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285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR JANUARY, 1945

The month of January has brought the 285th Engr Combat Bn from training in England to holding front-line defensive positions in the Duchy of Luxembourg.

Transportation from England was rough; there were too few trucks for the equipment of an Engineer Combat Battalion.

A cheery "Welcome to Sunny France" from Port Troops greeted the Engineers in Le Havre.

Red Cross workers were waiting at Le Havre with coffee and doughnuts as we started our journey by rail across France.

The fighting men of the 285th Combat Engineers admire the men of the 42nd Rec. Sq. As one Joe said it, "I mean they are tough."

Yes, we have had our first bit of combat experience. We realize what is to be done and we are learning to do it.

1. Original Unit: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.
2. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:
 - a. 1 January, 1945 - 29 officers, 3 warrant officers, 603 enlisted men.
 - b. Increase during month - 1 officer, no warrant officers, no enlisted men.
 - c. Decrease during month - 2 officers, no warrant officers, 14 enlisted men.
 - d. Strength 31 January 1945 - 28 officers, 3 warrant officers, 589 enlisted men.
3. Stations:
 - a. 1 January to 6 January 1945 - Delamere Park Camp, England.
 - b. 10 January to 17 January 1945 - Camp Twenty Grand, Duclair, France.
 - c. 20 January to 31 January 1945 - Dalheim, Luxembourg.
4. Marches:
 - 1 January 1945 - Company left Delamere Park Camp 1330 marched on foot 7 miles and arrived Oulton Park Camp 1530.
 - 2 January 1945 - Company A departed Delamere Park Camp at 1430 marched 7 miles on foot to Oulton Park Camp, arriving at 1630.
 - 3 January 1945 - Company B left Oulton Park Camp at 1300 by truck convoy. Arrived Delamere Park Camp 1900.
 - 4 January 1945 - Company C departed Oulton Park 0900 on foot, marched 7 miles, arrived Delamere Park Camp 1100. Company A left Oulton Park 0900, motor marched to Delamere Park, distance of 7 miles and arrived at 0930.

- 6 January 1945 - Med. Det., Companies B, C, H&S, and Bn Hq departed Delamere Park Camp on foot at 2200; marched 4 miles arriving at Acton Bridge Station 2330.
Company A departed Delamere Park Camp on foot at 2230, marched 1 mile to Cuddington Station, England. Arrived at 2255.
Company A left Cuddington Station on rail at 2355. Arrived in Southampton, England 70920 7 January 1945.
- 7 January 1945 - Med. Det., Companies B, C, H&S, and Bn Hq left Acton Bridge Station on rail at 0300. Arrived in Southampton 1130.
- 9 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn debarked HES Cheshire at Le Havre, Dock at 2255 and marched on foot distance of 1 mile to Le Havre train station. Arrived 2325.
- 10 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn entrained at Le Havre, France 0200 and jourined to Duclair, France. Detrained at Duclair at 0930 and marched on foot 3 miles to Camp Twenty Grand. Arrived at 1330.
- 17 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn departed Camp Twenty Grand at 0700 on foot, marched 3 miles arriving at Duclair railroad station 0915. Departed Duclair railroad station at 1400 on rail. Arrived Ukange 20 0700 January 1945.
- 20 January 1945 - Departed Ukange, France, 1215 by truck convoy, arrived at Dalheim, Luxembourg, 1430.
- 22 January 1945 - Company A moved from Dalheim, Luxembourg at 1530 by truck convoy 5 miles to Bous, arriving at 1800. Company B left Dalheim 0615 by truck convoy, traveled 8 miles to Lenningen, arriving at 1000.
- 24 January 1945 - Company C departed Dalheim, Luxembourg, on foot at 1700, marched $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles to Waldbredimas, arriving 1815.
- 28 January 1945 - Company C departed Waldbredimus by truck convoy at 1330 traveled 2 miles to Bous, arriving at 1730. Company A departed Bous by truck convoy at 1500, motor marched 2 miles to Waldbredimus arriving at 1800.

5. Campaigns: Participating in Campaign of Germany.

6. Battles: None.

7. Losses in Action: None

8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

9. Events:

- 1 January 1945 - Company C left Delamere Park Camp 1330 enroute to Oulton Park. Arrived 1530 for training on Bailey Bridge construction.
Company B continued training on Bailey Bridge construction.
- 2 January 1945 - Company A left Delamere Park Camp 1430, marched to Oulton Park for training on Bailey Bridge construction. Arrived at 1630.
- 3 January 1945 - Company B at 1800 left Oulton Park, arrived at Delamere Park Camp 1900.
- 4 January 1945 - Company A departed Oulton Park 0900, arrived Delamere Park Camp 0930.
Company C departed Oulton Park 0900 by motor march. Arrived Delamere Park Camp 1000.
- 5 January 1945 - HAMLIN, Wilbur G, Major, O-405784, transferred to Hq and Hq Co, 1124th Engr Combat Gp.
KISTLER, Harry J, 1st Lt, O-1643760, transferred to Hq and Hq Co, 1124th Engr Combat Gp, per Par 1, SO #4, Hq, 1124th Engr Combat Gp.
YOUNG, Roger L, Capt., O-344797, assumed command 285th Engr Combat Bn.
- 6 January 1945 - Med. Det., Companies B, C, H&S, and Hq departed Delamere Park Camp at 2200 for Acton Bridge RR Sta, England. Marched 4 miles, arrived 2330.
Company A departed Delamere Park Camp 2230, marched to Cuddington Sta, England.
Company A left Cuddington Sta at 2355 by train for unknown destination.
- 7 January 1945 - Med. Det., Companies B, C, H&S, and Bn Hq departed Acton Bridge Station 0300 by rail. Arrived in Southampton 1130.
Company A arrived Southampton at 0920.
285th Engr Combat Bn boarded HMS Cheshire at 1400.
Sailed at 1630 for unknown destination.
- 9 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn debarked at Le Havre, France 2255. Marched to train station.
- 10 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn entrained at Le Havre, France 0200. Detrained at Duclair, France 0930. Marched to Camp Twenty Grand. Arrived 1330.
- 11 January 1945 - GOTTSCHALK, John E, Major, O-374589, assigned and joined from 37th Engr Combat Bn per Par 25, SO #3 Hq, ETOUSA. Assumed Command.
- 17 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn left Camp Twenty Grand, France 0815 for railroad station at Duclair. Arrived at 0915. Boarded train at 1100. Departed station by rail at 1400.

8. Members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

9. Events:

- 1 January 1945 - Company C left Delamere Park Camp 1330 enroute to Oulton Park. Arrived 1530 for training on Bailey Bridge construction.
Company B continued training on Bailey Bridge construction.
- 2 January 1945 - Company A left Delamere Park Camp 1430, marched to Oulton Park for training on Bailey Bridge construction. Arrived at 1630.
- 3 January 1945 - Company B at 1800 left Oulton Park, arrived at Delamere Park Camp 1900.
- 4 January 1945 - Company A departed Oulton Park 0900, arrived Delamere Park Camp 0930.
Company C departed Oulton Park 0900 by motor march. Arrived Delamere Park Camp 1000.
- 5 January 1945 - HAMLIN, Wilbur G, Major, O-405784, transferred to Hq and Hq Co, 1124th Engr Combat Gp.
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Company A left Cuddington Sta at 2355 by train for unknown destination.
- 7 January 1945 - Med. Det., Companies B, C, H&S, and Bn Hq departed Acton Bridge Station 0300 by rail. Arrived in Southampton 1130.
Company A arrived Southampton at 0920.
285th Engr Combat Bn boarded HMS Cheshire at 1400.
Sailed at 1630 for unknown destination.
- 9 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn debarked at Le Havre, France 2255. Marched to train station.
- 10 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn entrained at Le Havre, France 0200. Detrained at Duclair, France 0930. Marched to Camp Twenty Grand. Arrived 1330.
- 11 January 1945 - GOTTSCHALK, John E, Major, O-374589, assigned and joined from 37th Engr Combat Bn per Par 25, SO #3 Hq, ETOUSA. Assumed Command.
- 17 January 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn left Camp Twenty Grand, France 0815 for railroad station at Duclair. Arrived at 0915. Boarded train at 1100. Departed station by rail at 1400.

- 20 January 1945 - 235th Engr Combat Bn arrived at Ukange, France 0700. Departed for Dalheim, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 1215. Arrived at 1430.
- 22 January 1945 - Company A moved from Dalheim, Luxembourg, 1530 by truck convoy to Bous, Luxembourg, to take up defensive positions along Mosell River. Arrived at 1800. Attached to Troop "A" 42nd Cav. Rcn. Sq. for duty and administration duties only. Company B left Dalheim 0615 by truck convoy for Lenningen, Luxembourg, to take up defensive positions along Mosell River. Attached to Troop "B" 42nd Cav. Rcn. Sq. for duty and administration duties only.
- 24 January 1945 - Company C departed Dalheim, Luxembourg at 1700. Marched three kilometers to Waldbredimus.
- 28 January 1945 - Company C departed Waldbredimus 1330 by truck convoy. Moved to Bous; arrived at 1730. Troops took up defensive positions along Mosell River. Attached to Troop "A" 42nd Cav. Rcn. Sq. for duty and administration duties only. Company A departed defensive position along Mosell River, 1500 moved to Waldbredimus by truck arriving at 1800.

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285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR FEBRUARY, 1945

1. ORIGINAL UNIT: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion

2. STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

- (a) 1 February 1945 - 28 officers, 3 Warrant Officers, 589 enlisted men.
- (b) Increase during month - no officers, no warrant officers, 24 EM.
- (c) Decrease during month - no officers, no warrant officers, 18 EM.
- (d) Strength 28 February 1945 - 28 officers, 3 warrant officers, 583 EM.

3. STATIONS:

1 Feb 1945 - 3 Feb 1945,	Company C,	Bous, Luxembourg
1 Feb 1945 - 4 Feb 1945,	Company B,	Lennigen, Luxembourg
1 Feb 1945 - 3 Feb 1945,	Company A,	Walbredimus, Luxembourg
1 Feb 1945 - 3 Feb 1945,	H&S Company,	Dalheim, Luxembourg
3 Feb 1945 - 4 Feb 1945,	Company C,	Camp, north side of Schrassig, Luxembourg
3 Feb 1945 - 4 Feb 1945,	Company A,	South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg
3 Feb 1945 - 5 Feb 1945,	H&S Company,	Oetrange, Luxembourg
4 Feb 1945 - 28 Feb 1945,	Company B,	Lellig, Luxembourg
4 Feb 1945 - 28 Feb 1945,	Company A,	Mompach, Luxembourg
4 Feb 1945 - 19 Feb 1945,	Company C,	Herborn, Luxembourg
5 Feb 1945 - 26 Feb 1945,	H&S Company,	South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg
23 Feb 1945 - 28 Feb 1945,	Company C,	Dickweiler, Luxembourg
26 Feb 1945 - 28 Feb 1945,	H&S Company,	Wecker, Luxembourg

4. MARCHES:

3 February 1945 - Company C moved from Bous, Luxembourg at 1330 by truck convoy to Camp, north side of Schrassig, Luxembourg arriving at 1515.

Company A departed Walbredimus, Luxembourg by motor march at 0930, arriving at South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 1000.

H&S Company left Dalheim, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 1015 arriving at Oetrange, Luxembourg at 1045.

4 February 1945 - Company B departed Lennigen, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 0800 arriving at South Camp near Moutfort at 0900. Company B left South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 1145 by truck convoy arriving at Lellig, Luxembourg at 1310.

Company A left South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg by motor march at 1200, arriving at Mompach, Luxembourg at 1410.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR FEBRUARY, 1945 (Cont)

4. MARCHES: (Continued)

- 4 February 1945 - Company C moved from north side of Schrassig, Luxembourg by motor march at 1215, arriving at Herborn, Luxembourg at 1310.
- 5 February 1945 - H & S Company moved from Oetrange, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 1000, arriving at South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 1030.
- 19 February 1945 - Company C departed Herborn, Luxembourg by motor convoy at 1630 for Flaxweiler, Luxembourg. Company C departed Flaxweiler in motor convoy for Innen, Luxembourg at 2130 arriving 0130 20 February 1945.
- 23 February 1945 - Company C departed Innen, Luxembourg 1745 by motor convoy, arriving at Dickweiler, Luxembourg at 2000.
- 25 February 1945 - Bn Hq moved from South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg by motor march at 1500 arriving at Wecker, Luxembourg at 1600.
- 26 February 1945 - H & S Co moved from South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 0900 arriving at Wecker, Luxembourg at 1015.

5. CAMPAIGNS:

Participating in Campaign of Germany.

6. BATTLES:

None.

7. LOSSES IN ACTION:

Killed in Action	- 4 Enlisted Men.
Seriously Wounded in Action	- 7 Enlisted Men.
Lightly Wounded in Action	- 8 Enlisted Men.

8. EVENTS:

- 3 February 1945 - Company C moved from Bous, Luxembourg at 1330 by truck convoy to Camp, north side of Schrassig, Luxembourg arriving at 1515.

Company A departed Walbredimus, Luxembourg by motor march at 0930, arriving at South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 1515.

H & S Company left Dalheim, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 1015, arriving at Oetrange, Luxembourg 1045.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR FEBRUARY, 1945 (Cont)

8. EVENTS: (Continued)

- 4 February 1945 - Company C moved by truck convoy from north side of Schrassig, Luxembourg by motor march at 1215, arriving at Herborn, Luxembourg at 1310.

Company B relieved 0001 by Company A, 284th Engr Combat Bn from defensive positions along west side of Moselle in vicinity of Lennigen, Luxembourg. Company B departed Lennigen, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 0800, arriving at South Camp near Moutfort 0900. Company B left South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 1145 by truck convoy arriving at Iellig at 1310. Company B relieved infantry troops at defensive positions east of Iellig, Luxembourg.

Company A was relieved from attachment to Troop A, 42d Cav Recn Sq and attached to Troop B, 42d Cav Recn Sq, for day and administrative duties. Company A left South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg by motor march at 1200, arriving at Mompach, Luxembourg at 1410. Company A took up defensive positions along west bank of Sauer River in vicinity of Mompach, Luxembourg at darkness.

- 5 February 1945 - H & S Company moved from Oetrange, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 1000 arriving at South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 1030.

- 8 February 1945 - Sgt Taylor, Pfc Stout and Pvt Casper left on B Company's first reconnaissance patrol into enemy territory; destination, along Moselle River into Wasserbillig.

- 15 February 1945 - Pfc Roy O Montgomery, 37628530, Company B, 285th Engr Combat Bn killed in action in Duchy of Luxembourg by anti-personnel mine.

Pfc Duanne L L Andres, 38276870, Company A, 285th Engr Combat Bn, seriously wounded by shrapnel during enemy shelling of Mompach, Luxembourg.

- 16 February 1945 - 1st Lt Howard V Sandin, 01756152, MC, promoted to Captain.

1 Officer 15 EM of Company A, 285th Engr Combat Bn went on patrol to Born. Light skirmish with enemy, no casualties.

S Sgt Satterfield, Roy M, 1972976, Company A, 285th Engr Combat Bn killed in action in vicinity of Burschdorf, Luxembourg.

Sgt Jay L Kenslow	38147415
Sgt William F Nekervis	16103071
Pfc Stanley Suchocki	42071287
Pvt Raymond E Zigray	42105415
Pvt Melville J Steyaert	17157510

Seriously wounded in action in vicinity of Burschdorf, Luxembourg.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR FEBRUARY, 1945 (Cont)

8. EVENTS: (Continued)

- 16 February 1945 - Tec 5 Nathan Natoli, 42034885
(Cont) Pfc Fred D Hunt, 38661460
Slightly wounded in action in vicinity of Burschdorf.
- 19 February 1945 - Company C relieved from attachment to Troop A, 42d Cav Recn Sq; Company C attached to 2d Cav Recn Sq. Company C departed Herborn, Luxembourg by motor convoy at 1630 for Flaxweiler, Luxembourg.. Company C departed Flaxweiler in motor convoy for Innen, Luxembourg at 2130 arriving 0130 20 February 1945.
- 20 February 1945 - Company C crossed Moselle at 0130, vicinity of Wincheringer, Germany, in assault boats. At 1000 2d platoon moved to high ground overlooking Wincheringer, Germany, and fired into town permitting trapped Cavalry platoon to escape. Platoon then took up security position west of town.
- Ten EM of Company A made patrol to Born, Luxembourg, starting at 0200 and returning at 0530.
- 21 February 1945 - Eleven EM of Company A started on patrol for Born at 0215. Met light fire from enemy. Returned at 0515. No casualties.
- Company C established CP at Innen, Luxembourg. 1st and 2d platoon returned to Innen, Luxembourg. 3rd platoon remained at advance CP east of Moselle River.
- 22 February 1945 - Company C released from attachment to 2d Cav Recn Sq and attached to 9th Tank Destroyer Gp.
- 23 February 1945 - Company C released from attachment to 9th Tank Destroyer Gp and attached to 2d Cavalry Recn Sq. Company C, less 3rd platoon, departed Innen 1745 by motor convoy arriving at Dickweiler, Luxembourg at 2000. Company C took up defensive positions along west bank of Sauer River in vicinity of Dickweiler. 1 Officer and 15 EM started on patrol to Hinkel at 1815. No contact made with enemy. Patrol returned at 0100.
- 24 February 1945 - 3rd platoon of Company C at 0730 crossed Moselle River from Germany and joined Company at Dickweiler, Luxembourg.
- 25 February 1945 - Bn Hq moved from South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg by motor march at 1500, arriving at Wecker at 1615.
- 26 February 1945 - 2d Lt Arthur W Campbell Jr, 0550127, promoted to 1st Lt.
- H & S Company moved from South Camp near Moutfort, Luxembourg at 0900 arriving at Wecker, Luxembourg at 1015.

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HEADQUARTERS
285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

AP0 403, U S Army

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR MARCH 1945

I ORIGINAL UNIT: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.

II STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

- (a) 1 March 1945 - 28 officers, 3 warrant officers, 583 enlisted men.
- (b) Increase during month - no officers, no warrant officers, 31 enlisted men.
- (c) Decrease during month - no officers, no warrant officers, 21 enlisted men.
- (d) Strength 31 March 1945 - 28 officers, 3 warrant officers, 593 enlisted men.

III STATIONS:

1 March 1945 - 6 March 1945	Company C	Dickweiler, Luxembourg
1 March 1945 - 8 March 1945	Company B	Lellig, Luxembourg
1 March 1945 - 3 March 1945	Company A	Steinheim, Luxembourg
1 March 1945 - 7 March 1945	H&S Company	Wecker, Luxembourg
3 March 1945 - 5 March 1945	Company A	Oberdonven, Luxembourg
5 March 1945 - 11 March 1945	Company A	Steinheim, Luxembourg
6 March 1945 - 11 March 1945	Company C	Rosport, Luxembourg
7 March 1945 - 13 March 1945	H&S Company	Rosport, Luxembourg
8 March 1945 - 13 March 1945	Company B	Trier, Germany
11 March 1945 - 13 March 1945	Company C	Mohn, Luxembourg
11 March 1945 - 13 March 1945	Company A	Meckel, Germany
13 March 1945 - 17 March 1945	Company C	Hetzerath, Germany
13 March 1945 - 17 March 1945	Company B	Herforst, Germany
13 March 1945 - 17 March 1945	Company A	Mandersheid, Germany
13 March 1945 - 17 March 1945	H&S Company	Binsfeld, Germany
17 March 1945 - 18 March 1945	Company A	Kappel, Germany
18 March 1945 - 19 March 1945	Company A	Kirchberg, Germany
18 March 1945 - 21 March 1945	Company C	Kirchberg, Germany
18 March 1945 - 21 March 1945	Company B	Kirchberg, Germany
18 March 1945 - 20 March 1945	H&S Company	Kirchberg, Germany
19 March 1945 - 23 March 1945	Company A	Hochstein, Germany
20 March 1945 - 23 March 1945	H&S Company	Hochstein, Germany
21 March 1945 - 23 March 1945	Company C	Hochstein, Germany
21 March 1945 - 23 March 1945	Company B	Hochstein, Germany
23 March 1945 - 25 March 1945	Company C	Gabsheim, Germany
23 March 1945 - 25 March 1945	Company B	Gabsheim, Germany
23 March 1945 - 25 March 1945	Company A	Schornsheim, Germany
25 March 1945 - 27 March 1945	Company C	Rossdorf, Germany
23 March 1945 - 25 March 1945	H&S Company	Underheim, Germany
25 March 1945 - 27 March 1945	Company B	Rossdorf, Germany
25 March 1945 - 26 March 1945	Company A	Radenhausen, Germany
25 March 1945 - 27 March 1945	H&S Company	Rossdorf, Germany
26 March 1945 - 29 March 1945	Company A	Hainstadt, Germany
27 March 1945 - 28 March 1945	Company C	Dudenhofen, Germany
27 March 1945 - 29 March 1945	Company B	Dudenhofen, Germany
27 March 1945 - 29 March 1945	H&S Company	Dudenhofen, Germany

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR MARCH 1945

STATIONS: (Continued)

28 March 1945 - 29 March 1945	Company C	Rossdorf, Germany
29 March 1945 - 30 March 1945	Company C	Berstadt, Germany
29 March 1945 - 30 March 1945	H&S Company	Wohnback, Germany
29 March 1945 - 30 March 1945	Company B	Wohnback, Germany
29 March 1945 - 30 March 1945	Company A	Wohnback, Germany
30 March 1945 - 31 March 1945	Company C	Herbstein, Germany
30 March 1945 - 31 March 1945	Company B	Herbstein, Germany
30 March 1945 - 31 March 1945	Company A	Herbstein, Germany
30 March 1945 - 31 March 1945	H&S Company	Herbstein, Germany

IV MARCHES:

- 1 March 1945 - Company Headquarters and 1st platoon, Company A, moved from Mompach, Luxembourg by truck convoy arriving at Steinheim, Luxembourg.
- 2 March 1945 - 2d and 3d platoons, Company A, departed Mompach, Luxembourg by truck convoy arriving at Steinheim, Luxembourg.
- 3 March 1945 - Company A departed Steinheim, Luxembourg by motor march 0900 arriving at Oberdonven, Luxembourg 1040.
- 5 March 1945 - Company A minus 3d platoon moved from Oberdonven, Luxembourg at 0930 by motor march arriving at Steinheim, Luxembourg at 1130.
- 6 March 1945 - Company C moved from Dickweiler, Luxembourg by motor convoy arriving at Rosport, Luxembourg 1310.
- 7 March 1945 - H&S Company departed Wecker, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 1400 arriving at Rosport, Luxembourg 1500.
- 8 March 1945 - Company B left Lellig, Luxembourg 0300 arriving at Trier, Germany 0500.
- 11 March 1945 - Company C departed Rosport, Luxembourg 1210 by motor convoy arriving at Mohn, Luxembourg 1430. Motor march distance of 24 km. Company A left Steinheim, Luxembourg by motor convoy 0800 arriving at Meckel, Germany 0845.
- 13 March 1945 - Company C moved from Mohn, Germany by truck convoy to Hetzerath, Germany arriving 1800.
 Company B departed Trier, Germany by truck convoy arriving at Herforst, Germany 1100.
 Company A departed Meckel, Germany by motor march at 0730 arriving at Mandersheid, Germany at 1000.
 H&S Company left Rosport, Luxembourg 1200 by truck convoy arriving at Binsfeld, Germany 1315.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR MARCH 1945

MARCHES: (Continued)

- 17 March 1945 - Company C departed Hetzerath, Germany 0530 by motor convoy. Trucked 40 kms arriving at Lutzerath, Germany 0945.
Company B moved from Herforst, Germany by motor march 0600 joined Bn convoy at Binsfeld, Germany 0630 and continued to Lutzerath, Germany arriving at 0900.
Company A departed Mandersheid, Germany 0600 by motor convoy arriving at Lutzerath, Germany at 1115 by motor convoy for marshalling area 1 mile east of Driesch, Germany.
Company A left marshalling area at 1530 by motor convoy and moved to Kappel, Germany.
H&S Company left Binsfeld, Germany 0600 by motor convoy arriving at Lutzerath, Germany 0915.
Companies C, B, and H&S departed Lutzerath, Germany 2200 by motor convoy arriving at Kirchberg, Germany 181800 March 1945.
- 18 March 1945 - Company A departed Kappel, Germany by motor convoy and arrived at Kirchberg, Germany 1830.
- 19 March 1945 - Company A departed Kirchberg, Germany 0630 by motor convoy and moved to Simmern, Germany.
- 20 March 1945 - Company A left Simmern, Germany 0730 by truck convoy arriving at Albisheim, Germany.
H&S Company departed Kirchberg, Germany at 1100 by motor march arriving at Hochstein, Germany 2300.
- 21 March 1945 - Company C left Kirchberg, Germany 0314 by motor convoy arriving Hochstein, Germany 0925.
Company B left Kirchberg, Germany 0430 by motor convoy arriving Hochstein, Germany 1130.
- 23 March 1945 - Company C departed Hochstein, Germany 0840 in motor convoy arriving Gabsheim, Germany 1040.

Company B left Hochstein, Germany 0845 in motor convoy arriving Gabsheim, Germany 1100.
Company A left Albisheim, Germany 0945 by motormarch arriving at Schornsheim, Germany 1100.
H&S Company moved from Hochstein, Germany 0830 by motor march arriving Underheim, Germany 1300.
- 25 March 1945 - Company C left Gabsheim, Germany in motor convoy 0340 arriving Rossdorf, Germany 1840.
Company B moved from Gabsheim, Germany 0300 by motor march arriving at Rossdorf, Germany 1630.
Company A departed Schornsheim 0430 by motor march arriving Rossdorf, Germany 1230, departed Rossdorf, Germany 2300 arriving at Badenhausen, Germany.
H&S Company departed Underheim, Germany 0400 by motor convoy arriving at Leeheim, Germany 0900. Departed Leeheim 11400 arrived Rossdorf, Germany 1700.
- 26 March 1945 - Company A departed Badenhausen, Germany 0515 by motor convoy arriving at Hainstadt, Germany.

ARCHES: (Continued)

- 27 March 1945 - Company C departed Rossdorf, Germany in motor convoy 1810 arriving Dudenhofen, Germany 1930 distance traveled 25 kms
Company B departed Rossdorf, Germany 1750 by motor march arriving at Dudenhofen, Germany 1845.
H&S Company departed Rossdorf, Germany 1800 by motor convoy arriving at Dudenhofen, Germany 1850.
- 28 March 1945 - Company C departed Dudenhofen, Germany in motor convoy 1430 arriving Rossdorf, Germany 1830. March was distance of 30 kms.
- 29 March 1945 - Company C departed Rossdorf, Germany in motor convoy 1400 arriving at Berstadt, Germany 1700.
Company B moved from Dudenhofen, Germany by motor convoy 0545 arriving at Wohnback, Germany 1715.
Company A moved from Hainstadt, Germany 0630 by motor convoy arriving at Wohnback, Germany 1800.
H&S Company departed Dudenhofen, Germany 0530 by motor convoy arriving at Wohnback, Germany 1800.
- 30 March 1945 - Company C departed Berstadt, Germany by motor convoy 1420 arriving Herbstein, Germany 2210.
Company B departed Wohnback, Germany by truck convoy 1345 arriving at Herbstein, Germany 2300.
Company A moved from Wohnback, Germany by truck convoy 1030 arriving at Herbstein, Germany 2230.
H&S Company departed Wohnback, Germany 1400 by truck convoy arriving at Herbstein, Germany 2000.

V CAMPAIGNS:

Participating in Campaign of Germany.

VI BATTLES:

None.

VII KILLED IN ACTION - 3
SERIOUSLY WOUNDED IN ACTION - 3
LIGHTLY WOUNDED IN ACTION - 4

VIII EVENTS:

- 1 March 1945 - Patrol from 2d Platoon, Company C entered Rosport, Luxembourg 1130 and found town unoccupied.
Patrol from 1st platoon, Company C, entered Steinheim, Luxembourg 1400 and found town unoccupied.
Company B relieved of defensive positions in vicinity of Steinheim, Luxembourg and cleared mines from banks of Sauer River and road into Edingen, Germany.
Company headquarters and 1st platoon, Company A, moved from Mompach, Luxembourg by truck convoy arriving at Steinheim, Luxembourg

EVENTS: (Continued)

- 2 March 1945 - 1st platoon Company C attached to Troop A. 2d platoon Company C attached to Troop B. 3d platoon Company C attached to Troop C of 2d Cavalry Rcn Squadron.
Each platoon is part of combat team operating in Germany engaged in mopping up behind infantry and armored divisions.
Company B relieved of defensive positions along Mosell River and 1st platoon assigned clearing mines in Wasserbillig, Luxembourg.
2d and 3d platoons assigned road repair north of Lellig, Luxembourg.
2d and 3d platoons Company A departed Mompach, Luxembourg by truck convoy arriving at Steinheim, Luxembourg.
- 3 March 1945 - 1st platoon Company B assigned clearing road to bridge site in Wasserbillig and maintenance of bridge at Steinheim, Luxembourg over Sauer River.
2d platoon constructed 50' Bailey bridge over crater on highway 1 km SW Meartert, Luxembourg.
3d platoon Company B attached to 537th Engr L Pn to assist in recovery of light ponton equipment.
Company A relieved from attachment to Troop B, 42d Cav Rcn Sq and attached to 88th Hvy Pontoon Bn adm and duty.
Company A departed Steinheim, Luxembourg by motor march 0900 arriving at Oberdonven, Luxembourg 1040.
- 4 March 1945 - Company B assigned constructing approaches of ponton bridge 1 km north of Wasserbillig and clearing enemy mines in vicinity.
Company A relieved from attachment to 88th Heavy P Bn and attached to 1137th Engr Combat Gp.
1st and 2d platoon Company A dismantle Trdwy bridge at Echternach, Luxembourg 3d platoon, Company A, repaired road hwy #10.
- 5 March 1945 - Company C return from mopping up operations with 2d Cavalry Rcn Sq in Germany.
Company B, 1st and 3d platoons assigned clearing roads and road blocks from bridge site at Wasserbillig to Trier, Germany.
2d platoon Company B repaired and maintained 25 ton ponton bridge at Wasserbillig.
Company A minus 3d platoon moved from Oberdonven, Luxembourg at 0930 by motor march arriving at Steinheim, Luxembourg at 1130.
1st and 2d platoon Company A repaired road between Echternach, Luxembourg and Irrel, Germany. Also maintain Trdwy bridge over Sauer River at Steinheim, Luxembourg.
- 6 March 1945 - Company C moved from Dickweiler, Luxembourg by motor convoy arriving Rosport, Luxembourg 1310.
Company C engaged in maintenance and repair of roads in XII Corps net.
1st platoon Company C constructed 80' double single Bailey bridge, Ralingen, Germany.
1st and 3d platoons Company B assigned repair and maintenance of road from bridge site at Wasserbillig, Luxembourg to Trier, Germany.

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EVENTS: (Continued)

- 7 March 1945 - Company B started construction 100' Bailey bridge at Trier, Germany 0100 hours and completed bridge at 1200. Company B continues to maintain road from ponton bridge site at Wasserbillig, Luxembourg to Trier, Germany. H&S Company departed Wecker, Luxembourg by truck convoy at 1400 arriving at Rosport, Luxembourg 1500.
- 8 March 1945 - Company B left Lellig, Luxembourg 0300 arriving at Trier, Germany 0800. Company B continues to maintain road from ponton bridge at Wasserbillig, Luxembourg to Trier, Germany. Company A continues maintenance on trdwy bridge at Steinheim, Luxembourg. Also class 40 timber bridge begun at (071-266) vicinity of Wasserbillig, Luxembourg.
- 10 March 1945 - Company A maintains MSR including Bitburg Trier hwy, Irrel Wolsfield hwy, and continues maintenance on trdwy bridge at Steinheim, Luxembourg.
- 11 March 1945 - Company C departed Rosport, Luxembourg 1210 by motor convoy arriving at Mohn, Luxembourg 1430. Motor march distance of 24 km. Company C 1st platoon maintaining Trier-Bitburg highway. 2d Platoon Company C maintaining Irrel-Helenburg highway. 3d platoon Company C removed 80' Bailey bridge near Ralingen, Germany. Company A left Steinheim, Luxembourg by motor convoy 0800 arriving at Meckel, Germany 0845. Company A continues maintenance on Bitburg-Trier hwy, Irrel-Wolsfield hwy, trdwy bridge at Steinheim, Luxembourg.
- 12 March 1945 - Company A repairing hwy from Endorf to Mandersheid, Germany.
- 13 March 1945 - Company C moved from Mohn, Germany by truck convoy to Hetzerath, Germany arriving 1800. Company B departed Trier, Germany by truck convoy arriving at Herforst, Germany. Company B relieved from maintaining road from Wasserbillig, Luxembourg to Trier, Germany. Company B assigned maintenance of roads from Endorf, Germany to Eisenschmitt, Germany and road Speicher, Germany to Binsfeld, Germany to Berg, Germany. Company A departed Meckel, Germany by motor march at 0730 arriving at Mandersheid, Germany at 1000. Company A assigned repair and maintenance of road from Eisenschmitt, Germany to I530-759. H&S Company left Rosport, Luxembourg 1200 by truck convoy arriving at Binsfeld, Germany 1315.
- 15 March 1945 - Company A takes over maintenance of hwy from Endorf, Germany to crossroads at I522-759.
- 16 March 1945 - 1st platoon Company A supported 89X in crossing of Mosell River in vicinity of Alf.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR MARCH 1945

EVENTS: (Continued)

- 17 March 1945 - Company C departed Hetzerath, Germany 0530 by motor convoy, traveled distance 40 kms arriving at Lutzerath, Germany 0945. Company B moved from Herforst, Germany by motor march 0600 and joined bn convoy at Binsfeld, Germany 0630. Bn convoy continues motor march to Lutzerath, Germany arriving at 0900. Company B removes roadblock from hwy at L-601575 railroad ties from hwy at L-569619 and filled craters in hwy at L-520636. Company A departed Mandersheid, Germany 0600 by motor convoy, arriving at Lutzerath, Germany 0755. Company A left Lutzerath, Germany at 1115 by motor convoy for marshalling area 1 mile east of Driesch, Germany. Company A left marshalling area at 1530 by motor convoy and moved to Kappel, Germany with CCA Task Force Brady. H&S Company left Binsfeld, Germany 0600 by motor convoy arriving at Lutzerath, Germany 0915. Companies C, B, and H&S departed Lutzerath, Germany 2200 by motor convoy arriving at Kirchberg, Germany 181800 March 45 billeting in German Camp.
- 18 March 1945 - Company A continued with Task Force Brady from Kappel, Germany to Kirchberg arriving at 1830.
- 19 March 1945 - 1st platoon Company C assigned clearing roads from Kirchberg, Germany to Rhaumen, Germany. 2d platoon Company C assigned clearing roads from Kirchberg, Germany to Kirn, Germany, 3d platoon Company C assigned construction of 80' DS Bailey bridge fixed type. Company B assigned construction of Bailey bridge over Nahe River at Kirn, Germany. Bridge site was under enemy fire. Construction was discontinued. Company A departed Kirchberg, Germany 0630 by motor convoy and moved to Simmern, Germany. 2d and 3d platoons Company A constructed 80' trdwy bridge over Nahe River at Martinstein, Germany.
- 20 March 1945 - Company B constructed 120' fixed type Double Single Bailey bridge over Nahe River at Kirn, Germany. Company A left Simmern, Germany with CCA by truck convoy arriving at Albiheim, Germany 2300. H&S Company departed Kirchberg, Germany at 1100 by motor march arriving at Hochstein, Germany 2300.
- 21 March 1945 - Company C left Kirchberg, Germany 0315 by motor convoy arriving at Hochstein, Germany 0925. Company B left Kirchberg, Germany 0430 by motor convoy arriving Hochstein, Germany 1130. Company B took and delivered to PW stockade 22 Germany prisoners.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR MARCH 1945

EVENTS: (Continued)

- 22 March 1945 - Company B constructed 70' fixed type, double single Bailey bridge to Ausenz, Germany.
Company A constructed culvert at Minsheim, Germany.
Company A captured 15 German prisoners in area around Albisheim, Germany.
- 23 March 1945 - Company C departed Hochstein, Germany 0840 in motor convoy arriving Gabsheim, Germany 1040. 2d platoon Company C assigned to operating Engineer Depot. 1st and 3d platoons assigned road maintenance in vicinity of Gabsheim, Germany.
Company B left Hochstein, Germany 0845 in motor convoy arriving at Gabsheim, Germany 1100.
Company A left Albisheim, Germany 0945 by motor march arriving at Schornsheim, Germany 1100.
H&S Company moved from Hochstein, Germany 0830 by motor march arriving Underheim, Germany 1300.
- 25 March 1945 - Company C left Gabsheim, Germany in motor convoy 0340 arriving Rossdorf, Germany 1840.
Company B moved from Gabsheim, Germany 0300 by motor march arriving Rossdorf, Germany 1630.
Company A departed Schornsheim, Germany 0430 by motor march arriving Rossdorf, Germany 1230 departed Rossdorf, Germany 2300 arriving at Badenhausen, Germany.
Company A assigned job to open RR bridge over Main River (M514-991) for vehicular traffic.
H&S Company departed Underheim, Germany 0400 by motor convoy arriving at Leeheim, Germany 0900.
H&S Company departed Leeheim 1400 arrived at Rossdorf, Germany 1700.
- 26 March 1945 - Company A departed Badenhausen, Germany 0515 by motor convoy arriving at Hainstadt, Germany. Company A assignment to open RR bridge over Main River (M514-991) changed to guard steel truss bridge over Main River and prepair approaches for trdwy bridge.
- 27 March 1945 - Company C departed Rossdorf, Germany in motor convoy 1810 arriving Dudenhofen, Germany 1930. Traveled 25 kms.
Company B departed Rossdorf, Germany 1750 by motor march arriving at Dudenhofen, Germany 1845.
Company A assigned protection and maintenance of trdwy bridge over Main River and guarding of steel truss bridge over Main River.
H&S Company departed Rossdorf, Germany 1800 by motor convoy arriving at Dudenhofen, Germany 1850.
- 28 March 1945 - Company C departed Dudenhofen, Germany in motor convoy 1430 arriving Rossdorf, Germany 1830. Motor march was distance of 30 kms.
- 29 March 1945 - Company C departed Rossdorf, Germany in motor convoy 1410 arriving at Berstadt, Germany 1700.

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II EVENTS: (Continued)

29 March 1945 - Company B moved from Dudenhofen, Germany by motor 0545 arriving at Wohnbach, Germany 1715.
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Company A moved from Hainstadt, Germany 0630 by motor convoy arriving at Wohnbach, Germany 1800.

H&S Company departed Dudenhofen, Germany 0530 by motor convoy arriving at Wohnbach, Germany 1800.

30 March 1945 - Company C departed Berstadt, Germany by motor convoy 1420 arriving Herbstein, Germany 2210.

Company B departed Wohnbach, Germany by truck convoy 1345 arriving Herbstein, Germany 2300.

Company A moved from Wohnbach, Germany by truck convoy 1030 arriving at Herbstein, Germany 2230.

Company A took 240 German prisoners around vicinity of Wohnbach, Germany.

H&S Company departed Wohnbach, Germany 1400 by truck convoy arriving at Herbstein, Germany 2000.

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HEADQUARTERS
285TH ENGINEER COMBAT BATTALION

APO 403, U S Army
29 May 1945

ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR APRIL 1945

I ORIGINAL UNIT: 285th Engineer Combat Battalion.

II STRENGTH, COMMISSIONED AND ENLISTED:

- (a) 1 April 1945 - 28 officers, 3 warrant officers, 593 EM.
- (b) Increase during month - 2 officers, 0 warrant officers, 31 EM.
- (c) Decrease during month - 2 officers, no warrant officers, 13 EM.
- (d) Strength 30 April 1945 - 28 officers, 3 warrant officers, 611 EM.

III STATIONS:

1 Apr 1945 - 3 Apr 1945	Company C	Herbstein, Germany
1 Apr 1945 - 1 Apr 1945	Company B	Herbstein, Germany
1 Apr 1945 - 3 Apr 1945	Company A	Herbstein, Germany
1 Apr 1945 - 3 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Herbstein, Germany
1 Apr 1945 - 5 Apr 1945	Company B	Lauterbach, Germany
3 Apr 1945 - 5 Apr 1945	Company C	Kathms, Germany
3 Apr 1945 - 5 Apr 1945	Company A	Schlitz, Germany
3 Apr 1945 - 5 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Schlitz, Germany
5 Apr 1945 - 7 Apr 1945	Company C	Vacha, Germany
5 Apr 1945 - 7 Apr 1945	Company B	Vacha, Germany
5 Apr 1945 - 7 Apr 1945	Company A	Vacha, Germany
5 Apr 1945 - 7 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Vacha, Germany
7 Apr 1945 - 9 Apr 1945	Company C	Kaltenhardheim, Germany
7 Apr 1945 - 9 Apr 1945	Company B	Diedorf, Germany
7 Apr 1945 - 9 Apr 1945	Company A	Fischbach, Germany
7 Apr 1945 - 9 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Fischbach, Germany
9 Apr 1945 - 10 Apr 1945	Company C	Meiningen, Germany
9 Apr 1945 - 10 Apr 1945	Company B	Meiningen, Germany
9 Apr 1945 - 11 Apr 1945	Company A	Meiningen, Germany
9 Apr 1945 - 10 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Meiningen, Germany
10 Apr 1945 - 11 Apr 1945	Company C	Vachdorf, Germany
10 Apr 1945 - 11 Apr 1945	Company B	Leutersdorf, Germany
10 Apr 1945 - 11 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Leutersdorf, Germany
11 Apr 1945 - 12 Apr 1945	Company C	Hildburghausen, Germany
11 Apr 1945 - 12 Apr 1945	Company B	Hildburghausen, Germany
11 Apr 1945 - 12 Apr 1945	Company A	Hildburghausen, Germany
11 Apr 1945 - 12 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Hildburghausen, Germany
12 Apr 1945 - 14 Apr 1945	Company C	Unterwiesbach, Germany
12 Apr 1945 - 14 Apr 1945	Company B	Wehlbach, Germany
12 Apr 1945 - 14 Apr 1945	Company A	Wehlbach, Germany
12 Apr 1945 - 14 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Oberwehlbach, Germany
14 Apr 1945 - 16 Apr 1945	Company C	Burgkunstadt, Germany
14 Apr 1945 - 16 Apr 1945	Company B	Burgkunstadt, Germany
14 Apr 1945 - 16 Apr 1945	Company A	Burgkunstadt, Germany
14 Apr 1945 - 16 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Burgkunstadt, Germany

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR APRIL 1945 (Cont)

STATIONS (Cont)

16 Apr 1945 - 17 Apr 1945	Company C	Lindau, Germany
16 Apr 1945 - 17 Apr 1945	Company B	Schwingen, Germany
16 Apr 1945 - 17 Apr 1945	Company A	Lindau, Germany
16 Apr 1945 - 17 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Lindau, Germany
17 Apr 1945 - 20 Apr 1945	Company C	Kulmbach, Germany
17 Apr 1945 - 20 Apr 1945	Company B	Kulmbach, Germany
17 Apr 1945 - 21 Apr 1945	Company A	Bayreuth, Germany
17 Apr 1945 - 20 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Kulmbach, Germany
20 Apr 1945 - 21 Apr 1945	Company C	St Johannis, Germany
20 Apr 1945 - 21 Apr 1945	Company B	St Johannis, Germany
20 Apr 1945 - 21 Apr 1945	Company H&S	Aichig, Germany
21 Apr 1945 - 23 Apr 1945	Company C	Neustadt, Germany
21 Apr 1945 - 22 Apr 1945	Company B	Weha, Germany
21 Apr 1945 - 22 Apr 1945	Company A	Fitchendorf, Germany
21 Apr 1945 - 22 April 1945	H&S Company	Hotlas, Germany
22 Apr 1945 - 24 Apr 1945	Company B	Kaltenbrunn, Germany
22 Apr 1945 - 24 Apr 1945	Company A	Kaltenbrunn, Germany
22 Apr 1945 - 24 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Kaltenbrunn, Germany
23 Apr 1945 - 24 Apr 1945	Company C	Kaltenbrunn, Germany
24 Apr 1945 - 25 Apr 1945	Company C	Nabburg, Germany
24 Apr 1945 - 25 Apr 1945	Company B	Nabburg, Germany
24 Apr 1945 - 25 Apr 1945	Company A	Nabburg, Germany
24 Apr 1945 - 25 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Nabburg, Germany
25 Apr 1945 - 26 Apr 1945	Company C	Wackersdorf, Germany
25 Apr 1945 - 26 Apr 1945	Company B	Alten Schwand, Germany
25 Apr 1945 - 26 Apr 1945	Company A	Wackersdorf, Germany
25 Apr 1945 - 26 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Wackersdorf, Germany
26 Apr 1945 - 27 Apr 1945	Company C	Roding, Germany
26 Apr 1945 - 27 Apr 1945	Company B	Roding, Germany
26 Apr 1945 - 27 Apr 1945	Company A	Mittendorf, Germany
26 Apr 1945 - 27 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Roding, Germany
27 Apr 1945 - 29 Apr 1945	Company C	Bogen, Germany
27 Apr 1945 - 30 Apr 1945	Company B	Bogen, Germany
27 Apr 1945 - 29 Apr 1945	Company A	Bogen, Germany
27 Apr 1945 - 29 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Bogen, Germany
29 Apr 1945 - 30 Apr 1945	Company C	Hundling, Germany
29 Apr 1945 - 30 Apr 1945	Company A	Rohrstetten, Germany
29 Apr 1945 - 30 Apr 1945	H&S Company	Lalling, Germany
30 Apr 1945 - 30 Apr 1945	Company B	Grattersdorf, Germany

IV MARCHES:

- 1 April 1945 - Company B departed Herbstein, Germany 0800 by motor convoy arriving at Lauterbach, Germany 0830.
- 2 April 1945 - Company C less Company Headquarters moved from Herbstein, Germany 2045 by motor convoy arriving at Malkenes, Germany 030700 April 1945.

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4 April 1945 - Company C Headquarters departed Herbstein, Germany 1130 by motor convoy arriving at Kathus, Germany 1355.

Company A left Herbstein, Germany 1120 by motor march arriving at 1245.

H&S Company departed Herbstein, Germany by motor march 1100 arriving at Schlitz, Germany 1215.

5 April 1945 - Company C departed Kathus, Germany 1000 by motor march arriving at Vacha, Germany 1040. Distance traveled approximately 20 kms.

Company B moved from Lauterbach, Germany 0820 in motor convoy arriving at Vacha, Germany 1330.

Company A left Schlitz, Germany at 0930 by truck convoy arriving at Vacha, Germany 1215.

H&S Company left Schlitz, Germany by motor convoy at 0930 arriving at Vacha, Germany 1230.

7 April 1945 - Company C departed Vacha, Germany in motor convey 1600 arriving at Kaltenmordheim, Germany 1805.

Company B left Vacha, Germany 1700 in motor convey arriving at Diedorf, Germany, 1830.

Company A departed Vacha, Germany by motor convey arriving at Fischbach, Germany 1330.

H&S Company left Vacha, Germany 1600 by motor march arriving at Fischbach, Germany 1830.

9 April 1945 - Company C left Kaltenmordheim 0800 by motor march arriving at Meiningen, Germany 0925.

Company B moved from Diedorf, Germany 0730 by motor march arriving at Meiningen, Germany 1000.

Company A left Fischbach, Germany 0800 by motor convey arriving at Meiningen, Germany 0915.

H&S Company departed Fischbach, Germany 0800 by motor march arriving at Meiningen, Germany 1230.

10 April 1945 - Company C departed Meiningen, Germany 1815 by motor convoy arriving at Vachdorf, Germany 1915.

Company B departed Meiningen, Germany 0730 by motor convoy arriving at Leutersdorf, Germany, 0850.

H&S Company departed Meiningen, Germany 1700 by motor convey arriving at Leutersdorf, Germany 1815.

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ACHES:(Continued)

11 April 1945 - Company C moved from Vachdorf, Germany 1320 by motor convey arriving at Hildburghausen, Germany 1510.

Company B left Leutersdorf, Germany 1300 by motor convey arriving at Hildburghausen, Germany 1445.

Company A left Meiningen, Germany 0915 by motor convey arriving Hildburghausen, Germany 1500.

H&S Company departed Leutersdorf, Germany 1300 by motor march arriving at Hildburghausen, Germany 1430.

Company C left Hildburghausen, Germany 1800 by motor convey arriving Unterwensbach, Germany.

12 April 1945 - Company C left Hildburghausen, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Unterwensbach, Germany 1715.

Company B departed Hildburghausen, Germany 1500 by motor march arriving at Wehnsbach, Germany 1655.

Company A moved from Hildburghausen, Germany 1700 by motor march arriving at Wehlsbach, Germany 1815.

H&S Company moved from Hildburghausen, Germany 1500 by motor march arriving at Oberwehlsbach, Germany 1700.

14 April 1945 - Company C departed Unterwensbach, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1650.

Company B moved from Wehlsbach, Germany 1500 by motor march arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1800.

Company A left Wehlsbach, Germany 1500 by motor march arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1630.

H&S Company moved from Oberwehlsbach, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1700.

16 April 1945 - Company C moved from Burgkunstadt, Germany by motor convey 0830 arriving at Lindau, Germany 1050.

Company B moved from Burgkunstadt, Germany 0830 by motor march arriving at Schwingen, Germany 1010.

Company A departed Burgkunstadt, Germany 0815 by motor march arriving at Lindau, Germany 0915.

H&S Company moved from Burgkunstadt, Germany 0830 by motor convey arriving at Lindau, Germany 0945.

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ACHES: (Continued)

17 April 1945 - Company C departed Lindau, Germany 1720 by motor convey arriving at Kulmbach, Germany 1755.

Company B moved from Schwingen, Germany 1615 by motor convey arriving at Kulmbach, Germany 1655.

Company A left Lindau, Germany 1630 by motor convey arriving at Bayreuth, Germany 1815.

H&S Company departed Lindau, Germany 1600 by motor convey arriving at Kulmbach, Germany 1645.

20 April 1945 - Company C left Kulmbach, Germany 0900 by motor convey arriving at St Johannis, Germany 1030.

Company B moved from Kulmbach, Germany 0900 by motor convey arriving at St Johannis, Germany 1100.

H&S Company departed Kulmbach, Germany by motor convey 0900 arriving at Aichig, Germany 1015.

21 April 1945 - Company C left St Johannis, Germany by motor march 1500 arriving at Neustadt, Germany 1650.

Company B moved from St Johannis, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Weha, Germany 1630.

Company A left Bayreuth, Germany by motor convey 1515 arriving at Fitchendorf, Germany 1715.

H&S Company departed Aichig, Germany by motor convey 1500 arriving at Hoflas, Germany 1800.

22 April 1945 - Company B moved from Weha, Germany 1700 by motor convey arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1830.

Company A moved from Fitchendorf, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1715.

H&S Company departed Hoflas, Germany by motor convey 1300 arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1530.

23 April 1945 - Company C left Neustadt, Germany 0700 by motor convey arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 0805.

24 April 1945 - Company C departed Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1000 by motor convey arriving at Nabburg, Germany 1120.

Company B moved from Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1000 by motor march arriving at Nabburg, Germany 1205.

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MARCHES: (Continued)

24 April 1945 - Company A departed Kaltenbrunn, Germany 0900 by motor convey arriving at Nabburg, Germany 1100.
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H&S Company moved from Kaltenbrunn, Germany 0930 by motor convey arriving at Nabburg, Germany 1130.

25 April 1945 - Company C departed Nabburg, Germany 0745 in motor convey arriving at Wackersdorf, Germany 0950.

Company B left Nabburg, Germany 1045 by motor march arriving at Alter Schwand, Germany 1210.

Company A left Nabburg, Germany 0900 by motor march arriving at Wackersdorf, Germany 1015.

H&S Company left Nabburg, Germany 0830 by motor convey arriving at Wackersdorf, Germany 1000.

26 April 1945 - Company C departed Wackersdorf, Germany 0745 by motor march arriving at Roding, Germany 0945.

Company B moved from Alten Schwand, Germany 0800 by motor convey arriving at Roding, Germany 1030.

Company A left Wackersdorf, Germany 0900 by motor march arriving at Mittendorf, Germany 1015.

H&S Company departed Wackersdorf, Germany by motor march arriving at Roding, Germany 1100.

27 April 1945 - Company C departed Roding 0745 in motor convey arriving at Bogen, Germany 1035.

Company B left Roding 0715 by motor convey arriving at Bogen, Germany 1045.

Company A left Mittendorf, Germany 0800 by motor march arriving at Bogen, Germany 1000.

H&S Company departed Roding, Germany 0830 by motor convey arriving at Bogen, Germany 1300.

29 April 1945 - Company C left Bogen, Germany 0700 by motor march arriving at Hundling, Germany 0950.

Company A moved from Bogen, Germany 0730 by motor convey arriving at Rohrstetten, Germany 1015.

H&S Company departed Bogen, Germany by motor convey arriving at Lalling, Germany 1230.

30 April 1945 - Company B moved from Bogen, Germany 0715 by motor convey arriving at Grattersdorf, Germany 1010.

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CAMPAIGNS: Participating in Campaign of Germany.

VI BATTLES: None.

VII Killed in Action - 1
Seriously Wounded in Action - 1
Lightly Wounded in Action - 5

VIII EVENTS:

1 April 1945 - Company B departed Herbstein, Germany 0800 by motor convey arriving at Lauterbach, Germany 0830. Company B assigned to provide security for XII Corps Comd.

Company A takes over maintenance of M.S.R. from Herbstein, Germany to Glashutten, Germany. Company A took 66 prisoners in area around Herbstein.

2 April 1945 - Company C less Company Headquarters moved from Herbstein, Germany 2045 by motor march arriving at Malkames, Germany 030700 April 1945.

Company A took 132 German prisoners in area around Herbstein.

3 April 1945 - Company C Headquarters departed Herbstein, Germany 1130 by motor convey arriving at Kathus, Germany 1355. Company C took 5 German prisoners in Kathus, Germany.

Company A left Herbstein, Germany 1120 by motor march arriving at 1245.

H&S Company departed Herbstein, Germany by motor march 1100 arriving at Schlitz, Germany 1215.

The following men were awarded the Purple Heart Medal, General Orders Number 7, Headquarters, 285th Engineer Combat Battalion dated 31 March 1945:
Tec 5 Raymond E Larsen, 36404741
Pvt Frank Wagner, 39286075

4 April 1945 - Company C commenced work on a heavy ponton bridge in conjunction with the 88th Heavy Ponton Bn. Bridge 120' long. Started 0200 and completed 0700.

Company A repaired and maintained bridge at 372-518 in vicinity of Hersfeld, Germany.

5 April 1945 - Company C departed Kathus, Germany 1000 by motor march arriving at Vacha, Germany 1040. Distance traveled approximately 20 kms.

Company B moved from Lauterbach, Germany 0820 in motor convey arriving at Vacha, Germany 1330.

Company left Schlitz, Germany at 0930 by truck convey arriving at Vacha, Germany 1215.

H&S Company left Schlitz, Germany by motor convey at 0930 arriving at Vacha, Germany 1230.

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ORGANIZATION HISTORY FOR APRIL 1945 (Cont.)

EVENTS: (Continued)

6 April 1945 - Company C constructed a fixed timber trestle bridge to span Werra River at VH 6050.

7 April 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn relieved from 1135th Engr Combat Gp and asgd to 1137th Engr Combat Gp. 285th Engr Combat Bn relieved from support of 4th Armored Division and asgd as support to the 71st Inf Div.

Company C departed Vacha, Germany in motor convey 1600 arriving at Kaltenmerdheim, Germany 1805.

Company B left Vacha, Germany 1700 in motor convey arriving at Diederf, Germany 1830.

Company A departed Vacha, Germany by motor convey arriving at Fischbach, Germany 1830. Departed Vacha 1700.

H&S Company left Vacha, Germany 1600 by Motor March arriving at Fischbach, Germany 1830.

9 April 1945 - Company C left Kaltennordheim, Germany 0800 by motor march arriving at Meiningen, Germany 0925.

Company B moved from Diederf, Germany 0730 by motor march arriving at Meiningen, Germany 1000.

Company A left Fischbach, Germany 0800 by motor convey arriving at Meiningen, Germany 0915.

H&S Company departed Fischbach, Germany 0800 by motor march arriving at Meiningen, Germany 1230.

10 April 1945 - Company C departed Meiningen, Germany 1815 by motor march arriving at Vachderf, Germany 1915.

Company B departed Meiningen, Germany 0730 by motor march arriving at Leutersdorf, Germany.

1st Platoon Company A repaired bridge at Leutersdorf, Germany. (J005-171).

H&S Company departed Meiningen, Germany 1700 by motor convey arriving at Leutersdorf, Germany 1815.

11 April 1945 - Company C moved from Vachderf, Germany 1320 by motor convey arriving at Hildburghausen, Germany 1510.

Company B left Leutersdorf, Germany 1300 by motor convey arriving at Hildburghausen, Germany 1445.

Company A left Meiningen, Germany 0915 by motor convey arriving Hildburghausen, Germany 1215.

H&S Company departed Leutersdorf, Germany 1300 by motor march arriving Hildburghausen, Germany 1430.

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EVENTS: (Continued)

- 11 April 1945 - Company A started construction on a timber trestle bridge at Harras (J218058)
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- 12 April 1945 - 2d Platoon Company C attached to 42d Cavalry Recon Sq for engineer work. Company C left Hildburghausen, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Unterwemsbach, Germany 1715.

Company B departed Hildburghausen, Germany 1500 by motor march arriving at Wehlsbach, Germany 1655.

Company A moved from Hildburghausen, Germany 1700 by motor march arriving at Wehlsbach, Germany 1815. Company A completed construction of timber trestle bridge at Harras (J218058).

H&S Company moved from Hildburghausen, Germany 1500 by motor march arriving at Oberwehlsbach, Germany 1700.

- 13 April 1945 - Company B constructed 40' double-single Bailey Bridge at Ober Zettlitz, Germany. Bridge completed at 2330. 3d Platoon Company B cleared area at castle in vicinity of Coburg, Germany of demolitions and ammunition.

Company A cleared roads in Coburg, Germany and road from Coburg, Germany to Oberlauter, Germany, and road from Coburg, Germany to Selsendorf, Germany. One squad Company A assigned to guard bridge at Coburg, Germany.

- 14 April 1945 - Company C departed Unterwemsbach, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1650.

Company B moved from Wehlsbach, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1800.

Company A left Wehlsbach, Germany 1500 by motor march arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1630.

H&S Company moved from Oberwehlsbach, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Burgkunstadt, Germany 1700.

- 15 April 1945 - Company B assigned maintaining M.S.R. between Coburg, Germany to Burgkunstadt, Germany.

Pfc Edward T Walsh, 32000472, was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, General Orders #26, Headquarters, XII Corps, dtd 5 April 1945.

T Sgt Bernard O Kennedy, 36561997 was awarded the Purple Heart Medal, General Orders #63, dated 11 March 1945.

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EVENTS: (Continued)

15 April 1945 - The following named officers and EM were awarded the Bronze Star, (Cont) General Orders #25, Headquarters XII Corps, dtd 30 March 1945.:

S Sgt Roy M Satterfield 6972976 (post humously)

1st Lt Edward J Dunn Jr	01116714
1st Lt John M Greenwood	01060787
1st Lt Robert J Schipper	0554555
1st Lt Glenn L Hebert	01113736
2d Lt Edmund G Sumner	01635393
M Sgt Charles J Doughty Jr	33587636
S Sgt George C Hodak	33439494
S Sgt Alfred L Weldon	31261009
Sgt Richard C Andersen	12203129
Sgt John E Circle Jr	38691012
Sgt William G Cox	38661506
Sgt William B Fleming	38691229
Sgt Arthur A Goodrich	33431129
Sgt Rodman V Pitman Jr	42071747
Sgt Russell P Taylor Jr	35074564
Tec 4 Preston P Longtail	38592722
Cpl Earl E Niemann	37624833
Tec 5 Jarrel J Birchum	38147840
Tec 5 Edwin S Fellingner	38147976
Tec 5 Marie A Pistacchio	31290764
Tec 5 Jacob Shulman	42084883
Tec 5 Robert E Wells	35073715
Pfc Albert R Durse	42070809
Pfc Woodrow Geff	35074614
Pfc Edward S Jones	15305743
Pfc William S Stafford	38603489
Pvt Albert Goldstein	33904358
Pvt John O Murria	39564358

16 April 1945 - Company C moved from Burgkunstadt, Germany by motor convey 0830 arriving at Lindau, Germany 1050.

Company B Moved from Burkunstadt, Germany 0830 by motor march arriving at Schwingen, Germany 1010. Company B assigned maintaining M.S.R. between Burgkunstadt, Germany and Neudressenfeld, Germany. 2d Platoon Company B assigned repairing of bridge in vicinity of Marktbeuln, Germany.

Company A departed Burgkunstadt, Germany 0815 by motor march arriving at Schwingen, Germany 0915.

H&S Company moved from Burgkunstadt, Germany 0830 by motor convey arriving at Lindau, Germany 0945.

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17 April 1945 - Company C departed Lindau, Germany 1720 by motor convey arriving at Kulmbach, Germany 1755. 1st and 2d platoons Company C constructed approaches for heavy ponton bridge vicinity of Licktenfels, Germany W03777.

Company B moved from Schwingen, Germany 1615 by motor convey arriving at Kulmbach, Germany 1655.

Company A left Lindau, Germany 1630 by motor convey arriving at Bayreuth, Germany 1815.

H&S Company departed Lindau, Germany 1600 by motor convey arriving at Kulmbach, Germany 1645.

18 April 1945 - 285th Engr Combat Bn relieved from support of 71st Inf Div and asgd as support to the 26th Inf Div.

Company A constructed 110' T.S. Bailey Bridge at (O-784.112). Also started repair on bridge at (O-768-681).

19 April 1945 - 1st platoon Company C maintained approaches of heavy ponton bridge over Main River in vicinity of Lichtenfels W03777.

Company B assigned widening of Bailey Bridges on M.S.R.
O-433796, O-708770, O-625755

Company A completed repair of bridge at O-768681. Company A assigned clearing roads in Bayreuth, Germany.

20 April 1945 - Company C left Kulmbach, Germany 0900 by motor convey arriving at St Johannis, Germany 1030.

Company B moved from Kulmbach, Germany 0900 by motor convey arriving at St Johannis, Germany 1100. Company B started construction of a road for 3434th Ordnance at Aichig, Germany. Company B relieved of maintaining M.S.R. between Kulmbach, Germany and Bayreuth, Germany at 1200. 3d platoon Company B made road reconnaissance between Bayreuth and Bamberg, Germany.

H&S Company departed Kulmbach, Germany by motor convey 0900 arriving at Aichig, Germany 1015.

21 April 1945 - Company C left St Johannis, Germany by motor march 1500 arriving at Neustadt, Germany 1650.

Company B completed construction of road for 3434th Ordnance at Aichig, Germany. Company B assigned maintaining M.S.R. between Kirchenliabach, Germany and Grafenwehr, Germany. Removed and cleared underpass at Grafenwehr, Germany. Company B moved from St Johannis, Germany 1500 by motor convey arriving at Weha, Germany 1630.

Company A continued maintenance of roads in Bayreuth, Germany until 1500. Company A left Bayreuth, Germany by motor convey 1515 arriving at Fitchendorf, Germany 1715.

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21 April 1945 - H&S Company departed Aichig, Germany by motor march 1500 arriving at Hoflas, Germany 1800.
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22 April 1945 - 2d platoon Company C relieved from attachment to 42d Cavalry Recn Sq and joined company.

Company B moved from Weha, Germany 1700 by motor convoy arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1715.

Company B continues maintaining M.S.R. between Kirchenliabach, Germany and Grafenwehr, Germany.

Company A moved from Fitchenderf, Germany 1500 by motor convoy arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1715.

H&S Company departed Hoflas, Germany by motor convoy 1300 arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1530.

23 April 1945 - Company C left Neustadt, Germany 0700 by motor convoy arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 0805.

Company B assigned repair of M.S.R. from Pressath, Germany to Nabburg, Germany.

Company A cleared M.S.R. from Kaltenbrunn, Germany to Schwarzenfeld, Germany of enemy vehicles.

24 April 1945 - Company C left Neustadt, Germany 0700 by motor convoy arriving at Kaltenbrunn, Germany 0805. Company C performed routine road maintenance in assigned area.

Company B moved from Kaltenbrunn, Germany 1000 by motor march arriving at Nabburg, Germany 1205. Company B relieved from maintaining M.S.R. at 1800 and started construction of Bailey Bridge over Naab River at Nabburg, Germany at 2000.

Company A departed Kaltenbrunn, Germany 0900 by motor convoy arriving at Nabburg, Germany 1100.

H&S Company moved from Kaltenbrunn, Germany 0930 by motor convoy arriving at Nabburg, Germany 1130.

25 April 1945 - Company C departed Nabburg, Germany 0745 in motor convoy arriving at Wackersederf, Germany 0950. Company C performed routine road maintenance on division M.S.R. in assigned area.

Company B completed 240' double-single Bailey Bridge on M.S.R. over Naab River at Nabburg, Germany. Bridge open for traffic at 1000. Company B left Nabburg, Germany 1045 by motor march arriving at Alter Schwand, Germany 1210.

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25 April 1945 - Company A left Nabburg, Germany 0900 by motor march arriving at Wackersdorf, Germany 1015.
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H&S Company moved from Nabburg, Germany 0830 by motor convey arriving at Wackersdorf, Germany 1000.

26 April 1945 - Company C departed Wackersdorf, Germany 0745 by motor march arriving at Reding, Germany 0945. Company C performed routine road patrols in assigned area.

Company B moved from Alten Schwand, Germany 0800 by motor convey arriving at Reding, Germany 1030. Company B assigned maintaining M.S.R. from Reding, Germany to Stallwange, Germany. 2d platoon Company B constructed 40' Double-Single Bailey Bridge at Bogen, Germany.

Company A left Wackersdorf, Germany 0900 by motor march arriving at Mittendorf, Germany 1015.

H&S Company departed Wackersdorf, Germany by motor march arriving at Reding, Germany 1100.

27 April 1945 - Company C departed Reding 0745 in motor convey arriving at Bogen, Germany 1035. Company C performed routine road maintenance in assigned area of division road net.

Company B left Reding 0715 by motor convey arriving at Bogen, Germany 1035. Company B assigned maintaining alternate M.S.R. from Bogen, Germany to Metten, Germany.

Company A left Mittendorf, Germany 0800 by motor march arriving at Bogen, Germany 1000. Company A assigned clearing M.S.R. in Deggen-dorf, Germany and vicinity.

29 April 1945 - Company C left Bogen, Germany 0700 by motor march arriving at Hundling, Germany 0950. Company C assigned road maintenance in assigned area of division road net.

Company A moved from Bogen, Germany 0730 by motor convey arriving at Rehretetten, Germany 1015.

H&S Company departed Bogen, Germany by motor convey arriving at Lalling, Germany 1230.

30 April 1945 - 3d platoon, Company C constructed 100' double-single Bailey bridge (fixed type) at WV 9034. 1st and 2d platoons Company C engaged in clearing roads in assigned area of division road net.

Company B moved from Bogen, Germany 0715 by motor convey arriving at Grattersdorf, Germany 1010. Company B assigned maintenance of M.S.R. from Grattersdorf, Germany to Tittling, Germany.

CONFIDENTIAL Company A continued to clear M.S.R. in vicinity of Deggen-dorf, Germany. 2d platoon Company A captured four German SS soldiers.