

HEADQUARTERS
505TH ENGINEER LIGHT PONTON COMPANY
A.P.O. 230, U.S. ARMY

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: Date: 31 January 1945

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ACTION AGAINST ENEMY, REPORTS AFTER / AFTER ACTION REPORTS JANUARY, 1945

a. Original Unit:

- (1) Designation - 505th Engineer Light Ponton Company.
- (2) Date of Organization - 15 May, 1942.
- (3) Place of Organization - Camp Gordon, Georgia.
- (4) Authority for Organization - General Order #15, Hq. Eastern Defense Command and First Army, Governors Island, New York, dated 15 May 1942.
- (5) Sources from which personnel were obtained - Third Reinforcement Depot.

b. Changes in Organization:

- (1) Company attached to 1111th Engr. C. Group at beginning of period.
- (2) Company relieved from attachment to 1111th Engr. C. Group and attached to 1106th Engr. C. Group, 4 January 1945 per par 1 e, & 2 e, Engineer Operations Memo. No. 88 Hq. VII Corps, dated 4 January 1945.

c. Strength - Commissioned and Enlisted:

(1) Officer strength at beginning of Period -

Francis M. Carson, Capt. C.E. O-1100043 - Company Commander
Gilbert F. Moore, 1st Lt. C.E. O-446357 - Executive Officer
Howard D. May, 1st Lt. C.E. O-1110097 - Platoon Commander
John A. Mc Donald, 1st Lt. C.E. O-1115692 - Platoon Commander
Randal Holden, 2nd Lt. C.E. O-1114169 - Platoon Commander
William H. Meier, 2nd Lt. C.E. O-1592436 - Supply Officer

No Change During Period.

(2) Enlisted Strength -

- a. Beginning of Period - 202
- b. Increase during Period -

Lemmo, James, 32644748 Tech. 4th Grade - Assigned to this organization per par. 10, SO 20 Hq. 3rd Repl. Depot, 20 Jan. 1945.

Shannon, John A., 33416724, Private - Assigned to this organization per par. 33 SO 18, Hq. 3rd Repl. Depot, dated 19 Jan. 1945.

Stumborg, Bernard I. 37613879, Private - Assigned to this organization per par. 37, SO 17, Hq. 3rd Repl. Depot, dated 17 Jan. 1945.

c. Decrease during Period -

Krothe, James H., 6947066, S/Sgt. - Placed on TD with Reception Station No. 2, Fort Dix, N.J. for 30 days rest and recuperation per par. 1, SO 4, Hq. XVIII Corps. (Airborne) APO 109, U.S. Army, dated 7 Jan. 1945.

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- c. Mc Nealy, George L., 36517988, Private - Lost to Hospital as Non-Battle Casualty 21 Jan. 1945.

Bettis, William E., 13019408, Pfc. - Placed on TD with Reception Station, Ft. Meade, Md. for 10 days rest and recuperation per SO 12, Hq. VII Corps, APO 307, U.S. Army, dated 27 Jan. 1945.

Czelusniak, Sigmund, 20517515, Pvt. - Placed on TD with Reception Station, Camp Atterbury, Ind., for 10 days rest and recuperation, per SO 12, Hq. VII Corps, APO 307, U.S. Army, dated 27 Jan. 1945.

Mitroff, James R., 13010519, Pfc.
Seekford, Warren E., 13006055, Pfc.
Veneziale, Alfred, 13026508, Pvt.

Above 3 EM placed on TD with Reception Station, Fort Dix, N.J. for 10 days rest and recuperation, per SO 12, Hq. VII Corps, APO 307, U.S. Army, dated 27 Jan. 1945.

Neve, John F., 39680392, Pvt. - Lost to Hospital as Non-Battle Casualty 29 Jan. 1945.

- d. Net Loss - 5
Enlisted Strength present for duty at end of Period - 197

d. Stations:

- ✓ (1) At beginning of Period, unit stationed in a Chateau at K-344142 * vicinity Nandrin, Belgium.
(2) On 11 January 1945, company moved to K-4404 * Hamoir, Belgium.
(3) On 15 January 1945, company moved to K-487023 * Ferrieres, Belgium.

* Map reference - Sheet 13, 1:100,000 Map of Belgium, GSGS 4336

OPERATIONS DURING PERIOD

On the 5th of January a 60 Ft. Double Single Bridge was delivered to the 300th Engr. C. Bn. by First Bridge Platoon, and constructed by "B" Co. 300th Engr. C. Bn. at ** P-570914.

Later on the 5th of January, a 100 Ft. Triple Single Bridge was delivered to the 300th Engr. C. Bn. by Second Bridge Platoon, and was constructed at ** P-612910.

On the 9th of January, a 60 Ft. Double Single Bridge was dispatched to "B" Co. of the 237th Engr. C. Bn. Construction of this bridge was delayed until 19 January, when the bridge was put in at ** P-623747.

On the 21st, one load of Infantry Footbridge (216') was dispatched out to the 309th Engr. C. Bn. However, this equipment was not used, and was returned on the 23rd.

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On the 24th, following the successful attainment of its objective in the current drive, VII Corps. and attached units were withdrawn from the line for a rest period. During this rest period, this unit participated in scheduled review training in the morning, with all personnel free during the afternoon. A review class in Bailey Bridge construction was held, including actual construction of the Bridge. A required training film "Germany" was shown to the Company, and daily reveille formations and physical training periods were held. Review classes in use and operation of the grenade and rocket launcher were held, and extensive work was done on maintenance of equipment, and perfecting more practical methods of loading the Bailey Equipment.

The recreational facilities during this rest period consisted of several movies shown in the local Ferrieres Theater, a visit by the Red Cross Doughnut Wagon, showers, and passes into Verviers and Huy.

During this rest period, on the 27th, a 70' Triple Single Bridge was loaned to the 237th Engr. C. Bn. for training purposes

On the 30th, Second Bridge Platoon picked up a 70' DS Bridge at Salmchateau ** P-698869, and delivered it to Engr. Dump E-47, vicinity Malmedy on the 31st.

** Map Reference - Sheets 92, 93, & 107, 1:50,000 Belgium, GSGS 4040.



Francis M. Carson
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Capt., C.E.
Commanding.

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