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**233RD ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION**  
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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
1000	Major LOONEY (Gp S-3) called in regards to removal of treadway bridge.	Telephone
1110	Received radio message to report time treadway dismantling is complete.	
1115	Capt SAVITSKA left for Gp to check on attachments & reports. Lt LACEY called companies and arranged for trucks for Lt HOCH.	
1315	Received message from 7th Army Hqs thru 40th Engr Gp requesting immediate return of 3 EM of 1051st Engrs to their parent organization.	Message Center
1345	Seng work order A-10 assigning recon of roads and materials to Baker Co.	
1345	Capt SAVITSKA returned from Gp & Co "A" job.	
1400	Capt STEPHENS left for 2832nd Engrs & Gp.	
1530	Lt RAYMOND stopped in for information about reports.	
1700	Capt STEPHENS returned.	
2000	Dismantle all rafts	Tel fr LOONEY
2015	Made arrangements for trucks & personnel to load river crossing equipment.	

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Co Duties:

- H&S Usual organizational duties.
- "A" Stretching wire & concertina at approaches to Ponton Bridge.
- "B" River patrol. Barge guard. Ferry operations.
- "C" River Patrol. Up stream defense/ponton & rafting equipment guard.

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2 April 1945

## DAILY S - 3 JOURNAL

HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
0800	Capt SAVITSKA left to contact 1553rd Engrs about ponton trailers & crane to load rafting to return to dump.	S-3
0958	Lt HOCH reported boat a rea in this town all cleared. Starting on motors.	
1000	Lt Col KNAPP reports few men working on rivers. Wants us to keep going until everything is turned in. Check with S-1 on letter.	
1100	Message from Maj LOONEY to dismantle ferries not in use.	Message Center
1105	Capt STEPHENS called Maj LOONEY regarding ferries. Not in.	Tel
1120	Sgt Taylor (540th S-3 Section) called and said to dismantle all ferries.	Telephone
1145	Officer from 54 Engr Camou Bn came in requesting a utility boat to use on Dummy bridge. Boat obtained fom C Co by phone to be sent to dummy bridge at once.	
1140	Messerschmidt 110 passed over Hvy Pon bridge. Report given by Maj FERRY from report fom "A" Co.	
1230	Contacted up stream river patrol about German plane. It was an ME 110 which approached from the SW and went NE at 5000 ft.	Telephone
1235	Reported German plane to Sgt Taylor (S-3 Gp) and requested that information be brought to attention of S-2	"
1300	Capt SAVITSKA went to 2832nd Hq & Co "C".	
1400	Lt KILBY came in to discuss up stream river patrol.	
1415	Capt STEPHENS & Lt KILBY left for raft site.	
1452	Capt STEPHENS called from "C" Co about ponton trailers.	
1455	Called 1553rd Engrs & talked to Maj HARRIS about ponton trailers. Couldn't get them as they had another assignment.	
1503	Called 540th S-3. Talked with Sgt Taylor about ponton trailers. Maj LOONEY will call when he returns.	
1532	Called Maj LOONEY in regard to 50 cal AA MG. They are to be left on river bank. Auth was given to get ponton trlr fr 85th Hvy Pon Bn. Movement at 0900 4 Apr. Confirmation will be sent.	Telephone
1550	Capt STEPHENS left for 85th Hvy Pon Bn	
1700	Capt STEPHENS returned from 85th.	
1915	Col KNAPP called to see if we can get relieved of feeding atchd units for river patrol	"
1925	Called Maj LOONEY about trailers not being available from 85th HPBn until 4 April. Maj LOONEY to check about mess-	

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
	<u>2 April Continued</u>	
	ing of atched units of up stream guard. 84th Camo Bn is to draw rations from 85th Hvy Pon Bn	
2015	Put out work order A-11 for signs..	
	<u>3 April 1 945</u>	
0005	Lt KONCHAK called. Unusual amount of driftwood in the river. Said two Dukws and utility boat were handling it. Cause unknown except AA fire pretty heavy up stream.	Tel
001 0	Called AA. They said a large quantity of small driftwood was coming down. Cause unknown.	Tel
0825	Capt STEPHENS & Capt SAVITSKA left for inspection of the river.	
0900	S-3 WINCHESTER called. One of its companies with equipment was maintaining Hvy Pon Bridge. Other company has moved. Written message enroute.	Tel
1115	Capt STEPHENS called for detail. 8 EM from B Co to clean building at new area. Lt RANKIN to pick them up at company.	
1220	Capt SAVITSKA returned fr 2832nd & A,B,C, & Hq companies.	
1430	Capt STEPHENS called to Gp Hqs.	
1545	Capt STEPHENS returned fr Gp	
	<u>Co Duties P</u>	
	H&S Usual duties	
	"A" Maintaining approaches to Pon Bridge	
	"B" Barge guard. Loaded river crossing equip.	
	"C" River patrol and up stream defense.	
	<u>4 April 1945</u>	
0900	Bn Hq & H&S Co moved out of OSTHOFEN across Rhine to BIBLIS. Arrived at bout 1030. Set up sections temporarily. We are on a 6-hour alert as of 1800 today. Lt LACEY was left behind to contact 117th Engrs.	
1300	Capt STEPHENS left on recon.	
1430	Capt STEPHENS returned.	
1700	Lt LACEY reported in from rear CP	
1745	Capt STEPHENS left for Gp for Col MARVIN's farewell party.	
2000	Other officers left for Gp/	
2300	Officers returned.	
	<u>Co Duties:</u>	
	H&S Moving, "A" moving, "B" moving, "C" moving.	

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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
0900	Left BIBLIS. Picked bivouac area in HEIDELBERG.	
1100	Arrived at HEIDELBERG. Set up & were ready for operations at about 1300.	
1530	Water Point will be at 698908 - 1:100,000 Sheet U3	
1600	Capt STEPHENS & Lt LACEY went to Gp Hqs.	
1645	Capt STEPHENS & Lt LACEY returned.	
1945	T/4 Carter & Lt LACEY went to Gp Hqs.	
2015	T/4 Carter & Lt LACEY returned. Brought WO #HB-6	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S	Set up WB. Usual duties.	
"A"	Road maintenance - R693909 to R778890.	
"B"	Recon. Road Maint. Guard of barge & raft equip.	
"C"	River patrol & up stream defense. Road maint.	
<u>6 April 1945</u>		
0900	Capt STEPHENS left on pass to Paris.	
1330	Lt LACEY left for Gp & 2832nd Engr Bn. Discussed German Hvy Pon Bridge with Capt HARDEMAN. Got German hand book from Maj CASSEY (S-3 2832nd Bn)	
1510	Lt LACEY returned with German handbook and maps 1:50,000 of MANNHEIM area.	
1800	T/4 Carter & Sgt Edminston left for 85th Engr Hvy Pon Bn to lead Quickway crane to Co "A", 2833rd Engr C Bn.	
2115	Carter & Edminston returned. Crane delivered to Co "A".	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S	Set up showers	
"A"	Maintained bridge & approach at R399022	
" "	" " " " " R530999	
" "	road fr 690610 to R777890	
"B"	Barge guard. Road maintenance.	
"C"	Road maintenance.	

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
0100	Lt RAYMOND came in and reported the location and amounts of German Heavy Equipment. Discussed plans to get it moved and erected at MANNHEIM site.	
0130	Called CAPT HARDEMAN and told him about condition, amount, and location of German Heavy Ponton Equipment. Requested an additional crane and checked if crane from 2730th Lt Equip Co had been located. It had not.	
0200	Called Hq Co & Co "B" for trucks to haul German Hvy Ponton Equipment.	
0915	Capt SAVITSKA left for Gp and MANNHEIM area.	
1150	Co "A" called. Said that crane from 85th Hvy Pon Bn had blown head gasket and was out of operation.	
1155	Called Lt Col MANNING about condition of 85th crane and to see if we could get replacement.	
1200	Capt SAVITSKA returned.	
1400	Lt LACEY went to see Capt HARDEMAN. Co "A" is not to construct German Heavy Ponton bridge. To inventory ponton equipment and maintain a dump of it. Learn how to construct it. 1175th to relieve Co "A" of maintenance of Treadway Bridge at MANNHEIM. Contacted 1553 Hvy Pon Bn about south abutment of HEIDELBERG Ponton Bridge.	
1530	Lt LACEY returned.	
1700	Section turned out overlay of assignemtn of areas for road maintenance.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S Usual duties.		
"A" WO #MB-3, HB-4, HB-5, HB-6		
"B" Road maint.		
"C" Road maint. Road guard.		
<u>8 April 1945</u>		
0900	Called Capt HARDEMAN for permission to keep crane.	
0930	Called Co "A". Found crane had left.	
0935	Called Capt HARDEMAN & got things straightened out.	
0945	Issued Work Order for painting vehicle bumpers & drivers names on windshields of H&S Co. Issued WO to Hq Co to send welder operator to Co "A" to work on pontons.	
1000	Issued WO No. H-16 to Co "C" to operate bridge timber dump in vicinity of CP.	
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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
	<u>8 April Continued</u>	
1315	Lt LACEY went to Gp. Received overlay showing our area which was increased slightly to the east. Co "A" to stock pile German Ponton Equipment.	
1500	Lt LACEY returned.	
1630	Section prepared overlay of Co "C" to show new area added.	
1815	Capt HARDEMAN requested 2½ ton truck to go to NANCY To report to SSO.	
2100	Sent Co "A" Work Order relieving them of work on German Heavy Ponton bridge.	
2200	Co "C" sent message requesting crane. .	
2205	Called Capt HARDEMAN requesting crane.	
2215	Capt HARDEMAN called. Crane busy. We can get it 10 Apr.	
	<u>Co Duties</u>	
	H&S Put up W/P at EBERBACH. Usual duties.	
	"A" HB-3, 4, 5, & 6.	
	"B" Road maint.	
	"C" Road maint.	
	<u>9 April 1945</u>	
1315	Lt LACEY went to Gp. Instructed to make recon of bridge at S-053719. Capt HARDEMAN to check Army to see if 1553rd Hvy Pon Bn is still maintaining ponton bridge. Lt LACEY could not locate 1553rd Hvy Pon Bn.	
1400	Lt LACEY returned.	
1435	Maj FERRY & T/4 Carter left to make recon of bridge at S-053719. Will stop at Co "C" to pick up a company representative to go along.	
0830	Capt SAVITSKA went to Co "C" to see about Quickway.	
1145	Capt SAVITSKA returned.	
1340	Capt SAVITSKA out on General Recon.	
1600	Capt SAVITSKA & Lt MORRISON looking for place to show movies.	
1615	Capt SAVITSKA & Lt MORRISON returned.	
2000	Maj FERRY & T/4 Carter returned from recon.	
2200	T/4 Carter completed sketch of blown bridge at S053719 & it was sent to Gp	
	<u>Co Duties:</u>	
	H&S Usual duties.	
	"A" HB-3, -4, -5.	
	"B" & "C" Road maint	

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10 April 1945

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
0830	Called Capt HARDEMAN and made arrangements to get crane from 2730th Lt Equip Co.	
0930	Capt SAVITSKA & Lt MORRISON left for recon of bridges and to look for bivouac area for Bn HQ in vic of MO377	
1315	Lt Lacey went to Gp. Returned German handbook to 2832nd.	
1445	Lt LACEY returned.	
1500	Lt LACEY & Sgt Burns went on recon. NECKAR fixed bridge at MANNHEIM due to open 13 April.	
1700	Lt LACEY & Sgt Burns returned.	
1730	Capt SAVITSKA and Lt MORRISON returned.	
1830	Section put out overlay reassigning work areas.	
1900	Called CAPT HARDEMAN about report of material location.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S	Usual duties	
"A"	HB-3, -4, -5	
"B" & "C"	Road Maint.	
<u>11 April 1945</u>		
1245	Lt LACEY left with Lt Col KNAPP & Maj FERRY for Gp Hq.	
1300	Lt THOMPSON called. Said Lt GLUCK had the steel beams and was on the way to the dump in town.	
1410	Lt LACEY returned.	
1400	Capt STEPHENS returned fr Paris.	
1815	Maj CASEY called Co "A" is borrowing 2832nd level for bridge job. Must see that it is returned.	
1820 move	Maj FERRY gave orders for Lt LACEY to remain behind on move. Stand by phone until 1330, then move to Gp and try to pick up information on bridge job.	
1825	Lt LACEY to have Co "C" do signs for Bn offices on turnplate. Have S-4 pick up a couple hundred of the arrows. Paint them red with white castle (tactical marking). H&S is to do the arrow job.	
1900	Capt HARDEMAN called confirmation of being relieved of Hvy Pon Br at HEIDELBERG & Twy br at MANNHEIM as of 110800B April 1945. Says LACEY has details.	
1920	Lt THOMPSON reports trucks with bridge material have departed for Company "A".	
<u>Co Duties:</u>		
H&S	Usual duties.	
"A"	Bridge construction	
"B"	Road Maint. Bridge Maint	
"C"	" "	

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12 April 1945

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
0900	Moved from NEUENHEIM to German barracks at GUNDELSHEIM.	
1100	Arrived at new area.	
1315	Lt RAYMOND reported in.	
1425	Co "A" returning level to 2832 E.	
1810	Lt LACEY arrived	
2400	Section turned out plans for two bridges across JAGST River at R-052718.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S	Usual duties	
"A"	Road Maint	
"B"	Road Maint	
"C"	Road Maint	
<u>13 April 1945</u>		
0830	Capt SAVITSKA and T/4 Carter went out to JAGST River Bridge site on recon.	
0930	Capt STEPHENS left to try and find Gp/	
1000	Lt THOMPSON came in about German ponton equipment at MANNHEIM. Gave him a list of timber to be delivered to "A" Co.	
1025	Capt STEPHENS returned. Did not find Gp.	
1100	Lt Col MANNING, Lt Col KNAPP & Capt STEPHENS went to bridge site. It was decided to build bridge under Bailey. Construction to start by Co "A" at once. They are to start cleaning stream bed and start crib.	
1155	Lt GOGLIN left for Gp to get crane if possible. 6 ton & 20 ton trlr from "A" left for "B"	
1400	Section put out overlay changing the areas of road maintenance for B & C Co. Lt JANECEK & Capt STEPHENS	
2150	Lt GOGLIN returned and said the crane would be on the MANNHEIM side of Rhine River at approx 1300. It might be even earlier.	
2240	Capt STEPHENS returned from Gp with order for 18" to 22" I's and a message to 2730th Lt Equip Co for a crane for 14 April. Have phone installed to bridge site.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S	Usual duties.	
"A"	Road maint.	
"B"	Road maint	
"C"	Road maint.	
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14 April 1945

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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
0900	Lt LACEY & Sgt Carter left for recon of bridge at S-079709.	
1045	Lt LACEY & Sgt Carter return.	
1100	Phone to Gp open.	
1250	Capt STEPHENS called to check if job was the Kocher River. Capt HARDEMAN ro send OI.	
1445	Capt HARDEMAN called to see if we could lend 344th Engr Bn two shovel operators for one week. Will notifit when and where they are to report.	
1460	Section turned out plans for JAGSFELD bridge R-053719.	
1510	1 arc welder machine and to operators and 2 shovel operators to 344th Engr Bn at LUDWIGSHAFEN in the AM. Will be gone 8 days. Orders will come from Army (WO No BK-8) Call Capt HARDEMAN & give name, ASN, etc.	
1530	Make recon and prepare plans for Neckar River bridge.	
2100	Capt HARDEMAN called. He is to be notified as to when the three 20-ton trlrs & Qwy Crane arrive regardless of what time it is.	
2130	Called Capt HARDEMAN that crane returned to 2730th Lt Equip Co and 6-ton & 20-ton Trailers are approaching our area. A guide will be at Bn Hq from 2832nd at 0800 tomorrow to guide trailers.	
2215	Called Capt HARDEMAN that crane is not at 2730th Lt Equip Co but will be in our area sometime tonight. Guide from 2832nd will lead it with the trailers.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S Usual duties		
"A" Bridge construction		
"B" Road maint Hwy N37		
"C" Road maint.		
<u>15 April 1945</u>		
0810	Maj FERRY & Capt STEPHENS left to check Kocher river bridge to design knee braces.	
0900	Capt SAVITSKA on recon for bridge site at DIEDESHEIM.	
0945	Maj FERRY & Capt STEPHENS returned.	
1100	SAVITSKA returned.	
1320	"A" Co called asking for H&S air compressor. Made arrangements to send same.	
1415	SAVITSKA on recon to NECKARSUMM.	
1430	Co "C" is experiencing difficulty in getting guards placed in Ball bearing Plant at NECKARZIMMERN.	

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15 April 1945

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
1435	Capt HARDEMAN called. 2833rd Engrs are to take over guard & maintenance of both Bailey bridges over KOCHER river & JAGST river.	
1445	Lt Col KNAPP's instructions: Co "A" will construct bridge over KOCHER river if we get it. Co "B" will take over road from NECKARELZ to ADELSHEIM. Co "B" will widen bridge on this road. Co "B" will move to vic ADELSHEIM. Co "C" will take over Co "B" roads. Maintain patrols on them and repair major damages.	
1445	Capt HARDEMAN wants to know where bridge to be widened is located. Phone him when found.	
1555	Capt HARDEMAN called to see if we had contacted 2828 Engr Bn to relieve their Water Point.	
1535	Lt THOMPSON reported. Is to move company in the morning. He is picking up 10" x 10" x 40' timber.	
1620	Maj FERRY reported in from recon in vic OBERSCHEFFLENZ at S-127921. Found 27' stone arch bridge over SCHEFFLENZ River.	
1700	Called Capt HARDEMAN about bridge at S-127921 and about guides from 2832nd Engr Bn for Trailers.	
1705	Capt SAVITSKA returned.	
1810	Lt LACEY & Capt STEPHENS out to Co "A".	
1930	LACEY & STEPHENS returned.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S Usual		
"A" Bridge construction		
"B" Road maint.		
"C" Guarding Power Plants.		
Supervising Ball Bearing Plant		
<u>16 April 1945</u>		
0940	Capt STEPHENS left for recon of bridges.	
1045	Called Capt NEVILLE about men working in the Ball Bearing Plant.	
1110	STEPHENS returned.	
1120	Co "C" bulldozer to report to Co "A" to start clearing rubble at bridge.	
1320	Morrell of Co "A" called. Mechanics are working on 20-ton trailer. He will let us know at 1500 if it will be fixed.	
1330	Capt STEPHENS left for Co "B".	
1331	Co "A" is to return Co "C" prime mover promptly. Dozer to be unloaded at Kocher river bridge. Morrell notified	

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16 April 1945

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
1400	Lt NAGLE of 2749th Engr Lt Equip Co came in to see about shovel. Will leave it until we are through with it. We will call him when we are finished. Can reach them thru Redwood-Redwood Rear- <del>WATERLOO</del> -Watson.	
1415	Capt HARDEMAN called. He wanted to know if we had a road grader of 2730 Lt Equip Co. Wants 3 2½-ton trucks at Gp at 0800 tomorrow to move them. In the future all Bailey bridges are to be jacked up between 0000 & 0600 He is checking to see what the story is about Ball Bearing Plant & see if we can get relieved.	
1420	Called H&S and made arrangements for trucks to Gp.	
1530	Capt STEPHENS returned.	
1605	STEPHENS & JANECEK left for Jafst river bridge.	
1630	HARDEMAN called.	
1830	JANECEK wants one jeep tomorrow for recon. In addition he wants one officer for recon with his own transportation. Suggest he tries Co "A".	
1843	Plans for OBERSHEFFLENZ bridge sent out to Gp & to Co B.	
1845	Co "A" sent out 6-ton PM & 20-ton trlr to HIEDELBERG at 1745.	
1915	Interviewed T/4 Georgis. He is coming up tomorrow to start working in S-3.	
2000	Sent out change of road assignments to Co's A,B,& C.	
2000	Co C to pick up timber at S-087706 tomorrow.	
2005	Ordered jeep for S-2 tomorrow from Co "B".	
2010	Runner from Company B came in and received instructions to push bridge job to full extent.	
2045	Called CAPT HARDEMAN. Give six hour notice on raising or removing Bailey bridge. He will try to get Bailey bridge train if not stockpile and put a guard on it. VO to start the Kocher river bridge. Remove guard from Ball Bearing Plant at S-019811.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S	Usual	
"A"	Bridge construction	
"B"	Co move	
"C"	Road maint. Guarding Power Plants. Supervising Ball Bearing Works.	

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0740	Called Capt HARDEMAN to have him take revised drawing of Kocher river bridge to Army.	
0905	Capt STEPHENS & Capt SAVITSKA left for recon of bridge No 2 & 3.	
1205	STEPHENS & SAVITSKA returned.	
1315	Work Order on Kocher river bridge out to Co "A".	
1320	Capt STEPHENS contacted Signal Officer in reference to getting a phone in to Co B. Signal will try to pick one up from VI Corps.	
1400	Capt STEPHENS left for Gp/hq.	
1600	STEPHENS returned from Gp. Capt HARDEMAN was out.	
1602	Lt RAYMOND called. Wants to borrow H&S Co welder. Will get it for him.	
1710	Called motor pool to find out about Co "B"'s 6-ton PM It needs valve job & tie rod.	
1711	Called Lt RANKIN to have wrecker tow Co "B" 20-ton trlr to Co "B".	
1812	Lt LACEY & Sgt Carter left for recon of timber dumps.	
1920	Capt STEPHENS left for bridge site (Co "A")	
1920	Lt LACEY & Carter returned.	
2000	Capt HARDEMAN dropped in and said the Neckar bridge job would not be built. Gave him our engineer material list for this area.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S	Usual	
"A"	Bridge construction	
"B"	Bridge construction	
"C"	Road maint. Guarding Power Plants Supervising Ball Bearing Works.	
<u>18 April 1945</u>		
0810	Capt STEPHENS left for JAGST River bridge.	
0905	STEPHENS returned. Co "A" putting on diagonal bracing.	
0910	Capt STEPHENS left for Co "B" bridge.	
1100	STEPHENS returned	
1240	STEPHENS left for JAGST River bridge.	
1430	HARDEMAN dropped in. Nothing new. We will get relieved of the near roads when OI from Army comes down.	
1455	STEPHENS returned.	

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1715	Jagst River Bridge: 7 stringers on north side in place between 1500 & 1630. Between 1300 & 1500 two I beams became interlocked and were very difficult to correct. Consequently to slow up job. Kocher River Bridge: Crib three feet deep. North abutment dug down to about 2½'.	
<u>Co Duties</u>		
H&S Usual		
"A" Bridge construction		
"B" Bridge construction		
"C" Road maint. Guard Power Plants.		
<u>19 April 1945</u>		
0830	Lt LACEY went to Gp and then to 1st Bn. (2832nd)	
0920	Capt SAVITSKA & Sgt Carter to Co "B" this Bn. Obtained bridge measurements.	
1015	Called Jagst River bridge for status report: 12 I Beams in place 7' flooring near shore.	
1115	Capt STEPHENS returned from Jagst river bridge. Final stringers being placed.	
1240	Final stringers in at Jagst River bridge. Decking and flooring being placed. Lt LACEY returned.	
1250	Capt STEPHENS to Gp.	
1530	STEPHENS returned from Gp. Has message for 2 <del>our</del> compressors from 2730 E for Co "B". 1 platoon fr Co "C" to be on TD with company "A" on WO #BK-13. Capt SAVITSKA to work with Mr Ervin on "A" frame mounts on trucks.	air
1915	SAVITSKA to Co "A" bridge.	
1900	Lt ROBINSON 488th Lt Pon Bn called about Bailey Bridge train. Will arrive with 10 trucks at 0100 to load Bailey.	
2110	Capt STEPHENS returned with changes for Kocher river br. and request for recon for two additional bridges.	
2400	Capt SAVITSKA in to check sketches.	
2430	SAVITSKA out.	
<u>Co Duties:</u>		
H&S Usual		
"A" Bridge construction		
"B" Bridge construction		
"C" Road maint. Power plant guard.		
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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
0030	Capt SAVITSKA returned to quarters.	
0145	Capt STEPHENS came in and checked new drawings of KOCHER river bridge.	
0215	Closed office.	
0845	Capt SAVITSKA & Sgt Pease left to make recon of bridge.	
1015	Maj O'BRIEN dropped in and looked at plans. has 70 pcs of 21" WF beams he is holding for us. He has (3) 20-ton trailers from 2730 Equip Co. He is going to hold them for us. Send down this afternoon to see if he has a crane loose to load them..	
1305	Capt STEPHENS left for Gp with Kocher river bridge plan.	
1700	Sent message to Co "B" to move to vic RUNZELSAU and to start establishing a bridge dump near bridge. Capt SAVITSKA to contact 2833 Engrs about borrowing a crane and contacting 3 6-ton PM & 20-ton trailers for loading 15" I*beams at HELLBRONN tomorrow. Lt FERGUSON reported in & was notified that Co "C" is to move, vic OSTERBURKEN S-328935 tomorrow. CO's of Co's B & C to be here tonight for further details. Company has to be notified to furnish detail to load steel tomorrow....if crane is avail. When Bn moves it is to locate within 10 miles of Gp.	
1900	T/Sgt Gootzeit reports that the Engr dump has not any drift pins. Companies will have to make them.	
1935	Sent note to Company "A" to pik up 1 6-ton PM w/20 ton trailer & 1 air compressor fr 2730th Lt Equip Co.	
2000	Co "A" to send two men.	
2100	Capt SAVITSKA returned and cannot get crane. Lt RAYMOND called in. JAGST river bridge report: :: upstream near shore.....2.613 : upstream far shore.....2.642 Crib Level : downstream near shore....2.350 Report....: upstream far shore.....2.422 : B M.....0	
2105	Capt THOMPSON called. Wants 50 piling points & caps.	
Co Duties H&S Usual "A" Bridge constr "B" Road maint "C" Road maint		

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
0930	Capt STEPHENS called. Co "A" is rerigging the crane.	
1100	Capt STEPHENS called. Co "A" is to furnish a driver for 2730 Equip Co 6-ton PM and load the crane on this trlr. To send trlr & their own 20-ton ti HELLBRONN where the crane will load both trailers with steel beams to be sent to Co "B". Trlr loaned to Co "B" to move dozer is to be sent to HELLBRONN when it returns. The trailer from 2730 is to be sent to HELLBRONN when they arrive. Co "A" is to replace the driver for the 6-ton PM of 2730, which has been with them.	
0900	Co "A" called and gave reading on JAGST River Bridge crib - 0900 reading: Upstream near shore.....2.603 Upstream far shore.....2.624 Downstream near shore.....2.333 Downstream far shore.....2.401	
1300	Capt STEPHENS left for 1553rd Engr Hvy Pon Bn.	
1445	Lt RAYMOND came in and Lt Col KNAPP gave him the latest change on Kocher River bridge.	
1630	Capt STEPHENS returned. Could not get crane fr 1553rd.	
1900	Capt STEPHENS called Gp. Nobody in S-3.	
1945	Capt STEPHENS called Gp. Nobody in S-3, but Lt JONES answered phone.	
2215	Capt HARDEMAN called. Bn Hq & H&S Co can move in vic SCHWABISH HALL. Doesn't have to be 10 miles fr Gp. We are to have overlay of routes to powerhouse areas in to Gp tomorrow by 0700.	
2220	Capt THOMPSON called. Trucks are getting stuck on Kocher Bailey. Slippery run way.	
2230	Co "A" does not answer phone so Lt LACEY left to contact them personally.	
2236	Capt NEVILLE came in and informed us that 2730th Engrs would send us 2 20-ton trailers with PM, to arrive by 1200B 22 April 1945.	
2300	Co "B" to maintain road HWL9 from north edge of SCHAB. HALL to south edge of blown bridge in WESTHEIM. Co "C" minus 1 platoon with Co "A" to maintain HWL9 from south edge of blown bridge in WESTHEIM. Steel is to be moved to bridge at WESTHEIM. 1 platoon to go to KUNZELSAU & move company "B" bulldozer to new bivouac area. All trucks return to Bn Hq to be dispatched. Co "A" to furnish detail & trucks for S-4 lumber detail tomorrow.	
<u>Co Duties:</u>		
H&S Usual		
"A" Bridge construction		
"B" Bridge construction		
"C" Power plant guard.		

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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
	bridge that the 36th Engrs built on which the approaches are bad. Co "B" notified by msg.	
1400	S-2 notified and recon started to find a route around Co "B" & "C" Bridge sites.	
1445	4 20-ton trailers back at old area area to pick up I-beam, 1 crane, 1 piling, 1 "C" Co dozer.	
1500	Capt STEPHENS to Gp & recon of north part of Co B area.	
1500	Capt SAVITSKA out to measure GAILDORF bridge.	
1115	Capt STEPHENS returned. Jeep trouble.	
1800	Capt STEPHENS left for Gp via Co "B"	
1930	Capt SAVITSKA from br recon.	
2230	Capt STEPHENS in.	
<u>Co Duties:</u>		
H&S Usual		
"A" Bridge construction		
"B" Bridge construction		
"C" Guard Power Plants.		
Recon.		
<u>24 April 1945</u>		
0800	Getting out WH-1, WH-2, & OI-18.	
0815	Maj FERRY & Lt Col KNAPP left for Co "C".	
0816	Requested 2 vehicles & one recon detail from Co B for S-2. Co "B" to send air compressor to Co "C" Co "C" to take care of OI-18. Col checking on 759th MO report. Co B to report on nails.	
0900	Capt STEPHENS to 2832nd Engrs & Co "A", 2833rd.	
1045	Maj O'BRIEN in.	
1055	Capt THOMPSON in.	
1105	Capt THOMPSON out to S-2.	
1120	Col KNAPP & Maj FERRY in.	
1230	Maj O'BRIEN Left.	
1455	Capt THOMPSON called for Capt STEPHENS.	
1600	Called Co "C". They are picking up level and rod from Co "B".	
1615	Capt NEVILLE stopped in. Left overlay of proposed MSR. Could not find out from Army if we will get crane from 344th or not.	

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22 April 1945

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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
0800	Lt LISTRANI reported in fom Co "C" and got instructions about new company assignment.	
0805	Note from 2730 Equip Co about 20-ton trucks & 6 ton PM.	
0810	Capt STEPHENS & Sgt Carter departed for bridge recon.	
1000	Readings on Jagst River bridge crib: (Readings as of 211900B April 45) Upstream near shore.....2.688 Upstream far shore.....2.615 Downstream near shore.....2.299 Downstream far shore.....2.349  (Readings as of 220900 April 45) Upstream near shore.....2.517 Upstream far shore.....2.1587 Downstream near shore.....2.346 Downstream far shore.....2.285	
1140	Capt SAVITSKA left for WESTHEIM with 3 20-ton Trlrs of steel.	
1310	Capt NEVILLE was informed that 2 6-ton PM & 2 20-ton trailers had arrived and one was on its way to pick up drane and deliver it to WESTHEIM.	
1500	Called Capt HARDEMAN that guards on power house had not been relieved. He was going to check army and find out why.	
1830	Instruc ed Lt LACEY on dispostition of 20-ton trailers & Prime Movers when they return to Bn Hq (at present location).	
1845	Called Gp for information on Quickway crane.	
2030	Readings on Jagst River bridge.crib. Upstfeam near shore.....2.517 Upstream far shore.. .....2.591 Downstream near shore.....2.350 Downstream far shore.. .....2.290	
Co Duties H&S Usual "A" Bridge construction "B" Bridge construction "C" Recon.		
<p><u>23 April 1945</u></p>		
0800	S-2 & S-3 sections left GUNDELSHEIM for new bivouac area.	
1000	Arrived at MICHELFELD. Capt STEPHENS arrived.	
1245	Putting up signs. Pile driver in Co "B" area.	
1230	Lt Col MANNING reports that negro drivers have knocked guard rails off bridge in HALL and several miles north of HALL on Hwy 19. North of the second bridge is a	

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24 April 1945

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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
1645	Sgt Carter called Co "C" & crane & pile driver arrived & all rigged ready for action.	
1650	Called Co "C" and made arrangements for jeep for S-2 tomorrow.	
1715	Capt STEPHENS returned from Co "A" and Lt LACEY also came back and reported in.	
<u>Co Duties :</u>		
H&S	Usual	
"A"	Bridge construction	
"B"	Bridge construction Road maintenance	
"C"	Bridge construction Road maintenance	
<u>25 April 1945</u>		
0815	Called Co "B" for truck for S-4.	
0830	Capt STEPHENS left for Co "B" bridge.	
1000	Received OI on assigning recon and bridge design for bridge near UTER ROT. (OI No. 20). Received work order to build bridge at UTER ROT.	
1015	Sent Lt DRESSNER & Sgr Carter to make recon on UTER ROT Bridge.	
1210	Capt STEPHENS returned. Sgt Carter returned.	
1315	2 more loads of steel arrived at Co "B".	
1330	Capt STEPHENS to Gp.	
1530	Lt Col MANNING in.	
1630	Capt NEVILLE dropped in. Welders on way back. 344th crane will be here tomorrow. Army wants 24 hour notice on opening of bridges.	
1635	Maj FERRY returned. Co "A" is sending down 1 load of 12" I-beams tomorrow. Co "A" will finish filling tomorrow noon.	
1655	Recon & make up plans on bridge east of GAILDORF.	
1830	Co "C" PM & 20-ton trailer with 6 man detail leaving for Co "A" to pack up remainder of 12" I-beams. Other PM to be picked up at 0900 at steel yard in HELLBROWN, by representative of S-3.	
2000	Capt STEPHENS left for Gp	
2400	Capt STEPHENS returned fr Gp. Received WO. Will haul material for SH-5 & recon other two bridges east of GAILDORF.	
Co Duties:	Same	

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26 April 1945

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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
0815	Lt Col KNAPP & Maj FERRY left for bridges.	
0840	Lt LACEY to HELLBRONN & Co "A"	
0840	Capt SAVITSKA, and detail out to measure two bridges east of GAILDORF.	
0900	Capt STEPHENS, Capt SAVITSKA & detail returned.	
1245	Lt Col KNAPP gave go ahead on welding beams. Approved changed in B & C Companies' bridges. Use 3/8" plates on H-beams webs.	
1250	Lt KILBY is to send us thickness of web - 5/8".	
1310	Capt THOMPSON wants another air compressor.	
1400	Capt STEPHENS & Mr. Ervin left for Company B & C bridges to check if its possible to weld I beams.	
1700	Capt STEPHENS & Mr Ervin returned.	
1830	Lt RANKIN called about sending Paris pass boys back to B&C company. Made arrangements for them to ride back with company messengers.	
1835	Lt CAIRNS called. Wanted vehicle for picking up two men at WORMS. Made arrangements with Lt RANKIN. Made arrangements for truck for S-4 for water point.	
1840	Made WO for signs for water point. Signs to read "THESE SHOWERS FOR 2833RD ENGR C BN ONLY"	
1900	Lt LACEY returned from HELLBRONN.	
<u>Co Duties:</u>		
H&S	Usual duties	
"A"	Bridge construction	
"B"	Bridge construction	
	Road maintenance	
"C"	Bridge construction	
	Road maintenance	
<u>27 April 1945</u>		
0725	Capt THOMPSON called for Capt STEPHENS.	
0845	Lt RAYMOND came in. Wants bailey taken down tomorrow night per Lt Col KNAPP's orders.	
0950	Capt STEPHENS left for Co "B" bridge.	
1100	Capt HARDEMAN stopped in. We will not build MUNSTER bridge. 2832nd Engrs will start it and try to complete it. If they don't get it completed by the time we are finished with our bridges, we will finish it.	
1145	Capt STEPHENS returned from Co "B".	
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27 April 1945

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HOURL	ENTRY	SOURCE
1230	Capt HARDEMAN left.	
1300	Lt Col KNAPP & Maj FERRY to Co "A".	
1430	Capt THOMPSON reports that he has enough steel.	
1530	Capt SAVITSKA returned. Co "B" told to return to 2730th Truck with bad oil pump.	
1550	Capt STEPHENS left for Co B & Co C bridges.	
1730	Lt Col KNAPP & Maj FERRY returned.	
1745	Capt STEPHENS returned. Co "B" has 1st bent in position. Co "C" dozer to HW-4 this evening to clear rubble. Lt MORRISON told to dig in abutments to take 20" I-beams.	
1815	SOP hereafter to clean stream bed first when constructing a bridge.	
1900	Capt STEPHENS went to 2832nd Engrs Hqs to call Lt Col MANNING about lifting Bailey on Co "A" job, night of 28 April 1945.	
Co Duties: H&S Usual "A", "B", "C": Bridge construction.		
<u>28 April 1945</u>		
0740	Lt MORRISON called. Wants bulldozer. Is going to try to borrow 1st Battalion's.	
0745	Lt HARE called. Wants motor pool informed that Co "C" wants 16" to 18" bolts.	
0810	Lt LACEY left office to check on B & C company bridges.	
0905	Received message from Lt RAYMOND. - All I-beams are in place at his bridge.	
0920	Received call from Lt KILBY. All piles driven. 2 bents capped and straightened 3rd bent. Needs 14" to 16" bolts.	
0945	Capt STEPHENS left for Co "A" bridge.	
1015	Maj O'BRIEN stopped in to find out about the crane. Told him late afternoon or evening before he could have it.	
1045	Lt Col KNAPP & Maj FERRY returned.	
1127	Lt LACEY returned.	
1330	Maj FERRY & Lt Col KNAPP returned. (They had gone to bridge sites)	

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HOOR	ENTRY	SOURCE
1425	Lt Col KNAPP called. Giving Co "C" c ane to 2832nd. He was notified that Co "A" this Bn has 1 layer of flooring on bridge. They will lift Bailey tonight.	
1530	Capt STEPHENS left for Companies B & C bridges.	
1700	Maj FERRY & Lt Col KNAPP returned.	
1705	Capt STEPHENS returned.	
1830	Baker to store extra steel & timbers in one area near Lt MORRISON's bridge. To furnish 1 off. with detail to go to Co "A" dump tomorrow & pick up timbers. 2730th 6-ton PM with trailer to go to Co "B".	
1935	1st Sgt Sherman signed for Co "A" Msg #5. (A) To take down Bailey bridge between 0001 and 0600 29 April (b) To shim double storey bents & I beams tight.	
2040	Capt THOMPSON called. He is to extend his last span to 36' and is using 8 beams. (WESTHELM bridge)	
<u>Co Duties:</u> H&S Usual "A", "B", "C": Bridge construction.		

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29 April 1945

## DAILY S - 3 JOURNAL

HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
0745	LT O'CONNER called from Co "B". Asked for wrecker to be sent to Co "B" and asked what steel Capt STEPHENS wanted from Stuttgart.	
0800	Capt SAVITSKA is to order 4 2½-ton dump trucks and check on status at 2730th equipment.	
0900	Lt O'CONNER piked up list for moving bridge dump.	
0930	Capt STEPHENS left for Companies "B" & "C" bridges.	
1310	Capt STEPHENS, Maj FERRY left. Checking job at Co "A".	
1615	Capt STEPHENS & Maj FERRY returned.	
1730	Capt SAVITSKA returned.	
1815	117th Evac Hosp requests 1 truck & 1 squad of men to build road 1/4 to 1/2 mile long.	
1825	Send squad of Co "B" to 117th Hosp. Have recon out from Baker to check with Gp S-3 and get vicinity of new bivouac area. To be done tomorrow. Notify Gp of treadway 24' at WEST-HEIM. Remind Gp of Co "A" Bailey bridge. Have THOMPSON move extra materials to bridge dump.	
1840	Capt STEPHENS left to look over Baker & Charlie bridges.	
2000	Capt STEPHENS returned.	
2100	Capt SAVITSKA returned from Gp & area recon.	

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30 April 1945

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HOUR	ENTRY	SOURCE
0830	Capt SAVITSKA & Lt RANKIN left for Gp & recon of new area.	
0900	Capt STEPHENS & Lt Col KNAPP checking on road and bridges.	
1045	Capt STEPHENS & Lt Col KNAPP returned.	
1100	Lt LACEY & Carter to go to Schongan (Y-371171) to recon bridge over Lech river. Co B to turn in treadway bridge to GOPPINGEN (S-41130) Co C to furnish 6 trucks w/drivers to help Co A turn in Bailey Bridge at S-079709 to GOPPINGEN (S-411130) Engr Depot. Co B to pick up 4 Bailey panels and turn them in with Treadway.	
1340	Lt FURGUSON received instructions for picking up Bailey panels near MICHELFELD.	
1410	Lt FURGUSON detail started for Co "A" with 8 trucks.	
1600	Lt Col MANNING arrived. Gave approx location of new Gp bivouac area.	
1620	Lt Col KNAPP returned from checking Co "A" bridge.	
1800	Capt STEPHENS left for Baker & Charlie bridges.	
1900	T/Sgt Gootzeit called. Wants two trucks tomorrow.	
1905	Called H&S for two trucks to be sent to S-4 at 0800 hrs tomorrow.	
1925	Capt STEPHENS returned.	
1930	Capt THOMPSON called. Received instructions from Capt STEPHENS to send 2730th Air compressor back.	
1935	2731st Lt Equip will be with Gp. They have: 1-Air Compressor                      1-20-ton Trailer 1-Crawler Crane                        1-Grader 1-6-ton PM                                1-2½-ton GMC Dump	
1940	Called Co "B": Correct 540th Engr C Bn on UTER ROT bridge. Should read 540th Engr C Gp. Move rest of timbers to bridge dump. Load Co "C" prime mover with timber and take it with Co B tomorrow.	
2005	Lt JANECEK making up strip maps for Co "B" move. Notified Co "B" of this fact.	

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