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SUBJECT: Daily Journal Report for the month of January 1945.

TO : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO 758, U. S. Army.

1. Daily Journal Report for the month of January 1945.

1 January 1945. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS and MEDICAL DETACHMENT moved from Niederbronn to new bivouac area, Weinbourg, France. COMPANY "D", ZITTER-SHEIM, FRANCE: Company moved from Lembach, to new bivouac area, Zittersheim. COMPANY "E", LIEBFRANENTHAL, FRANCE: Completed laying defensive wire in vicinity of 045443. Continued laying anti-tank mine field in vicinity of 037442. Reinforced defensive wire in vicinity of 978440, 989443, 982442, 992442. Laid defensive wire in vicinity of 015446. Company moved from Liebfrantenhal at 2000A hours for new bivouac area, Weiterswiller. COMPANY "F", NIEDERBRONN, FRANCE: Started working on Second Line of Defense. Started digging fox holes, and erecting main line of barbed wire entanglements. Constructed road blocks on highway from Niederbronn to Phillipsburg. Laid mine field and defended same.

2 January 1945. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS and MEDICAL DETACHMENT moved from Weinbourg to new bivouac area, Weiterswiller. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Company moved from Zittersheim, to new bivouac area, Petersbach. Prepared trees with demolitions to make abatis at 683392 and 683392. Laid 50 yards of triple concertina at 687389. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Company arrived at new bivouac area, Weiterswiller at approx. 1000A hours. COMPANY "F", NIEDERBRONN, FRANCE: Continued defending mine field at Q 881-418. Preparing to move to new area.

3 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Prepared abatis at 685392 and at 686397. Put up concertina from 687391 to 688388 to 691387 to 692386, one-third (1/3) of triple concertina and the rest single concertina. Prepared for mine field, but no mines were laid at 697366. Put in single strand of barbed wire from 692379 to 694375 to 697372 to 696367, 1,760 yards. Dug two (2) holes, 14" in diameter, on trails at 693378. Used six (6) men for security. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Prepared road for mines. No mines were laid (809313, Map of BOUXWILLER, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14). Laid defensive wire in vicinity of 819308 to 812312. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Company moved from Niederbronn to new bivouac area, 680289, Eastern France Map, 1:50,000, Sheet XXXVII-14. Preparing road blocks; road crater prepared, but not blown at 701369. Abatis prepared but not felled at 706371.

4 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Spread eight (8) loads of sand on icy road from 695294 to 700322 and from 695294 to 661301. Spread seven (7) loads of sand on icy roads from 695295 to 692350. Dug two (2) holes 14" in diameter and 7' deep, at 693363 for road crater, used 325 pounds of

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explosives. Used six (6) men as security. Placed guards at abatis at 683394, 682395, 700369 and 701372. Placed two (2) guards at mine field at 697366. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Laid defense wire from 818310 to 803315. Prepared bridges for demolition at 805318 and 806319. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Setting up Defense Area: Completed road crater (not blown) at 701368. Prepared abatis at 700371 and 706371 (not felled). Prepared railway bridge over highway for demolition at 715371 (not blown). Avaragus Field road block at 691360 prepared. All road blocks manned 24 hours per day for orders to execute blasting. Layed triple concertina from 70369 to 724365.

5 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Laid 700 yards of triple concertina from 690387 to 692384. Put in 53 wooden posts. Placed guards at abatis at 683394 and 682393. Guards at 700369 and 701372. Four (4) guards at mine field at 697366. Guards were relieved by Company "B", 120th Engineer Battalion at 693363, 700369, 701372, and 697366. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Laid defensive wire from 801316 to 799320. Improved defensive wire from 818310 to 803315. Sanding highway from 809312 to 813805. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Road Maintenance: Spread materials on roads from C.R. 694355 to 710371 (Rosteig), and from R.J. 700323 to C.R. 694355. Re-prepared road blocks 5 & 7. Maintained guard on road blocks; 4, 5, 6, 7, 29, 30 and 31.

6 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Probed and searched for mines in the interior of the following coordinates: from 69653662 to 69383672 to 69403690 to 69413600 to 69583649 to 69613660 to 6965662 and from 69723655 to 69703647 to 69903650 to 69723655. Put in triple concertina from 69153816 to 69233800. Put in 60 wooden posts, 4" in diameter 8' long, for staking concertina between 69153816 and 69193810. Put in 100 wooden posts, 4" in diameter and 8' long, between 68893890 and 69153816 to stake triple concertina layed on 5 January 1945. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Improved defensive wire from 827310 to 804317. Spread sand and cinders on curves and grades on Route IC-6 from Bouxwiller to Ingwiller, and on Route #415 from Ingwiller to 805317. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Road Maintenance: Spreading materials on roads from CR 694355 to 710371 (Rosteig) and from RJ 700323 to CR 694355. Strung triple concertina from 705375 to 708372 and from 723367 to 727367. Maintained guard on road blocks 5, 7, 29, 30 and 31. Road blocks 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 29, 30 31, 32 and 38 have been taken over by 120th Engineer Battalion, this date.

7 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Used 13 loads of sand from 661301 to 695294 to 700322 to 691330. Scraped roads with snow plow from 657301 to 695294 to 700322 to 691330 to 695354 to 668345. Roads were scraped from 675301 to 647343 to 668345. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Improved defensive wire from 827310 to 804317. Spread sand and cinders on curves and grades on Route IC-6 from Bouxwiller to Ingwiller, and on Route #415 from 813305 to 805317. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000

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SECRET XXXVII-14: Patrolling roads for snow drifts and other road obstacles. Stringing triple concertina from 707375 to 700376 and from 714374 to 713378 and 710375.

8 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Sanded roads; using 15 loads of sand from 661301 to 695294 to 700322 to 691330. Scraped roads with snow plow from 657301 to 695294 to 700322 to 691330 to 691330 to 695354. Road was scrapped from 675301 to 647343 to 668345. Put in 200 yards of triple concertina from 69203816 to 69303795. Drilled 30 post holes, 2' deep and put in 30 wooden posts, 4" in diameter 8' long, from 68913889 to 6893-3871. Put in four (4) single strands of barbed wire from 69303795 to 6959-3754. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Improved defensive wire from 827310 to 804317. Spread sand and cinders on curves and grades on Route IC-6 from Bouxwiller (814250) to Ingwiller (813305) and on Route #415 from 813305 to 805317. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SECRET XXXVII-14: Continued patrolling roads for snow drifts and other obstacles. Road maintenance; spreading materials on roads from CR 694355 to 710371 (Rosteig) and from RJ 700323 to CR 694355. Stringing triple concertina from 697375 to 700376 and from 714374 to 718369.

9 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Sanded roads; used 13 loads of sand from 661301 to 695294 to 700322 to 691330. Scraped roads with snow plow from 657301 to 695294 to 700322 to 691330 to 695354 to 668345, from 6753011 to 647343 to 668345 from 695294 to 696288 to 730295 to 724307 to 762349 and also from 700322 to 714334 to 735357. Cleaned out 100 trees for good field of fire and thick underbrush for 141st Infantry. Put in four (4) strands of single strand of barbed wire and 60 wooden posts, 4" in diameter and 5' long, from 69303795 to 69433762. Put up four (4) strands of single strand of barbed wire from 69553764 to 69593753 to 69683752. Leaving an 8' space, the wire was laid back over the same field toward the starting point from 69683752 to 69593753 to 69553764. COMPANY "E", WEITERSWILLER, FRANCE: Reinforced existing double apron wire in vicinity of 805-315 by adding single concertina. Constructed 1,200 feet of second belt of triple concertina around proposed strong points in vicinity of 817310. Sanded curves and grades on Route IC-56 between Weiterswiller (763282) to Ingwiller (813305). COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SECRET XXXVII-14: Continued patrolling roads for snow drifts and other obstacles. Road maintenance; spreading materials on roads from CR 694355 to 710371 (Rosteig) and from RJ 700323 to CR 694355. Executed abatis at 714-377, 716376, 715377, and 715374. Digging machine gun emplacements at 713-374, 714376, 697375, 701376, 702375, 704375, 705373 and 707372.

10 January 1945. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS and MEDICAL DETACHMENT moved from Weiterswiller, to new bivouac area, La Petite-Pierre, France. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Spread four (4) loads of sand on icy roads from 695-294 to 700322. Scraped roads with snow plow from 657301 to 695294 to 700-322 to 691330 to 695354 to 668345, from 675301 to 647343 to 668345, 695294 to 696288 to 730295 to 724307 to 762349 and from 700322 to 714334 to 735357. Took out part of road block at 69353565. Two (2) verticle timbers, 14" in diameter by 7' long, were taken out. Digging two (2) machine gun emplacements at 69003876, one is alternate. For support of machine gun position

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there are five (5) fox holes at 68953880 (2 holes), 68793889 (1 hole), 68753888 (1 hole) and 68783887 (1 hole). Placed 125 wooden posts, 4" in diameter and 6' long, from 69553764 to 69683752. Laid 250 yards of single concertina and 150 yards of smooth wire for reinforcing from 69553764 to 69593753. Laid 300 yards of single concertina and four (4) strands of barbed wire between 69303795 to 69553764. Swept One (1) trail for mines from 69483748 to 69543765, found no mines. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Company moved from Weiterswiller to new bivouac area, La Petite-Pierre. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XVII-14: Road Patrol: Patrolling roads for snow drifts and other obstacles. Road maintenance; spreading materials on roads from CR 694355 to 710371, and from RJ 700323 to CR 694355. Executed abatis at 707374, 704373, 698375, 722366, 724369, 723370, 723371 and 723367. Dug machine gun emplacements at 719366, 717367, 716369, 715370, 710380, 713364 and 713360.

11 January 1945. Battalion Headquarters and Medical Detachment sent Officers and Enlisted Men to Wingen, to establish a Battalion Advance CP and Battalion Aid Station. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Cleared field of fire for Infantry at 68983894. Cut down trees and thick underbrush. Put in four (4) machine gun emplacements at the following coordinates: 69183851, 69163841, 69213815, and 69213897. Started two (2) machine gun emplacements at: 692382 and 692383, 50% complete. Laid 190 yards of single concertina and plain wire for reinforcing from 69593753 to 69663757. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Road maintenance in assigned area; spreading sand and gravel on Route #419 from Wimmenau to Wingen, and Route IC-74 from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Made reconnaissance and hauled materials for setting up defense area. Operating factory at Reicheffen. Producing steel pickets, drift pins and turn plate.

12 January 1945. Battalion Advance CP and Medical Detachment, Wingen, France: Returned from Advance CP and Aid Station at approx. 1800A hours. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Guard duty and alerted for Infantry reserves. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Outposting Wingen, France. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Operating factory at Reicheffen; producing steel pickets, drift pins and turn plates. Defending assigned area at Wingen.

13 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Strung 350' of triple concertina from 72683626 to 72893615. The following gun emplacements are complete; 1 single emplacement at "A" (68253874), 1 single emplacement at "B" (68803880), 1 single emplacement at "C" (68893883), 1 double emplacement at "D" (69013877), 2 single emplacements in pair at "E" (69093875) and (69083870), 1 single emplacement at "F" (69153835), 1 double emplacement at "G" (69123820), double emplacement at "H" (69413775), and 1 double emplacement at "I" (69683750). COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Sanded curves and grades on Route IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288. Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to 649297, Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to Valksberg 678386, Route #419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl 667344. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14:

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Stringing triple concertina. Digging machine gun emplacements. Operating factory at Reichshoffen, produced 11 January 1945; 2,309 pickets, 750 drift pins, 1,040 turn plates, produced 12 January 1945; 2,177 pickets, 750 drift pins, 1,000 turn plates.

14 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Made reconnaissance for possible road blocks in the interior of the following coordinates: From 690390 to 708400 to 713380 to 710372 to 693380 to start. Felled 12 trees, 13" in diameter, for abatis at 69903815. Felled four (4) trees for abatis at 69903837. Prepared seven (7) trees for abatis at 69903828. Completed one (1) single machine gun emplacement at 71313740. Started three (3) machine gun emplacements at 71323738 and 71533710 and 71513712, 50% complete. Laid two (2) single strands of No. 10 gauge plain wire for support of two bottom concertina of triple concertina from 68673888 to 68903899 to 69153886 to 69353799. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Sanded curves and grades on Route IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288. On Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre 697297 to 649297. Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to Valksberg 678386 and Route 419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl 667344. Began establishing stock piles of sand on Route IC-7A between 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288. Stringing triple concertina. Digging machine gun emplacements and TD emplacements. Operating factory at Reichshoffen; 13 January 1945 produced; 1,488 steel pickets, 405 drift pins and 960 turn plates (12" x 24").

15 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Started two (2) machine gun emplacements at 69993759 and 69993761, 90% complete. Started single machine gun emplacement at 70363757, 50% complete. Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at 70803721 and 70813719. Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at 71033695 and 71043695. Started two (2) machine gun emplacements at 71083695 and 71103696, 50% complete. Started two (2) machine gun emplacements at 71383701 and 71403701, 60% complete. Completed one (1) single machine gun emplacement at 71323738. Completed two (2) single machine gun emplacements at 71533710 and 71513712. Laid triple concertina from 71303708 to 71423710 and used 60 steel pickets and laid 220 yards of triple concertina from 71153700 to 71413708. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Sanded curves and grades on Route IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288. On Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to 649297. Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to Valksberg 678386 and Route 419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl 667344. Began establishing stock piles of cinders on Route IC-7A between 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288. Removed snow from Route IC-107 from Siewiller 613273 to Petersbach 657301. COMPANY "F", 680-289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Stringing triple concertina. Digging machine gun emplacements. Operating factory at Reichshoffen, WP #NI-8. Hauled 16 tons of angle iron from Strasbourg to factory at Reichshoffen. Produced on 15 January 1945; 553 steel pickets, 750 drift pins and 750 turn plates.

16 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at 69993759 and 69993761. Machine gun emplacement at

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70363757, 100% complete. Finished two (2) machine gun emplacements at 71083695 and 71103696. Finished two (2) machine gun emplacements at 7138-3701 and 71403701. Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at 699983758 and 69983765. Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at 70403752 and 70403756. Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at 70743687 and 7076-3687. Put in 150 steel stakes for double apron fence. Laid 100 yards of double apron fence and 100 yards of single concertina from 71153700 to 7141-3708. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Sanded grades and curves on Route IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288, on Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to 649297, Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to Valksberg 678386, and Route #419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl 667344. Established stock piles of sand on Route IC-135 from 330691 to Rostieg. Removed snow from Route IC-135 in vicinity of Valksberg. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Stringing triple concertina. Digging machine gun emplacements. Operating factory at Reichshoffen, WP #NI-8. Hauled 10,000' of angle iron and T iron from Strasbourg to factory at Reichshoffen. Produced 1,476 steel Pickets (6'), 300 pickets (24") on 16 January 1945 and 750 drift pins and 1,000 turn plates.

17 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at: 70633709 and 70653705. Put in 150 steel stakes for double apron fence from 70663727 to 70593729 to 70523738 to 70453735 to 70423744 to 70383738 to 70293748. Laid 300 yards of double apron fence and single concertina between 71153700 and 71413708. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Sanded grades and curves on Route IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288, Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to 649297, Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to Valksberg 678386 and Route #419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl 667344. Removed snow from Route IC-107 between Lohr 640287 and Siewiller 613273. Established stock piles of sand on Route IC-135 from Rostieg 714371 to Hochbirk 726365. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Stringing double apron fence. Prepared one (1) abatis and felled three (3) abatis. Operating factory at Reichshoffen, WP #NI-8. Produced 17 January 1945; 703 - 6' steel pickets, 300 - 24" steel pickets, 750 drift pins, and 250 sheets of 12" x 24" turn plates. Hauled 12,000' of angle and "T" iron from Strasbourg to factory at Reichshoffen, WP #NI-8.

18 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Swept roads for mines from: 70353715 to 70373738 to 70253757 to 70183745 to 70353753 to 70603740. Started four (4) TD emplacements, clearing thick brush, trees and taking out stumps at 69183787, 69803647, 71453641 and 71583647. Laid single apron barbed wire fence from 70523738 to 70453735 to 70423744. Used 150 long steel stakes and 200 short timber stakes. Laid approximately 200 yards of single apron fence. Laid 300 yards of double apron fence from 71153700 to 71053701 to 70983700. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Sanded grades and curves on Routes IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre 697288, Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to 649297, Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 697-288 to Valksberg 678386, and Route #419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl 667344. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Stringing double apron fence and four (4) strand protective wire. Prepared and felled three (3) abatis. Erecting machine gun emplacements at 747368 and 747365. Operating 1

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Operating factory at Reichshoffen, WP #NI-8. Produced 18 January 1945; 545 - 6" steel pickets, 1,000 - 24" steel pickets and 750 drift pins. Hauled 20,000' of angle iron from Strasbourg to factory at Reichshoffen, WP #NI-8.

19 January 1945. COMPANY "D", PETERSBACH, FRANCE: Making reconnaissance of defense line from 68673889 to 71503715. Prepared TD positions, clearing brush and cut down 100 trees for field of fire at 71583647. Put up single apron fence from 70423744 to 70343740 to 70253757. Put in 250 long stakes from 70253757 to 70133750 to 70123760 to 70063754 to 70003766. Put up double apron fence from 70983700 to 70963672 to 70923686. Put in 275 long stakes and 75 short stakes from 70923686 to 70803688 to 70753697 to 70683697 to 70653709. COMPANY "E", LA PETITE-PIERRE, FRANCE: Sanded grades and curves on Route IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre, Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre to 649297, Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre to Valksberg 678386, and Route #419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl 667344. Removed slush and snow from Route IC-107 from Lohr 640287 to Siewiller 609273. WP #BO-2. COMPANY "F", 680289, EASTERN FRANCE MAP, 1:50,000, SHEET XXXVII-14: Stringing double apron wire and four (4) strand protective wire, WP #BO-1. Prepared and felled four (4) abatis, WP #BO-1. Operating factory at Reichshoffen, WP #NI-8, produced 19 January 1945; 1,345 - 6" steel pickets, 500 - 24" steel pickets, 750 drift pins. Hauled 10,000' of angle iron from Strasbourg to factory in Reichshoffen. Delivering finished products to dump at Neubourg.

20 January 1945. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS and MEDICAL DETACHMENT moved from La Petite-Pierre, to new bivouac area, Vilsberg, France. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Laid single apron fence from 70253757 to 70133750 to 0123760 to 70063754. Digging two (2) machine gun emplacements at 60323762 and 6037-3753. Laid single apron barbed wire from 69303772 to 69443765. Company moved from Petersbach, to new bivouac area, Bust, France. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Sanded grades and curves on Route IC-7A from 730296 to La Petite-Pierre, on Route IC-9 from La Petite-Pierre to 649297, Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre to Valksberg, and Route #419 from 750352 to Frohmuhl. Removed slush and snow from Valksberg 680388 to 696366. Company moved from La Petite-Pierre to new bivouac area, Phalsbourg. COMPANY "F", ESCHBOURG, FRANCE: Stringing double apron fence, WP #BO-1. Operating factory at Reichshoffen, NI-8. Produced 20 January 1945; 1,798 - 6" steel pickets, 500 - 24" steel pickets, and 744 drift pins, WP #NI-8. Finished products being moved to Engineer Dump at Neubourg. Company moved from 680289, Eastern France Map, 1:50,000, Sheet XXXVII-14 to new bivouac area, Eschbourg, France.

21 January 1945. BATTALION HEADQUARTERS and MEDICAL DETACHMENT moved from Vilsberg, to new bivouac area, Phalsbourg, France. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Laid single apron barbed wire fence from 69303770 to 69403765 to 69393760. Completed machine gun emplacement at 69363753. Started machine gun emplacements at 70223747, 70253749, 70473730, 70433733 and 70453733, 40% complete. BAR position at 70403737, 40% complete. Laid single apron fence from 69953768 to 69903761 to 69803760, WP #BO-1. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Sanded

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grades and curves on Route IC-7A from 622273 to 710288, on Route IC-135 from Wingen 735358 to Valksberg 680388, on Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to Puberg 692349. Removed slush and snow from Siewiller 613273 to La Petite-Pierre 697288, from La Petite-Pierre 697288 to Valksberg 680388 on Route IC-135, WP #BO-2. COMPANY "F", ESCHBOURG, FRANCE: Stringing double apron fence as directed in WP #BO-1.

22 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Completed two (2) TD positions at 68433790 and 6853782. Completed two (2) machine gun emplacements at 71553704 and 71563707. Completed machine gun emplacements at 7140701, 71373701, 70763686, 70783686, 70633687, 70613689 and 70633715. Put in single apron barbed wire fence from 70663702 to 70653707. Completed machine gun emplacements started 21 January 1945 at 70223747, 70253749, 70473730, 70433733, and 70453733. BAR position at 70403737, 100% complete. WP #BO-1. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Sanded grades and curves on Route N-419 from 680360 thru Puberg 692347 on Route IC-135 to 692340, Route IC-107 from Siewiller 614274 to 648298, IC-9A from 648298 to 694294, Route N-419 from Wingen to Puberg, Route IC-13 B1 from Wingen to Rosteg. Removed snow and slush from Route IC-107 from 622274 to 634254, Route IC-122 from 616268 to 630261, from 680360, to 658300 on Route IC-107 and IC-9A, Routes IC-133, IC-178 and IC-135 from Phalsbourg to Valksberg, WP #BO-2. COMPANY "F", ESCHBOURG, FRANCE: Stringing double apron fence and four (4) strand protective wire, WP #BO-1. Digging TD emplacements. Prepared six (6) culverts and by pass, less charges.

23 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Completed TD positions at 68903815. Laid two (2) strands of single barbed wire around machine gun emplacements at 70223747, 70253749, 70473730, 70453733, 70403737. Put in single apron barbed wire fence from 70663702 to 70653707. Making reconnaissance of new defense line gun positions from Puberg to Volksberg. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Removed snow from Route IC-107 from Siewiller 609273 to junction with IC-9A 650297, Route IC-9A from 650297 to La Petite-Pierre 693296, Route IC-135 from La Petite-Pierre 693296 to Valksberg 680388, Route #419 from Tiffenbach 642340 to Wingen 735350, Route IC-183 from Tiffenbach 642340 to Petersbach 658301. Started construction of snow fence in vicinity of 692302, completed 100 feet. COMPANY "F", ESCHBOURG, FRANCE: Continued preparing culverts and by-passes for demolition. Digging two (2) TD emplacements.

24 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Started machine gun emplacements at the following coordinates: 68223877, 68153878, 68463843, 68443847, 68923813, 68893813, 69083801, 69023805, positions 75% complete. Completed TD position at 68303824. Repaired TD position located at 68403786, WP #FLU-1. Laid two (2) strands of single barbed wire fence around the following machine gun emplacements: 71083695, 71103696, 70653720, 70653705 and 70633709. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Removed snow from Route IC-183 from Petersbach 656300 to Tiffenbach 644341, on Route N-61 from 646188 to 631297, on Route IC-107 from Siewiller 613273 to junction of IC-9A 650297, on Route IC-9A from Asswiller 622313 to La Petite-Pierre 693296, on Route IC-13 A from highway 609289 to junction of IC-9A 638302, IC-122 from Lehr 639288 to junction of IC-

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9A 631308, IC-122 from 615268 to Bust 633257, from IC-135 from Phalsbourg 653188 to Valksberg 680388. Sanded grades and curves on Route IC-107 from Siewiller 613273 to junction of IC-9A 649297, IC-61 from Siewiller 613273 to Metting 616240, W419 from 727365 to 693352. Continued construction of snow fence in vicinity of 692302, completing 200'. WP # B0-2. COMPANY "F", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Company moved from Eschbourg to new bivouac area, Phalsbourg. Completed culverts and under passes for demolitions, WP B0-1. Made reconnaissance of assigned area, WP 3 LU-1.

25 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Sanded main highway between Metting to Veschein to Phalsbourg, used five (5) cubic yards of sand. Sanded main road between La Petite-Pierre to Petersbach, used ten (10) cubic yards of sand. Sanded main road between La Petite-Pierre to 693271, used ten (10) cubic yards of sand. Sanded road between 683230 to 650246, used five (5) cubic yards of sand. Sanded road between 668242 to 662240, used two (2) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand. Sanded roads between 730295 to 724307, used seven (7) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand. Sanded roads between 710288 to 758254, used ten (10) cubic yards of sand. Sanded road between 730295 to 760285, used seven (7) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand. Sanded roads between 730295 to 742299, used seven (7) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Reconnaissance made on new MLR. Machine gun and anti-tank positions selected. Began work on gun positions. COMPANY "F", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Made reconnaissance for MLR (Vosges line), WP 3 LU-1. Completing of setting up bivouac area. Moving of rear echelon equipment. Care and cleaning of equipment.

26 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Sanded main highway from Metting to Veschein to Phalsbourg, spread five (5) cubic yards of sand. Sanded main road between La Petite-Pierre to Petersbach, used seven (7) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand. Sanded road from 630278 to 639285, used seven (7) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand. Spread 32 1/2 cubic yards of sand over icy roads from La Petite-Pierre to 688222. Spread two (2) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand from 745228 to 755235. Felled 70 trees, 9" in diameter, and three (3) trees, 20" in diameter. Plowed snow off main highways from 646188 to 610289 to 649297, from 614273 to 649297 to 695294, from 695294 to 688222 to 755230 to 757252 to 695294, from 646188 to 688222 to 683231 to 669242 to 643243 to 623274 and from 629261 to 615268, WP 3 LU-4. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Continued construction of defenses for MLR. Made reconnaissance forward of MLR, WP 3 LU-3. COMPANY "F", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Stringing 1,000 yards of four (4) strand protective wire fence for MLR. Digging 14 machine gun emplacements. Completed reconnaissance for MLR from Hattmatt to Dossenheim, WP 3 LU-1.

27 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: Spread seven (7) and one-half (1/2) cubic yards of sand on icy roads from Petersbach to 610289. Spread ten (10) cubic yards of sand on road from Siewiller to Petersbach. Spread 13 loads of sand on hills and curves from 623274 to 683231 to 695294. Spread 25 cubic yards of sand on icy road from 688222 to 653194. Plowed snow off main highways from 646188 to 610289 to 649297 from 614273 to 649297 to 695294

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to 688222 to 755230 to 757252 to 695294 from 646188 to 688222 to 683231 to 669242 to 643243 to 623274 and from 629261 to 615268, WP 3 LU-4. Improved turnaround at quarry located at 674218. Felled five (5) trees, 12" in diameter, and blasted frozen ground to make it easier to load sand by Quickway crane. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Continued construction of defenses for MLR in vicinity of Neuwiller and Dossenheim, WP 3 LU-3. COMPANY "F", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Digging 14 machine gun emplacements. Prepared two (2) bridges to receive demolitions, WP's 3 LU-1 and 3 LU-3.

28 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-4; Sanded icy roads from La Petite-Pierre to 689261, used 12½ cubic yards of sand. Spread 60 cubic yards of sand on hills and curves from Metting to Veschein to Phalsbourg. Plowed snow off highway from 646188 to 610289 to 649297 from 614273 to 649297 to 695294 from 695294 to 688222 to 755230 to 757252 to 695294 from 646188 to 688222 to 683231 to 669242 to 643243 to 623274 and from 629261 to 615268. Towed 16 Prime Movers with trailers loads up icy hill at Veschein. Also towed same loads up two (2) smaller grades between Veschein and Phalsbourg. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Continued construction of defense for MLR. Started stringing of high wire in vicinity of 755274. Continued digging automatic weapons positions. WP 3 LU-3. COMPANY "F", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: Setting up Defense Area. Continued digging machine gun emplacements. Prepared one (1) culvert to receive demolition. Began preparing bridges to receive demolition. WP 3 LU-3.

29 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-4; Sanded icy hills and curves from Metting to Veschein to Phalsbourg, used 37½ cubic yards of sand. Sanded icy highway from La Petite-Pierre to 684235, used 15 cubic yards of sand. Sanded road from Bust to Graufthal, used 7½ cubic yards of sand. Sanded road from Phalsbourg to quarry 674218, used 12½ cubic yards of sand. Plowed snow off highways from 646188 to 610289 to 649297 from 614273 to 649297 to 695294 from 695294 to 688222 to 755230 to 757253 to 695294 from 646188 to 688222 to 683231 to 669242 to 643243 to 623274 and from 629261 to 615268. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-3; Improved and camouflaged gun positions and dug-outs. Stringing high wire in vicinity of 763268, 752278 and 758274. COMPANY "F", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-3; Setting up Defense Areas; erecting pickets for double apron fence on FFL. Continued preparing bridges and culverts for demolition. Digging machine gun emplacements.

30 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-4; Sanded road between Dossenheim to 744272, using 20 cubic yards of sand. Sanded main highway between La Petite-Pierre to 688222, using 20 cubic yards of sand. Spread five (5) cubic yards of sand from 650247 to 643243. Spread five (5) cubic yards of sand on road from 611289 to Ottwiller. Spread 15 cubic yards of sand from Siemiller to Phalsbourg. Plowed snow off highways from Phalsbourg to 611289 and from 631297 to 657261 to 657246. COMPANY "E", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-3; Improved high wire from 750280 to 758272. Improved and camouflaged gun positions and dug-outs on MLR. COMPANY "F", PHALSBOURG, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-3; Setting up Defense Areas: Erecting pickets for double apron fence on FFL. Continued preparing bridges and culverts for demolition.

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31 January 1945. COMPANY "D", BUST, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-4; Spread 12½ cubic yards of sand on icy highway from Phalsbourg to 688222. Put 12 truck yards of sand along the highway (stock piles) from 653187 to 688222. Put three (3) truck loads of sand to be used as stockpiles between 695294 to 694280. Spread ten (10) cubic yards of sand on icy roads from 683242 to 685256. Spread five (5) cubic yards of sand on road from 680230 to 675235. Spread five (5) cubic yards of sand on roads from 669242 to 659236. Dug 41 bleeders for drainage on Highway N61 in vicinity of Vesheim. Unloaded by hand, 24 tons of salt and placed in requisitioned building located at Vesheim. Put six (6) truck loads of sand to be used as stockpiles along Highway N61 between 634216 and 619229. Scraped ice and snow off Highway N61 from Phalsbourg to Siewiller and from 681296 to 674236. COMPANY "E", PHALSBURG, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-3; Protective wire in vicinity of 759268 and 764266. Began laying FFL in vicinity of 770245. COMPANY "F", PHALSBURG, FRANCE: WP 3 LU-3; Setting up Defense Areas; erecting pickets for double apron fence and started stringing wire on FFL. Completed preparing bridges and culverts for demolition.

Battalion Strength as of 1 January 1945:

Officers	-	18 (Incl. Med. Det.)
Enlisted Men	-	597 (Incl. Med. Det.)

Battalion Strength as of 31 January 1945:

Officers	-	18 (Incl. Med. Det.)
Enlisted Men	-	603 (Incl. Med. Det.)

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