Hercules | G | 698784 | | To VIII Dis. WBS 11 May 1944 |
| S-472600-000 Generator, port. gas eng driver, complete w/control panel, 3KVA, 115 v. | X801023 X801024 | D. W. ONAN D. W. ONAN | W3M W3M | 5227322 5227330 | D.W.ONAN & Sns D.W.ONAN & Sns | G G | 27322 27330 | | To G-25 1 May 1944 To G-25 1 May 1944 |
| S-472800-000 Generator, port. gas eng. driver, complete w/control panel 5KVA, 115 v. | X801624 | D. W. ONAN | WC-7SS | 11119216 | Ford | G | 19216 | | To G-25 1 May '944 |
| S-572610-000 Mixer, concrete, trlr, med. 14 C.F. | X802570 X801940 None | Ransome Ransome Ransome | 14SU 14SU 14SU | 13026 None 1217 | LeRoi LeRoi LeRoi | G G G | 169884 16736 156126 | | VIII D. WBS 11May44 " " " 11 " 44 To 861st Engr. 8 May 1944 |
| S-668700-000 Pump, centrifugal, 2" discharge, 55 GPM | None None | Carver Red Jacket | 255 7M | 9989 M102 | Wisconsin Wisconsin | G G | 199998 182905 | | VIII D. WBS 11May44 VIII D. WBS 11May44 |
| Lab., Field, asphalt, & Soil testing | None | Grover Mfg. Co. | None | None | | | | | To G-25 5 May 1944 |

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|--|------------------|--------------|-------|------------------|--------------|------|------------------|-----------|---|
| | | MANUFACTURER | MODEL | SERIAL NUMBER | MANUFACTURER | FUEL | SERIAL NUMBER | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| S-786500-000 Sprayer, paint pneu, w/compressor | None | Binks | E-2 | 7-26041 | S Kilkhæfer | G | 21665 | N | From G-25 17 May 1944 |
| S-656400-000 Plow, tractor, heavy duty, 4-14" bottom | None | Hewing | None | None | | | | N | From G-45 20 May 1944 |
| Roller, rubber tired, towed, 13 tires | 0643229 | Wm. Bros. | 67-W | 1736-W | | | | N. | From 1303 Engr. G. S. Regt. 15 May 1944 |
| Tank, asphalt, steel, w/steam coils, trailer mounted | 0744228 | Littleford | 102S | 6053-T-151 | | | | N | From 1303 Eng. G. S. Regt. 15 May 1944 |

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CHECK CHART for SHOVEL ATTACHMENTS

| Army Registration No. | 0011909 | 96431 | 96416 |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|---------|
| Shovel Size | 3/8 Yd. | 1/2 Yd. | 3/4 Yd. |
| Make | Quickway | Osgood | Osgood |
| Shovel Front | X | X | X |
| Trench Hoe | | | |
| Crane Boom | X | X | X |
| Crane Boom Length | 25 Feet | 35 Feet | 35 Feet |
| Crane Hook | X | X | |
| Dragline Fairleads | X | X | |
| Drag-line Bucket | X | X | X |
| Clam-shell Bucket | X | X | X |
| Pile-driver Leads | X | | |
| Lead Braces | X | | |
| Drop Hammer | X | | |
| Drop Hammer Weight | X | | |
| Follow Block | X | | |

CHECK CHART for COMPRESSOR TOOLS

| Compressor, motorized, 105 CFM | | | Compressor, trlr-mtd, 315 CFM | | |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|--------|
| Army Reg. No. | 6045995 | 6046059 | 60101866 | Army Reg. No. | 801274 |
| Blow-gun Attachment | | | | Blow-gun Attachment | |
| Breaker, Paving | 1 | 1 | 1 | Breaker, Paving | 1 |
| Digger, Clay | 2 | 2 | 2 | Digger, Clay | 2 |
| Drill, Rock | 1 | 1 | 1 | Drill, Rock | 2 |
| Drill, Wood-boring | 1 | 1 | 1 | Drill, Wood-boring | |
| Grease-gun Set | 1 | 1 | 1 | Kit, Grease-gun | 1 |
| Nail-driver | 1 | 1 | 1 | Lubricator, 1 pint | 5 |
| Saw, Chain, Pneum, 24" | 1 | 1 | 1 | Naildriver | 1 |
| Saw, Circular, 12" | 1 | 1 | 1 | Pump, Sump, 3", 175 GPM | 1 |
| Sheeting-driver | | | | Saw, Chain, OED, 24" | 1 |
| | | | | Saw, Circular, 12" | |
| | | | | Sheeting-driver | |
| | | | | Tamper, Back-fill | 2 |
| | | | | Tire Inflation Attach. | |

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn AAF Stn. 422
C.P. Gt. Barrington, Glous.
(Location)

Report for period 24th to 31st May 1944 1 June 1944.
(date)

ANNEX 7

QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance. (See par 4, S-4 report)

2. Resume of Quartermaster activities:

Difficulty is being encountered in obtaining sufficient HET impregnated clothing. Supply point is G-50. Stock is temporarily exhausted and outstanding requirements are cancelled, thus necessitating submitting of new requisition.

3. Data specifically requested; Reference ltr, file 412.1, Subject: Heater, water, immersion type, Hqs. Ninth Air Force, 9 May 1944, are the subjects authorized substitutes and/or replacements for water heater assembly, as supplied with field ranges?

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

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| IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV) | | AAF Stn. 422 |
| UNIT <u>818th Engr Avn Bn</u> | C.P. <u>Great Barrington,</u> | <u>Mass.</u> |
| | | (Location) |
| Report for period <u>23rd to 31st May 1944</u> | | <u>1 June 1944.</u> |
| | | (Date) |

ANNEX 8

ORDNANCE ACTIVITY1. Supply and Maintenance.

Supplies for spare parts are satisfactory for all types of vehicles except 4 ton Diamond T, Model 972 and 6 ton White, Model 666. The station which we have been directed to use does not stock any spare parts for either of the above mentioned vehicles, thereby necessitating several days delay while the parts are sent to a General Depot for replacement.

Second and Third Echelon repairs are effected within the unit when spare parts and assemblies are available.

2. Technical Activities.

The hoist mechanisms on 4 ton Diamond T, Dump trucks are in the process of being reinforced by welding sheet steel to cast steel plates at points where cross shafts are attached.

Excessive wear has been noticed on front tires of 2½ ton, GMC Dump trucks. Vehicles have been checked by Ordnance repair units and they can find nothing wrong with the vehicles.

3. Tactical Information.

None.

4. Other data as specifically requested.

None.

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT 818 Engr. Avn. Bn.
APO 126, US Army

C. P. Great Barrington, Glos.

Report for period May 24 to May 31

1 June 1944

ANNEX 9

MEDICAL ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance. -- Class 1.
 - (a) 1st Med. Supply Platoon (Avn) APO 149, U.S. Army.
 - (b) The supply is adequate and readily available.
2. Medical units and installations in local evacuation chain.
 - (a) Battalion Aid Station.
 - (b) 203 General Hospital APO 645, U.S. Army.
3. Medical activities during period.
 - (a) Cases hospitalized -- (4)
 - (b) Returned to duty -- (2)
 - (c) Evacuated, etc. -- None
4. Transportation.
 - (a) Suggested changes -- None
 - (b) Solution of Transport problems -- None
 - (c) Evacuation problems -- None
 - (d) Remarks -- None
5. General Medical problems.
 - (a) Solution -- None
 - (b) New Methods of Diagnosis and Treatment -- None
 - (c) Venereal Disease Control -- Sex hygiene lectures were given to the command, V.D. posters were placed on all bulletin boards.
 - (d) Chemical Warfare Casualties -- None
 - (e) Remarks -- None
6. Water Supply.
 - (a) Is it adequate and potable. Yes Present source -- River Windbrush
 - (b) Bathing facilities -- Simple ablution installations in own area. Bathing facilities present in other areas of the camp.
 - (c) Laundry -- The laundry is done by the United States Army Quartermaster units and submitted weekly.
 - (d) Sewage and Waste Disposal -- Grease pits are used for kitchen waste, edible garbage is disposed of through contracts with local farmers, and human waste is collected by a civilian contractor.
 - (e) Remarks -- Water is chlorinated by unit to make the free chlorine content 1 part per million.
7. (Other data that may be specifically requested)
None.

H. H. Morrow
H. H. MORROW
Capt. M.C.

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

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UNIT 818th Engr. Avn. Bn.
APO 126, US Army.

C. P. Great Barrington, Glos.

Report for period May 1 1944 to May 31 1944.

1 June 1944.

ANNEX 9A

SANITATION REPORT

1. Environmental Sanitation.

Since the first week of the month this unit has had one change of station. Housing is now in pyramidal tents. The water as supplied is potable bacteriologically and is chlorinated. No immunizations were given this month according to schedule.

2. Personal Hygiene.

The command was examined as required by par. 1, AR 614-230, 24 July 1942 on 28 May 1944. One hundred percent (100%) of the members of this command were examined and the health of the unit as determined by this examination is excellent. No venereal diseases were found at this inspection.

3. Undue Prevalence of Acute Communicable Diseases.

None have prevailed.

4. New or Improved Administrative Measures and Sanitary Appliances.

Underground storage bins have been constructed for perishables.

5. Subjects Not Covered by Other Headings.

a. Climate and Geography -- The weather has been fair and extremely hot.

b. Food and Nutritional Status of the Troops.

(1) Food.

a. Type and rations of menu -- Type "A".

b. Quantity and Quality of Ration Issue -- The quantity and quality is varied and adequate.

c. Adequacy of Storage Facilities -- Storage facilities are quite adequate.

d. Competence of Mess Personnel -- Mess personnel have received instructions and mess sergeants are experienced.

e. Perishables are drawn every other day. Instructions have been given and supervision maintained to prevent overcooking, oversoaking and discarding of cooking water. Liquids from canned fruits and utilized foods is prepared according to schedule to prevent too early preparation.

f. Conservation of Food -- Sergeants are posted at mess hall exits.

All men are made to eat edible food left in the mess kits. Self service has been instituted.

2. Nutritional Status of the Troops.

- a. The ration is essential in components and adequate.
- b. It will probably be necessary to add supplementary vitamins in event of vitamin deficiency. There have been no instances of vitamin deficiency in this unit.
- c. Battle and Other Casualties.
 1. This command has never been engaged in battle.
 2. This command has had no special type of casualty as referred to in this paragraph.
 3. No surgical procedure (except minor ones) are carried out in this command.
 4. No new or unusual diseases have been found.
 5. There have been no cases of surgical shock.
 6. None.
- d. (1) There have been no epidemic cases of unusual diseases reported in this area.
- e. (1) Equipment and Supplies.
 - a. Surgical and diagnostic equipment is complete, according to the table of basic allowances. Drugs, biologicals, and other medical supplies are readily obtained upon requisition through channels. So far there has been no loss through weathering or packaging of supplies. Biologicals are kept quite adequately.

7. Recommendations.
None.

H. H. Morrow
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Capt. M. C.
Br. Surgeon

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT
IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn C.P. Gt. Barrington
(Location)

Report for period 1 May to 31 May 1944 3 June
(Date)

ANNEX 10

CHEMICAL WARFARE ACTIVITY

2. Decontaminating Equipment (Apparatus, decontaminating, power-driven M3A2.)
None issued to this Unit.
3. Unit Gas Personnel.
- a. Bn Gas Officer - 2nd Lt. Michael J. Wohead, O-2041068, Co. A.
H & S Co. - 2nd Lt. Joe V. Wingo, O-1111445
A. Co. - 1st Lt. Albert F. Wiedeman, O-1100393
1st Lt. William E. Betts, O-301787
B. Co. - 1st Lt. Edgar R. Pearson, O-1100283
C. Co. - 2nd Lt. Walter J. O'Malley, O-1108214
Bn Gas NCO - Sgt. William A. Smith, 6 902261, H&S Co.
H & S Co. - Sgt. William A. Smith, 6902261, H&S Co.
102 ~~H & S Co.~~ - T/5 William L. Duncan, 11063185,
102 ~~H & S Co.~~ - Sgt. Frank A. Schavio, 32198406
A. Co. - Sgt. Edward N. Goetzger, 32199033,
Sgt. Henry T. Knittel, 32199016
B. Co. - S/Sgt. Henry E. Buczek, 32233000
Pvt. Lester A. Robison, 33131559
C. Co. - Sgt. William J. Robertson, 32199042
Sgt. Herve O. Petit, 31056978
- b. 6 gas sentinels per Company.
c.1) 3 gas decontamination squads per company.
2) 4 EM per squad.
4. Training. (Hours)
- | | |
|-----------------------------|---|
| Fire fighting | 1 |
| Gases | 2 |
| Effects of gas | 1 |
| Wearing of gas mask | 2 |
| Decontamination Squads only | 2 |
5. General.
At present no difficulties hindering anti-gas defense of organization.
6. a. No hostile enemy chemical warfare against Unit.
b. No Unit gas action against enemy.

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn AAF Stn. 422
C.P. Great Barrington, Glous.
 (Location)

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ANNEX 11

SIGNAL ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance. (See S-4 Report)
2. Radio.
 - (a) Amount & type: 4 each, SCR-193
 - (b) Transmitted power: 75 watts.
 - (c) Mobile installation.
 - (d) No maintenance above 1st echelon required.
 - (e) Difficulty is encountered in obtaining rated output from transmitter on assigned frequency of 1596 K.C.
3. Wire.
 - (a) Telephone facilities.
 - (1) Ground Force unit switchboard: None
 - (2) Air Force unit switchboard: None
 - (3) British Unit Switchboard: Witney, Oxford 351, 352
 Gt. Barrington, Glcs. 221
 - (b) Teletype facilities: None.
4. Courier service: Adequate
5. Security:
 - (a) Operators are drilled in signal security.
 - (b) Document destruction: Executed upon receipt of superseding documents.
6. Resume: Telephone facilities are inadequate. This organization, one of six on AAF 422, has one line to the post switchboard, the external circuits of which are indicated in 3 (a) (3) above. The GPO switchboards are apparently greatly overloaded. Installation of a military line would alleviate the condition.
7. Other data required: None.

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SECRETHEADQUARTERS
18TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALIONUNIT HISTORY

JUNE 1944

The month of June found the battalion making preparations for shipment to France at the end of the month. For over two weeks, all efforts were directed toward complying with directives concerning the move. Vehicles were painted with appropriate unit designations and waterproofed for landing. Personnel and subordinate units were equipped with all necessary supplies. In short, the organization was brought to full strength, with full equipment for operations in France.

For fully a week, the unit remained at Great Barrington prepared for the move to the marshalling area, awaiting only instructions from the District Transportation Office in Oxford. And for another week, after receiving movement instructions, movement was postponed forty-eight hours daily.

Finally, on the 26th of the month, instructions were received from the DTC to move to the marshalling area the following day. With reveille at 2:00 A.M. on the twenty-seventh, the battalion began the move at 4:30 in the morning. From that time until 10:00 A.M., serials of vehicles headed south, while a marching party under Captain Bauer entrained for destination at Shipton Station. Late on the same day, at about 1730 hours, the battalion was led into Marshalling Area C-8 at Hiltingbury, Hampshire.

The battalion did not remain in the marshalling area long, and the period there was one of general confusion. Craft loads were frequently changed, necessitating a continuous reshuffling of personnel, vehicles and equipment of the various parties and the consequent reworking of rosters. With personnel scattered in the area assigned to the unit and with their vehicles, activities were seriously hampered. The rain and attending mud which marked the stay at the marshalling area did not help the situation.

Craft loads were finally settled, partial payments in French invasion currency made, rations distributed, and the first party, consisting of jeeps, command cars and half-tracks under Captain Denney, departed for the "hards" late in the evening of the 28th. At 0700 hours on the following day the second party under Captain Youngie moved to Southampton, followed by a party under Major Cutter and Captain Uppman. The bulk of the unit, the marching party under Captain Bauer, left the marshalling area at 1100 hours. Nothing is known of the embarkation of the remaining small parties of the battalion, as they had not arrived in France by the end of the month.

The parties mentioned embarked at Southampton on two LST's and two Liberty Ships. After embarkation, the units sailed from the hards and out into the harbor. At 0100 hours, 30 June, two years after the battalion embarked at the N.Y.P.S. for the United Kingdom, the convoy sailed for the coast of France.

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The convoy reached the coast of France in mid-afternoon, but parties of the battalion, except for the marching party which was ferried ashore in small craft at 1800 hours, did not disembark until 2300 hours. The LST's were beached on "UTAH" beach and the ebbing tide made for a dry landing at that time. Landing was effected without incident and, between the hours of landing and 0600 hours the following day, the various loads were directed to Field 30, 3 miles from St. Mere Eglise, the transect area for units of the Ninth Air Force.

A total of 18 officers and 568 enlisted men, which did not include the party with Captain Denney which failed to report, gathered in Field 30 awaiting further orders.

The convoy and landing had not been interrupted by enemy action. In fact, life on the ship was a welcomed relief from the unpleasant conditions in the marshalling area. Clean bunks and quarters and good rations were plentiful.

Changes in personnel were not unusual. Pvt. James E. Welchel, 6973614, Tec 5. Thomas C. McMurdo, 37016098, Pvt. Alfred (NMI) Cotugno, 32198641, Tec 5. Earle S. Connell, 31068310, Pfc. Billie R. Duree, 37522488, Pvt. Robert W. Karlson, 35254659, Pvt. Marshall D. Beard, 6359951, Pvt. Salvatore P. DeRosa, 6901175, Tec 5. Lloyd L. Stevens, 35256008, were lost to the battalion either as overage or transferred to hospitals. Tec 5. Hubert P. Langley, 36160278, Pvt. William Q. Clear, 15098900, Tec 5. Mitchell Moore, 35256300, Tec 4. Frank M. Oliva, 32198945, were returned to the organization from the hospital.

The only change among the officers was the reassignment of Lt. Angle from duties in Company "B". He became the battalion's Assistant Engineering Officer.

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HEADQUARTERS
818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

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APO 126, U.S. Army
5 July 1944

UNIT HISTORY

JUNE 1944

1. Organization - Negative.
2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted - 29 officers, 775 enlisted men.
3. Movement - Left Great Barrington, Glos., by motor transport on 27 June for permanent change of station to Marshalling Area C-8, Hiltlingbury, Hampshire, arriving same date.

Departed Marshalling Area en route to France 29 June. Arrived France, 3 miles from St. Mere Eglise, 30 June.
4. Casualties - None.
5. Decorations - None.

James J. Corral
JAMES J. CORRAL
1st Lt, 818th Engr Avn Bn
Unit Historian

1st Ind. G/J/jsu
HEADQUARTERS, 922ND ENGR. AVN. REGT., APO 126, U. S. Army, 6 July 1944.
TO: Commanding General, IX Engineer Command, Ninth Air Force, APO 126, U. S. Army.

For the Commanding Officer:

Murray M. Janoff
MURRAY M. JANOFF
Captain, CE
Adjutant

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