

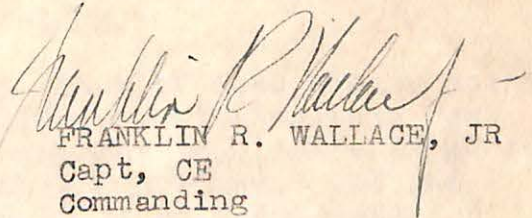
COMPANY "C"
125TH ARMORED ENGINEER BATTALION
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SUBJECT: Summary of Engineer Operations for Period 9 November-
3 December 1944.

TO: Commanding Officer
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1. Inclosed herewith is a summary of Engineer Operations
for the Company during period 9 November - 3 December 1944.


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1 Incl: Summary of Engr Operations

ENGINEER OPERATIONS

- 9 -13 Nov 44: 2d Platoon placed road guides from Valence to Portieux La Verre.
- 13-19 Nov 44: Company did road maintenance around Portieux La Verre. This consisted of ditching and filling in roads with gravel.
- 20-21 Nov 44: 3rd squad, 1st platoon, repaired culvert torn down during movement from Portieux La Verre to St. Quirin.
- 22 Nov 44: First platoon and Engineer section cleared Abatis Road block just outside of St Quirin. 2d squad, 1st platoon, suffered four casualties including one killed due to enemy mortar fire. Road block was cleared with 5 lbs satchel charges and D-4 bulldozer. Third platoon built a turn around for 48 Tank Bn and Troop "A", 94 Rcn, near Baccarat. These units had taken the wrong route and could not turn around because of a demolished bridge,
- 23 Nov 44: First platoon cleared 2.1 miles of road blocks outside of St Quirin with D-4 bulldozer, winches, and man power. Late in the day, company acquired a tankdozer from VI Corps with personnel furnished. The D-4 was then sent to the rear to improve the roads so trains could pass.
- 24 Nov 44: First platoon filled in road crater in Vosges Mts NW of Le Donnon. Job was accomplished by using a tankdozer and cutting into the side of a cliff so traffic could move around the crater. Entire job took one hour and twenty minutes.
- 25 Nov 44: First platoon filled road crater SE of Le Donnon. Third platoon ran into road blocks NW of St Quirin. Eliminated these blocks by firing seven rounds of HE from 105 mm assault guns at a 10 foot range. Then ran five tanks echeloned to right and left through log debris to clear path for one way traffic.
- 26 Nov 44: 2d platoon maintained a by-pass, which was under enemy fire, around blown bridge at Gertwiller. Third platoon continued to clear road block by hand along road Valles De St Quirin.
- 27 Nov 44: Third platoon filled road crater NW of Grandfontaine. Accomplished job by blowing stone out of the side of the cliff into the crater and then cutting down edges with D-4 dozer.

2d platoon with squad attached from 48th Engineers put in four sections (48 feet) of treadway bridge at Gertwiller. The bridge was one span. A 40 ton tank dozer passed over it.

- 1 Dec 44: First platoon removed mines and road block at St Pierre. Also built a 4 section treadway bridge. Third platoon built a 4 section treadway bridge at Andlau. Engineer section filled road crater in vicinity of Ebershiem. Two enemy gun carriages were used as fill. Dirt was then pushed over carriage by D-4 dozer.
- 2 Dec 44: Road march through Epfig. Repaired bridge, removed abatis and filled in shell hole in road. Tank dozer cleared road block as rest of column captured Ebershiem. Third platoon removed 161 mines in road near Scherwiller.
- 3 Dec 44: 1st platoon aided Engineer section in building of treadway bridge at Ebershiem.

SUMMARY: Engineer operations during CC"A" movement across the Voges mountain consists almost entirely of keeping main routes of communication open. The Engineer platoons ~~were~~ placed near the head of each combat column in order to clear road blocks, to fill in craters, to make by-passes, and to remove mines. The tankdozer was kept with the advance Engineers. At the rear of each column the Engineer section had its D-4 dozer and bridge truck. The bridge trucks were brought up when treadway bridging was needed. The D-4 dozer was used to maintain the roads so trains could move forward.