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UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn

C. P. La Vieille  
1 Mi N T5869 Lambert Zone 1

Report for period 1 August to 8 August 1944 10 August 1944

1. In compliance with Memo 15-4, Hq, IX Engineer Command dated 16 May 1944, Unit Periodic Report for period 1 August 1944 to 8 August 1944 inclusive is submitted herewith.

## a. Operations (S-3)

- (1) "C" Company, in conjunction with Headquarters and Service Company, was assigned the mission of constructing the runway and marshalling areas, including all appurtenances for A.L.G., A-19 being built in the vicinity of La Vieille, France. Work accomplished by these units for the period covered by this report is as follows.
- (a) 3600 feet of runway cleared, graded and tracked with P.H.S., 120 feet wide. Shoulders and crash strip graded and compacted. Four marshalling areas tracked with Messias. Approximately one-fifth of Messias covered with a non-skid and wearing surface of Asphalt E.C. and sand.
  - (b) 450 foot over run area on the south end of the strip, cleared, graded, and compacted. 1400 foot over run on north end of strip, cleared and rough graded.
  - (c) Funnel approach two-thirds cleared on South end of strip to a glide angle of 1 in 40.
  - (d) One 250 bbl. petrol storage tank completed, except for testing.
- (2) "A" Company assigned the mission of constructing the taxiway and access roads on the west side of the runway including all appurtenances. Work completed by this unit is as follows.
- (a) 4200 feet of taxiway 80 feet wide, cleared and grubbed.
  - (b) 4200 feet of taxiway, 48 feet wide stripped and rough graded.

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- (c) 7550 feet of twenty foot road cleared, stripped and graded.
- (d) 850 feet of culvert laid.
- (3) "B" Company assigned the primary mission of constructing the taxiway and access roads on the east side of the runway including all appurtenances.
  - (a) 4100 linear feet of taxiway cleared of hedgerows grubbed and sod stripped. Two farm machinery sheds removed.
  - (b) 2700 linear feet of taxiway cleared of hedgerows and grubbed. One house 40'x20' knocked down by D-7 and used for fill.
  - (c) 37 Hardstands cleared and grubbed.
  - (d) 300 linear feet of culvert installed.
  - (e) 7100 linear feet of 20 foot road cleared, grubbed and graded. All P.H.S. and S.M.T. stock piled.
  - (f) One 250 bbl. petrol storage tank completed and tested.
  - (g) Crew furnished for mixing and loading solvent into Stamp Lickers and for loading P.H.S. on supply trucks.

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2. Intelligence (S-2)

a. There is no change in the S-2 activities and general observations within this organization during the period.

b. No additional maps have been received during the period. The following maps have been requisitioned from the 922nd Engr Avn Regt, but have not been received to date:

Scale: 1:200,000  
Series G.S.G.S. 4238 - Road Map

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59	20
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Series G.S.G.S. 4250

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UNIT 818TH ENGR AVN BN IX ENGINEER COMMAND

C.P. LaVieille, 1 mi N T5869  
Lambert Zone 1

Report covering period 1 August to 8 August 1944

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3. Personnel (S-1)

- a. The effective strength of Command as of last day of period covered is 33 Officers and 793 Enlisted Men.
- b. There were no grave registrations.
- c. There were 2 officers and 1 EM replacements received and none are expected.
- d. There were no prisoners of war captured or evacuated.
- e. There were no stragglers on hand.
- f. Morale was excellent.
- g. There were no incidents regarding civilian population.
- h. There were no awards or decorations.
- i. Movies and a USO Camp Show were held; Stars & Stripes and Yank were given distribution.
- j. There were no casualties during period.

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

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4. Supply and Transportation (S-4)

a. Status of Supply.

(1) Class I

- (a) Class I Supply point is near Formigny at T6586.
- (b) Supply is adequate and available.

(2) Class II

T6187.

Co. at T5388.

at T6187.

T4985.

- (a) (1) Class II QM supply dump is near Longueville, at
- (2) Class II Ord. Supply point is 1814th Ord. S&M
- (3) Class II Engineer dump is near Longueville,
- (4) Class II Signal Dump is S-850 near Isigny, at
- (5) Class II CWS dump is near Longueville, at T6187.
- (b) All dumps are accessible, and supplies are generally

available.

(3) Class II and Class IV - Vehicles and Construction equipment.

(a) Ordnance Vehicles.

- (1) No dump or vehicle park has been specifically designated as supply point for this organization.
- (2) There are no T/E shortages.
- (3) (a) Three vehicles have been received during

the period:

Item: Truck, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  ton, 6x6, dump, w/winch  
Model: CCKW-353  
Reg. No. 4331329  
Ser. No.: 387868

Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4, C&R  
Model.: MB, Willys  
Reg. No.: 20478933  
Ser. No.: 300125

Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4, C&R  
Model: GPW  
Reg. No. 20516775-S  
Ser. No.: 189105

(b) Four vehicles have been issued during the

period:

Item: Truck, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  ton, 6x6, dump, w/winch  
Model: CCKW-353  
Reg. No.: 4490209  
Ser. No.: 241134-H1

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Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4, C&R  
 Model: GP42  
 Reg. No: 2058293  
 Ser. No: 520

Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4, C&R  
 Model: GP  
 Reg. No: 20114617  
 Ser. No: 26739

Item: Truck, 2 1/2 ton, 6x6, w/P-3 (Army Air Force) refuelling unit.  
 Model: CCKW-353  
 Reg. No: 4545951  
 Ser. No: 309375-2

- (b) Construction equipment.
- (1) There are no T/E shortages.
  - (2) (a) No vehicles have been received during the period.
  - (b) No vehicles have been issued during the period.
  - (3) No special equipment is required.
  - (4) No additional equipment is required during the next period.
  - (5) There is no surplus equipment on hand.
- (4) Class III.
- (a) Class III items are drawn from dump near le Cambe, at T5988.
  - (b) The supply is adequate and no difficulties have been encountered.
- (5) Class IV (other than Engineer)
- (a) A Class IV dump is located near Longueville, at T6187.
  - (b) No class IV supplies, other than Engineer, have been required to date.
- (6) Class IV - Engineer (excluding equipment)
- (a) Supplies are drawn from Roadbed dump near Longueville, at T6187. Gravel has been obtained from Army operated dump at T5672. A sand pit is located near Bernesq at T6230.
  - (b) There are no critical shortages.
  - (c) Sand and/or gravel are available locally.
  - (d) There are no excess supplies on hand.
  - (e) The following items, in addition to those on hand, will be required in the approximate quantities shown, for use in construction of A-19:
- Brooms, HD - 8 ea.
- (7) Class V.
- (a) Class V items are drawn from ASP1901, at T5381.
  - (b) The supply is adequate and readily available.
  - (c) No unserviceable ammunition has been encountered during previous period.
- b. Maintenance.
- (1) Engineer Equipment.
    - (a) No equipment is deadlined and under unit repair.

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(b) The maintenance unit servicing the organization is the 475th Engr Maint. Co., located near Balleroy, at T6969.

(c) No equipment is deadlined and under repair by maintenance unit.

(d) No particular difficulties are encountered in obtaining maintenance.

(2) Ordnance Vehicles and Weapons.

(a) No vehicles or weapons are deadlined and under unit repair.

(b) The maintenance unit servicing the organization is the 475th Engr. Maint. Co., located near Balleroy at T6969.

(c) No vehicles or weapons are deadlined and under repair by maintenance unit.

(d) No special difficulties are encountered in obtaining maintenance.

(3) Equipment of other arms and services.

(a) No special problems are encountered in maintenance of Signal, Quartermaster, or Chemical Warfare equipment.

c. Captured equipment and supplies.

No enemy equipment or supplies have been captured by this organization during current period.

d. Salvage.

(1) Salvage dumps for T/E and T/BA equipment are located within the various supply dumps as listed in par 4 a (2) above.

(2) Only T/E and T/BA equipment is being salvaged, including major assemblies or sub-assemblies of vehicles and equipment.

e. Transportation and Traffic Circulation.

(1) Organic transportation is adequate for current and proposed operations.

(2) Supplemental transportation has been furnished during the past period by Air Force Service Command Truck Company.

(3) Transportation furnished was adequate.

(4) No difficulties in convoy movement and clearance, have been encountered.

(5) There are no special difficulties to bring to attention.

f. Evacuation.

No comment.

g. T/O & E, 15 May 1944 which supercedes T/O 5-415, 1 April 1944 and T/BA #5, with changes, has brought about overages and shortages in equipment. Since some items now authorized would materially increase the efficiency of pending operations, it is requested that such information

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as is available, concerning issue of newly authorized equipment be forwarded to this headquarters.

*L. A. Cutter*  
L. A. CUTTER  
Major, 818th Engr Avn Bn  
Commanding.

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- Annex 1 - Officers' Roster
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- Annex 10- Chemical Warfare Activity
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HQ, 922ND ENGR AVN REGT, APO 126, U. S. Army, 10 August 1944.  
TO: Commanding General, IX Engineer Command, APO 126, U. S. Army.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

la Vieille, 1 Mi N, T5869

C.P.: Lambert Zone 1

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ANNEX 7

QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class I  
(a) Rations are drawn from Class I dump near Formigny.  
(T6586) and to date, the supply has been found adequate and readily available.
    - (2) Class II.
      - (a) Class II items are supplied by depot near Longueville  
(T6187) after requisitions have been approved by 1st Army Quartermaster.  
No particular difficulties have been encountered.
  2. It has been indicated by current and past activities, that the supply of T/E and/or T/BA items of equipment is adequate.
  3. No data is specifically requested.

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ANNEX 8

ORDNANCE ACTIVITY

1. Supply and maintenance.
  - a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class II.
      - (a) Class II Ordnance items have been drawn through 1814th Ordnance Co., near Cardonville, at T5388.
      - (b) Supply is generally adequate, and dump is readily available.
    - b. Maintenance.
      - (1) Vehicles and weapons.
        - (a) One vehicle was damaged during previous period and evacuated to 4th Ech. Shop by Army Ordnance Service.
  2. Technical activities. No comment.
  3. Tactical Information. No comment.
  4. No specific data is requested, concerning ordnance material.

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UNIT 818th Engr. Avn. Bn.

La Vielle, 1 mi.  
N, T5069 Lambert  
Zone 1

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ANNEX 9  
MEDICAL ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - (a) The source of supply is Medical Supply Platoon T 650795.
  - (b) The supply is adequate and readily available.
2. The following Medical units and installations in local evacuation chain are the Battalion Aid Station, 209 Medical Dispensary (AVN) T 654739, and the Field Hospital.
3. Medical activity during period.
  - (a) There have been no cases hospitalized during this period.
  - (b) There have been no men returned to duty during this period.
  - (c) There have been no men evacuated, etc. during this period.
4. Transportation.
  - (a) There are no suggested changes of transportation.
  - (b) There are no solutions of transport problems.
  - (c) There are no evacuation problems.
  - (d) There are no remarks.
5. General Medical Problems.
  - (a) There are no general medical problems.
  - (b) There are no new methods and diagnosis of treatment to offer during this period.
  - (c) VD posters are now posted in company area, condoms and V packets are available.
  - (d) There were no chemical warfare casualties.
  - (e) There are no remarks.
6. Water Supply.
  - (a) The water supply is adequate, potable, and chlorinated to meet requirements.
  - (b) Shower baths are available to all members of this command.
  - (c) There are no laundry facilities.
  - (d) Kitchen waste is buried, edible garbage is given to local farmers, and slit trench are used for human waste.
  - (e) There are no remarks.
7. There is no other data to be reported during this period.

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

la Vieille, 1 Mi N, T5860  
C.P.: Lambert Zone 1

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ANNEX 10

CHEMICAL WARFARE ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class II  
(a) Class II items are supplied by dump near Longueville,  
at T6187.
    - (b) No difficulty has been encountered in obtaining  
supplies.
2. This organization has not been equipped with a power driven  
decontaminating apparatus.
3. Changes in Unit Gas personnel.
  - a. Capt. Landon P. Hill, O-412355 appointed Bn. Gas Officer.
  - b. There are six (6) sentinels per company.
  - c. (1) There are three (3) gas decontaminating squads per Co.  
(2) There are four (4) EM per squad.
4. Monthly Report.
5. No special problems or hindrances regarding CWS activities have  
been encountered.
6. There has been no chemical warfare action by or against this unit.

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UNIT 818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION, IX ENGINEER COMMAND, C.P. LaVieille, 1 mi N T5869

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ANNEX II

SIGNAL ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.

a. Status of Supply.

(1) Class II.

Class II Signal supplies are obtained from Depot S-850 near Isigny (T4985). The depot is readily accessible and no difficulties have been encountered.

2. Radic.

a. Present equipment consists of 5 SCR-193 sets, one of which is on temporary loan from 922nd Engr Avn Regt.

b. Radiated power from all sets is approximately 75 watts.

c. All installations are mobile. Four sets are installed in half-tracks, M2, the maining one in a 1-ton cargo trailer. Power is supplied to the latter by means of a separate battery and charger system.

d. There is no difficulty in obtaining proper maintainance except as formerly noted.

e. Radio net operating among subordinate units will be closed down until such time as there is need for such communication.

3. Wire.

a. Telephone facilities.

(1) There are no external circuits from this unit.

(2) There is no external connection to an Air Force switchboard. None is immediately available.

(3) There is no external connection to a British unit switchboard. None is immediately available.

b. There are no teletype facilities available.

4. Courier Service.

a. Courier service is adequate. Courier service to higher echelons is furnished by the 922nd Engr Avn Regt. Courier to subordinate units of this command is furnished by this headquarters.

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5. Security.

a. Necessary security measures are enforced as far as possible in accordance with current directives.

b. The documents listed below were destroyed:

SOP Ninth Air Force, Memo 101-55, 28 May 1944, 1 cy.

SOI Ninth Air Force, Memo 262-1, 15 May 1944, 1 cy.

SOI IX Engr Cnd, 10-7, 23 May 1944, 1 cy.

Amendment to SOI, IX Engr Cnd, 20-6, 2 Aug 1944, 1 cy.

" " ", " " ", 50-2, 28 July 1944, 1 cy.

" " ", " " ", 21-3, 4 Aug 1944, 3 cys.

(1) Documents destroyed, in addition to those obsolete, included those rendered unnecessary by the consolidation of signal files and the destruction of excess copies of SOI and SOP. In this connection, only one copy of SOI and SOP are necessary for the proper functioning of signal communication in this battalion.

6. There is no change in status of radio communication as previously reported.

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## UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn

C.P. Lambert Zone II  
Vk 288288

Report for period 9 August to 16 August 1944.

1. In compliance with Memo 15-4, Hq., IX Engineer Command, dated 16 May 1944, Unit Periodic Report for the period 9 Aug. to 16 Aug. 1944 inclusive is submitted herewith.

## a. Operations (S-3)

(1) 818th Engr Avn Bn assigned the mission of constructing new ALG No. 36 located in vicinity of Louplande St. Leonard. "C" Company moved out to new site at 1200 hours, 14 August 1944 along with detachments from H&S Company. On arrival at site, orders were received for "C" Company to proceed to Beille (Co-ord. 643685) and start construction on ELS at that place. Work started 151200B Aug. and was completed 161500B Aug. Construction consisted of the removal of 700 linear feet of hedgerows and removal of 20 trees, diameter of which approximately 15 inches, along with rolling of the turf covered field. Upon completion "C" Company moved back to Louplande St. Leonard and began setting up their bivouac area prior to beginning construction on A-36 which was officially started 170600B Aug. Prior to 141200B Aug., the following work was accomplished by "C" Company at A-19 for period covered by this report.

- (a) In conjunction with H&S Company completed grading operations on runway.
- (b) Completed the laying of Hessian Matting on Runway and Marshalling areas.
- (c) Completed non-skid surface covering for Hessian matting on runway.

(2) "B" Company moved out from A-19 to new site A-36 on 151800B Aug. along with detachment from H&S Company. Work accomplished by "B" Company at A-19 during the period covered by this report is as follows.

- (a) Completed grading operations in conjunction with H&S Company on east side of taxiway including hardstands.
- (b) Completed laying of SMT on east side taxiway including hardstands.

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(c) Completed laying of SMT on North end of runway.

(d) Completed laying of SMT on North East Marshalling areas.

(3) "A" Company upon the departure of "C" and "B" Companies for new location was assigned the mission of completing the construction on A-19 along with such maintenance as was deemed necessary. Work accomplished by "A" Company during the period covered by this report is as follows.

(a) Completed laying of Hessian matting on West taxiway.

(b) Completed laying of SMT along with hardstands on West taxiway.

(c) Completed laying of SMT on Northwest Marshalling area.

(d) Completed laying of SMT on South end of runway.

(e) Completed parallel Access road to runway 5900 feet in length.

(f) Completed installation of markers on runway.

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Leonard, K2828  
Lambert Zone II  
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2. Intelligence (S-2)

a. There is no change in the S-2 activities and general observations within this organization during the period.

b. No maps have been received during the period. This unit has been able to obtain two copies of a map applicable to this area. The shortages of maps are hindering the operations and administration of the unit.

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UNIT 918TH ENGR AVN BN IX ENGINEER COMMAND

C.P. Louplande St. Leonard  
1 mi S K2828 Zone II

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3. Personnel (S-1)

- a. The effective strength of Command as of last day of period covered is 34 Officers and 788 Enlisted Men.
- b. There were no grave registrations.
- c. There were 1 officer and 1 EM replacements received and none are expected.
- d. There were 12 prisoners of war captured and evacuated through Military Police at Le Mans.
- e. There were no stragglers on hand.
- f. Morale was excellent.
- g. There were no incidents regarding civilian population.
- h. There were no awards or decorations.
- i. Movies were held; Stars & Stripes and Yank were given distribution.
- j. There were no casualties during period.

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## IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

Louplande St. Leonard, 1 Mi S  
C.P.: K2828, Lambert Zone 2

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## 4. Supply and Transportation (S-4)

## a. Status of Supply.

- (1) Class I.  
(a) Class I Supply point is near le Mans.  
(b) Supply is adequate and available.
- (2) Class II  
(a) (1) Class II QM supply dump is near Longueville,  
at T6187.  
Co. at T5388.  
(2) Class II Ord. Supply point is 1814th Ord. S&M  
at T6187.  
(3) Class II Engineer dump is near Longueville,  
at T4985  
(4) Class II Signal Dump is S-850 near Isigny,  
(5) Class II CWS dump is near Longueville, at T6187.  
(b) All dumps are accessible, and supplies are generally  
available.
- (3) Class II and Class IV - Vehicles and Construction equipment.  
(a) Ordnance Vehicles.  
(1) No dump or vehicle park has been specifically  
designated as supply point for this organization.  
(2) There are no T/E shortages.  
(3) (a) No vehicles have been received during the  
period.  
(b) No vehicles have been issued during the  
period.  
(b) Construction equipment.  
(1) There are no T/E shortages.  
(2) (a) No vehicles have been received during the  
period.  
(b) No vehicles have been issued during the  
period.  
(3) No special equipment is required.  
(4) No additional equipment is required during the  
next period.  
(5) There is no surplus equipment on hand.
- (4) Class III.  
(a) Class III items are drawn from Army dump near le Mans,  
map coordinates are unavailable.  
(b) Supply of gasoline is very limited.
- (5) Class IV (other than Engineer)  
(a) A Class IV dump is located near Longueville, at T6187.  
(b) No class IV supplies, other than Engineer, have been  
required to date.

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(6) Class IV - Engineer (excluding equipment)  
 (a) Supplies are drawn from Roadbed dump near Longueville, at T6187.  
 (b) There are no critical shortages.  
 (c) Sand and/or gravel are available locally.  
 (d) There are no excess supplies on hand.  
 (e) No material other than that on hand, or in transit to site, will be required during next period.

(7) Class V.  
 (a) Class V items are drawn from ASP1901, at T5381.  
 (b) The supply is adequate and readily available.  
 (c) No unserviceable ammunition has been encountered during previous period.

b. Maintenance.

(1) Engineer Equipment.  
 (a) No equipment is deadlined and under unit repair.  
 (b) The maintenance unit servicing the organization is the 475th Engr Maint. Co., located near le Mans.  
 (c) The following item is deadlined and under repair by 475th Engr Maint. Co.:  
 Item: Distributor, asphalt, 1250 Gal., trailer Mtd.  
 Make: Etnyre.  
 Reg. No: 065474  
 Ser. No: 01446  
 Deadlined on 10 Aug 1944.  
 Cause: Fire.  
 Expected date of completion is unavailable.  
 (d) No special difficulties are encountered in obtaining maintenance.

(2) Ordnance Vehicles and Weapons.  
 (a) No vehicles or weapons are deadlined and under unit repair.  
 (b) The maintenance unit servicing the organization is the 475th Engr. Maint. Co., located near le Mans.  
 (c) The following item is deadlined, and is to be evacuated by 475th Engr Maint. Co.  
 Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4  
 Model: Willys MB-42  
 Reg. No: 2077772-S  
 Ser. No: 152690  
 Deadlined on 14 Aug 1944.  
 Cause: Accident.  
 Expected date of completion is unavailable.  
 (d) No special difficulties are encountered in obtaining maintenance.

(3) Equipment of other arms and services.  
 (a) No special problems are encountered in maintenance of Signal, Quartermaster, or Chemical Warfare equipment.

c. Captured equipment and supplies.  
 No enemy equipment or supplies have been captured by this organization during current period.

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## d. Salvage.

(1) Salvage dumps for T/E and T/BA equipment are located within the various supply dumps as listed in par 4 a (2) above.

(2) Only T/E and T/BA equipment is being salvaged, including major assemblies or sub-assemblies of vehicles and equipment.

## e. Transportation and Traffic circulation.

(1) It has been found that organic transportation is inadequate for current operations. The entire organization is currently completing a change of station involving travel of about 150 miles. Projects are under way at both stations, which require that the battalion unit concerned utilize its entire complement of transportation on the job. Since "shuttle-moving" of equipment is mandatory, a great deal of difficulty is involved in obtaining sufficient prime-movers from organizational vehicles.

(2) Supplemental transportation is being furnished to transport tracking material and other construction material from rail and beach heads. A complete roster of units supplying transportation is not available, but some of the units are; 852nd Engr Avn Bn, 826th Engr Avn Bn, 830th Engr Avn Bn, and others.

(3) The supplemental transportation appears to be adequate for the project.

(4) No difficulties in convoy movement and clearance have been encountered.

(5) It has been found that organic transportation, except as noted in par (1) above, is normally sufficient providing it is available for unit use. During the past period several vehicles commonly used for liaison and courier service, have been detached to higher echelons of command, resulting in a critical shortage of light transportation, especially during a battalion move. A movement, in itself, imposes a considerable strain on available transportation, and a further detaching of vehicles by higher echelons results in a definite shortage.

## f. Evacuation. No comment.

g. T/O & E, 15 May 1944 which supercedes T/O 5-415, 1 April 1944 and T/BA #5, with changes, has brought about overages and shortages in equipment. Since some items now authorized would materially increase the efficiency of pending operations, it is requested that such information as is available, concerning issue of newly authorized equipment be forwarded to this headquarters.

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Annex 4 Counter Intelligence Survey  
 Annex 6 Monthly Material Status Report  
 Annex 7 Q. M. Activity Report  
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HQ, 922ND ENGR AVN REGT, APO 126, U. S. Army, 18 August 1944.

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

For the Commanding Officer:

*Murray H. Janoff*  
MURRAY H. JANOFF  
Captain, CE  
Adjutant

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UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

LX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

Louplande St. Leonard,  
C.P.: 1 Mi S K2828, Lambert  
Zone 2

Report for Period 9th to 16th August 1944

17 August 1944

Annex 7

QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class I.
      - (a) Rations are drawn from Class I dump near le Mans, and the supply has been found adequate and readily available.
    - (2) Class II.
      - (a) Class II items are supplied by depot near Longueville (T6187) after requisitions have been approved by 1st Army Quartermaster. No particular difficulties have been encountered.
  2. It has been indicated by current and past activities, that the supply of T/E and/or T/BA items of equipment is adequate.
  3. No data is specifically requested.

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UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

Louplande St. Leonard,  
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Zone 2

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ANNEX 8

ORDNANCE ACTIVITY

1. Supply and maintenance.
- a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class II.
      - (a) Class II Ordnance items have been drawn through 1814th Ordnance Co., near Cardonville, at T5388.
      - (b) Supply is generally adequate, and dump is readily available.
    - b. Maintenance.
      - (1) Vehicles and weapons.
        - (a) One vehicle was damaged during previous period and evacuated to 4th Ech. Shop by 475th Engr Mtnc Co.
2. Technical activities. No comment
3. Tactical information. No comment.
4. No specific data is requested, concerning ordnance material.

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr. Avn. Bn.

Louplande, St. Leonord  
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Zone II

Report for period 9 to 16 August 1944.

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ANNEX 9

MEDICAL ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - (a) Supplies are requisitioned through normal channels at Medical Supply Platoon.
  - (b) Supplies are adequate and readily available.
2. Medical Units and Installations in Local Evacuation Chain.
  - (a) The medical units and installations in local evacuation chain are the battalion aid station, 220 Medical Dispensary (AVN), and the 106 Evacuation Hospital, APO 403, U. S. Army.
3. Medical Activities during Period.
  - (a) There were no cases hospitalized during this period.
  - (b) There were no cases returned to duty during this period.
  - (c) There were no cases evacuated, etc. during this period.
4. Transportation.
  - (a) There are no suggested changes of transportation.
  - (b) There are no new solutions of transport problems.
  - (c) There are no evacuation problems.
  - (d) There are no remarks.
5. General Medical Problems.
  - (a) There are no general medical problems.
  - (b) There are no new methods of diagnosis and treatment to offer during this period.
  - (c) Condoms and V packets are available to all members of this command.
  - (d) There were no chemical warfare casualties.
  - (e) There are no remarks.
6. Water Supply.
  - (a) Drinking water is obtained from unit water point, where it is filtered and chlorinated. The tests for residual free chlorine in the water averages 1 point to 4 parts per million. The water is potable.
  - (b) Showers are available to all members of this command.
  - (c) There are no laundry facilities.
  - (d) Edible garbage is given to local farmers, inedible garbage is buried and semi-permanent latrines are installed over slit trench latrines and dispersed adequately throughout the areas.
  - (e) There are no remarks.
7. There was definite improvement in the installation of sanitary measures, following the move made by this battalion this week.

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UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

Louplande St. Leonard,  
C.P.: 1 Mi S, K2828, Lambert  
Zone 2

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17 August 1944

ANNEX 10

CHEMICAL WARFARE ACTIVITY

- MAB*
1. Supply and Maintenance.
    - a. Status of Supply.
      - (1) Class II.
        - (a) Class II items are supplied by dump near Longueville,  
at T6187.
        - (b) No difficulty has been encountered in obtaining  
supplies.
    2. This organization has not been equipped with a power driven  
decontaminating apparatus.
    3. Unit Gas personnel.
      - a. There have been no changes in gas personnel during previous  
period.
      - b. There have been no changes in number of trained gas sentinels  
during previous period.
      - c. There have been no changes in number and size of decontamin-  
ation and gas reconnaissance squads.
    4. Monthly report.
    5. No special problems or hindrances regarding CWS activities have  
been encountered.
    6. There has been no chemical warfare action by or against this  
unit.

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## UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

ENGR-818-41  
 17 AUG 1944

UNIT 818th Engr Avn Bn

C.P. Lambert Zone II  
 Vk 288288

Report for period 17 August to 23 August 1944.

1. In compliance with Memo 15-4, Hq., IX Engineer Command, dated 16 May 1944, Unit Periodic Report for the period 17 Aug. to 23 Aug. 1944 inclusive is submitted herewith.

## a. Operations (S-3)

- (1) Construction program at A-36 has been materially slowed up the past few days due to intermittent heavy down pours of rain which caused the pulling off at times of all heavy equipment, thereby delaying completion of grading operations and hence postponing laying of Hessian matting.
- (2) "A" company stationed up to 180700B August 1944 at A-19, La Vieille, France. Work accomplished by this unit at A-19 for the period of this report, consisted of policing of bivouac area and making preparations for move to new site, A-36, vicinity of Louplande St. Leonard. Unit departed La Vieille, France at 180700B August 1944 for permanent change of station to A-36, Louplande St. Leonard, France. Arrived at destination 181500B August 1944. Mission assigned to this company at A-36, consists of clearing and grubbing as well as grading of West taxiway and access roads on West side of runway in conjunction with H&S company, laying of Hessian matting and SMT on West taxiway and SMT on hardstands adjacent to West taxiway. In addition all drainage culverts for West taxiway and access roads on West side of runway will be installed by this company. Work accomplished during the period of this report at A-36 is as follows including Chartres Airdrome.
  - (a) Removed 1,335 linear feet of hedgerow on West taxiway and access road of West side of runway.
  - (b) Stripped and graded 1,650 feet of 20 ft. access road.
  - (c) Graded and improved 440 feet of existing road.
  - (d) Installation of drainage pipe where necessary on west access road

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- (e) Filled five craters and repaired two holes at Chartres airdrome.
  - (f) Repaired and marked strip, 120 feet x 3,000 feet at Chartres airdrome
- (3) "B" company assigned the mission of construction of East taxiway including hardstands and access roads on East side of runway. Work accomplished by this unit for the period covered by this report is as follows.
- (a) In conjunction with H&S company rough-graded 6,180 feet and fine graded 2,700 feet of East taxiway.
  - (b) Layed 2,700 feet of SMT, 28 feet wide, on East taxiway.
  - (c) Tracked 12 hardstands involving the laying of 38,808 sq. ft. of SMT.
  - (d) Installed 8" drainage culvert where necessary on East taxiway and access road on East side.
  - (e) Cleared and grubbed and graded approximately 4,580 linear feet of access road on East side.
  - (f) Erection of 500 bbl Gasoline Storage Tank, 50% completed.
- (4) "C" company assigned the primary mission of constructing runway, including marshalling areas, over-runs, crash strip, and runway extension. Work accomplished by "C" company during the period covered by this report is as follows.
- (a) Completed clearing and grubbing operations on both funnels.
  - (b) Supervised grading operations and completed, in conjunction with H&S company, approximately 40% of all grading operations on the runway.
  - (c) Installed 250 linear feet of 12" pre-cast concrete culvert under runway.
  - (d) Demolished and removed three farm buildings on center line of runway.
  - (e) Furnished all powder details involved in the procurement of natural materials for airdrome construction.

UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

UNIT SIXTH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION IN ENGINEER REGIMENT S.F. Looplands St  
Leonard, 12000  
Lambert AFB II  
Report for period covering 17 August to 23 August 1964 25 Aug 1964

2. Intelligence (S-2)

- a. There is no change in the S-2 activities and general observations within this organization during the period.
- b. There is no change in the map supply of this organization.

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UNIT 818TH ENGR AVN BN IX ENGINEER COMMAND

C.P. Louplande St. Leonard  
1 mi S K2828 Zone II

Report covering period 17 August to 23 August 1944.

24 August 1944

3. Personnel (9-1)

- a. The effective strength of Command as of last day of period covered is 34 Officers and 786 Enlisted Men.
- b. There were no grave registrations.
- c. There were 0 officers and 2 EM replacements received and none are expected.
- d. There were no prisoners of war captured or evacuated.
- e. There were no stragglers on hand.
- f. Morale was excellent.
- g. There were no incidents regarding civilian population.
- h. There were no awards or decorations.
- i. Movies were held; Stars & Stripes and Yank were given distribution.
- j. There were no casualties during period.

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## UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

## IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

Louplande St. Leonard, 1 Mi S  
C.P. K2828, Lambert Zone II

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## 4. Supply and Transportation (S-4)

## a. Status of Supply.

- (1) Class I.  
(a) Class I Supply point is Q-110 near Champagne.  
(b) Supply is adequate and available.
- (2) Class II.  
(a) (1) Class II QM supply dump is near Longueville, at T6187.  
(2) Class II Ord. Supply point is 1814th Ord. S&M Co. at T5388.  
(3) Class II Engineer dump is near Longueville, at T6187.  
(4) Class II Signal Dump is S-850 near Isigny, at T4985.  
(5) Class II CWS dump is near Longueville, at T6187.  
(b) All dumps are accessible, and supplies are generally available.
- (3) Class II and Class IV - Vehicles and Construction equipment.  
(a) Ordnance Vehicles.  
(1) No dump or vehicle park has been specifically designated as supply point for this organization.  
(2) There are no T/E shortages.  
(3) (a) No vehicles have been received during the period.  
(b) No vehicles have been issued during the period.  
(b) Construction equipment.  
(1) There are no T/E shortages.  
(2) (a) No vehicles have been received during the period.  
(b) No vehicles have been issued during the period.  
(3) No special equipment is required.  
(4) No additional equipment is required during the next period.  
(5) There is no surplus equipment on hand.
- (4) Class III.  
(a) Class III items are drawn from Q-110 near Champagne, map coordinates are unavailable.  
(b) Supply is adequate and available.
- (5) Class IV (other than Engineer)  
(a) A Class IV dump is located near Longueville, at T6187.  
(b) No class IV supplies, other than Engineer, have been required to date.

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## (6) Class IV - Engineer (excluding equipment)

(a) Supplies are drawn from Roadbed dump near Longueville, at T6187.

(b) There are no critical shortages.

(c) Sand and gravel are available locally. Either may be obtained graded but not washed. A concrete pipe factory is located near Champagne. The factory can fabricate pipe from about four inches in diameter to about four feet in diameter. The local power source being cut off, a plant of 25 KW would be required to operate the factory. Stocks of pipe on hand are being rapidly depleted by requisition. The factory is communally owned, being managed by the mayor of the town.

(d) There are no excess supplies on hand.

(e) No material other than that on hand, or in transit to site, will be required during next period.

## (7) Class V.

(a) Class V items are drawn from ASP1901, at T5381.

(b) The supply is adequate and readily available.

(c) No unserviceable ammunition has been encountered during previous period.

## b. Maintenance.

## (1) Engineer Equipment.

(a) The following Engineer vehicles are under unit repair:

Item: Tractor, Crawler type, DED, 35 HP, D-4

Make: Caterpillar

Reg. No: 97207

Ser. No. 7J-7788.

Deadlined on 22 August 1944.

Cause: Final drive broken.

Action: Parts in for salvage.

Expected date of completion is 25 Aug '44.

Item: Shovel, GED, 1/2 Cu. Yd.

Make: Osgood, 200

Reg. No. W-96431

Ser. No. 3357

Deadlined on 21 Aug '44.

Cause: Path gears broken

Action: Parts in for salvage.

Expected date of completion is unknown.

(b) The maintenance unit servicing the organization is the 475th Engr Maint. Co, located near le Mans.

(c) No equipment is deadlined and under repair by maintenance unit.

(d) No special difficulties are encountered in obtaining maintenance.

## (2) Ordnance Vehicles and Weapons.

(a) The following vehicles are under unit repair:

Item: Truck, 3/4 ton, 4x4, Weapons Carrier.

Make: Dodge.

Reg. No: 246235

Ser. No. 31539672

Deadlined on 22 August 1944. Cause: Broken front spring.

Action: Parts in for salvage.

Expected date of completion is unknown.

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Item: Truck, 4 ton, dump  
 Make: Diamond T  
 Reg. No 4451231  
 Ser. No 9720163  
 Cause: Water Pump shaft broken.  
 Deadlined on 20th Aug '44.  
 Action: Parts in for salvage.  
 Expected date of completion is unknown.

(b) The maintenance unit servicing the organization is the 475th Engr Maint. Co. located near le Mans.

(c) The following item is deadlined, and is to be evacuated by 475th Engr Maint Co.  
 Item: Truck, 1/4 ton, 4x4.  
 Model: Willys MB-42  
 Reg. No: 2077772-S  
 Ser. No. 152690  
 Deadlined on 14 Aug 1944  
 Cause: Accident.  
 Expected date of completion is unavailable.

(d) No special difficulties are encountered in obtaining maintenance.

(3) Equipment of other arms and services.

(a) No special problems are encountered in maintenance of Signal, Quartermaster, or Chemical Warfare equipment.

c. Captured equipment and supplies.  
 No enemy equipment or supplies have been captured by this organization during current period.

d. Salvage.  
 (1) Salvage dumps for T/E and T/BA equipment are located within the various supply dumps as listed in par 4 a (2) above.  
 (2) Only T/E and T/BA equipment is being salvaged, including major assemblies or sub-assemblies of vehicles and equipment.

e. Transportation and traffic circulation.  
 (1) Organic transportation is adequate for jobs on hand and immediately planned.  
 (2) No supplemental transportation has been furnished during previous period.  
 (3) Transportation furnished was adequate.  
 (4) No difficulties appertaining to convoy movement or clearance have been encountered.  
 (5) No special problems have arisen during the previous period.

f. Evacuation. No comment.

g. T/O & E 5-415, 15 May 1944, which supercedes T/O 5-415, 1 Apr '42 and T/BA #6, w/changes, has brought about overages and shortages in equipment. Since some items now authorized would materially increase the efficiency of pending operations, it is requested that such information as is available, concerning issue of newly authorized equipment be forwarded to this headquarters.

*L. A. Cutter*  
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 Major, 818th Engr Avn Bn  
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1st Ind. G/J/jsu  
HQ, 922ND ENGR AVN REGT, APO 126, U. S. Army, 26 August 1944.  
TO: Commanding General, IX Engineer Command, APO 126, U. S. Army.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn  
Louplande St. Leonard  
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Zone 2

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ANNEX 7

QUARTERMASTER ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class I.
      - (a) Rations are drawn from Class I dump near le Mans and the supply has been found adequate and readily available.
    - (2) Class II.
      - (a) Class II items are supplied by depot near Longueville (T6187) after requisitions have been approved by 1st Army Quartermaster. No particular difficulties have been encountered.
2. It has been indicated by current and past activities, that the supply of T/E and/or T/BA items of equipment is adequate.
3. No data is specifically requested.

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ORDNANCE ACTIVITY

1. Supply and maintenance.
  - a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class II.
      - (a) Class II Ordnance items have been drawn through 1814th Ordnance Co., near Cardonville, at T5388.
      - (b) Supply is generally adequate, and dump is readily available.
  - b. Maintenance.
    - (1) Vehicles and weapons.
      - (a) Two vehicles are deadlined and under unit repair.
2. Technical activities. No comment.
3. Tactical information. No comment.
4. No specific data is requested, concerning ordnance material.

## UNIT PERIODIC REPORT

## IX ENGINEER COMMAND (PROV)

UNIT: 818th Engr. Avn. Bn.

Louplande St Leonard  
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Zone 11  
23 August 1944

Report for period 17 to 23 August 1944

## ANNEX 9

## MEDICAL ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - (a) Supplies procured from 32nd Med Dp Co. APO 403, located at 40036 7H/4.
  - (b) Surgical, Dental drugs, biologicals, and other medical and necessary supplies are adequate and readily available.
2. Medical Units and Installations in Local Evacuation chain: 818 Engr Avn Bn Aid Station, 220 medical Dispensary (AVN), 106th Evac Hospital, APO 403, U.S. Army.
3. Medical Activity During the Period:
  - (a) Cases hospitalized (including quarters Hospital): Nine (9)
  - (b) Cases returned to duty: six (6).
  - (c) Cases evacuated to other than Ninth Air Force Dispensaries or Hospitals: None.
  - (d) Number of men absent & sick: eight (8)
4. Transportation:
  - (a) There are no suggested changes of transportation.
  - (b) There are no new solutions of transport problems.
  - (c) There are no evacuation problems.
  - (d) Roads used for evacuation of patients were well marked.
5. General Medical Problems:
  - (a) There were no general medical problems.
  - (b) There are no new methods of diagnosis and treatment to offer during the period.
  - (c) Condoms and V-Packets are available to all members of this command. "V-Packets" in this Battalion are being turned in to the nearest Qr Depot and "Pro Kits" drawn (authorized allowance) per Ltr Hq Ninth Air Force, Prophylactic Kits Dtd 11 Aug 44.
  - (d) There were no new cases of venereal disease during the period.
  - (e) VD posters were placed on bulletin boards of all companies, Off Limits in towns strictly complied with.
  - (f) There were no chemical warfare casualties.
  - (g) All men instructed in proper procedure of Medical and Surgical Technique during sick call and emergencies.
  - (h) No medical problems pertaining to casualties.
  - (i) A minimum number of men report for sick call, no battle casualties during this period.
6. Water Supply:
  - (a) Drinking water is obtained from unit water point, where it is filtered and chlorinated. The water is potable.
  - (b) Water purification unit (818 Engr Avn Bn) is on bank of stream located at 242283-7H/4.
  - (c) Tests for residual free chlorine in water varied from one (1) PPM to 1.4 PPM.

(b) Bathing Facilities.

1. There are no ablutions to be found in this area.
2. Showers are available in this Battalion for both Officers and Enlisted Personnel.
3. No swimming pools are used by this unit.

7. Waste Disposal.

- (a) Farmers in the neighborhood pick up most of the edible garbage. The inedible garbage is buried, and empty tin cans are flattened, burned out and buried.
  - (b) At least two deep pit latrines are dug in each company area. M. type latrine boxes are used and one can find gasoline tin urinals.
8. Containers have been built to keep toilet paper dry.

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UNIT: 818th Engr Avn Bn

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ANNEX 10

CHEMICAL WARFARE ACTIVITY

1. Supply and Maintenance.
  - a. Status of Supply.
    - (1) Class II.
      - (a) Class II items are supplied by dump near Longueville,  
at T6187.
      - (b) No difficulties have been encountered in obtaining  
supplies.
  2. This organization has not been equipped with a power driven decontaminating apparatus.
  3. Unit Gas Personnel.
    - a. There have been no changes in gas personnel during previous period.
    - b. There have been no changes in number of trained gas sentinels during previous period.
    - c. There have been no changes in number and size of decontamination and gas reconnaissance squads.
  4. See Monthly Report.
  5. No special problems or hindrances regarding CWS activities have been encountered.
  6. There has been no chemical warfare action by or against this unit.

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:Date: 5 Oct 1944 :APO 126, U.S. Army  
5 October 1944

## UNIT HISTORY

September 1944

1. Organization - Negative.
2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted - 33 Officers and 785 EM.

3. Movement: Company A departed Villacoublay by MT on 3 Sep for permanent change of station to Beaumont-sur-Oise, arriving same date. Entire battalion had moved to Beaumont-sur-Oise by 11 Sep 1944.

Company A departed Beaumont-sur-Oise by MT for permanent change of station to Luxemburg, Luxemburg on 15 Sep 1944. Arrived Luxemburg on 16 Sep 1944, having bivouaced in Doulecon, France on 15 Sep 1944.

Battalion Headquarters departed Beaumont-sur-Oise by MT for permanent change of station to Luxemburg, Luxemburg, 22 Sep 1944, arriving same date.

Company A and Battalion Headquarters departed Luxemburg by MT for permanent change of station to Toul, France, arriving same date.

Company C departed Beaumont-sur-Oise by MT for permanent change of station to Toul, 23 Sep 1944. Arrived 24 Sep 1944, having bivouaced in Reims, 23 Sep 1944.

Company B departed Beaumont-sur-Oise by MT for permanent change of station to Luneville, France, 27 Sep 1944. Arrived Luneville, 29 Sep 1944, having bivouaced in Reims and Toul on 27 and 28 Sep 1944.

Battalion Headquarters departed Toul by MT for permanent change of station to Luneville, 26 Sep 1944, arriving same date.

Company A and Company C departed Toul by MT for permanent change of station to Luneville, arriving same date.

Headquarters & Service Company departed Beaumont-sur-Oise by MT for permanent change of station to Luneville, 29 Sep 1944, arriving same date.

4. Casualties - None.

5. Decorations: Tec/Sgt. Stephen (NMI) Natale, 31063306, awarded the Bronze Star Medal by General Orders #221, par. 1, Sec II, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 6 Sep 1944. Medal presented by Brigadier General James B. Newman, in ceremony at St. Trond/Brustheim, Belgium, 22 Sep 1944.

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818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

## UNIT HISTORY

SEP 1944

During the month, the activities of the battalion continued along the same trend as through the previous month. Movement was frequent, occasionally at a moments notice, and increased noticeably toward the end of the month. A new experience was in store for the battalion after the final move of the month. The new station taken over by the unit was less than a mile from the front line.

The mission at Villacoublay was largely completed by the third of the month. All that remained for final completion was the clearing and rehabilitation of hangars and buildings for two Tactical Air Depots, as the new plans called for. With the mission at such an advanced stage, the battalion commenced movement to its new site at Beaumont-sur-Oise, some twenty-five miles north of Paris. Company A was the lead company and left Villacoublay on 3 September, arriving at the new station the evening of the same date. Battalion Headquarters and Company B made the movement to Beaumont-sur-Oise three days later, followed by Headquarters & Service Company on the seventh.

Company C remained at Villacoublay performing the duties incidental to final completion until 11 September. One platoon of the company remained at Villacoublay on maintainance and a squad at Toussus-le-Noble for the same purpose until 19 September, when they rejoined the unit at Beaumont-sur-Oise.

The mission at Beaumont, A-60, was the rehabilitation of an existing German airdrome for use by medium bombers. It consisted of the repair of one runway for operations and another for use as hardstands; the installation of petrol tanks; the clearing of demolished hangars for use as hardstands; the clearing, grading and surfacing with pierced steel plank of a runway extension and marshalling area and the rehabilitation of access roads. By 23 September, the date the unit was ordered to Toul and the responsibility for construction was handed over to 816th Engineer Aviation Battalion, approximately 90% of the mission was completed. 290 craters on runways and access roads were excavated, filled and surfaced. Other portions of access roads were improved and surfaced. Four 250 bb. petrol tanks were installed and two (2) 14,000 gallon enemy petrol tanks were made serviceable. Twenty demolished hangars were cleared and prepared for use as hardstands. Grading operations for the extension of the runway and the adjoining marshalling area were completed. 101,700 square feet of pierced steel plank were laid on same.

While at Beaumont, severe difficulties in transportation were first experienced by the unit. The bridges on the Oise and Sein had been destroyed by the retreating Germans. Though Paris was a mere 25 kilometres away, the trip had to be made by a circuitous route, either over the crowded French ferry at Pontois or the military bridge at Mantes. Both entailed a trip of three hours each way. The situation was alleviated when the battalion constructed and operated a ferry which crossed the Oise at Beaumont. The trip to Paris was cut down to only one hour.

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Members of the battalion received their first opportunity to visit Paris while at Beaumont. Permission to issue passes to the city was received from IX Engineer Command and liberty trucks were run into the city. The matter was complicated somewhat by the fact that the Military Police in Paris insisted that the city was off-limits to troops and arrested members of the battalion wholesale. The situation was never completely cleared, but no serious results were occasioned by the conflict in orders.

Recreational facilities other than those offered in Paris were at a minimum in Beaumont. Most of the unit was quartered in tents. Inhabitable buildings were used for staff section offices, company orderly rooms, and the like. Most of the buildings in the vicinity of the airdrome were destroyed by former Allied bombing raids. One bombed out building, however, served as an excellent theater for the important daily movie.

On 14 September, the battalion received orders from the regiment to send out a company to Luxemburg. The mission of the unit was to make a reconnaissance of two possible sites in the vicinity of the city of Luxemburg, to mark and make operational one of the sites, and, if possible, to proceed to Trier, Germany, and begin rehabilitation of an existing field there. Accordingly, Company A departed Beaumont on 15 September, bivouaced at Doullon, France, and set up station on the outskirts of the city of Luxemburg. The existing grass field near Sandweiler was marked, holes were covered and compacted and the field made operational for transport planes. The mission was completed 19 September 1944.

Company A was able to make no progress on the mission at Trier. The field was still deep in enemy territory. Company A was bivouaced only a few miles out of the city of Luxemburg, along the MLR of an infantry regiment in the area. One evening a German patrol was captured by the infantry less than a mile from the A Company area.

It was decided to continue movement of the battalion as the mission at Beaumont neared completion, in order to get construction at Trier under way as soon as the situation permitted. With this in view, Battalion Headquarters left Beaumont on 22 September and arrived in Luxemburg late in the evening. Preparations for the setting up of headquarters in a school building in the city were under way late the same afternoon.

The history of the battalion in Luxemburg was to be short lived, however. The same night of arrival Major Cutter came into headquarters at Luxemburg with a message from the regiment in Belgium to the effect that the battalion was to move to Toul, France, without delay, to perform a mission for the 2nd Engineer Brigade (GO #36, Hq. IX Engr Cmd, 26 Sep 1944). Battalion Headquarters and Company A left Luxemburg on 23 September and arrived at A-90 in Toul the same afternoon, where the 840th Engineer Aviation Battalion had started construction on an ALG.

There was no mission immediately available for the battalion at Toul. Colonel Dougan, the commanding officer of the 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment to whom the battalion was attached for operations (GO #2, Hq. 2nd Engr Avn Brig (Prov), 30 Sep 1944), directed the unit to collect itself and prepare for the construction of a standard ALG at Luneville.

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Construction was to commence as soon as the site had been taken from the enemy.

The battalion settled down in some old French fortifications near A-90, to collect scattered elements in and en route to Luxemburg and to direct the remainder of the unit from Beaumont. Company C and elements of Headquarters & Service Company arrived at the command post on 23 September 1944.

The unit remained inactive at Toul until 26 September when Battalion Headquarters moved to Luneville. The infantry was still fighting just outside the town, which made the problems of billets relatively easy. A large French barracks, occupied by German forces until the capture of the town, were located less than a mile from the proposed site. Company A and Company C moved into the barracks the following day, while Company B and Headquarters & Service Company arrived from Beaumont on 29 September.

There was little that could be accomplished on the mission before the end of the month. The site of the ALG was within range of rifle, mortar and artillery fire from the enemy. The infantry division preparing for an attack to drive the enemy from the area advised against commencing construction. The forward outposts of the infantry were only a few hundred yards past the site, and a front line infantry company had its command post in the same barracks that were occupied by units of the battalion.

Advantage was taken of the lull to put the new station in shape as far as housekeeping was concerned. Other than those duties, little could be done. The layout of the field was made, but no equipment could be employed. In between such duties, there was time for the members of the battalion to observe first hand, an attack made by the infantry. There was the artillery barrage, bombing by Ninth Air Force Marauders and Thunderbolts, then the advance of the infantry, supported by tanks, over the hill into the Forêt-de-Farroy to clear out strong enemy forces.

Even after the clearing out of the enemy from a good portion of the forest, enemy artillery continued intermittent shelling of the proposed site and the area nearby. At the end of the month, it was still considered best to withhold operations.

Among personnel, there was little change. The strength of the unit decreased slightly due to loss of personnel to hospitals. The services of Lt. Fulmer were indefinitely lost to the unit when he was put on extended detached service with Headquarters, 1st Engineer Aviation Brigade (Prov). Lt. Corral received a promotion to Captain on the first of the month (SO #245, Hq Ninth Air Force, 1 Sep 1944), and Capt. Denney was promoted to Major on the fifteenth (SO #259, Hq Ninth Air Force, 15 Sep 1944).

The second decoration to be received by a member of the command was the award of the Bronze Star Medal to Tec Sgt. Stephen (NMI) Natale, 31063306, (GO #221, Hq Ninth Air Force, 6 Sep 1944). Sgt. Natale had been of invaluable service to the unit for the past two years as a qualified construction foreman. His knowledge and experience in construction made an important contribution to every mission on which the unit had been engaged.

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND

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APC 126, U.S. Army  
26 September 1944.

GENERAL ORDERS)  
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1. Effective this date the 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion is relieved from attachment for operations to the 1st Engineer Aviation Brigade (Provisional) and is attached for operations only to the 2nd Engineer Aviation Brigade (Provisional). Attachment for administration and for court-martial jurisdiction remains with the 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment.

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By command of Brigadier General NEWMAN:

H. W. EHRGOTT  
Colonel, C.E.  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ J. E. STEPHENSON  
Major, I.G.D.  
Adjutant General

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HEADQUARTERS  
2ND ENGINEER AVIATION BRIGADE (PROV)

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APO 126, U. S. Army  
30 September 1944

GENERAL ORDER)  
NUMBER 2 )

Effective 26 September, 1944, the 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion and the 843rd Engineer Aviation Battalion are attached for operations only to the 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment.

s/t/ R. E. SMYER, JR.,  
Colonel, C. E.,  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS  
2ND ENGINEER AVIATION BRIGADE (PROV)

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APO 126, U. S. Army  
30 September 1944

GENERAL ORDER)  
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Effective 26 September, 1944, the 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion and the 843rd Engineer Aviation Battalion are attached for operations only to the 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment.

s/t/ R. E. SMYER, JR.,  
Colonel, C. E.,  
Commanding

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HEADQUARTERS  
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APO 696, U.S. Army  
1 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)  
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E X T R A C T

1. Under the provisions of AR 605-12, 3 Feb 1944, and pursuant to the auth contained in Cir 90, Hq, European T of Cops-USA, 17 Aug 1944, the following named officers are promoted to the temp gr indicated, in the AUS, w/ rank fr date of this order:

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FIRST LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN

JAMES J. CORRAL

01100056 CE  
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By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHL  
Brig Gen USA  
C of S

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ HAROLD L. CARTER  
Lt Col A G D  
Asst Adj Gen



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APO 696, U.S. Army  
15 September 1944

SPECIAL ORDERS)  
NUMBER.....259)

E X T R A C T

1. Under the provisions of AR 605-12, 3 Feb 1944, and pursuant to the auth contained in Cir 90, Hq, European T of Opns USA, 17 Aug 1944, the following named officers are promoted to the temp gr indicated, in the AUS, w/ rank fr date of this order:

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CAPTAIN TO MAJOR

Lawrence R. Denney

0907160 CE

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By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHM  
Brig Gen USA  
C of S

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ HAROLD L. CARTER  
Lt Col A G D  
Asst Adj Gen

R E S T R I C T E D

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6 September 1944.

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SECTION II

1. By direction of the President, under the provisions of Executive Order No. 9419, 4 February 1944 (Sec. II, Bull. 3, WD, 1944), and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department, a BRONZE STAR MEDAL is awarded to the following-named officers and enlisted men:

STEPHEN NATALE, 31063306, Technical Sergeant, Headquarters & Service Company, 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion. For meritorious service in connection with military operations against the enemy in the European Theater of Operations.

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By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

V H STRAHM  
Brig Gen, USA  
C of S

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ HAROLD L. CARTER  
Lt Colonel, AGD  
Asst Adj. General

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818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

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APC 126, U.S. Army  
4 November 1944

UNIT HISTORY

OCTOBER 1944

1. Organization - Negative.
2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted - 33 Officers, 763 Enlisted Men.
3. Movement - Company B departed Luneville by MT on 24 Oct 1944 for permanent change of station to Azelot, France. Arrived Azelot same date. Distance travelled 17 miles.
4. Casualties - None.
5. Decorations - Tec 3. Franklin (NMI) Arnold, Jr., 37113835, awarded Bronze Star Medal by General Orders #41, Headquarters, 1st Engineer Command, 7 October 1944.



*[Signature]*  
Capt, CE  
Historian

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818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALIONUNIT HISTORY

OCTOBER 1944

The battalion remained in Luneville during the entire month of October. For the first time since June, and one of the few times since January 1944, no movement of any type was made by a majority of the unit. Only the presence of the enemy a few miles away and the activities of our infantry and artillery prevented the organization from settling down into almost garrison conditions.

Construction on the mission assigned, the AIG Y-2, was not in progress until 2 October and then only in a limited fashion. The 79th Division advised against extensive operations on the field because of enemy artillery fire from positions in the Forêt de Parroy and high ground to the northeast. Nevertheless, on 2 October, a few pieces of equipment commenced work on the field. For another week thereafter, the site continued under enemy observation and artillery fire in the vicinity was frequent until the enemy was cleared from the forest.

The mission was 40% completed by the end of the month. Originally, when construction began, the estimated operational and completion dates were 16 October and 24 October respectively. The estimated dates proved of little value, however. The continuous rain that flooded the site during the month made any attempt to meet the estimated operational and completion dates impossible. These dates were set back almost daily. On most days the rain rendered the ground on the site unfit for the operation of heavy equipment. Manhours were expended on emergency and regular drainage with considerable emphasis on culverts. Progress on the field was further retarded by a change in specifications early in the month, necessitating a relocation and stripping of the south taxiway, the unrolling of SMT already laid in accordance with previous specifications.

In spite of the adverse conditions mentioned, much was accomplished on the mission. 5000 feet of runway and 2000 feet of shoulder, both 120 feet wide were stripped and rough graded; 1000 feet of runway was fine graded and surfaced with Hessian. Three marshalling areas were stripped, graded and surfaced with 24,640 square feet of Hessian. 3600 feet of taxiway, 48 feet wide was stripped and graded and approximately 600 square feet of square mesh track laid. 5000 feet of access road were constructed. Two 6500 bbl and one 500 bbl gas storage tanks were erected. Drainage, including necessary culverts and the excavation and refilling of soft spots caused by the weather completed the work accomplished at Y-2.

Another mission in addition to Y-2 was assigned to the organization on 24 October. The 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion was relieved of further construction on A-95 and the mission of completing the field was given to this unit, with the provision that it was to be operational by 31 October. Company B was selected to perform the mission and moved to Azelot on 24 October. The operational date was complied with.

Construction by Company B at A-95 included the sealing of 186,552 square feet of Hessian on the marshalling areas, the laying of 192,152 square feet of square mesh track thereon, the installation of 1000 linear feet of "W" type drainage ditching, 455 linear feet of French drain, 190 linear feet of culvert, and the stabilization of 36,000 square feet of subgrade with pea-rock and cinders.

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Two further missions were assigned to the battalion during the month. On the fourteenth, the 2nd Platoon of Company A under Lt. Merbitz began work on a liaison strip near Nancy (WV 883118). The strip was laid out and marked, craters were excavated and the mission completed the following day. And on 28 October, Lt. Dewsnap with the 3rd Platoon, Company A, was detailed to a road repair assignment at Berisy. The mission, which consisted of the repair of existing roads and the installation of a pierced plank access road to an AAF Class IV Dump, was completed 31 October.

The enlisted strength of the battalion decreased considerably. The rotation to the United States of personnel who had been in Iceland for over two and a half years accounted for part of the loss. The remainder were lost through transfer during hospitalization. Only one replacement was received during the month.

Changes among the officers were more than usual. On 1 October, Capt. Younie was relieved of command of Company C and appointed company commander of Headquarters & Service Company, with Lt. Henry assuming command of Company C. Lt. McClain was relieved of duties as company commander of Headquarters & Service Company and was assigned as Assistant S-3, performing duties as Battalion Motor Officer. Lt. Hamilton was temporarily assigned to Headquarters & Service Company and, on 12 October, was transferred to Headquarters, IX Engineer Command (Par. 6, SO #155, Hq. IX Engr Cmd, 4 Oct 1944). To replace Lt. Hamilton, 1st Lt. William D. Munger, O113852, CE, was assigned to the organization from 833rd Engineer Aviation Battalion (Par. 2, SO #163, Hq. IX Engr Cmd, 16 Oct 1944) and was given a platoon in Company B. Lt. Pearson received his promotion to Captain on 1 October (Par. 12, SO #275, Hq. Ninth Air Force, 1 Oct 1944).

Other than the activity directly connected with construction, there were few other items of interest. There was naturally little opportunity for recreation during the earlier part of the month when the town of Luneville was the closest town to the front. Of interest to everyone at that time, however, was the attack made by the 79th Division on the enemy positions in the Forret de Parroy. The attack included all phases, i.e., preliminary bombing by Ninth Air Force Thunderbolts and Marauders, barrages by our artillery, tanks and tank destroyers, and finally the infantry. As the line moved forward, facilities for recreation did not improve materially. The largest city in the vicinity, Nancy, was placed "off-limits" by the Third Army. The daily camp movie was the chief form of entertainment. The lack of recreation, however, was compensated for by the excellent barracks in which the unit was billeted, particularly during the cold, rainy weather that prevailed. Only Company B was at Azelot under canvas.

The first plane to land on Y-2 arrived on the field 19 October. A Thunderbolt pilot, returning from a mission over the lines, came in for a crash landing after his ship had been damaged by flak.

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6. 1st Lt EDISON K. HAMILTON, O1104187, CE, is reld fr asgmt to the 818th Engr Avn Bn, is asgd to Hq, IX Engr Comd, and is placed on DS for an indefinite period, WP 2nd Engineer Aviation Brigade (Prov), Upon completion of this temp dy he will return to proper orgn and sta. TDN by MT.

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By Command of Brigadier General NEWMAN:

H. W. EHRCOTT  
Colonel, C.E.  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ J. E. STEPHENSON  
Major, I.G.D.  
Adjutant General

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND

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APO 126, U.S. Army  
16 October 1944

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2. VOOG, 15 Oct 1944, directing the following o, are hereby confirmed  
and made of record. TDN by MT.

Exigencies of the sv precluded the issuance of orders in advance.

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1st Lt WILLIAM D. MUNGER	01113852 CE	833rd Engr Avn Bn	818th Engr Avn Bn

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By Command of Brigadier General MEBLAN:

H. W. EHRGOTT  
Colonel, C.E.  
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

s/t/ J. E. STEPHENSON  
Major, I.G.D.  
Adjutant General



HEADQUARTERS  
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APC 696, U. S. Army  
1 October 1944

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12. Under the provisions of AR 605-12, 3 Feb 1944, and pursuant to the auth contained in Cir 90, Hq, European T of Opns USA, 17 Aug 1944, the following named Officers are promoted to the temp gr indicated, in the AUS, w/ rank fr date of this order.

FIRST LIEUTENANT TO CAPTAIN

EDGAR R. PEARSON      01100283    CE

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By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

W W MILLARD  
Col G S C  
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OFFICIAL:

s/t/ HAROLD L CARTER  
Lt Col A G D  
Asst Adj General

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UNIT HISTORY

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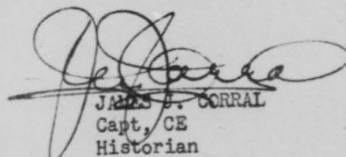
1. Organization - Negative.
2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted - 33 Officers, 757 EM.
3. **Movement** - Company B departed Azelot by MT on 19 Nov 1944, for permanent change of station to Esneux, Belgium. Company bivouaced at Luneville, 19 Nov, departed less detachment, Luneville, 20 Nov. Arrived in Esneux, Belgium, same date. Distance travelled 237 miles.

Battalion Headquarters, Company A and Company C, less detachments, departed Luneville for permanent change of station by MT to Esneux, Belgium. Arrived same date. Distance travelled 217 miles.

Company C departed Tilff by MT for permanent change of station to Hamoir, Belgium. Arrived same date. Distance travelled 14 miles.

Headquarters & Service Company departed Luneville 23 Nov by MT for permanent change of station to Esneux, arriving same date. Distance travelled 217 miles.

4. Casualties - None.
5. Decorations - None.

  
JAMES P. CORRAL  
Capt, CE  
Historian

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 818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

UNIT HISTORY

November 1944

The month of November once again brought frequent movement to various elements of the battalion. The entire battalion executed a move, one of the longest ever made by the unit, from Luneville, France, to Belgium. November also brought to the majority of the battalion, except for personnel sent to Liers, Belgium, and battalion overhead, a well earned rest.

On 15 November, a message was received from the 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment which relieved the battalion of further responsibility for construction at A-95 and Y-2 after 20 November. The battalion was to proceed on that date to Belgium, was to revert to the 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment upon arrival for operations. No new mission was in sight for the unit. Equipment was to be checked and repaired and the organization was to prepare for coming operations in Germany. Spare time from these activities were to be used for recreation.

The strip at Azelot, A-95, was 88% completed on 19 November when units of the battalion departed. The field had been given higher priority than Y-2 and the strength of the units there had been gradually increased. On 15 November, when two (2) platoons from Company A and Company C had joined the reinforced Company B at A-95, a total of 9 officers and 308 enlisted men were on the project.

Construction at A-95 included the laying of 485,280 square feet of square mesh, the placing of 11,760 square feet of base rock by hand, the installation of 3,892 linear feet of "V" ditches, 1,158 linear feet of 12 and 16 inch culvert, and necessary emergency drainage. This work was accomplished in spite of continued rain and mud which hampered operations daily. On 19 November, the 819th Engineer Aviation Battalion assumed responsibility, and all elements of the battalion went to Luneville to bivouac for the night prior to movement to Belgium.

At Luneville also the continued bad weather hampered operations. In spite of the unfavorable conditions, 38% of Y-2 was completed before the 819th Engineer Aviation Battalion took over responsibility for completion. Construction by this unit included the laying of 208,683 square feet of Hessian on the taxiway and runway, the resealing of 2,300 square feet of Hessian on the taxiway, the laying of 600 linear feet of 3 inch cable duct, the installation of 550 linear feet of 14 inch C.I. Pipe, and the laying of 86,577 square feet of square mesh track.

On 20 November, Battalion Headquarters, Company A, Company B and Company C, less detachments, left Luneville for Belgium, where billets had been located in the vicinity of Esneux. The units arrived late in the evening. Battalion Headquarters was established in a chateau, the "Bois Madam", atop a hill overlooking Esneux, with Company B situated in a chateau a few yards away. Company C and Company A were billeted in a larger chateau overlooking Tilff, some six miles away. Company C was

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moved on 22 November, when it occupied a chateau near the town of Hamoir, approximately 14 miles away. Headquarters & Service Company, less Battalion Headquarters personnel, arrived at Tilff on 23 November, and were billeted at Tilff in the portion of the chateau vacated by Company C.

The new location of the battalion gave a boost to the morale. Each unit was within walking distance of a town. They were located in chateaux, in the hills of the Ardennes, which were a summer resort for the people of the lowlands. The towns were picturesque, pleasant, and there were few American soldiers in the vicinity except those of the battalion. Cafes were numerous and, unlike most of France, were stocked with surprising amounts of merchandise. The people were friendly and eager to offer hospitality to members of the organization. The surroundings were as pleasant as any that the battalion had enjoyed. Facilities for recreation were so varied and near at hand, that few availed themselves of the opportunity to visit nearby Liege. With excellent billets, facilities for recreation and vastly improved rations, the morale of the unit was high. Only the absence of post exchange rations, especially cigarettes, worked a hardship on the members of the battalion.

Special Service activities increased materially. The local theater was secured for the showing of motion pictures to the unit four nights a week. Company dances were organized, with the battalion band rendering the usual excellent music. A dance was also held for the officers. The work of the Special Service Officer, Major Denney, and the willing cooperation of the civilian population made the dances very successful and popular affairs.

The performances of the band deserve special mention. Its services were being requested by more and more units. The 926th Engineer Aviation Regiment, the 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment, as well as the battalion, utilized the band regularly. Headquarters, IX Engineer Command had requested its services for two dances in Luxembourg. Other organizations, other than Aviation Engineers, such as the Red Cross in Liege, made requests for the band, as its popularity and fame increased.

One minor mission was assigned to the battalion in Belgium. On 24 November, 2 platoons of Company C, reinforced with trucks and equipment from the other companies, began construction on the winterizing of the IX Engineer Command North Dump Area. Work toward the completion of the mission included the surfacing of 541 linear feet of road with cinders, 75 linear feet with rock, necessitating the hauling of 784 cubic yards of cinders and 76 cubic yards of rock. Work was done on the drainage of the subgrade which bad weather made necessary. Other than this assignment, the activities of the battalion were directed toward preparation for future operations, when the expected offensive into Germany presented the opportunity.

Personnel of the battalion underwent little change during the month. Again there was a decrease in strength. Hospitalization, the rotation of personnel with service in Iceland to the Zone of the Interior, and a few odd transfer of men to other units accounted for the losses. Only two men, Tec 4. Rhennie Griffin, 15112140, of the 833rd Engineer Aviation Battalion and Tec 5. Thomas C. McMurdo, 37016098, a former member of the battalion then in the 825th Engineer Aviation Battalion, were received as replacements. There was no change among officer personnel of the command, except for Major Cutter's promotion to Lieutenant Colonel (par 1, SO #306, Hq Ninth Air Force, 1 Nov 1944).

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1. Under the provisions of AR 605-12, 3 Feb 1944, and pursuant to the auth contained in Cir 90, Hq, European T of Opns USA, 17 Aug 1944, the following Officers are promoted to the temp gr indicated, in the AUS, w rank fr date of this order.

MAJOR TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL

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LLOYD A CUTTER      0237183      CE  
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By command of Major General VANDENBERG:

W W MILLARD  
Col G S C  
C of S

OFFICIAL:

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