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HEADQUARTERS
818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

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APO 126, U.S. Army
5 August 1945UNIT HISTORYJULY 1945

1. Organization - Battalion assigned to Ninth Air Force per letter, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, file 370.5, 18 June 1945 as of 0001 hours, 12 June 1945.

Battalion relieved from attachment to 924th Engineer Aviation Regiment and attached to 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment 1 July 1945 per paragraph 3, letter, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, file 322, 26 June 1945.

Battalion relieved from attachment to 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment and attached to 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment 5 July 1945 per paragraph 2, letter, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, file 322.3, 3 July 1945.

Battalion relieved from attachment to 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment and attached to 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment per paragraph 11, Assignment and Attachment Order No. 18, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 19 July 1945, effective 20 July 1945.

2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted - 29 Officers, 701 EM.

3. Movement - Company A departed Cassel Waldau, Germany by MT for permanent change of station to Leipheim, Germany at 0700 hours, 1 July 1945. Arrived at new station at 1800 hours, same date. Distance travelled 330 miles.

Battalion Headquarters, Company C and the major portion of Headquarters & Service Company departed Cassel Waldau, Germany by MT for permanent change of station to Leipheim, Germany at 0700 hours, 4 July 1945. Arrived at new station at 1830 hours, same date. Distance travelled 330 miles.

Company B departed Rothweston, Germany by MT for permanent change of station to Leipheim, Germany at 0630 hours, 5 July 1945. Arrived at new station at 2000 hours, same date. Distance travelled 342 miles.

4. Casualties - None.

5. Decorations - Unit cited for battle participation credit, campaign "Ardennes", per letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGA, 22 June 1945.

Unit cited for battle participation credit, campaign "Central Europe", per letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGA, 27 June 1945.

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Unit cited for battle participation credit, campaign "Rhineland", per letter, Headquarters, USFET, AG 200.6 OpGA, 6 July 1945.

Campaign - "Germany" for which unit was cited per letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGA, 16 April 1945, is superseded by and will be known as campaign "Rhineland".

The Bronze Star Medal for meritorious service was awarded Technician Fifth Grade Edward Sztabnik, 32198873, per paragraph 2, Section I, General Orders No. 34, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 28 June 1945.

Certificates of Merit were awarded forty-one enlisted men in recognition of outstanding services by the Commanding Officer, IX Engineer Command.

W. E. Betts Jr.
W E BETTS JR
1st Lt, CE
Historian

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818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALIONUNIT HISTORYJULY 1945

July was a month in which the pressure on the job was increased rather than decreased although the majority of the personnel of the battalion feel that the war is over for them. The battalion moved to R-59, Leipheim, Germany, the early part of the month and soon had their teeth into the largest job yet assigned on the European Continent. The advance parties were quartered in tents for a few days until the 876th Airborne Engineer Aviation Battalion moved out but soon the whole battalion was situated in very nice buildings with running water in the ablutions, and latrines, and electric lights were available from civilian sources. The kitchens were also well located in existing messes. The pressure of the job was foremost and little time was devoted to athletics or recreational activity except after recall and on Sundays. Swimming facilities were available in nearby Danube River and some recreational outlet was afforded with the relaxing of non-fraternization with civilians.

The battalion was relieved and attached to various regiments numerous times during the month. First it was relieved from attachment to the 924th Engineer Aviation Regiment and attached to the 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment. This transfer had no sooner taken place than the unit was relieved from attachment to the 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment and attached to the 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment. Within a few weeks, the 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment departed from the immediate locality and the battalion was again attached to the 925th Engineer Aviation Regiment. Transfers of officers and enlisted men in and out of the organization in keeping with readjustment due to Adjusted Service Ratings of the individual were equally prevalent.

The officers established an Officers Mess with bar and enlisted personnel set up a comparatively elaborate bar under the control of the Enlisted Men's Council. Both operated very successfully and afforded their share of after dinner relaxation.

Responsibility for the maintenance, construction and repair of Y-96, Cassel Waldau, and R-17, Göttingen, was passed to the 877th A/B Engineer Aviation Battalion on 1 July 1945 after which time the battalion made itself ready and moved to R-59, Leipheim, Germany. The responsibility for the maintenance and rehabilitation of R-12, Rothweston was transferred to the 846th Engineer Aviation Battalion. Responsibility for the reconstruction of R-59 was assumed on 7 July 1945.

Company A was assigned the mission of building the west extension of the runway and construction of the taxiway from west to east. Wehrmacht POW labor assisted and performed most of the heavy labor with direction by civilian contractors working under battalion supervision in the operation of the batching plant and finishing machines used in the pouring and placing of the concrete.

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Company B was assigned the construction of the east end of the runway, maintenance of the access road, construction of a new POW Stockade and construction of the taxiway and hardstandings from east to west, all of which progressed satisfactorily.

The rehabilitation of the buildings and hangars and construction of the control tower was assigned to Company C. POW building craftsmen and a civilian crew are working with the company. Company C was also made responsible for the supervision of civilian labor in the maintenance and rehabilitation of R-77, Cablington.

The 1847th and 1848th Labor Supervision Companies furnished approximately two hundred and fifty Wehrmacht POW's each and an additional two hundred and fifty SS POW'S were also used regularly as labor. The 2087th AM Cargo Truck Company was used to augment the battalion's T/E of vehicles which was insufficient for the job requirements.

Work accomplished on R-59 during the month includes complete filling and concreting of all bomb craters and holes on the runway plus work on all phases in amounts as follows:

Runway: 2,600 linear feet of taxiway rough graded.
17,214 square yards of concrete poured.
6,589 cubic yards of aggregate hauled to site.
62 carloads of cement unloaded.

Access Road: 3,960 linear feet repaired.

Control Tower: 40% complete.

Stockade for 500 POW's completed.

Buildings and Hangars: Rehabilitation progressed satisfactorily.

No presentation ceremonies were held during the month because of the urgency of the job, however, Technician Fifth Grade Edward Sztabnik, 32198873, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious conduct in the performance of services from 1 July 1944 to 1 May 1945, per paragraph 2, Section I, General Orders No. 34, Headquarters, II Engineer Command, 28 June 1945.

The battalion was cited for battle participation credit, campaign "Ardennes" per letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGA, 22 June 1945; battle participation credit, campaign "Rhineland" per letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGA, 6 July 1945; and battle participation credit, campaign "Central Europe" per letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGA, 27 June 1945. All personnel assigned to the unit and eligible for battle participation credits were authorized the Bronze Service Stars and appropriate entries made in the individual service records.

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The enlisted strength of the battalion fluctuated somewhat but showed a net gain of only 4 men after loosing 31 and gaining 35. The gains were due primarily to transferees from other battalions with either D profile or an Adjusted Service Rating Score in excess of 85 points while the losses came about by men being returned to the ZI either with ASM's of over 85, being over 40 years of age or emergency return to the ZI under provisions of par. 3, Section II, ETO Circular 21, 1945.

The strength of the officers decreased slightly during the month with more than normal transfers both to and from the battalion. Capt. James J. Corral, 01100056, CE, formerly Adjutant, was relieved from assignment and transferred to Headquarters, European Civil Affairs Division, per par. 13, Special Orders No. 120, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 27 June 1945. 1st Lt. Vivian Dewsnap, 0111026, CE, Administrative Officer, Company A, was transferred to the 843d Engineer Aviation Battalion, per par. 1, Special Orders No. 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945. 1st Lt. William D. Manger, 01113852, CE, Platoon Commander, Company B, was transferred to the 846th Engineer Aviation Battalion, per par. 1, Special Orders No. 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945. 1st Lt. Michael J. Brandt, 01110394, CE, Battalion Personnel Officer and Assistant Adjutant, was transferred to the 846th Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. 3, Special Orders No. 134, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 12 July 1945. 1st Lt. Lawrence E. McClain, 0417470, CE, was relieved from assignment with the battalion and returned to the ZI under the provisions of RR 1-2 per par. 20, Special Orders No. 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945 and 2d Lt. Stephen E. Graham Jr, 0872008, CE, Platoon Commander, Company C, was transferred to the 843d Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. 1, Special Orders No. 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945. Gains in officer personnel included the following: Capt. Harold J. Harvey, 01104196, CE, transferred to this unit from 862d Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. 19, Special Orders 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945, was assigned as Assistant Engineering Officer per par. 1, Special Orders No. 45, Headquarters, 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, 16 July 1945. 1st Lt. Joseph A. Racine, 01103874, CE, transferred to this unit from the 1846th Labor Supervision Company and placed on Detached Service with the 9150th Labor Supervision Company (Prov), per par. 4, Special Orders No. 123, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 30 June 1945, was assigned to Headquarters & Service Company. 1st Lt. Wynn A. Collier, 01107353, CE, transferred to this unit from the 851st Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. 1, Special Orders No. 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945 was assigned to Company B, assuming the duties of Platoon Commander. 2d Lt. Joseph Bosco, 01110388, CE, transferred to this unit from the 851st Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. 1, Special Orders No. 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945, was assigned to Battalion Headquarters as Personnel Officer and Assistant Adjutant.

Major John E. Minahan, 022949, CE, received promotion to Lieutenant Colonel per par. 1, Special Orders No. 182, Headquarters, Ninth Air Force, 1 July 1945.

Command of the battalion was assumed on 31 July 1945 by the Executive Officer, Major Emil D. Bauer, 0389847, CE, per General Orders No. 4, Headquarters, 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, 31 July 1945, following the transfer of Lt Col. Minahan for assignment with 861st Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. 3, Special Orders 146, Hq. IX Engineer Command, 26 July 1945.

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The morale of the unit was excellent considering the fact that information was disseminated to all personnel that the job would continue until 1 November 1945, and shipment for the United States could not be expected before December 1945. Passes and furloughs were increased slightly although the battalion no longer operates its Rest Home in Essneux, Belgium, as the distance from Leipheim is too great. Although non-fraternization with civilians has been relaxed, there is no great evidence that the battalion personnel generally are over-friendly with the Germans. The nightly movies helped tremendously and although no USO or GI shows played at R-59, the men were taken by truck to several of the best live shows in the locality, including Bob Hope, Raymond Massey, Jack Benny, Ingrid Bergman and others.

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HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

AGO 696, U S Army
1 July 1945

SPECIAL ORDERS)
NUMBER.....182)

EXTRACT

1. DP, the fol named officers are promoted to the temp gr indicated, in the AUS w/ rank from date of this order. AUTH: 605-12 and Cir 37, Hq, European TO USA, 1945.

MAJOR TO LIEUTENANT COLONEL
JOHN E. MINAHAN 022949 CE

BY COMMAND OF MAJOR GENERAL WEYLAND:

OFFICIAL:

ROBERT W. LEE
Brig Gen USA
Chief of Staff

s/Charles L Otto
t/CHARLES L OTTO
1st Lt, AC
Actg Asst Adj Gen

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 34

28 June 1945

EXTRACT

Section I

Awards of Bronze Star Medal

2. By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II Bulletin 3 War Department 1944) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department a Bronze Star Medal is awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the respective periods indicated:

Technician Fifth Grade Edward Sztabnik 32198873 Corps of Engineers,
818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, United States Army -- 1 July 1944 to 1 May
1945.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

OFFICIAL:

C S KUNA
Colonel, CG
Chief of Staff

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

RM/LWS/grm

APC 887
27 June 1945

AG 200.6 CpGA

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards - Central Europe Campaign (No 5)

TO : Commanding Generals,
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe
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1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 21b, AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, announcement is made of units awarded battle credit for participation in the campaign "Central Europe" as established by General Orders No 40, War Department, 21 May 1945:

EXTRACT

818th Engr Avn Bn

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL BRADLEY:-

s/R. B. Lovett
t/R. B. LOVETT
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS
UNITED STATES ARMY

RM/LWS/hwm

AFD 887
22 June 1945

AG 200.6 OpGA

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards - Ardennes Campaign (No 2)

TO : Commanding Generals:
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.
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EXTRACT

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 21b, (2), AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, announcement is made of units awarded battle credit for participation in the campaign "Ardennes" as established by paragraph 12, General Orders No 40, War Department, 1945:

818th Engr Avn Bn

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL DEVERS:

s/R. H. Lovett
t/R. H. LOVETT
Brigadier General, USA,
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
UNITED STATES FORCES
EUROPEAN THEATER

RM/LMS/hwm

(Rear)-AFC 887
6 July 1945

AG 200.6 OpGA

SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards - Rhineland Campaign (No 6)

TO : Commanding Generals:
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe.
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EXTRACT

1. In accordance with the provisions of paragraph 21b, AR 260-10, 25 October 1944, announcement is made of units awarded battle credit for participation in the campaign "Rhineland" as established by General Orders No 40, War Department, 21 May 1945:

818th Engr Avn Bn

BY COMMAND OF GENERAL BRADLEY:

s/R. B. Lovett
W/R. B. LOVETT
Brigadier General, USA
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND (MAIN)

APO 126, U S Army
2 July 1945

CAF

Work Order No 167, Amendment "A".

TO: Commanding Officer, 922nd Engineer Aviation Regiment, APO 126, U S Army.

1. All portions of Work Order No 167 pertaining to the 876th A/B Engineer Aviation Battalion are hereby rescinded.
2. The 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion will be concentrated at R-59, Leipheim, on or about 1 July to continue the development of this field to a Heavy Bomber TAD.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

s/John A Graf
t/JOHN A GRAF
Colonel, CE
Assistant Chief of Staff, A-3

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 134

12 July 1945

EXTRACT

3. Fol officers are reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd and WP 846th
Engr Avn Bn. TDN by MT mil Acft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/60425. EDCMR
17 Jul 45.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Reid fr</u>
1ST LT (82Q) MICHAEL J BRANDT JR 01110394 CE (2200)	818th Engr Avn Bn

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

OFFICIAL:

C S KUNA
Colonel, CE
Chief of Staff

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 123

EXTRACT

30 June 1945

4. 1ST LT (70-) JOSEPH A RACINE 01103874 CE (1337) is reld fr asgmt to Hq
1846th Labor Supervision Co, asgd to 818th Engr Avn Bn, placed on DS and WP Hq
9150 Labor Supervision Co (Prov). Upon compl DS WP proper orgn. TDN by MF mil
acft or rail 60-115 P 431- 432-02 A 212/60425. EDCLR 5 Jul 45.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

OFFICIAL:

C S KUNA
Colonel, CE
Chief of Staff

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 120

EXTRACT

27 June 1945

13. CAPT (97-Q) JAMES J CORRAL 01100056 CE (2110) is reld fr asgmt to 818th Engr Avn Bn, asgd and WP Hq European Civil Affairs Div APO 887, TDN by MT mil soft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. EDCMR 2 Jul 45. Auth 3d Ind Hq Ninth AF 25 Jun 45 to Lt Supreme Hq Allied Expeditionary Force 7 Jun 45 file AG 201-AGP-Corral (Off) subj "Asgmt of Off".

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

OFFICIAL:

C S KUNA
Colonel, CE
Chief of Staff

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 131

9 July 1945

EXTRACT

1. Fol C are dir. TDN by MT mil acft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/60425.
EDCMR: 14 Jul 45.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Orgn</u>
Reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd and WP 818th Engr Avn Bn	
1ST LT (79-Q) WYNN A COLLIER 01107353 CE (1337)	851st Engr Avn Bn
2D LT (103-Q) JOSEPH BOSCO 01110388 CE (1337)	851st Engr Avn Bn

<u>Name</u>	<u>Orgn</u>
Reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd and WP 843d Engr Avn Bn	
1ST LT (72-Q) VIVIAN DENSNAP 01111026 CE (1337)	818th Engr Avn Bn
2D LT (55-Q) STEPHEN E GRAHAM JR 0872008 CE (1337)	818th Engr Avn Bn

19. Fol C are dir. TDN by MT mil acft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/60425.
EDCMR: 14 Jul 45.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Orgn</u>
Reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd and WP 818th Engr Avn Bn	
CAPT (109-Q) HAROLD J HARVEY 01104196 CE (1337)	862d Engr Avn Bn

<u>Name</u>	<u>Orgn</u>
Reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd and WP 846th Engr Avn Bn	
1ST LT (67-Q) WILLIAM D MUNGER 01113852 CE (1337)	818th Engr Avn Bn

20. Fol officers are reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd to Casual Pool 70th Reinforcement Depot (AAF) and WP 70th Reinforcement Depot (AAF) Advanced, Sta 392 reporting upon arrival to CO 134th Reinforcement Bn (AAF) for ret to ZI under provisions of RR 1-2. USSTAF Reg 80-10 has been complied w/. Provisions of ltr Hq Com Z 14 Sep 44 file AG 370.5 MPGA subj "Procedure for Ret of Individuals to the US by Water" and Sec IV Cir 85 Hq European TO USA 44 will be complied w/. TDN by MT mil acft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/60425. EDCMR: 12 Jul 45.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Orgn</u>
1ST LT (134-D) LAWRENCE R McLAIN 0461112 CE (4880)	818th Engr Avn Bn

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

OFFICIAL:

C S KUNA
Colonel, CE
Chief of Staff

s/R D Zentaire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, ACD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 45

AFG 126, U.S. Army

EXTRACT

1. CAPT (109-4) HAROLD J HARVEY 01104196 CE (1337) having rptd to this Hq fr 862d Engr Avn Bn per par 19 SO 131 Hq IX Engr Comd 9 July 1945 is asgd to Bn Hq and will assume the dys of Asst S-3. EDCM: 14 Jul 45.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL MINAHAN:

OFFICIAL:

W E BETTS JR
1st Lt, CE
Adjutant

s/w E Betts Jr
t/w E BETTS JR
1st Lt, CE
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
925TH ENGINEER AVIATION REGIMENT

APC 126, U.S. Army
4 August 1945

322.

SUBJECT: Assignment and Attachment Orders (No 18).

TO : Commanding Officers, 818th, 820th and 833rd Engr Avn Bns, APC 126,
U.S. Army.

The following extract of Assignment and Attachment Orders (No 18), IX
Engineer Command, dated 19 July 1945, file number as above, is quoted for
your information and guidance:

EXTRACT

11. Effective 20 July 1945 the following units are relieved from attachment
and are attached as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RELIEVED FROM</u>	<u>ATTACHED TO</u>
818th Engr Avn Bn	922nd Engr Avn Regt	925th Engr Avn Bn

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGO
Adjutant General

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BY ORDER OF COLONEL GLASS:

s/C PHILIP S. JENNISON
Captain, CE
Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

APO 126, U.S. Army
31 July 1945

GENERAL ORDERS
NUMBER 4

ASSUMPTION OF COMMAND

Under the provisions of paragraph 9, AR 600-20, the undersigned
hereby assumes command of the 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion.

s/E D Bauer
t/E D BAUER
Major, CE
Commanding

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 146

26 July 1945

EXTRACT

3. Fol C are dir. TDN by MT mil acft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/60425.
EDCMR: 31 Jul 45.

Name	Reld fr	Asgd and WP
LT COL (Q) JOHN E MINAHAN	022949 CE (1937)	818th Engr Avn Bn 861st Engr Avn Bn

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

OFFICIAL:

C M SPAINHOUR
Colonel, CE
Chief of Staff

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS
NINTH AIR FORCE

APO 696, U S Army
18 June 1945

370.5

SUBJECT: Assignment and Attachment Order (No. 77)

TO : Commanding General:
IX Engineer Command, APO 126, U.S Army.
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2. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter, Hq, U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 2 June 1945, file 322, subject: "Assignment of Units (No.50)", the following unit is assigned to Ninth Air Force, effective as of 0001 hours, 12 June 1945.

IX ENGINEER COMMAND

3. Pursuant to authority cited in paragraph 2 above, and Messageform, Hq, US Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 09388, 13 June 1945, the following units are assigned to Ninth Air Force and further assigned to IX Engineer Command, effective as of 0001 hours, 12 June 1945.

818th Engineer Avn Battalion

By command of Major General WEYLAND:

s/Harry E Koch
t/HARRY E KOCH
Major, A G D
Asst Adj Gen

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND (MAIN)
APO 126, US ARMY

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26 June 1945

SUBJECT: Assignment and Attachment Orders (No.15).

TO : See Distribution.

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3. Effective, 1 July 1945 the 818 Engr Avn Bn is relieved from attachment to 924 Engr Avn Regt and attached to the 925 Engr Avn Regt.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

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IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

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SUBJECT: Assignment and Attachment Orders (No 16)

TO : See Distribution.

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2. Effective 5 July 1945 the following units are relieved from attachment and are attached as indicated:

<u>UNIT</u>	<u>RELIEVED FROM</u>	<u>ATTACHED TO</u>
818th Engr Avn Bn	925th Engr Avn Regt	922d Engr Avn Regt

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

s/R D Zentmire
t/R D ZENTMIRE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

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APC 126, US Army
13 September 1945

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UNIT HISTORY

AUGUST 1945

1. Organization - Negative.
2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted - 29 Officers, 659 EM.
3. Movement - Company A departed Leipzig, Germany, by MT for permanent change of station to Tulln, Austria, at 0600 hours, August 1945. Arrived new station at 2100 hours same date. Distance travelled 350 miles.
4. Casualties - None.
5. Decorations - None.

Robert Pettus
ROBERT PETTUS
1st Lt., CE
Historian

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HEADQUARTERS
818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

UNIT HISTORY

AUGUST 1945

The month of August 1945 found the battalion with the job at R 59 well in hand and good progress being made on all phases. The concrete work was progressing smoothly and building rehabilitation was striding ahead at a good pace. The control tower was 90% completed and living quarters had taken a general up grading with further repair of roofs and replacing of windows. The enlisted mess bar had had a complete face lifting and was re-opened in its original (pre war) condition, which included wooden beamed ceilings, a patching plaster, paint job and replacing many windows and doors.

Repair of the hangers was slightly hampered due to the difficulty in procuring of nails and a change of saw mills cut our supply of lumber temporarily. When Company A departed for Vienna to work on a field for Air Transport Command, Company B took over all of the concrete work. Company C keeping the rehabilitation and repair of all buildings.

Company C's platoon of 1 officer and 29 men was relieved of maintenance of R 77 at 2400 hours, 2 August 1945 by the 833rd Engineer Aviation Battalion and returned to R 59.

The 1847, 1848 Labor Supervision Companies and one company of 88 troops still supplied all of the common labor and the special skills of many of the P.Ws. were used especially in building repair.

The 2081st CM Cargo Truck Company was still augmenting Battalion Transportation which was, in view of the requirements, insufficient.

Work accomplished on R 59 during the month of August includes as follows:

51,987 square yards of concrete poured
1,245,656 square feet poured on runway
200,563 square feet poured on taxiway
321,366 square feet of access road complete
137,392 square feet of hanger and apron cleared and repaired.
Building rehabilitation was considered 25% completed. Grading on taxiway extensions was completed.

Company A made good progress with its job in Vienna. The runway over run grading was almost complete and building rehabilitation was progressing rapidly. The majority of the work was being done by approximately five hundred Austrian civilians employed to work on the base and being supervised by personnel of Company A. While Company A on this job was attached for rations quarters to the 51st Air Transport Wing. Operations however were still controlled by the battalion.

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There was a slight loss of personnel during the month of August. Practically all of the battalion's men with over one hundred points had departed for the United States and several men with low point A.S.R. scores were transferred to units of low point average. A few high point men joined the unit presumably to accompany the battalion home. The net change for the month being a loss of forty two men.

There were only two officer changes in August. Lieutenant Colonel Lloyd A. Cutter, a former commander of the battalion, returned and took command of the battalion. He had been serving with the Twelfth Tactical Air Command since the 16th of March 1945. Col. Cutter's return required changes on officer assignments. Lieutenant Betts was relieved of his post as adjutant, which Captain George C. Younie took over and Major Emil D. Buer reassumed his old position of Battalion Executive Officer. Captain Hamilton H. Morrow having served as Battalion Surgeon since 17 June 1942 departed for the United States the 29th of August.

Morale was raised slightly by the homeward movement of the very high point men, however the wish that the unit could have gone home intact was often expressed as there had developed among some of the personnel some very deep friendships after three years of companionship, for the majority of the men.

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816TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 57

EXTRACT

APO 126, U.S. Army
7 August 1945

1. CAPT (99Q) GEORGE C YOUNIE 0403648 CE (1337) is reld of asgmt to Hq & Serv Co and comd thereof is asgd to Bn Hq and will assume the dty of Executive C vice Maj (106Q) EMIL D BAUER 0389847 CE (1337) reld.

2. CAPT (109Q) HAROLD J HARVEY 01104196 CE (1337) is reld of asgmt to Bn Hq and dty of Asst S-3 is asgd to Hq & Serv Co this orgn and will assume comd thereof vice CAPT (99Q) GEORGE C YOUNIE 0403648 CE (1337) reld.

BY ORDER OF MAJOR BAUER:

OFFICIAL:

W E BETTS JR
1st Lt, CE
Adjutant

s/ Joseph Bosco
t/ JOSEPH BOSCO
1st Lt, CE
Asst Adjutant

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HEADQUARTERS
XII TACTICAL AIR COMMAND

APO 374, US Army
v 22 Aug 45

SPECIAL ORDERS)

NUMBER 172)

EXTRACT

5. Fol C in asgats are directed. PCS. EDCMR: 24 Aug 45. TDN. TCNT.
Tvl by MT, mil acft and/or rail atad.

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Asgd WP

CAPT (780) THOMAS W JORDON
0499361 (3170) DC
LT COL (1198) LLOYD A CUTLER
0237183 (1337) CE

363rd Ren Gp

566th Sig AW Bn

Hq Hq Sq XII TAC

818th Engr Avn Bn

BY COMMAND OF BRIGADIER GENERAL BARCUS:

GEORGE I. HART JR
Colonel GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIALS

s/Aaron Rosenzweig
w/AARON ROSENZWEIG
Major, Air Corps
Actg Asst Adj Gen

HEADQUARTERS
IX ENGINEER COMMAND
APO 126, US ARMY

SPECIAL ORDERS
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EXTRACT

28 August 1945

3. CAPT (97-) HAMILTON H MORROW 0440838 MC (3100) is reld fr asgmt to
Med Det 81st Engr Avn Bn, asgd WP 432d Ptr Control Sq, Camp Detroit, Assembly
Area Comd. TDN by MT all seft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/60425. EDGER
1 Sep 45. Auth TRX EX-69563 Hq US Forces European Theater (Rear) 17 Jul 45.

Travel dir is pursuant to auth contained in ltr Hq European TO USA
22 Nov 44 file 300.4 MPH.

Above C in asgmt and/or attachment are eff this date unless otherwise
indicated.

BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING:

OFFICIAL:

C M SPAINOUR
Colonel, AG
Chief of Staff

R D ZENTARE
Captain, AGD
Adjutant General

TRUE COPY:

a/c C Younis
t/c C YOUNIE
Capt, 81st Engr Avn Bn
Adjutant

HEADQUARTERS
81ST ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

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SPECIAL ORDERS
NUMBER 65

APO 126, U.S. Army
27 August 1945

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2. 1ST LT (1020) WILLIAM E BETTS JR 0301787 (2110) CE is reld of asgmt to Bn Hq and is asgd to Company B this orgn. EDCMR 27 Aug 45.
3. CAPT GEORGE C YOUNIE 0403648 CE is reld of dys as Bn Executive O and will assume the dys of Bn Adjutant vice 1ST LT WILLIAM E BETTS JR 0301787 CE reld.
4. MAJOR EMIL D BAUER 0389847 CE reld of asgmt as Bn CO is aptd Bn Executive O vice CAPT GEORGE C YOUNIE 0403648 CE reld.

BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CUTTER:

OFFICIAL:

G C YOUNIE
Capt, CE
Adjutant

s/G C Younie
t/ G E YOUNIE
Capt, CE
Adjutant