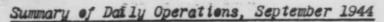
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	Section I Approximate Operations Location
1-2 Sept	Ren of rds; removed rd blocks, booby traps COMMERCY
3 Sept	Rcn of RR, engr sup; operated captured E of COMMERCY
4 Sept	Remobed mines, abatis: Rcn of MOSELLE R:
5 Sept	Ferried CT319 acress MOSELLE R: attempted
	read ren, rail ren. PONT-a-MOUSSON
6-11 Sept	Ren crossing sites MOSELLE R; prep for de-
	liberate assault crossing; cleared rds W Same of R and rds E of TOUL
12 Sept	Assault crossing of MOSELLE R by 2 CT's; DIEULOUARD
13 Sept	Constructed ferries, canal fills Swept rds, cleared abatis Same
14 Sept	Cleared mines, abatis, rubble; br security. E of DIEULOUARD
15-16 Sept	Br security; One co committed as Inf; reco- vered br equipment; removed booby traps, Same
10 10 Cent	mines, abatis
17-18 Sept 19 Sept	Cleared and repaired rds Maintained upns & equipment; Cleared
20 Sept	mines; buried dead cattle. Stacked br timber; Cleared Ap & AT mines N-S of VILLEOUVAL
21 Sept	Br security: patrolled rds: laid hasty mines Same
22-24 Sep t	Installed rd blocks; improved rds; buried Br Hd E of cattle; Committed as Inf; built bypass MOSELLE R
25 Sept	Filled craters; cleared abatis, debris, mud
26-30 Sept	fr rds; laid mines; removed enemy mines Cleared rds; buried cattle; built dugouts, OP's,
	def pos; laid barbed wire and minefields Same.
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Section II

Comments, Observations and Recommendations-

1. Main activities of the month were crossing of MOSELLE R, and subsequent def of br hd E of R. Deliberate assault crossings under fire were successfully accomplished. Engrs did an excellent job.

2. Many more mines were encountered and cleared. A definite mone policy was estaclished. Laying of temporarary and deliberate minefields showed need for accurate and detailed records and reports. It was found that some units failed to report minefields they laid.

3. Rds in area were good, but constant rain caused mud to become a problem, especially towards the end of the month.

4. Bn built brs within its capabilities, supporting engrs built the Cl 40 and permanent brs. Excellent help was given by them. All sup of br material were obtained locally.

5. Magge points presented no problem.

5. Wage points presented no problem.

6. Map sup became a routine function with no particular problems.
7. Engrs were employed for the first time as Inf, when enemy counteraths threatend the br hd. Engrs posted security on some brs. These t the time. were necessary missi

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INTELLIGENCE OPERATIONS, USE OF SECTION, ETC.

Month of September 1944

The intelligence section was kept quite busy collecting and disseminating enemy information to other units. River and road reconnaissance was kept up continuously and the enemy were making more and more use mines, booby-traps, and demolitions. Much of the reconnaissance was made under observed artillery and mortar fire of the enemy.

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SUMMARY

September, 1944

Supplied fourteen boats, assault for a river crossing. The line companies who were responsible for the return of these boats and the pole type trailer upon which they were hauled, never did return them, due to the situation. Some were destroyed during the action that occurred at the river crossing and as these boats were considered a critical item in the Engineer Depots. It prompted us to go on a scavanger hunt for assault boats. The hunt resulted in securing sixteen assault boats, fourteen of which were slightly damaged and easily repairable, eleven boats, reconnaissance, and two pole type trailers. The fourteen assault boats were repaired and ready for the next crossing. The eleven reconnaissance boats reduced our T/E shortage on that item. The extra pole type trailer was used to carry some of our supplies, thereby, further reducing the loads of our vehicles.

This Supply Section was able to secure a Tractor, D-7, and a trailer, low bed, 20 ton. These were frequently utilized from then on, because the tractor, D-7, could preform twice the work accomplished by a tractor, R-4. About this time, the truck, 6 ton, Corbitt, which was hauling the tractor and trailer around began to develop engine trouble. It was difficult to repair. Parts were borrowed from various Ordnance outfits. The Corbitt ran for awhile, and then joined the ranks of evacuted vehicles due to a crack cylinder. The possibilities

of securing another are dark indeed.

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PERSONNEL AND ALLIED ADMINISTRATION FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER. 1944

HAND GEN GO Communications problems were ironed out this month. Three additional SCR 284 radios were secured, one to each line company, which abets the problem. Wire system was improved through the acquisition of an experienced wire man.

Special Service was able to secure a number of U.S.O. shows, clubmobiles, etc., which strengthened the morale of the battalion.

The personnel was paid in mid September instead of the first of September, 1944. Personnel experienced a problem in getting payrolls signed while the men were in combat.

Personnel of the battalion sent several thousand dollars back to the U.S.A. via Personal Transmission Accounts, since they had not been able to spend money in France.

S-1 converted their 22 ton truck into a Command Post for Message Center and could move on short notice.