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HEADQUARTERS 1142D ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP
APO 339, U.S. Army

19 Jan 45

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Unit History.

TO : Commanding General, Ninth United States Army, APO 339.

1. Transmitted herewith the History of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group.

For the Commanding Officer:

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Captain, CE
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1 Incl.
History of Hq & Hq Co, 1142d Engr C Gp.

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HEADQUARTERS 1142D ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP
APO 339, c/o PM, New York, N.Y.

17 January 1945

SUBJECT: History of Headquarters and Headquarters Company,
1142d Engineer Combat Group.

TO : The Historical Section, Army War College,
Washington 25, D.C.

THRU : The Adjutant General, United States Army,
Washington 25, D.C.

1. Under the provisions of AR 345-105 and change No 4
thereto, the history of this unit for the calendar year 1944
is hereby submitted.

- a. Original Unit: Completed.
- b. Changes in Organization: See Annex No I.
- c. Strength (Commissioned and Enlisted): See Annex No II.
- d. Stations: See Annex No III.
- e. Campaigns: Official approval for participation
in German Campaign not yet received.
- f. Battles: None.
- g. Commanding Officers in Important Engagements: None.
- h. Losses In Action: None.
- i. Former and present Members who have distinguished
themselves in action: None.
- j. Photographs: None.
- k. Narrative History:

MTP Training was continued during January 1944
and on the 21st of February, Headquarters and Headquarters
Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group, successfully completed
its MTP Tests.

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Ltr, this Hq, sub: History of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group, 17 Jan 45, cont'd.

On 23d of February, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group moved by motor convoy from Camp Crowder, Missouri to the Tennessee Maneuver Area, arriving on the 25th of February.

From 26 February to 24 March, the unit participated in Operations 5, 6, 7 and 8 in the Tennessee Maneuvers. These included two crossings of the Cumberland River, one of which was made under very difficult flood conditions.

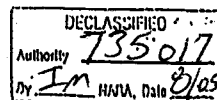
On the permanent closing of the Tennessee Maneuver Area in March, the 1142d Engineer Combat Group was given the mission of rehabilitating the Maneuver Area. For this work, the 81st, 101st, 182d, 244th, 245th, 253d, 276th and 303d Engineer Combat Battalions were initially attached to the 1142d Engineer Combat Group on 24 March 1944. The attachment of the 81st, 101st and 303d Engineer Combat Battalions ceased on 7 April 1944; and the attachment of the 182d on 21 April 1944. To replace the 182d, the 256th Engineer Combat Battalion was attached and immediately took over the area of responsibility of the 182d.

The rehabilitation project was completed on 31 May 1944. As completed, it included 148 bridges repaired or rebuilt; 1475 miles of road graded and ditched; 507 miles of shoulder bladed; and 452 miles of road graveled. Materials used included 204,760 board feet of lumber; 8245 yards of gravel; 31,078 yards of crushed rock; 28 tons of sand and 639 sacks of cement. In addition to road and bridge rehabilitation, considerable work was done on dismantling temporary buildings, quarry operation and salvage of materials.

From 1 June 1944 to 20 August 1944, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group was stationed at Camp Campbell, Kentucky, and was actively engaged in the supervision of training of two Engineer Combat Battalions, one Treadway Bridge Company, one Light Ponton Company and one Maintenance Company (See Annex I); including their preparation for overseas movement. During this period, Hq and Hq Co, 1142d Engineer Combat Group also completed its own preparation for overseas movement and supervised the cadre training, receipt of fillers and initiation of training programs for three Treadway Bridge Companies. (See Annex I).

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Ltr, this Hq, sub: History of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group, 17 Jan 45, cont'd.

On 28 August 1944, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group sailed from Boston, Massachusetts for an overseas station, and landed at Liverpool, England on 6 September 1944. Immediately after debarkation, the unit moved by rail to Bournemouth, England and arrived there on 7 September 1944. The Group was temporarily attached to XIII Corps under Ninth United States Army.

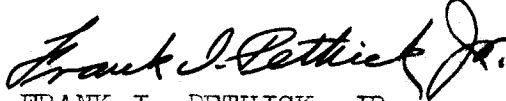
On 25 September, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group embarked at Weymouth, England on an LST, and landed in France at "Omaha" Beach on 26 September 1944. Upon arrival on the continent, the Group was assigned to First United States Army. The unit went into bivouac at Les Pieux, France to complete staging under the supervision of the III Corps.

On 6 October, the unit moved by motor convoy across France to Belgium- going into bivouac at Kinroy, Belgium on 9 October and joining the XIX Corps to which it had been attached on 8 October.

The unit moved on 10 October to the vicinity Aelbeek, Holland. On 13 October, the Group became operative with the 208th Engineer Combat Battalion and the 990th Engineer Treadway Bridge Company attached. At this time, the 1142d Engineer Combat Group assumed responsibility for maintenance of the Corps supply routes in the operations of the XIX Corps against the Siegfried Line in the Siege of Aachen. This assignment consisted of road maintenance and bridge construction.

On 15 October 1944, the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1142d Engineer Combat Group was relieved from attachment to XIX Corps, but continued to act in support of XIX Corps under First United States Army control.

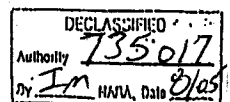
From 22 October until the end of the year, the 1142d Engineer Combat Group operated in the Army area of the Ninth United States Army, performing road and bridge maintenance and general engineer work in its area of responsibility. For a complete recapitulation of troop attachments during the year 1944 See Annex I.


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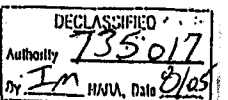
CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

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CHANGE AND AUTHORITY

DATE	PLACE	UNIT	CHANGE AND AUTHORITY
29 Jan 44	Gp Crowder, Mo	11th Engr C Bn	Trfd from XVI Corps & 1142D Engr C Gp to Tenn man area (Temp ch of sta) While in TMA trfd to Fla & subsequently to XIII Corps. (Copy of orders not available at this Hq)
24 Mar 44	Tenn man A	81st Engr C Bn 101st Engr C Bn 182D Engr C Bn 244th Engr C Bn 245th Engr C Bn 253rd Engr C Bn 276th Engr C Bn 303rd Engr C Bn	Atch'd 1142D Engr C Gp for rehabilitation of Tennessee Maneuver Area. Auth: VOCCG, 2D Army. (Copy of confirming order not available this Hq.)
7 Apr 44	Tenn man A	81st, 101st and 303rd Engr C Bns	Relieved of attachment to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: VOCCG, 2D Army.
20 Apr 44	Tenn man A	256th Engr C Bn	Atch'd 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: TWX, 2D Army.
21 Apr 44	Tenn man A	182D Engr C Bn	Trfd fr XVI Corps & 1142D Engr C Gp to ASF & 6th Sv Command, Cp Ellis, Ill. Auth: SO 110 Man Dir Hq 2D A & 1tr, Hq AGF, AG 370.5 (15 Apr 44) OB-S-GNGCT-M 17 Apr 44.
3 May 44	Tenn man A	Hq & Hq Co, 1142D Engr C Gp	Trfd fr XVI Corps to XXII Corps & asgd permanent sta at Cp Campbell, Ky. Auth: SO 140, Man Dir Hq, 2D A dtd 29 May 44 & TWX 2D A.
30 May 44	Tenn man A	244th, 245th, 253D 256th, 276th Engr C Bns relv'd of atchtmt 1142D Engr C Gp.	Returned to home stations. Auth: TWX 2D Army. (Copy of confirming orders not available at this Hq.)
31 May 44	Cp Campbell Ky	253rd Engr C Bn, 1000th Engr Tdwy Br Co	Atch'd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: GO 24 XXII Corps.
14 Jun 44	Cp Campbell	285th Engr C Bn 980th Engr Maint Co	Atch'd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: GO 28 XXII Corps.

ANNEX I



CHANGES IN ORGANIZATION

CHANGE AND AUTHORITY

DATE	PLACE	UNIT	CHANGE AND AUTHORITY
20 Jun 44	Cp Campbell Ky	1016th Engr Tdwy Br Co	Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth GO 29 XXII Corps.
21 Jun 44	Cp Campbell Ky	1017th Engr Tdwy Br Co	Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth GO 30 XXII Corps.
3 Jun 44	Cp Campbell Ky	1023rd Engr Tdwy Br Co 2949th Engr Tech Int Team (C)	Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth GO 31 XXII Corps.
10 Jul 44	Cp Campbell, Ky	74th Engr Lt Pon Co	Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth GO 32 XXII Corps
31 Jul 44	Cp Campbell Ky	1142D Engr C Gp & atcd units as follows: 253rd Engr C Bn 285th Engr C Bn 74th Engr Lt Pon Co 980th Engr Maint Co 1000th Engr Tdwy Br Co 1016th Engr Tdwy Br Co 1017th Engr Tdwy Br Co 1023rd Engr Tdwy Br Co	Atchd to 2D A. Reid fr attachment to XXII Corps eff midnight 29-30 Jul 44. Auth: Ltr Orders No S-7-3 Hq 2D A dtd 31 Jul 44.
20 Aug 44	Cp Campbell Ky	Hq & Hq Co 1142D Engr C Gp	Left this sta for staging area Boston POE. Auth: SO 207 Hq Sp Trps 2D A, Cp Campbell, Ky. All attachments ceased.
7 Sep 44	Bournemouth England	Hq & Hq Co 1142D Engr C Gp	Arrived at this sta to acquire supplies & equipment. Atchd to 9th A. Troop assignments 108 FFOUSA dtd 15 Sep 44.
7 Sep 44	Bournemouth England	1353rd Engr Dp Trk Co 1354th Engr Dp Trk Co 1368th Engr Dp Trk Co 1369th Engr Dp Trk Co 1370th Engr Dp Trk Co	Atchd to Gp this date per Ltr Order 332 CG, HQ, XIII Corps. Atchd until receipt of movement orders.

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18-23 Bournemouth 1353rd Engr Dp Trk Co Dp Trk Co's detached fr Gp, as per above ltr.
 Sep 44 England 1354th Engr Dp Trk Co
 1368th Engr Dp Trk Co
 1369th Engr Dp Trk Co
 1370th Engr Dp Trk Co

5 Sep 44 Les Pieux Hq & Hq Co, 1142D ReId assignment to 9th A, ass'd. to 1st A. Auth: Troop
 France Engr C Gp Assignment 119th 1st A. Troop Assignment 39 9th A.

9 Oct 44 Kinroy Hq & Hq Co, 1142D Atchd to XIX Corps. Auth: VOCC 1st A.
 Belgium Engr C Gp

13 Oct 44 Aelbeek 208th Engr C Bn Atchd to Gp. Auth: Engr Memo 2 Hq XIX Corps dtd 12 Oct 44.
 Holland 990th Engr Tdwy Br Co

15 Oct 44 Aelbeek Hq & Hq Co, 1142D ReId attachment XIX Corps, atchd 1st A. Auth: Troop
 Holland Engr C Gp Assignment 126 Hq 1st A, dtd 13 Oct 44.
 208th Engr C Bn
 990th Engr Tdwy Br Co

20 Oct 44 Aelbeek 990th Engr Tdwy Br Co ReId attachment 1142D Engr C Gp by attachment to V Corps. Auth:
 Holland Engr Operations Order 116 Hq, 1st A, dtd 21 Oct 44.

22 Oct 44 New Elinde Hq & Hq Co, 1142D ReId assignment to 1st US Army & asgd to 9th US Army. Auth:
 Holland Engr C Gp Troop assignment 88 Hq, 12th A Gp dtd 21 Oct 44.

24 Oct 44 New Elinde 172D Engr C Bn Attached to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: Troop assignment 49
 Holland

25 Oct 44 Sichen 625th Engr Lt E Co Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: Troop assignment 53 Hq,
 Belgium

1 Nov 44 Sichen 251st Engr C Bn Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: Troop assignment 51, Hq
 Belgium 9th US A dtd 3 Nov 44 & par 16 Troop assignment 52 Hq, 9th
 US A, dtd 6 Nov 44.

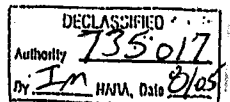
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7 Nov 44	Sichen, Bel	251st Engr C Bn	Repld attachment 1142D Engr C Gp by attachment to XIII Corps. Auth: Troop Assignment, 52 Hq, 9th US A, dtd 6 Nov 44.
17 Dec 44	Heer, Holland	1355th Dp Trk Co	Reid Attachment XVI Corps. Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: Engr Operations Order 109, dtd 17 Dec 44, Hq 9th US A.
17 Dec 44	Heer, Holland	1503rd Water Sup Co	Atchd 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: Engr Operations Order 109, dtd 17 Dec 44, Hq 9th US A.
23 Dec 44	Heer, Holland	278th Engr C Bn	Atchd to 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: Engr Operations Order 115, dtd 23 Dec 44, Hq 9th US A.
26 Dec 44	Laurensberg Germany	172D Engr C Bn	Reid of attachment 1142D Engr C Gp. Auth: Engr Operations Order 119, dtd 26 Dec 44, Hq 9th US Army.



RECRUITING, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED

DATE	OFFICERS				ENLISTED MEN			
	APPOINTED	REMOVED	NET GAIN	NET LOSS	APPOINTED	APPROVED	NET GAIN	NET LOSS
31 Jan 44	12	0	0	0	80	6	6	0
29 Feb 44	12	6	6	0	80	0	0	6
31 Mar 44	13	6	1	0	68	7	0	5
30 Apr 44	13	3	0	3	70	9	4	0
31 May 44	12	21	17	0	69	0	0	10
30 June 44	11	5	0	17	66	1	0	2
31 Jul 44	14	5	3	0	70	0	3	0
31 Aug 44	16	0	0	3	64	0	0	6
30 Sep 44	16	0	0	0	66	0	2	0
31 Oct 44	15	0	0	1	65	0	0	1
30 Nov 44	15	0	0	0	64	0	0	1
31 Dec 44	15	0	0	0	65	0	1	0

ANNEX II

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STATIONS

STATION	PERMANENT OR TEMPORARY	DATE OF		REMARKS
		ARRIVAL	DEPARTURE	
Camp Crowder, Missouri	Permanent	1 Jan 44	23 Feb 44	MTP Training
Tennessee Maneuver Area	Temporary	25 Feb 44	31 May 44	Ops 5, 6, 7, & 8 in Tenn Man 26 Feb, 24 Mar 44. Supervising rehabilitation work in maneuver area 25 Mar 44-31 May 44.
Camp Campbell, Kentucky	Permanent	1 Jun 44	20 Aug 44	Departed Cp Campbell Ky 0100 20 Aug 44. During this period supervised tng of two combat battalions; 1 tdwy br Co; 1 Lt Pon Co; 1 Maint Co & cadres for three Tdwy Br Co's.
Camp Miles Standish, Mass.	Temporary	21 Aug 44	29 Aug 44	Staging
U.S.S. "Mariposa"	Temporary	29 Aug 44	7 Sep 44	Movement overseas.
Bournemouth, England	Temporary	7 Sep 44	24 Sep 44	Staging
Vic St Laurent France	Temporary	26 Sep 44	28 Sep 44	Staging
Vic Les Pleux France	Temporary	28 Sep 44	6 Oct 44	Staging
Vic Kinroy Belgium	Temporary	9 Oct 44	10 Oct 44	Joined XIX Corps
Vic Aelbeek, Holland	Temporary	10 Oct 44	21 Oct 44	Duty with XIX Corps
New Elnde, Holland	Temporary	21 Oct 44	25 Oct 44	Duty with XIX Corps. 22 Oct duty with 9th Army.
Ichen, Belgium	Temporary	25 Oct 44	15 Nov 44	Duty with 9th Army.
Heer, Holland	Temporary	15 Nov 44	24 Dec 44	Duty with 9th Army.
Laurensberg, Germany	Temporary	24 Dec 44	-----	Duty with 9th Army.

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of After Action Report.

TO : The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D.C.

THRU : Commanding General, Ninth U.S. Army, APO 339.

1. Transmitted herewith After Action Report, 1142d Engineer Combat Group, for January 1945.
2. Form used: Form 19, pages 120-121, FM 101-5.

For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS, 1142D ENGINEER COMBAT GROUP
APO 339, US Army

AFTER ACTION REPORT

No. 3

4 February 1945
Laurensburg, Germany

MAPS: GSGS 4336, Sheet No 9, Scale 1:100,000.
GSGS 4416, Sheet R-1, Scale 1:100,000.
GSGS 4416, Sheet S-1, Scale 1:100,000.

1. Not applicable.
2. a. Not applicable.
b. See Overlay No 1.
c. Not applicable.
d. Throughout the month of January 1945, Hq and Hq Co, 1142D Engr C Group was actively engaged in the supervision of general and special engineer work in its assigned area of responsibility in the Army area of the Ninth United States Army.

During the month the following units were attached to this command.

278th Engr C Bn atchd to this Group throughout the month.

336th Engr C Bn atchd to this Group on 26 Jan 45.

277th Engr C Bn atchd to this Group on 4 Jan 45 and relieved 14 Jan 45.

172nd Engr C Bn atchd to this Group on 19 Jan 45. Relieved on 22 Jan 45 on TD for tng at the Ninth Army Floating Bridge Sch. Re-atc'd to this Group on 31 Jan 45.

208th Engr C Bn atchd to this Group throughout the month. Relieved 31 Jan 45 on TD for Tng at the Ninth Army Floating Bridge Sch.

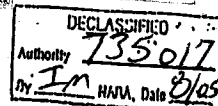
625th Engr Light Equipment Co atchd to this Group throughout the month.

1355th Engr Dump Truck Co atchd to this Group throughout the month.

1503rd Engr Water Supply Co atchd to this Group throughout the month.

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The 1142D Engr C Group continued to operate in the area of responsibility asgd to it on 22 Dec 44. (For areas of responsibility and locations of Command Posts, see atchd Overlay No 1.)

In addition to its continuous mission of conducting all engineer work required in its asgd area, Hq and Hq Co, 1142D Engr C Group received numerous additional task assignments, both in and outside of its asgd area, from the Engineer, Ninth United States Army. A complete recapitulation of these additional assignments is included in Annex 1 to this report.

On 10 Jan 1945, the 1142D Engr C Group was made available on Army order for employment as Infantry in the XIX Corps reserve in the event of an enemy threat, either from the NE or SE, in the Z of the XIX Corps. Detailed plans were worked out by the Group Staff in conjunction with the Staff of the 2D TD Group of the XIX Corps, to which it was contemplated the 1142D Engr C Group would be attached, for the movement of the components of the Group to Concentration Area. Reconnaissance of the area involved was made by the Group and Battalion Staffs. As of the 31 Jan 45, no enemy threat had developed that required the 1142D Engr C Group to be ordered into reserve.

e. Combat Efficiency: Excellent.

f. Results of operations during period: Principal and secondary routes maintained and general engineer work conducted in assigned area. Additional assigned tasks completed as shown in Annex 1.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE:

a. Status of strength of Hq and Hq Co and replacements needed: the strength of the unit as of 312400 January 1945 was 67 enlisted men, 16 officers and 1 officer atchd.

b. Casualties:

Killed	- 0	Sick	- 0
Gassed	- 0	Wounded	- 0
Captured	- 0	Missing	- 0

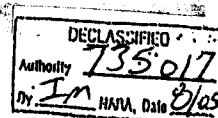
c. Prisoners captured: None.

d. Evacuation: Normal.

e. Location of supply and evacuation establishments of interest: Not applicable.

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f. Status of Supply:

Class I --Two day's supply on hand at all times.
Class II --Authorized T/E allowances on hand at all times.
Class III --Supply on hand at all times for 100 operational miles.
Class IV --Normal.
Class V --100% basic load on hand as prescribed by Hq, Ninth United States Army.

Engineer spare parts -None required.

4. None.

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