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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:

Edmund L. Carter
EDMUND L. CARTER
2d Lt, 285th Engr Combat Bn
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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.
 - b. Increase during month - no officers, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - c. Decrease during month - no officers, no warrant officers, 1 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 11 December 1944 when EM was run over by civilian vehicle.

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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.
 - c. 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.S. 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.
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: None.

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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.
 - c. Decrease during month - no officers, no warrant officers, 9 enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 31 August 1944 - 28 officers, 3 warrant 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.
 - b. Increase during month - 1 officer, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - c. 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.
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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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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.
 - c. 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, 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: 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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285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

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.
 - c. 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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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, 2 warrant 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.
 - c. 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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285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR JANUARY, 1944

1. Original unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
2. 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 - 0 officers, no warrant officers, 1 enlisted man.
 - d. Strength 31 January, 1944 - 28 officers, 1 warrant officer, 90 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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