

1 November 1944.

SUBJECT: Daily Journal Report for the month of October 1944.

To: Commanding Officer, 44th Engineer Regiment, A. P. O. 758, U. S. Army.

1. October 1944:- Co. "A": Epinal, France:- 63 - Construction for Bridge at Girancourt:- Assembled materials at site and cleared debris in preparation for construction. Project 5% complete. 64 - Open Route from Jarney to Epinal:- cleared debris from highway between Jarney and Epinal. Project 10% complete. 65 - Construction of 2 Bridges on Route N-57 north of Epinal:- Assembled materials at site and cleared debris in preparation for construction. Project 5% complete. Co. "B": Amanche, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and filled fox holes on Route N-19 from Vesoul to Langres. 6 road signs erected on Route CC-28. 4 road signs erected on Route CC-434. Hauled and spread 19 loads of gravel on road net at 11th Evac. Hosp. Construction of Bridge at Langres:- 2-2 1/2 ton trks., 1 Air Compressor, and 1 officer on 15 M (skilled labor) were furnished to assist and advise French in the construction of the Bridge at Langres. Project 70% complete. Co. "C": Baume les Lames, France:- 47 - Construction of Bridge at Baume les Lames:- Hauled and placed 22 loads of rock in cribs. Placed and painted 2 signs. Cleaned and sharpened tools. Laced 1 trir. of lumber and polished area around bridge. Project 95% complete. 36 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d' Ain:- Completed rock fill of horseshoe dam. Widened water diversion installed Sept. 30th. Cut and carried 5 beams 2'x8" to proper angles then lowered to site. Strengthened existing webs on knee braces. Checked bearing surface on underspan. Project 35% complete. Battalion Medics: Ecy sur Saone, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters: Ecy sur Saone, France:- Normal administrative duties.

2. October 1944:- Co. "A": Epinal, France:- 63 - Construction of Bridge at Girancourt:- Placed steel I beams in position. Assembled materials and laid nailing plates and decking. Started construction of curbing and guard rails. Project 60% complete. 64 - Open Route from Jarney to Epinal:- Removed 2 RR cars from underpass. Route now open to 1 way traffic. Project 75% complete. 65 - Construction of 2 Bridges on Route N-57 North of Epinal:- Hauled 3 loads of decking and 7-10" I beams to the site. Constructed south abutments. Cut timber to size for construction of pier. Levelled base for footing of North pier. Project 20% complete. Co. "B": Amanche, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and filled fox holes on Route N-19 from Vesoul to Langres. 13 road signs erected on Route N-417. Hauled and spread 24 loads of gravel on road net at 11th Evac. Hosp. Construction of Bridge at Langres:- Relieved by 46th Engr. at 0800 hours. Co. "C": Baume les Lames, France:- 47 - Construction of Bridge at Baume les Lames:- Hauled and placed 4 loads of gravel in cribs. Bridge now 10% complete. 36 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d' Ain:- Completed placing of 5 diagonal I knee braces. Rerigged blocks and ropes to emplace diagonals. Reopen voids of diagonal I beams. Project 40% complete. Battalion Medics: Ecy sur Saone, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters: Ecy sur Saone, France:- Normal administrative duties.

3 October 1944:- (continued):- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 63 - Construction of Bridge at Girancourt:- Completed construction of guard rails. Completed fill for approaches and black topped surface. Project 100% complete. 64 - Open Route from Fannay to Epinal:- Completed clearing debris from the route. Project 100% complete. 65 - Construction of 2 Bridges on Route N-57 north of Epinal:- Excavation for sills completed. Sills laid and stringers placed. Constructed 3 trestles and cut floor beams and hand rail posts. Project 30% complete. Co. "B":- Amance, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Continued clearing mud and filling pot holes on Route N-19 from Vesoul to Langres. Hauled and spread 11 loads of gravel on road net at 11th Evac. Hosp. Co. "C":- Entire Company less 2 Officers and 57 PM moved from Baume les Dames to Mirecourt, France:- Left old bivouac at 0800 and arrived at new bivouac at 1600 hours. 38 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d'Ain:- Using ropes and pulleys, cables placed under water base cross beams, and made preparations to weld diagonals to it. Project 45% complete. Battalion Headquarters:- and Battalion Medics moved from Lecy sur Esone to Charmes, France leaving old area at 0915 hours and arriving at new area at 1430 hours.

4 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 64 - Construction of 2 Bridges on Route N-57 north of Epinal:- Bridge #2, laid floor beams, decking, curbs and rail posts, and hand rails. Black topped approaches. Bridge #1, Erected 2 piers, started setting steel stringers. Project 75% complete. Co. "B":- Entire Company less 1 Officer and 30 PM moved from Amance to Bayon, France. 70 - Construction of 20% Stockade near St. Loup:- 75 piles cut. Dig holes and placed poles. Strung 3 strands of wire on poles. Gate now being used for prisoners. Project 75% complete. Co. "C":- Mirecourt, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance. Hauled 2 loads of brush and 21 loads of logs from highway on Route 66. Removal of Bailey Bridge at Chatel:- 2nd story of span taken down. Removed abuts, curbs, stringers, and 2 ramps. Set launching nose on one end and set bridge on rollers. Pulled bridge 6 bays back. Project 15% complete. 38 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d'Ain:- Vertical members welded to horizontal members. Horizontal and diagonal bracing welded on completed steel reinforcements. Project 55% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

5 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance - Removed 11 logs from road shoulders and cleared mud from surface on Route N-57 between Epinal and Charmes. Removed debris, stone, and scrap metal from Route N-460 in front of 7th Army Headquarters. Removal of Bailey Bridge at Chatel:- Dismantled 150 feet of bridge and hauled 16 loads to Bailey Bridge camp. Project 60% complete. 65 - Construction of 2 Bridges on Route N-57 north of Epinal:- Set all stringers and decking. Concreted base for footing. Cleared excess material from the road and policed the area. Project 100% complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- Major part of Company spent the day setting up in new bivouac. 70 - Construction of 20% Stockade near St. Loup:- 130 Posts installed and 3,000 ft. of barbed wire strung. Project 100% complete. Co. "C":- Mirecourt, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared fallen trees from roadway on Route N-66 near Girancourt. Cleaned and improved drainage ditches on Route N-427. 38 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d'Ain:- Inverted arch cleared of debris and reinforcing structure lowered into place. Members welded in on top. Began drilling holes for dowels. Materials for concrete work assembled. Project 60% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

6 October 1944:- (continued):- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed 7 pieces of heavy mill equipment and 1 - 50' conveyor from shoulder of road on Route N-57 between Epinal and Charmes. Cleared mud from road on Route GC-10 from Chatel to Mirecourt. Removal of Bailey Bridge at Chatel:- Completed disassembling of bridge and hauling it to Engr. Dump. Project 100% complete. 65 - Construction of 2 Bridges on Route N-57 north of Epinal:- Both bridges were completed 5 October but additional work was done on Bridge #1. Guard rails were erected and approaches were asphalted. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and posted 12 road signs on Routes N-413, N-57, and GC-5. Maintenance of Mosele River bridges and approaches at Charmes:- Filled pot holes and repaired approaches to the bridge. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge and approaches at Bayon:- Repaired iron railing and filled pot holes on approaches. Preparation of site for 51st Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 8 loads of gravel on roads. Obtained necessary culvert materials and lumber for 3 water tank platforms. Co. "C":- Mirecourt, France:- 1 officer and 48 EM moved to Pont d'Ain from Mirecourt Making a total of 2 Officers and 98 EM working on the RR Bridge at Pont d' Ain. 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed 5 logs and 2 demolished vehicles from Route N-66. Improved and cleaned drainage ditches on Route GC-4 from intersection at GC-4 to Larue. 38 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d' Ain:- Brace structure in place and dowels driven. Forms for concrete constructed. Started disassembling of south reinforced structure preparatory to re-building it. Project 63% complete. Battalion Medics:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

7 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Opened drainage ditches and scraped mud from road for 10 miles on Route GC-10 toward Mirecourt. Cleared debris from road block on Route N-460. Maintenance of Roads in Class III Dump at Rapey:- Constructed entrance roads from highway GC-10 into gasoline dump. Repaired broken guard rails and maintained 24 hour traffic control of Bridge on Mosele River at Chatel. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and posted 12 road signs on Routes GC-5, N-57, and N-413. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Charmes:- Used 4 loads of gravel in repairing pot holes on approaches. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Repaired approaches by filling pot holes. Preparation of site of 51st Evac. Hosp:- Installed 6 culverts, ditched and graded roads. Hauled and spread 42 loads of gravel on road net. Cleared area for motor pool. Constructed towers for 1-3,000 gal. and 4-500 gal. water tanks. Project 50% complete. Co. "C":- Mirecourt, France:- Road Repair at 32nd Evac. Hosp:- Cleared mud and opened drainage ditches on 300' of roadway in the vicinity of the Hospital. Project 15% complete. 38 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d' Ain:- South structure disassembled and clearing completed. Construction of form for concrete begun. North structure of inverted arch welding completed. All dowels in place and concrete form lowered into position. Vertical members cut and placed. Project 70% complete. Work is now being done 24 hours a day. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

8 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Road Maintenance:- Opened drainage ditches, removed timber obstacles, and cleared mud from Route GC-10 toward Mirecourt. Maintenance of Roads in Class III Dump at Rapey:- Constructed additional entrances and repaired the interior roads of the dump. Preparation of site for the 51st Evac Hosp:- Completed setting up the water tanks, platforms. Hauled and spread 48 loads

8 October 1944:- (continued):- of rock and gravel on road net. Constructed 1-20' culvert and hauled dirt for fill. Installed 10 guard rails on culvert. Project 70% complete. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hour guard and repaired pot holes on approaches. 74 - Bridge Construction on Route N-57 1 mile north of Crevechamps:- Lebris cleared from site in preparation for abutments. Lumber hauled to site. Reconnaissance made for steel I beams. Project 30% complete. 75 - Bridge construction on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- Removed debris from underneath bridge. Swept area for mines and prepared abutments. Moved foot bridge. Project 1% complete. Co. "C":- Entire Company (less 2 officers and 48 PM at Pont d'Ain) moved from Mirecourt to Charmes, France. 78 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d'Ain:- North structure completed. All concrete poured. South structure welding completed and dowels driven. Project 7% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

9 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud, opened drainage ditches, and filled pot holes on Route GC-6 from Nomez to N-66. Maintenance of roads in Class III Pump at Rapey:- Smoothed out ruts in road net at gas dump. Preparation of site for 51st Evac. Hosp. Constructed and erected 5 guard rails and 3 frames for latrine screens. Hauled and spread 32 loads of gravel on road net. Latched and prepared 100' of walks. Hauled and spread 3 loads of cinders on walks. Project 8% complete. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control of the bridge. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Charmes:- Repaired pot holes on approaches and maintained 24 hour traffic control. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 74 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile north of Crevechamps:- Continued excavation for abutments. Cut footers and abutment sills. Hauled 13, 112 board feet of lumber to the site. Project 35% complete. 75 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- Completed removal of debris from underneath bridge and completed excavation. Hauled 12 steel I beams to the site. Project 1% complete. Co. "C":- Charmes, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Opened drainage ditches along road from Crevechamps to Route N-413. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon. Repaired pot holes on approaches and maintained 24 hour traffic control. 78 - Reinforcing of RR Bridge at Pont d'Ain:- Bridge 100% completed as of 2400 hours. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

10 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Maintenance of roads in Class III Pump at Rapey:- Frew in fill for roads and opened drainage ditches in gas dump area. Preparation of site for 51st Evac. Hosp. Constructed frames for 3 latrines. Latched and prepared 100' of walks. Hauled and spread 2 loads of cinders in walks. Constructed 4 sections of flooring 8'x10'. Constructed 15 racks for ward boxes. Project 85% complete. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hours traffic control of the bridge. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Charmes:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and repaired pot holes on approaches. Hauling material to 1st Sn. Pump:- 10 loads of lumber loaded and hauled from German Engineer Pump at (529575) to dump at 1st Sn. Hqs. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 74 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile north of Crevechamps:- Set abutment and placed 5 stringers. Started first layer of flooring. Project 70% complete. 75 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- Prepared foundation for 2 bents. Assembled materials for construction of 2 bents. Cut 20 mud sills for bents. Established center line and ran level. Project 1% complete.

10 October 1944:- (continued):- Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Loaded and hauled 8-25' I beams and 1000' of 3"x 8" lumber from Luneville to bridge sites. Co. "C":- Charmes, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Opened drainage ditches and filled pot holes on secondary route from Crevechamps to Benny to Route N-413. Cleared mud from highway south of Bayon (950850). Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and repaired pot holes and opened drainage ditches on approaches. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

11 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Maintenance of Roads in Class III Dump at Rapey:- Cut 150' of drainage ditches and improved roads in gas dump area. Preparation of site for 51st Evac. Hosp.- Constructed and placed 8 culverts for walks. Constructed and installed 41 stands for ward boxes. Constructed 5 screens frames for latrines. Hauled and spread 19 loads of gravel on road net. Project 90% complete. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Repaired pot holes on approaches. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Continued hauling lumber from German Engineer Dump (529575) to 1st Bn. Dump. Co. "B":- Bayon:- France:- 74 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile north of Crevechamps:- Completed flooring and placed curb and post for guard rail. Welded braces on stringers. Hauled and spread 4 loads of gravel on approaches. Bridge now open to traffic. Project 95% complete. 75 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- Hauled 8 loads of rock for footing. Placed sheeting and started cutting posts and caps for bents. 4,000' of 3" lumber hauled to the site. Project 20% complete. Co. "C":- 2 Officers and 98 EM moved up from Pont d'Ain to join the Company at Charmes and then the entire Company moved from Charmes to Igney, France. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

12 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Maintenance of Roads in Class III Dump at Rapey:- Continued opening of drainage ditches and improving of roads in gas dump area. Hauling material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 4 loads of lumber from German Engineer Dump (529575) to 1st Bn. Dump. Preparation of site for 51st Evac. Hosp.:- Constructed 2-4'x 8' latrines. Hauled and spread 15 loads of rock on road net. Ditched and prepared 50' of walks. Constructed and placed 6 - 6' culverts for walks. Hauled and spread 8 loads of gravel on walks. Project 90% complete. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Charmes:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and continued repairing of pot holes on approaches. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 74 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile north of Crevechamps:- Policed area around bridge and completed approaches. Project 100% complete. 75 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- 1 bent constructed and set in place. Started setting of second bent. Hauled 4 loads of material to the site. Project 30% complete. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Improved drainage ditches, removed mud and filled pot holes on Route N-57 from Charmes to Cripport, on Route N-404 from Route N-57 to Route N-413, on Route D-6 from Harcoue to Crantampy. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

13 October 1944:- Co. "A": - Spinal, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud from road and repaired bridge approaches (040575) on Route N-57. Maintenance of Roads in Class III Dump at Sapey:- Hauled and spread 23 loads of gravel on road net. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Repair of Bridge over Moselle River at Charma:- Constructed 6 mud sills and 6 caps. Constructed and placed 3 bents in position. Placed mud sill of 4th bent in position. Co. "B": - Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Repaired approaches to Bridge on Route N-57 at (907942). 75 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- Bents placed and bents completed. Project 60% complete. Co. "C": - Igney, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed mud, opened drainage ditches and filled pot holes on Route N-6 from Crevechamps to Senney. Battalion Medics: - Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters: - Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

14 October 1944:- Co. "A": - Spinal, France:- Repair of Bridge over Moselle River at Charmes:- Completed constructing and setting of 2 bents. Constructed and set 1 bent in position. Construction of 2 way 11.40 - 1 way 11.70 Bridge at Charmes:- Hauled lumber tools and equipment to the site. Project 5% complete. Co. "B": - Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Repaired approaches to bridge at (907942) 75 - Construction of Bridge on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- Placed stringers and started laying flooring. Project 30% complete. Co. "C": - Igney, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed mud from road on Route N-6 from Crevechamps to Senney. Preparation of Hospital site for 11th Evac Hosp:- Hauled and spread 29 loads of gravel on road net. Reinforcing of Bridge east of Charmes to take 50 ton load:- Dismantled bridge entirely, then reassembled it after revising existing span, inserting 2 I beams reinforced by concrete and wire. Project 100% complete. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and removed mud from approaches. Construction work for 11th Evac. Hosp:- Constructed 2 - 20' culverts and started road construction. Battalion Medics: - Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters: - Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

15 October 1944:- Co. "A": - Spinal, France:- Maintenance of Moselle River at Charmes:- Finished construction and placing of 6 new bents completing reinforcement. 77 - Construction of 2 way 11.40 - 1 way 11.70 Bridge at Charmes:- Surveyed center line and reference points. Piles driven for shore abutment and 1st span. Project 10% complete. Co. "B": - Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Opened drainage ditches and filled pot holes on Route N-57 from Crevechamps to Flavigny. 75 - Construction of Bridges on Route N-57 1 mile south of Flavigny:- Completed flooring, railing and mud dams. Project 100% complete. Co. "C": - Igney, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Opened drainage ditches and removed mud from Route N-6 between Crevechamps and Senney. Preparation of site for 11th Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 6 loads of rock on road net. Started construction of foundation for shower using 4 loads of gravel. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and continued removing of mud from approaches. Construction work for 11th Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 6 1/2 yds. of gravel on road net. Constructed 2 - 22' culverts. Completed digging of drainage ditches. Battalion Medics: - Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters: - Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

16 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Charmes:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and continued removing mud from approaches. 77 - Construction of 2 way Cl.40 1 way Cl.70 Bridge at Charmes:- Drove 15 piling. Cut necessary lumber for hand rails. Cut 50 % of steel I beam stringers. Project 15 % complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud, opened drainage ditches filled pot holes, and posted 12 signs on Route N-57 from Crevechamps to Flavigny. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed mud from Route D-6 between Crevechamps and Benney. Preparation of Site for 51st Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 20 loads of cinders and gravel on road net. Construction Work for 11th Evac. Hosp:- Constructed 2 - 22' culverts. Hauled and spread 70 loads of gravel on road net. Construction of approaches on Co. "A" Bridge at Charmes:- Obtained material and started cribbing approaches. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

17 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Charmes:- Maintained 24 hours traffic control. The Moselle River being in a flooded stage due to heavy rains washed out the bridge at 1315 hours and it was at that time closed to traffic. 77 - Construction of 2 way Cl.40 1 way Cl.70 Bridge at Charmes:- Placed stringers on span of east shore. Drove 7 piles. Project 20 % complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and posted 6 road signs on Route N-57 from Charmes to Bayon to Flavigny. Construction Work for 11th Evac. Hosp:- Constructed and placed 2 box culverts. Hauled and spread 67 loads of gravel on road net. Hauling of Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 5 loads of lumber and 5 steel I beams to 1st Bn. Dump. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and repaired pot holes on bridge approaches. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud, drained water from road, and filled pot holes on Route GC-5 from Charmes to Route N-413. Preparation of Site for 51st Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 32 loads of cinders on foot paths. 3 loads of gravel spread in area of water tanks. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Cleared mud from approaches and maintained 24 hour traffic control. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters: Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

18 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 77 - Construction of 2 way Cl.70 1 way Cl.40 Bridge at Charmes:- Filled abutement on east shore span that was washed out by rising river. Completed double flooring on 1st span. Drove 3 piling to complete 3rd bent. Set 14 - 10" I beams in place. Continued cutting steel for I beams and welding flanges. Project 20 % complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and posted 2 road signs on Route N-57 from Charmes to Bayon to Flavigny. Construction Work for 11th Evac Hosp:- Hauled and spread 58 loads of gravel on road net. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 4 trlr. loads of assorted lumber to the 1st Bn. Dump. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Filled pot holes on approaches and maintained 24 hour traffic control. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and improved drainage on Route GC-5 from Charmes to Route N-413. Hauled and spread 16 loads of gravel in gas dump at Charmes. Hauled and spread 12 loads of gravel on road net at ASD near Bayon. Preparation of Site for 51st Evac. Hosp:- Improved drainage. Hauled and spread 7 loads of cinders on foot paths. Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- The river being in a flooded stage due to heavy rain washed out the bridge and closed it to traffic at 0830 hours. Removed part of bridge (old) and cleared and pre-

18 October 1944:- (continued) pared site for new bridge. Construction of Bridge over Canal at Chatel:- Removed flooring and stringers from old bridge. Placed braces on old bents. Removed debris from the stream and hauled material to the site. Project 25% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

19 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 77 - Construction of 2 way Cl.40 1 way Cl.70 Bridge at Charmes:- Bridge is to be raised 4 feet in height. Removed 2 complete spans for future construction. Project 5% complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud and improved drainage on Route N-413 from Mirecourt to intersection at Route N-404. Hauled and spread 7 loads of gravel on road net of ASP near Bayon. Hauled and spread 6 loads of gravel on road net of gas dump at Charmes. Construction work for 11th Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 53 loads of gravel on road net. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 4 loads of assorted lumber to 1st Bn. Dump. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and repaired pot holes on approaches. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- Preparation of Site for 51st Evac. Hosp. Hauled and spread 10 yds. of cinders on foot paths. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Hauled 14 piles to the site. Drove 7 piles. Constructed template for holding piles in position. Construction of Bridge over Canal at Chatel:- Constructed 1 complete trestle and 3/4 of 2nd trestle. Constructed 2 abutment sills. Project 35% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

20 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Construction of 2 way Cl.40 1 way Cl.70 Bridge at Charmes was discontinued per VOCC. Materials were hauled from Charmes to Bridge site at Chatel. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed mud and improved drainage on Route N-404 from Route N-57 to Route N-413. Hauled and spread 15 loads of gravel on road net of gas dump in Charmes. Hauled and spread 6 loads of gravel on road net of ASP near Bayon. Preparation of Site for 51st Evac. Hosp. Constructed and installed 1 culvert. Hauled and spread 78 loads of gravel on road net. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 5 loads of lumber and steel I beams to 1st Bn. Dump. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Revetted fill. Hauled and spread 6 loads of gravel on approaches. Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 88 - Reconstruct Canal Bridge at Nomexy:- Completed 1 trestle. Secured and placed in position 24 steel I beams. Placed 6"x 6" wooden stringers, Laid 4" of decking. Project 45% complete. 89 - Repair of Bridge over Mosele River at Chatel:- Constructed 2-9 1/2" caps. Cut 4 piling to size for caps. at 0340 hours the original bent slipped 7 inches and flooring and guard rails had to be ripped up. Project 20% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

21 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Installation of Bailey Bridge over Mosele River at Charmes:- Removed dirt and stone in preparation for box cribs. Started construction of 2 box cribs. Hauled 4 loads of rock for fill. Hauled Bailey Bridge material from dump to site at Charmes. Project 25% complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control and repaired pot holes on approaches. 89 - Repair of Mosele River at Chatel:- Removed railing and tread from one side of the bridge. Constructed templates for piling. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 88 - Reconstruct Canal Bridge at Nomexy:- Installed guard rails, cribbing, and decking. Hauled 6 yds. of gravel for approaches. Project 90% complete. 89 - Repair of Mosele River

21 October 1944:- (continued) Bridge at Chatel:- Drove 16 piles. Cut and placed 1 sill for trestle bent. Dug abutement and laid footers. Relaid 9 stringers. Project 30 % complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

22 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- A 2½ ton trk. ran over a German Teller Mine in the gravel quarry at Charmes. Truck was partially demolished but the driver escaped uninjured. Installation of Bailey Bridge over Mosele River at Charmes:- Completed 1 - 4' x 6' x 20' bent. Hauled 30 loads of rock for fill. Completed assembly of 90' of Bailey Bridge. Project 50 % complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- Hauling of Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 3,000 ft. of 3"x 9" lumber to 1st Bn. Dump. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. 89 - Repair of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Removed top layer of flooring and drove 14 piles. Constructed 2 bents and lengthened abutement. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 88 - Reconstruct Canal Bridge at Nomexy:- Completed filling approaches with stone, gravel and asphalt. Project 100 % complete. 89 - Repair of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Drove 18 piles. Constructed template for double bent. Started the disassembling of braces on old bents and piling. Dug abutement for abutement sills. Project 45 % complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

23 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- Installation of Bailey Bridge at Charmes:- Constructed 2nd crib and completed fill. Completed assembly of Bailey Bridge and launched same. Constructed hand rail on upstream side of bridge. Project 90 % complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 1725' of 3"x 9" lumber to 1st Bn. Dump. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Repair of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Drove 18 piles. Lined up, braced and cut piles for 6 bents. Removed necessary stringers from old structure. Cut caps on old structure to fit new structure. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- Repair of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Laid 22 steel stringers and placed sway braces on 3 bents. Cut 7 posts and 7 caps. Project 60 % complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

24 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Maintenance of 51st Evac. Hosp. Hauled and spread 14 loads of gravel and 10 loads of rubble on road net. 91 - Installation of Bailey Bridge over Mosele River at Charmes:- Continued lowering of bridge into position. Hauled excess steel and lumber to 1st Bn. Dump. Project 95% complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Laid stringers and completed laying caps. Installed nailing strips and started laying flooring. Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- Completed placing, nailing strips and spreaders on "C" Co. section of Bridge. Erected end dam in position and put beams in place. Removed flooring from 1 span and set 9 stringers. Placed angle iron braces on 3 bents. Removed 4 spans of old flooring and decking and began installation of permanent decking. Loaded and removed 2 loads of rubble from bridge approaches. Project 80 % complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

25 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Maintenance of 51st Evac. Hosp:- Opened drainage ditches. Hauled and spread 18 loads of rock on road net. Establishing of Cinder and Gravel Stock-Piles:- Established 15 gravel piles on Route N-57 between Epinal and Chatel. 91 - Installation of Bailey Bridge over Moselle River at Charmes:- Completed assembling and lowering of bridge into position. Leveled approaches and hauled excess material to Engr. Dump. The Bridge was opened to traffic at 0300 hours. Project 100% complete. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Replaced shims on bridge. 3 loads of rock hauled and placed on upstream side of crib pier. Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Repair of Moselle River bridge at Chatel:- Completed laying of stringers and installing of nailing strips. 70% of bracing completed. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- Engr. Work for Ord. Pool at Nomexy:- With aid of E-7 dozer constructed and entrance through the wall. Project 20% complete. Repair of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Laid 1 footer and 3 posts to replace pile bent. Constructed 2 log cribs and placed them around bents. Laid 700 sq. ft. of bottom decking and 1200 sq. ft. of top decking. Hauled 6 loads of 3" planking to the bridge site. Project 35% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

26 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Maintenance of 51st Evac. Hosp. Hauled and spread 132 loads of gravel on road net. Reinforced water tower. 33 - Painting of 2 Bridges on Route N-57 north of Golbey:- Painted guard rails of both bridges. Project 100% complete. 33 - Maintenance of Bailey Bridge over Moselle River at Charmes:- Erected guard rail bumpers on both ends of the bridge. Continued hauling excess material to 1st Bn. Dump. 90 - Establishing of Cinder and Gravel Stock-Piles:- Established 12 - 2 yd. piles on route N-57 between Epinal and Charmes. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained approaches and placed 3 loads of rock in front of middle bent on upstream side. Maintained 24 hour traffic control. 33 - Removal of Curb and Leveling of Floor on Canal Bridge at Bayon:- Curb removed and floor leveled. Width of Bridge is now 22' from curb to curb. Project 100% complete. Repair of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Completed laying of flooring and curbing. Started construction of railing. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- Engr. Work for Ord. Pool at Nomexy:- Widened inlet road and cleared concrete floor. Project 100% complete. Repair of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Placed 14 steel sway braces on double bent. Completed laying flooring and curbing. Installed hand railing. Started bracing of cribbing around 1 bent. Project 70% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

27 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Maintenance of 51st Evac. Hosp. Constructed Ambulance Turnaround. Started construction of sidewalk. 300' completed. 33 - Maintenance of Bailey Bridge at Charmes:- Jacked down bridge to specified height. Constructed footing for reinforcing bents. Assembled materials and started construction of bents. 33 - Removal of debris on downstream side of Bridge at Charmes: Started clearing of debris from Canal Channel. 33 - Maintenance of Vehicle Ord. Depot at Nomexy:- Opened drainage ditches. Constructed and corduroyed entrance road into park from main road. Constructed gate at exit road. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 1-20 ton trlr. load of steel from Bridge at Bayon to 1st Bn. Dump. 90 - Establishing of Cinder and Gravel Stock-Piles:- Established 10-2 yd. piles on Route N-57 between Epinal and Charmes. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- 9 loads of rock hauled and placed around center crib of the bridge. Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Construction Work for 9th Evac. Hosp. Inspected wiring and sewage system. Hauled lumber and

27 October 1944:- (continued) started construction of latrine boxes. Project 15 % complete. Repair of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Completed bracing on east side of bridge. Stacked excess material at bridge site. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Removal of German Bridge from upstream side of Chatel Bridge:- Cut bridge into sections to be hauled from the river. Repair of Mosele River Bridge:- (Chatel). Placed steel braces on 3 spans. Placed 4 cribs around trestles. Retailed flooring. Project 95 % complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

28 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Maintenance of 51st Evac. Hosp. Constructed 700' of sidewalk forms. Completed Ambulance turnaround. 33 - Maintenance of Bailey bridge at Charmes:- Maintained 24 hours traffic control. 33 - Removal of debris from side of Canal Bridge at Charmes:- Erected east reinforcing bent. Replaced cleats on ramp tread. Completed dredging of Canal with drag line. 33 - Maintenance of Road Net in Vehicle Ord. Depot at Nomexy:- Completed 2 entrances into Vehicle Pool. Removed mud from roads adjacent to the pool. 90 - Establishing Cinder and Gravel Stockpiles:- Established 23 - 2 yd. cinder piles on Route N-57 Between Igney and Nomexy. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Repaired approaches to bridge on Route N-57 at (907941). Removed portion of the approach and replaced it with large rock. 33 - Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Hauled and placed 38 loads of rock around cribbed bents. Removed debris from upstream side of the bridge. Construction work for 9th Evac. Hosp.- Constructed and placed 6 latrine boxes. Started construction of stairway. Project 35 % complete. Maintenance of 11th Evac. Hosp.- Opened drainage and culverts. Filled pot holes on road net. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 1200 sq. ft. of 3" lumber to the 1st Bn. Dump. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- Removal of German Bridge from upstream side of Chatel Bridge:- Removed 6 sections of the bridge from the river. Repair of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Placed 2 cribs on bents. Continued construction of additional bents. Placed 25 loads of rock in cribs. Placed loading signs on bridge. Hauled 80 poles to the site to be used for cribbing. Project 95 % complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

29 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Maintenance of 51st Evac. Hosp. Constructed 700' of sidewalk forms. Filled 250' with gravel. 33 - Maintenance of Bailey Bridge at Charmes:- Continued general maintenance of the bridge. 33 - Removal of debris from downstream side of Canal Bridge at Charmes:- Started salvage of old bridge. 39 - Maintenance of Road Net at Ord. Vehicle Depot at Nomexy:- Constructed 3 culverts and placed 2 guard posts on end of culverts. Cut 300' of 6" timber for corduroy. Scraped mud from main road of the depot. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed mud from road and posted 2 road signs on Route N-57 near Nouville. 33 - Maintenance of 11th Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and placed 3 loads of rock in ruts of road net. 33 - Maintenance of Mosele River Bridge at Bayon:- Hauled and placed 30 loads of large rock around cribbed bents. Construction work for 9th Evac. Hosp:- Completed constructing and placing of stairway. Constructed and placed 6 latrine boxes. Replaced black-out frames in 20 windows. Project 60 % complete. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 400' of 12"x 12" lumber to the dump. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Removal of German Bridge from upstream side of Chatel Bridge:- Removed 2 sections of bridge from the river. Project 75 % complete. 33 - Refloored small Canal Bridge at Nomexy:- Project 100% complete. 33 - Engr. work for 93rd Ord. at Nomexy:- Removed 200 tons of steel from parking area. Project 10 % complete. Repair of Mosele River Bridge at Chatel:- Started construction of 5 cribs. Placed braces on 4 spans. Hauled and placed 25 loads of rock in cribs. Project 95 % complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

30 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Cleared mud from roads in city of Charmes. 33 - Maintenance of 1st Evac. Hosp:- Constructed and filled 200' of sidewalk form. 33 - Maintenance of Bailey Bridge at Charmes:- Continued general maintenance of the bridge. 33 - Removal of debris from downstream side of Bridge at Charmes:- Continued salvage of demolished bridge. Project 70% complete. 99 - Maintenance of Road Net in Ord. Vehicle Depot at Nomexy:- Constructed 6 culverts and placed 2. Constructed guard posts. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- Road Maintenance:- Continued removing of mud from road near Nouville. 33 - Maintenance of 11th Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 26 loads of gravel on road net. 33 - Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Hauled and placed 12 loads of large rock in cribbed bents. Construction work for 9th Evac. Hosp:- Constructed and placed 6 latrine boxes. Constructed 40 frames for blacking out windows. Project 70% complete. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 3 - 8 ton trir. loads of lumber to 1st Bn. Dump. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Removal of German bridge from upstream side of Chatel Bridge:- Removed 1 3/4 spans of old bridge from river. Project 85% complete. 33 - Engr. Work for 93rd Ord. at Nomexy:- Removed 100 ton of scrap iron from parking area. Project 15% complete. Repair of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Placed 4 cribs in river around bents. Erected 2 chutes for filling cribs. Hauled and placed 35 loads of rock in cribs. Placed steel arces. Project 95% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

31 October 1944:- Co. "A":- Epinal, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Removed debris from road on Route N-57 in Charmes. 33 - Maintenance of 1st Evac. Hosp:- Constructed and filled 200 ft. of sidewalk forms with gravel. 33 - Maintenance of Bailey Bridge at Charmes:- Continued general maintenance. 33 - Removal of debris from downstream side of Canal Bridge at Charmes:- Continued salvage of demolished bridge. Project 75% complete. 90 - Establishing of Cinder and Gravel Stock-Pile:- Replied cinders between Golbey and Nomexy. Established 20 cinder piles on Route N-57 between Vincey and Charmes. 99 - Maintenance of Road Net in Ord. Vehicle Depot at Nomexy:- Hauled and spread 24 loads of gravel on road net. Constructed 3 culverts. Co. "B":- Bayon, France:- 33 - Road Maintenance:- Opened drainage ditches and cleared mud on Route N-57 from Charmes to Bayon. 33 - Maintenance of 11th Evac. Hosp:- Hauled and spread 42 loads of gravel on road net. 33 - Maintenance of Moselle River Bridge at Bayon:- Maintained 24 hour traffic control. Construction work for 9th Evac. Hosp:- Completed 6 latrines. Made black-out frames for 47 windows. Project 75% complete. Hauling Material to 1st Bn. Dump:- Hauled 1 - 20 ton trir. load of steel I beams to 1st Bn. Dump at Igney. Repair of Moselle River bridge at Chatel:- Hauled and placed 23 loads of rock in cribs around bents. Co. "C":- Igney, France:- 33 - Removal of German bridge from upstream side of Chatel bridge:- Removed remainder of old bridge from the river. Project 100% complete. 33 - Engr. Work for 93rd Ord. at Nomexy:- Hauled and spread 10 loads of gravel on entrance road. Removed 200 ton of scrap metal from parking area. Project 15% complete. Repair of Moselle River Bridge at Chatel:- Placed 2 cribs in river around bents. Hauled and placed 37 loads of rock in cribs. Project 95% complete. Battalion Medics:- Charmes, France:- Normal first aid duties. Battalion Headquarters:- Charmes, France:- Normal administrative duties.

2. Battalion Strength:

a. Battalion strength as of 1 October 1944:

Officers - 20
Unlisted Personnel - 603

b. Battalion strength as of 31 October 1944:

Officers - 17
Unlisted Personnel - 585

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