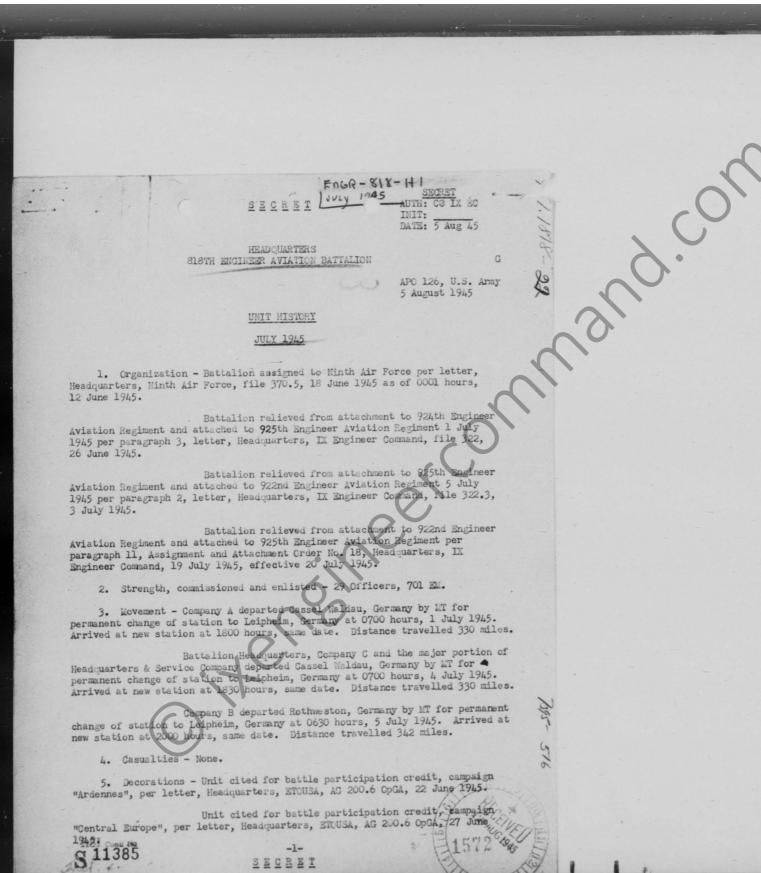


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# SECRET Unit cited for battle participation credit, campaign "Rhineland", per letter, Headquarters, USFET, AG 200.6 OpgA, 6 July 1945. Campaign - "Germany" for which unit was cited per letter, Headquarters, ETOUSA, AG 200.6 OpGA, 16 April 1945, is superseded by and will be known as campaign "Rhineland".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. SECRET

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HEADQUARTERS 818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

UNIT HISTORY

JULY 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 injudicate 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 less 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, Gottingen, 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, Gablington.

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 M 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 (ay 1945, per paragraph 2, Section I, General Orders No. 34, Headquarters, IN Engineer Command, 28 June 1945.

The battalion was cited for battle participation credit, campaign "Ardennes" per letter, Head carters, ETOSA, AG 200.6 OpCA, 22 June 1945; battle participation credit, campaign "Chineland" per letter, Headquarters, ETOSA, AG 200.6 OpCA, 6 July 1945, and battle participation credit, campaign "Central Europe" per letter, Headquarters, ETOSA, AG 200.6 OpCA, 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 AST'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.

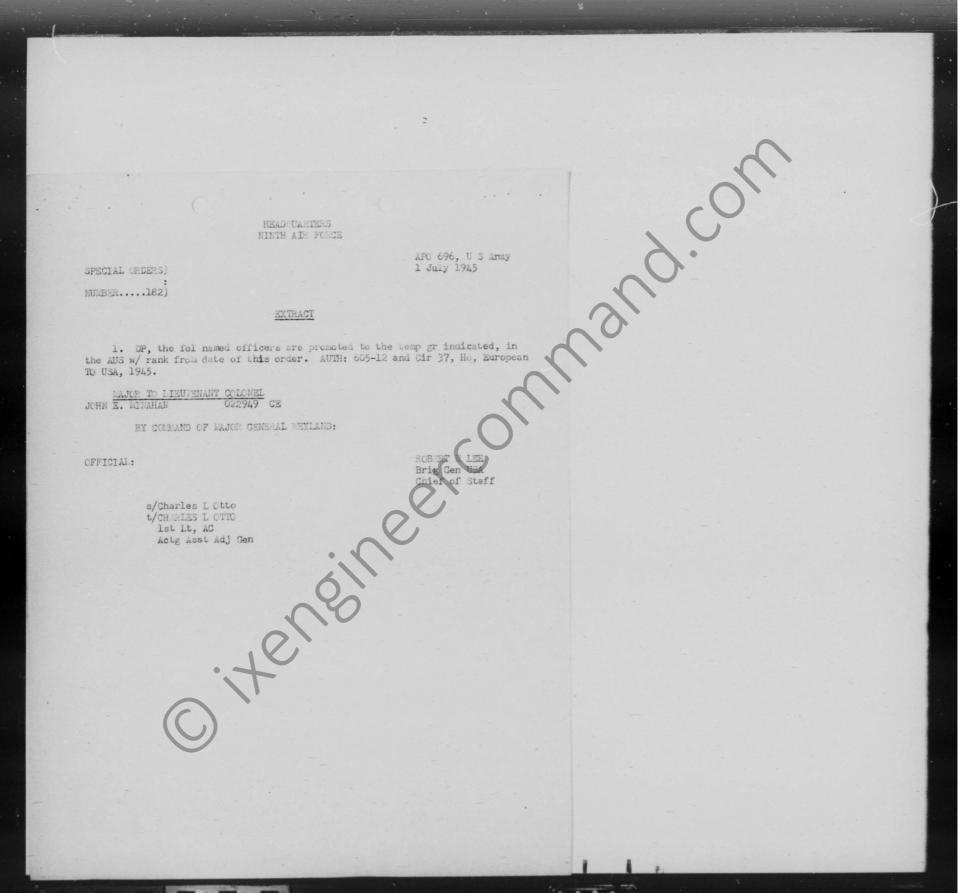
The strength of the officers decreased slightly during the month with more than normal transfers both to and from the battalion. Capt. James J. Corral, Ollocoso, CE, formerly Adjutant, was relieved from assignment and transferred to Headquarters, European Civil Affairs Division, per par. 13, Special Orders No. 120, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 27 June 1945. 1st Lt. Vivian Dewsnap, Ollilo26, CE, Administrative Officer, Company A, was transferred to the 843d Engineer Aviation Battalion, per par. 1, Specia Orders No. 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945. 1st Lt. William D. Munger, 01113852, CE, Platoon Commander, Company B, was transfer ed to the 846th Engineer Aviation Battalion, per par. 1, Special Orders 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945. 1st Lt. Michael Brandt, 01110394, CE, Battalion Personnel Officer and Assistant adjutant was transferred to the 846th Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. Orders No. 134, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 12 July 194 Lawrence R. 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, DK 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. Marold J. Harvey, 01104196, CE, transferred to this unit from 862d Engineer viation Battalion per par. 19, Special Orders 131, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945, was assigned as Assistant Engineering Officer per per 1, Special Orders No. 45, Headquarters, 818th Engineer Aviation Patialish, 16 July 1945. 1st Lt. Joseph A. Racine, 01103874, CE, transferred to this unit from the 1846th Labor Supervision Company and places of 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. Cellier, 01107353, CE, transferred to this
unit from the 851st Engineer Avistion 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. 13, Headquarters, IX Engineer Command, 9 July 1945, was assigned to Batta ion 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, Head-quarters, 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, 31 July 1945, following the transfer of Lt Col. Minahan for assignment with Solst Engineer Aviation Battalion per par. 3, Special Orders 146, Hq. IX Engineer Command, 26 July 1945.

# 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.

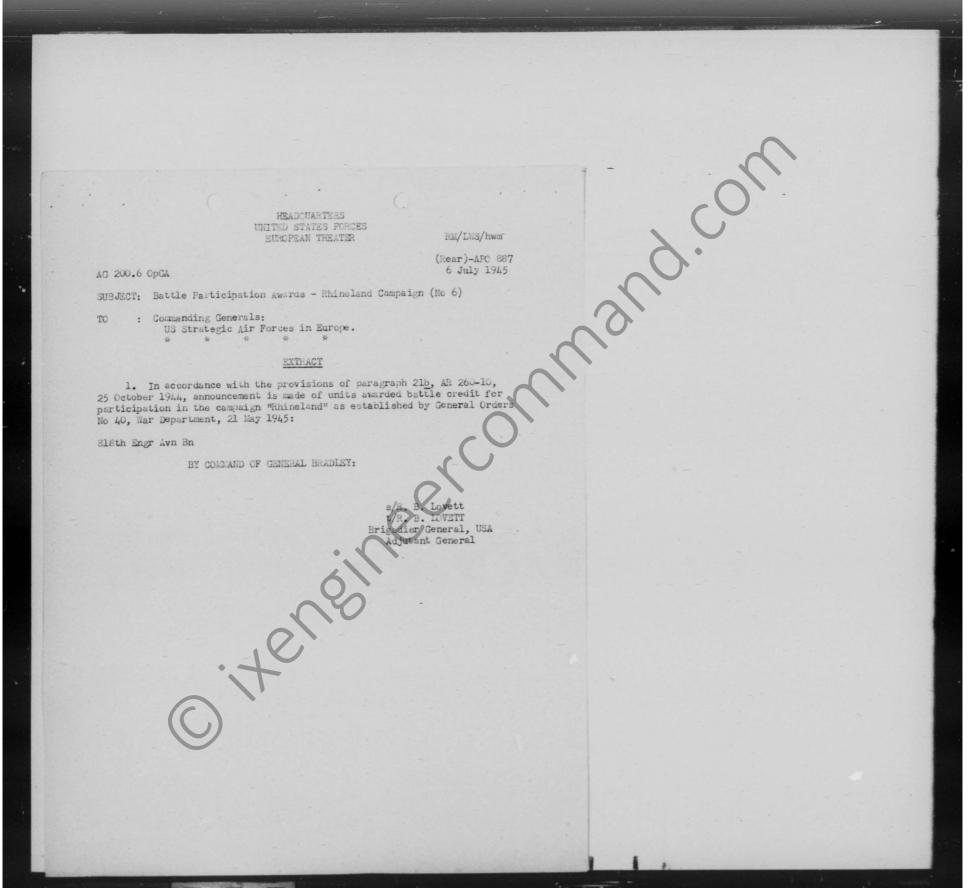
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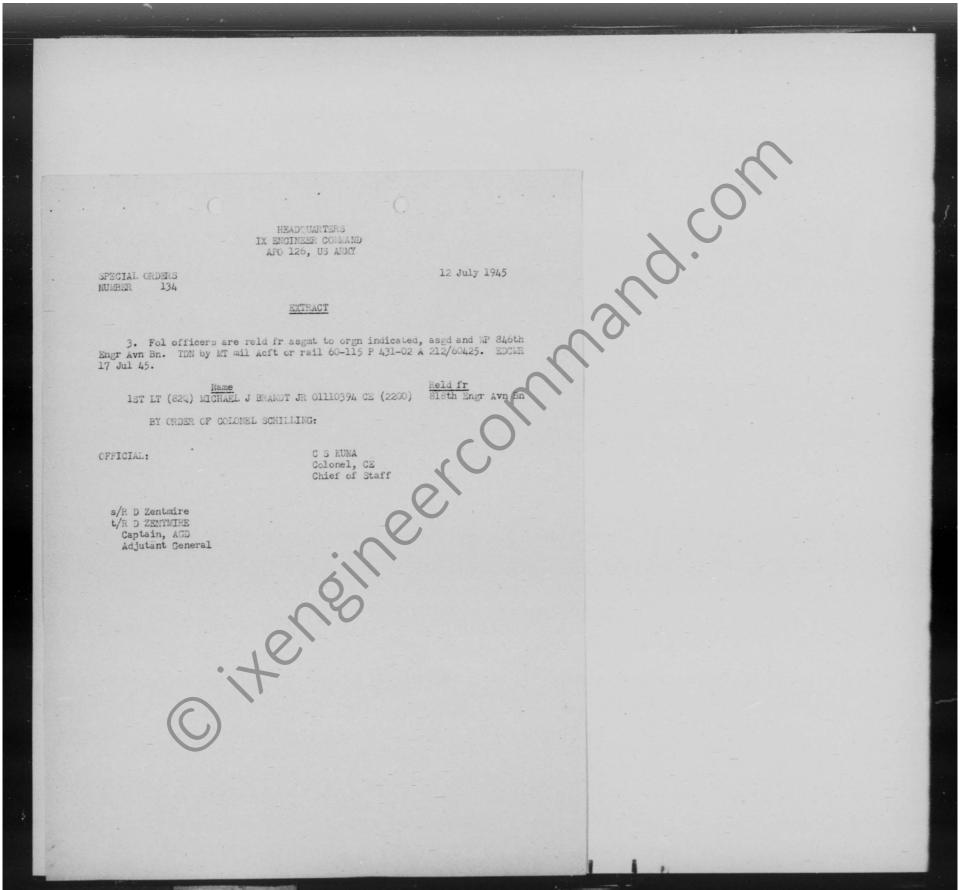
HEADQUARTERS IX ENGINEER COMMAND APO 126, US ARMY GENERAL ORDERS 28 June 1945 NUMBER EXTRACT Section I Awards of Bronze Star Medal 2. By direction of the President under the provisions of Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (Section II Bulletin 3 War Department 1944) and in accordance with authority delegated by the War Department a Bronze Star Medalis awarded to each of the following officers and enlisted men for meritorious service in connection with military operations during the respective periods Technician Fifth Grade Edward Sztabnik 32198873 Corps of Engineers, 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion, United States Army -- 1 July 1944 to 1 Mag 1945. BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING: C S KUNA OFFICIAL: Colonel, CB s/R D Zentmire t/R D ZENTMIRE Captain, AGD Adjutant General

HEADQUARTERS EUROPEAN THEATER OF OFERATIONS RM/LWS/grm UNITED STATES ARMY APO 887 27 June 1945 AG 200.6 OPGA SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards - Central Europe Campaign (No 5) : Commanding Generals,
US Strategic Air Forces in Europe 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: 818th Engr Avn Bn BY COLMAND OF GENERAL BRADLEY:

EUROPEAN THEATER OF OPERATIONS RM/LWS/hwm UNITED STATES ARMY APO 887 22 June 1945 AG 200.6 OPGA SUBJECT: Battle Participation Awards - Ardennes Campaign (No 2) : Commanding Generals: US Strategic Air Forces in Europe. 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 COLMAND OF GENERAL DEVERS: iutant 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 318th 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



HEADQUARTERS IX ENGINEER COMMAND APO 126, US ARMY SPECIAL ORDERS 30 June 1945 EXTRACT NUMBER 123 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 MT mil acft or rail 60-115 P 431- 432-02 A 212/60425. EDCMR 5 Jul 45. BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING: C S KUNA OFFICIAL: 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 27 June 1945 EXTRACT NUMBER 13. CAPT (97-2) 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 acft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/50425. EDCMR 2 Jul 45. Auth 3d Ind Hq Ninth AF 25 Jun 45 to 1t Supreme Hq Allied Expeditionary Force 7 Jun 45 file AG 201-AGP-Corral (Off) subj "Asgmt of Off". BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING: C S KUNA OFFICIAL: Colonel, CE Chief of Staff s/R D Zentmire t/R D ZENTMIRE Captain, AGD Adjutant General

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Reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd and WP 818th Engr Avn Bn 1ST LT (79-2) WYNN A COLLIER Ollo7353 CE (1337) 851st Engr Avn Bn 2D LT (103-2) JOSEPH BOSCO Olllo388 CE (1337) 851st Engr Avn Bn

Reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd and NF 843d Engr Avn Bn 1ST LT (72-) VIVIAN DEWSNAP 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.

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Reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgrand NP 846th Engr Avn Bn 1ST LT (67-Q) WILLIAM D MUNGER 01113852 CE (1337) E18th Engr Avn Bn

20. Fol officers are reld fr asgmt to orgn indicated, asgd to Casual Pool 70th Reinforcement Depot (AAF) and NF 70th Reinforcement Depot (AAF) Advanced, Sta 392 reporting upon arrival to CO 134th Cennercement Bn (AAF) for ret to ZI under provisions of RR 1-2. USSTAF Reg 8-10 has been complied w/. Provisions of 1tr Hq Com Z 14 Sep 44 tile AG 370.5 NPGA subj "Procedure for Ret of Individuals to the US by Mater" and Sec IV Cir 85 Hq European TO USA 44 will be complied w/. TDN by W mil acft or rail 60-115 P 431-02 A 212/60425. EDCMR: 12 Jul 45.

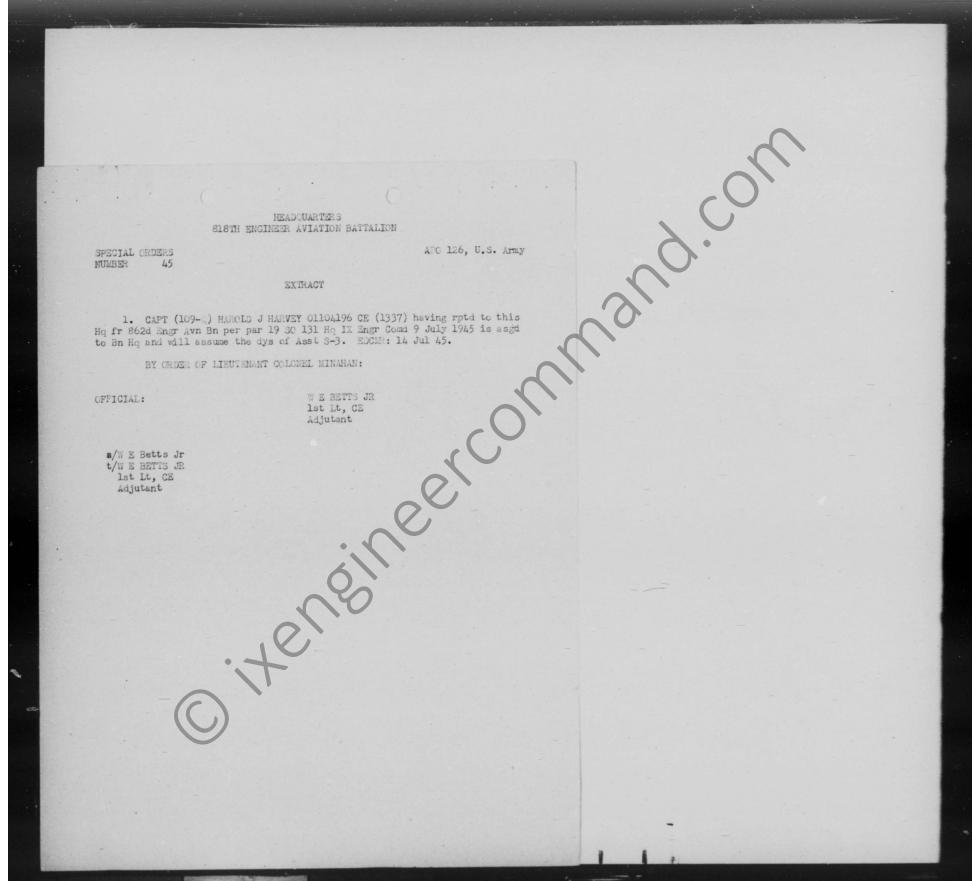
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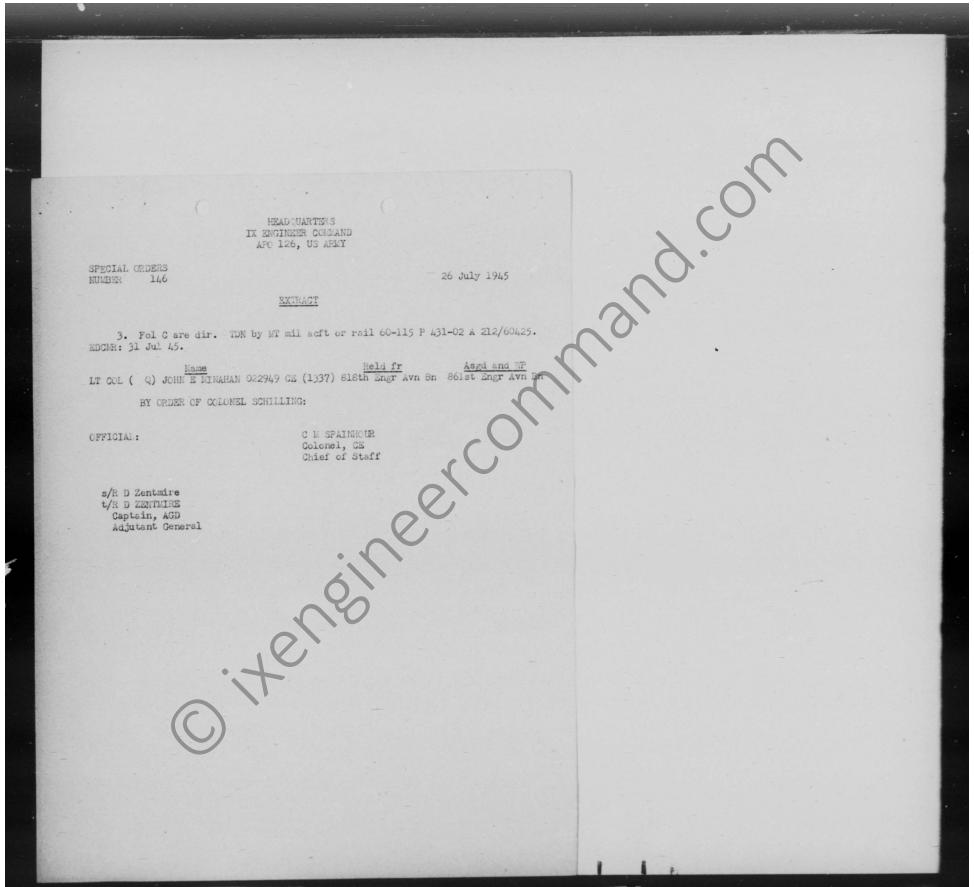
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HEADQUARTERS 925TH ENGINEER AVIATION REGIMENT APO 126, U.S.Army 4 August 1945 322. SUBJECT: Assignment and Attachment Orders (No 18). : Commanding Officers, 818th, 820th and 833rd Engr Avn Bns, APC 126, The following extract of Assignment and Attachment 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 atta and are attached as indicated: RELIEVED FROM 922nd Engr Avn Regt 818th Engr Avn Bn BY ORDER OF COLONEL SCHILLING: BY ORDER OF COLONEL GLASS: PHILIP S. JENNISON Captain, CE Adjutant

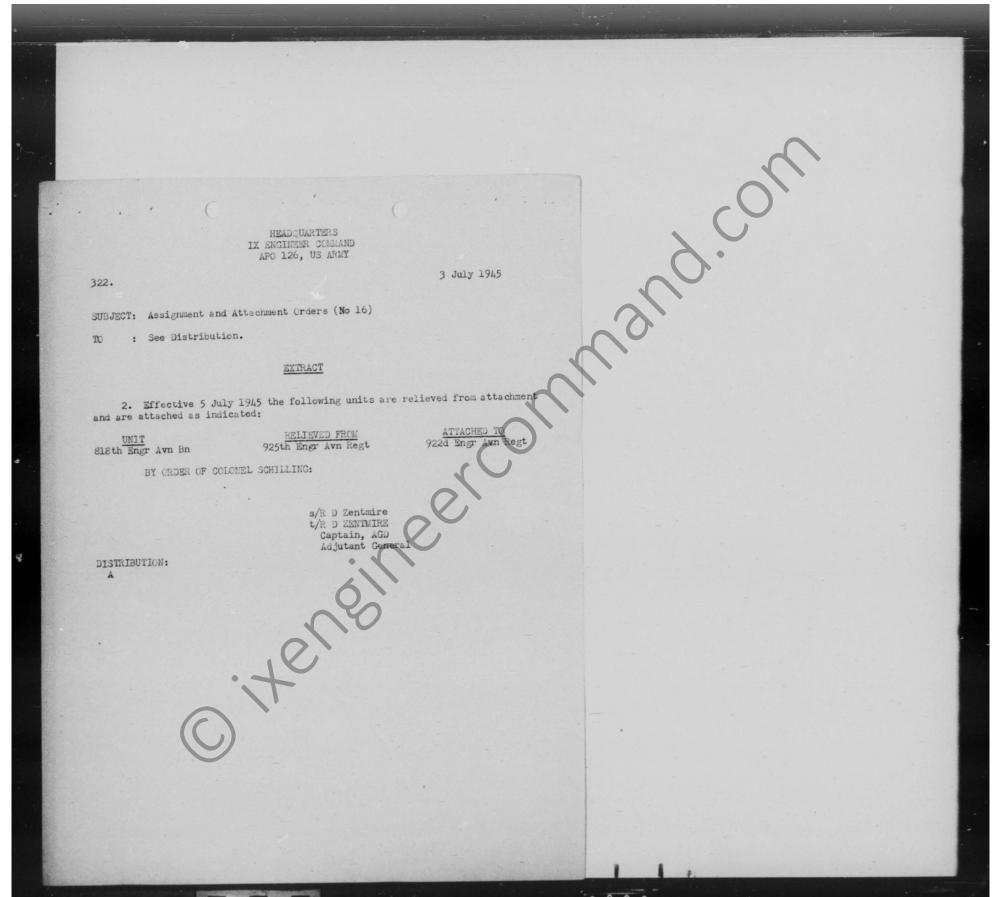
HEADQUARTERS 818TH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION APO 126, U.S. Army 31 July 1945 GENERAL ORDERS NUMBER ASSUMPTION OF COLMAND Under the provisions of paragraph 9, AR 600-20, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the 818th Engineer Aviation Battalion. s/E D Bauer t/E D BAUER Major, CE Commanding

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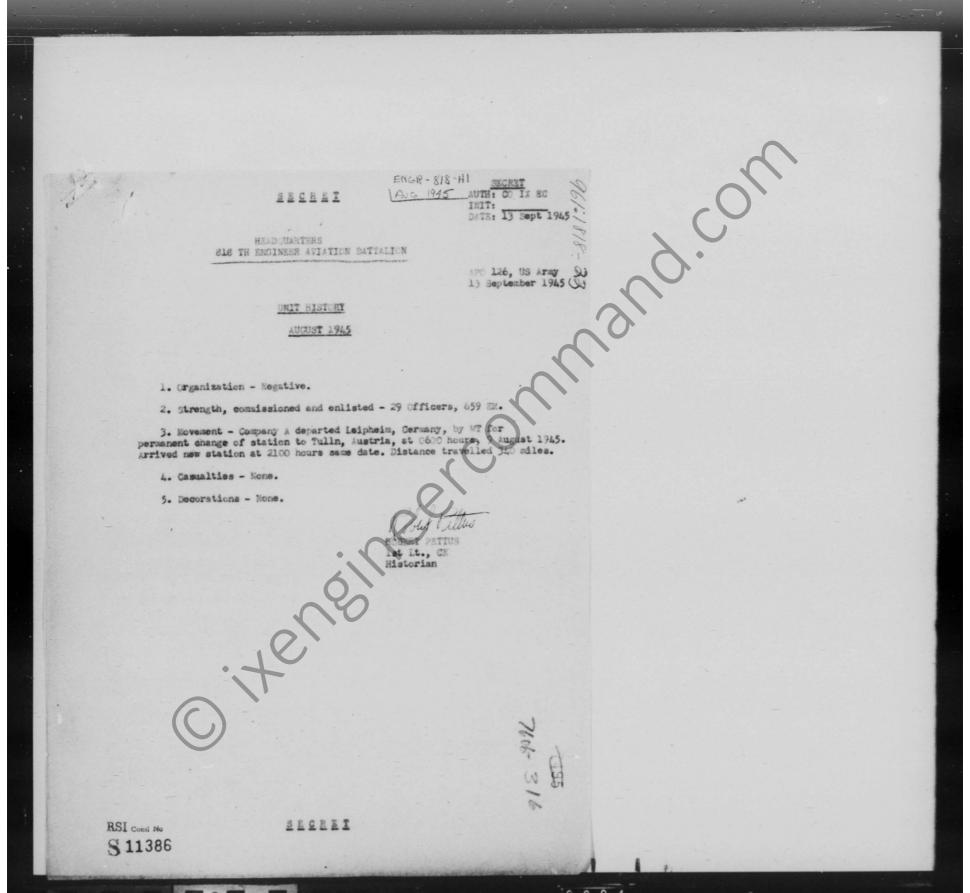
HEADQUARTERS NINTH AIR FORCE APO 6%, U S Army 18 June 1945 370.5 SUBJECT: Assignment and Attachment Order (No. 77) : Commanding General: IX Engineer Command, APO 126, U.S Army. 2. Pursuant to authority contained in Letter, Hq, U S Strategic Air Forces in Europe, 2 June 1945, file 322, subject: "Assignment 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/Narry E Koch t/HARRY E KOCH Asst Adj Gen

HEADQUARTERS IX ENGINEER COMMAND (MAIN) APO 126, US ARMY 26 June 1945 322 SUBJECT: Assignment and Attachment Orders (No.15). : See Distribution. 3. Effective, 1 July 1945 the 818 Engr Avn Bn is relieved from attement 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 ZENTLIRE Captain, AGD Adjutant Gen DISTRIBUTION:





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HEAD UARTERS SISTH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION

UNIT HISTORY

AUGUST 1945

The month of August 1945 found the bettalion 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 shead 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 mens bar had had a complete face lifting and was re-opened in its original (pre war) condition, which included wooden bessed ceilinge, 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 temp orarily. 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 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 Wistion Rattalion and returned to R 59.

The 1847, 1848 Labor Supervisions Companies and one company of 38 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 M Cargo Truck Company was still augmenting Battalion Transportation which was, in view of the requirements, insufficient.

Nork accomplished on R 59 during the west of August includes as follows:

51,987 square yards of concrete boured 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 manger am 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 row was being done by approximately five hundred Austrian civilians exployed 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 Ming. Operations however were still controlled by the battalion.

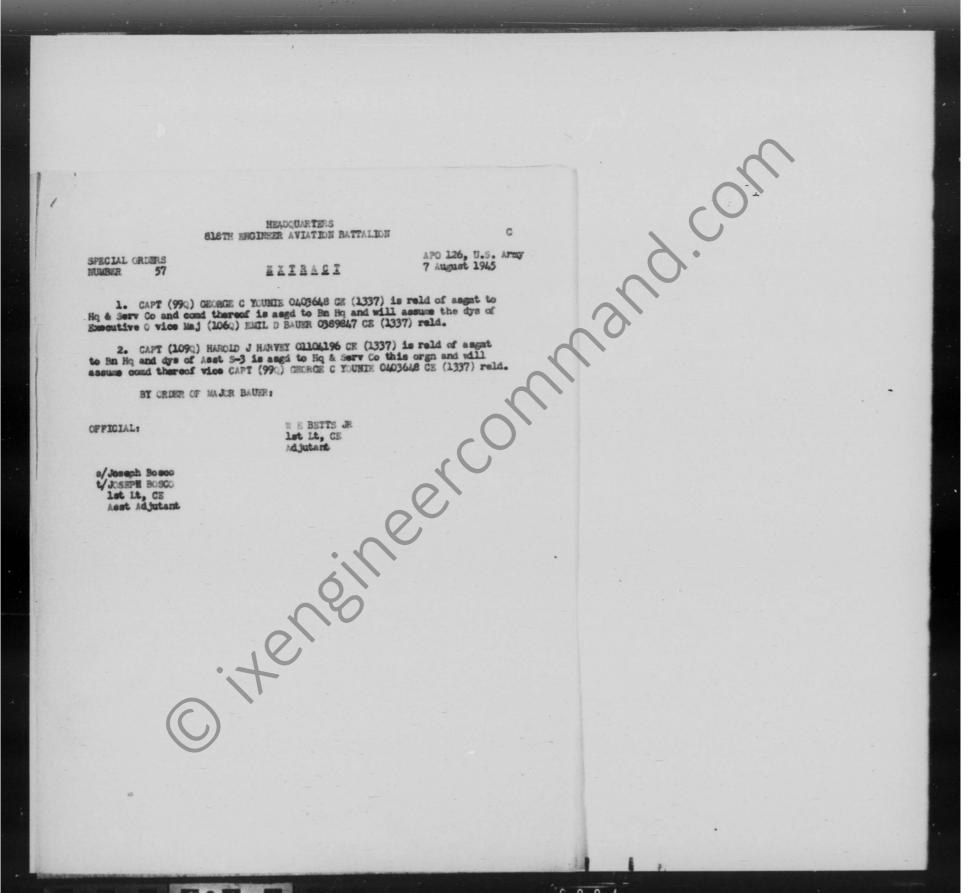
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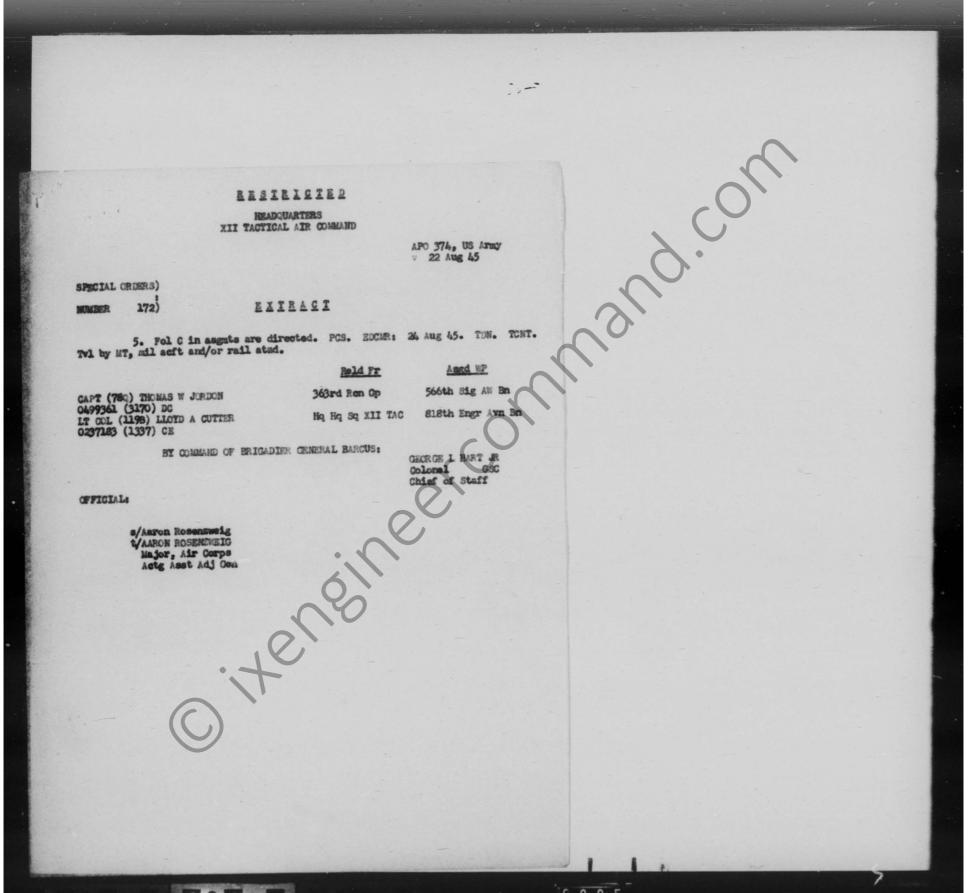
There was a slight loss of personnel during the month of august. Practically all of the battalion's men with over one hundred points had departed for the United States and several men with low point A.S.A. scores were transferred to units of low point average. A few high point men joined the unit presumablely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

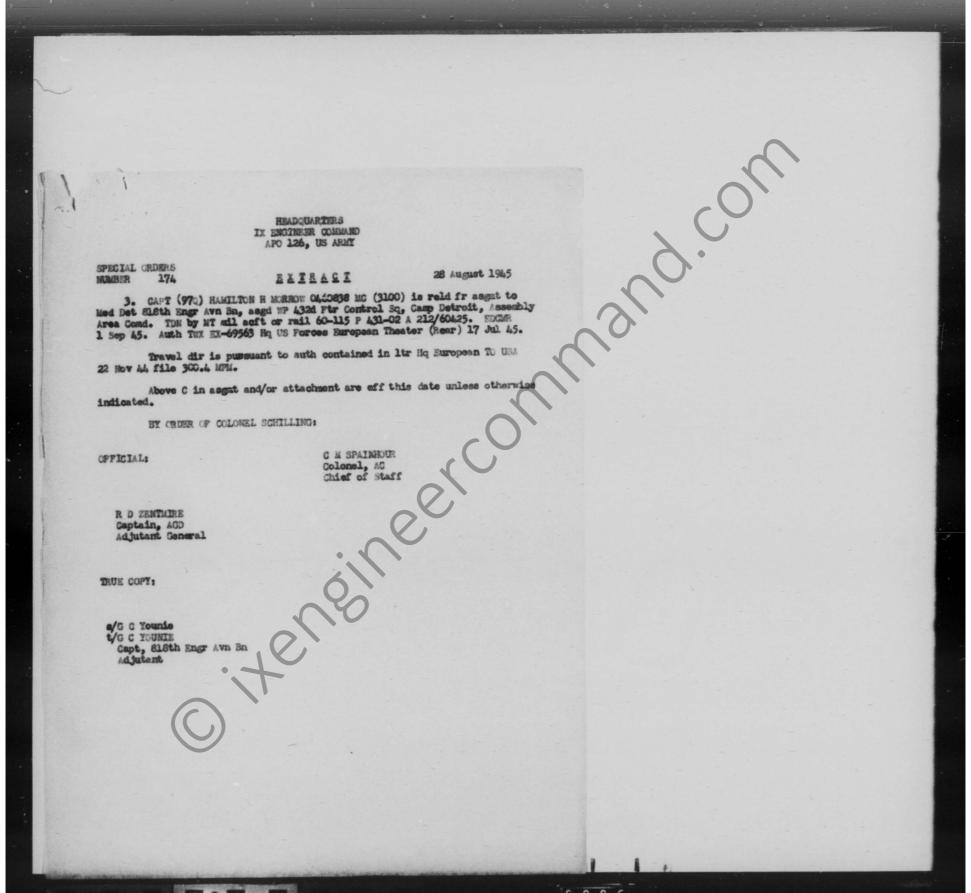
Morale was raised slightly by the homeward movement of the very high point men, however the wish that the unit could have gone home intact as often expressed as there had developed among some of the personnel some very deep friendships after three years of companionship, for the majority of the men.

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HE ADQUARTERS SISTH ENGINEER AVIATION BATTALION APO 126, U.S. Army 27 August 1945 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 0 and will assume the dys of Bn Adjutant vice LST LT WILLIAM E BETTS JR 0301787 CE reld. 4. MAJOR EMIL D BAUER 0389847 CE reld of asgut as Bn CO is aptd Bn Executive O vice CAPT GEORGE C YOUNIE 0403648 CE reld. BY ORDER OF LIEUTENANT COLONEL CUTTER: OFFICIAL: Capt, CE e/G C Younie t/ G E YOUNIE Capt, CE