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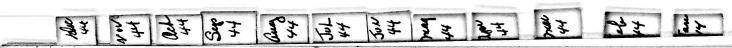
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TO

The Adjutant General, Washington 25, D. C.

In compliance with par 11 b (1) AR 345-105 transmitted herewith is the organization history of the 285th Engineer Combat Battalion for the calendar year 1944.

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For the Commanding Officer:

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HEADQUARTERS 285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR DECEMBER, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 December 1944 29 officers, 3 warrant officers, 604 enlisted men.
 - Increase during month no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - Decrease during month no officers, no warrant officers,
 l enlisted man.
 - d. Strength 31 December 1944 29 officers, 3 warrant officers, 603 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Delamere Park Camp, England.
- 4. Marches: None.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: 10 December 1944 Companies A, B, and C left Delamere Park Camp 1245 enroute to Halton Park (74 miles) by train. Arrived Halton Park at 1700.
 - 11 December 1944) Companies A, B, and C engaged in Bailey
 - 12 December 1944) Bridge training. Entrained 1745, 13 Decem-
 - 13 December 1944) ber 1944 and arrived Delamere Park Camp 2300.
 - 15 December 1944 Henry, Richard E, 37527422, Co B, Private, died 0925 at Royal Lancaster Infirmary, Lancaster Lancashire, England from injuries incurred 2250 ll December 1944 when EM was run over by civilian vehicle.

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HEADQUARTERS 285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR OCTOBER, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 October 1944 32 officers, 3 warrant officers, 648 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - Decrease during month 3 officers, no warrant officers,
 44 enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 31 October 1944 29 officers, 3 warrant officers, 604 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Camp Shelby, Mississippi.
- 4. Marches: None.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: 12 October 1944 Left Camp Shelby, Mississippi at 1130 and 1330
 - by train enroute to New York P.O.E. 14 October 1944 - Arrived at Camp Shanks, N. Y. at 1100 and 1500.
 - 21 October 1944 Left Camp Shanks, N. Y. at 2330 and 0130 22 October 1944 enroute to embarkation point.
 - 22 October 1944 Embarked upon U.S.SS Marine Raven.
 - 31 October 1944 10th day at sea.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR SEPTEMBER, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 September 1944 28 officers, 3 warrant officers, 586 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month 4 officers, no warrant officers, 62 enlisted men.
 - c. Decrease during month no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 30 September 1944 32 officers, 3 warrant officers, 648 enlisted men.
- Stations: Camp Shelby, Mississippi.
- Marches: None.
- Campaigns: None.
- Battles: None.
- Losses in action: None.
- Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: None.

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285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR AUGUST, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 August 1944 27 officers, 3 warrant officers, 595 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month 1 officer, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - Decrease during month no officers, no warrant officers,
 9 enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 31 August 1944 28 officers, 3 warrent officers, 586 enlisted men.
 - 3. Stations: Camp Campbell, Kentucky. Camp Shelby, Mississippi.
 - 4. Marches: 21 August 1944 110 mile motor march to Mammoth Cave, Kentucky. Overnight bivouac in Mammoth Cave Area.
 - 22 August 1944 110 mile motor march to Camp Campbell, Kentucky. 6 mile motor march to training area #6, Camp Campbell for 4 days' bivouac.
 - 28 August 1944 Left Training Area #6 Camp Campbell, Kentucky, 0600 enroute to Camp Shelby, Mississippi by motor march for permanent change of station.
 - 30 August 1944 Arrived Camp Shelby, Mississippi 1610.
 - 5. Campaigns: None.
 - 6. Battles: None.
 - 7. Losses in action: None.
 - 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
 - 9. Events: None.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR JULY, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 July 1944 26 officers, 3 warrant officers, 706 enlisted men.
 - Increase during month 1 officer, no warrant of icers, no enlisted men.
 - Decrease during month no officers, no warrant officers,
 111 enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 31 July 1944 27 officers, 3 warrant officers, 595 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Camp Campbell, Kentucky.
- 4. Marches: None.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: 11 July 1944 By SO #114 dtd 11 July 1944, cadre of 4 officers and 84 enlisted men from this unit assigned to 1296th Engineer Combat Battalion, Ft Riley, Kansas activated 15 July 1944.
 - 24 July 1944 Bivouaced at Training Area #5, Camp Campbell.
 to Battalion moved by motor convoy to and from
 28 July 1944 bivouac area.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR JUNE, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 June 1944 27 officers, 3 warrant officers, 808 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - c. Decrease during month 1 officer, no warrant officers, 102 enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 30 June 1944 26 officers, 3 warrant officers, 706 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Camp Crowder, Missouri. Camp Campbell, Kentucky.
- 4. Marches: 7 June 1944 25 mile hike by battalion in vicinity of Camp Crowder, Missouri.
 - 12 June 1944 Left Camp Crowder, Missouri 0645 by motor march enroute to Camp Campbell, Kentucky.
 - 14 June 1944 Arrived Camp Campbell, Kentucky 1100.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: 26 June 1944 Completed basic training.
 - 27 June 1944)
 - 28 June 1944) MTP test over basic training.
 - 29 June 1944 Unit training started.

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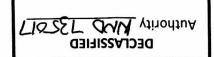
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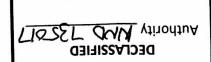
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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR MAY, 1944

- 1. Original unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 May 1944 29 officers, 5 warrant officers, 925 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - Decrease during month 2 officers, 2 warrant officers, 117 enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 31 May 1944 27 officers, 3 warrant officers, 808 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Camp Crowder, M issouri.
- 4. Marches: None.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: 15 May transfer of Major Earl W Wheeler from command of 285th Engineer Combat Battalion to 1130th Engineer Combat Group, Camp Gruber, Oklahoma.
 - 16 May Assumption of command by Captain Lyman H Robertson.
 - 18 May Assumption of command by Major Wilbur G Hamlin.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR APRIL, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 April 1944 35 officers, 5 warrant officers, 700 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month No officers, no warrant officers, 225 enlisted men.
 - Decrease during month 6 officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 30 April 1944 29 officers, 5 warrant officers, 925 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Camp Crowder, Missouri.
- 4. Marches: None.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: None.

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HEADQUARTERS 285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR MARCH, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 March 1944 30 officers, 2warrant officers, 94 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month 5 officers, 3 warrant officers, 606 enlisted men.
 - c. Decrease during month no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 31 March 1944 35 officers, 5 warrant officers, 700 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Camp Crowder, Missouri.
- 4. Marches: None.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: 5 March Arrival of first fillers from Fort Dix, New Jersey.
 - 11 March Arrival of fillers from Camp Robinson, Arkansas.
 - 13 March Arrival of fillers from Fort Sill, Oklahoma.
 - 20 March Opening of basic unit training program.
 - 25 March Arrival of fillers from Fort Thomas, Kentucky.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR FEBRUARY, 1944

- 1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- 2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 February 1944 28 officers, 1 warrant officer 90 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month 2 officers, 1 warrant officer,
 4 enlisted men.
 - Decrease during month no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 29 February 1944 30 officers, 2 warrant officers, 94 enlisted men.
- 3. Stations: Camp Crowder, Missouri.
- 4. Marches: None.
- 5. Campaigns: None.
- 6. Battles: None.
- 7. Losses in action: None.
- 8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: None.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR JANUARY, 1944

- 1. Original unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
- Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 January, 1944 15 officers, no warrant officers, 63 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month 13 officers, 1 warrant officer, 27 enlisted men.
 - c. Decrease during month O officers, no warrant officers, l enlisted man.
 - d. Strength 31 January, 1944 28 officers, 1 warrant officer, 90 enlisted men.
- Stations: Camp Crowder, Missouri.
- Marches: None.
- Campaigns: None.
- Battles: None.
- Losses in action: None. 7.
- Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.
- 9. Events: None.

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