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APO #36, U. S. Army

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Historical Record.

TO : Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, APO #36, U. S. Army.

1. Transmitted herewith Historical Record of Operations in France during the month of November 1944.

2. Aside from routine matters, the Officer Candidate School was the outstanding incident in the history of the Rear Echelon during the month of November 1944. This was the Division's first school of its kind, and was activated in the Rear Echelon on 6 November 1944. Graduation exercises were held at the Forward CP on 25 November 1944, in the midst of enemy artillery shells falling nearby. Major General John E. Dahlquist, Division Commander, pinned the shiny gold bars on the twelve (12) candidates who successfully completed their three (3) weeks schooling, and presented to them a Certificate of Graduation. It is felt that this fine training by selected instructors was immeasureably beneficial to the student officers, giving them a much broader background, knowledge of and appreciation for, the more important phases of Army Administration and Small Unit Tactics.

3. Communication between the Forward and Rear Division Headquarters was excellent during the entire month. Telephone and messenger communication were available at all times.

4. Training of officer and enlisted personnel in the defense of the Rear Echelon was conducted during the month, without conflict to an unusually large amount of administrative work performed with usual high standards of skill and efficiency.

David P. Faulkner

DAVID P. FAULKNER
Lt Col., Infantry
Commanding

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HISTORICAL DATA FOR MONTH OF NOVEMBER 1944

On the 1st day of November 1944, Robert Rear was located in Plombieres les Bains, France, and the organization was in preparation to move from this area to a new Division Rear Headquarters in Docelles, France.

At 0800, 1 November 1944, a convoy of 9 trucks left Plombieres les Bains for the new Division Rear area in Docelles. In a shuttle movement all sections were moved without incident, the last group of trucks with personnel and equipment arriving at 1900, 1 November 1944. Finance, AG, and all personnel sections, except the 442nd Inf and the 522nd FA, were set up in one of the buildings of a paper mill called: "Papeterie Du Grand Meix", Docelles, France. The balance of the units were disseminated in the immediate proximity. All officers and enlisted men were quartered in local buildings and French homes.

Memorandum #86, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 31 October 1944 outlined the program for the operation of an Officer Candidate School at the Rear Echelon, the opening session to begin 6 November 1944 and to terminate 24 November 1944. The major provisions of the above memorandum are as follows:

1. Purpose of School - to provide basic indoctrination in the duties and the responsibilities of a Commissioned Officer.

2. Fundamentals of Company Administration and minor tactics to be stressed. The program to consist of two weeks of instruction and practical work in Company Administration followed by five days of instruction, demonstration, and practical work in minor tactics.

3. School Commandant - Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner, Commanding Officer, Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division.

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4. Instructors of Company Administration - Officers and Enlisted Men of Rear Echelon.

5. Instructors of Minor Tactics - Officers and Enlisted Men of the Infantry Regiments.

6. School overhead - As provided by Commanding Officer, Special Troops.

7. School Troops - As provided by Infantry Regiments on call.

8. Names of persons recommended as Candidates to be submitted to the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division by Unit Commanders.

9. Approval of initial recommendations to be announced by Division in Special Order.

10. Upon entry into the course, a letter of recommendation for combat appointment to grade of 2nd Lieutenant to be submitted by unit commanders.

11. Official letters of appointment to be completed in time to present to Candidates upon completion of the course.

12. Non-combat appointments to be considered for graduates of course under the provisions of Circular 18, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 18 September 1944.

On 2 November 1944, Chief of Staff, Colonel John J. Albright visited the Rear Echelon and discussed plans with Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner for the establishment of the Officer Candidate School. Special Order #226, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated 5 November 1944, placed the following named EM on SD with Headquarters Special Troops for the purpose of attending the School:

Cpl	THOMAS B. SESSMAN, 11017314	Med Det, 141st Inf
Tec 5	FRANK L. TURNER, 32809261	Med Det, 141st Inf
T Sgt	RUSSELL R. HOLSTER, 38065116	Co "H", 142nd Inf
T Sgt	ALDEN L. ARMSTRONG, 38037319	Hq Co, 3rd Bn, 143rd Inf
T Sgt	FRED COSTELLA, 20807795	Co "C", 143rd Inf
T Sgt	GENE E. JAMESON, 20807999	Co "D", 143rd Inf
S Sgt	BOBBY G. CARR, 20809027	Co "I", 143rd Inf
S Sgt	ALVIS JEFFREY, 38037568	Co "C", 143rd Inf

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S Sgt	ROGER I. SAGEAR, 36805549	Co "E", 143rd Inf
T Sgt	EUGENE V. McDONALD, 20817913	Hq & Svc Co, 111th Engr
S Sgt	JACK A. HEARN, 20815146	Hq Btry, 133rd FA Bn
Sgt	NICHOLAS M. BOZIO, 36008969	Btry B, 133rd FA Bn

To assist in the operation of the school the following named officers were appointed by order of the School Commandant for the purposes indicated below:

Major HARRY B. KELTON, 0377166, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, Director, Plans and Training (Adm).

Captain JESS W. JONES, 0352136, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, Adjutant.

Captain ELDEN R. McROBERT, 01308161, Headquarters Company, 36th Infantry Division, Supply Officer.

1st Lieutenant RUSSEL J. DARKES, 01307615, 143rd Infantry Regiment, Director, Plans and Training (Opns).

The Administrative phase of the Officer Candidate School opened at 0900, 7 November 1944, at which time Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner addressed the candidates in the classroom located in the town theatre. Due to the tactical situation, Major General Dahlquist, Division Commander was unable to be present. The major topics included in the courses dealing with Company Administration are listed below:

1. Military Correspondence.
2. Company Management.
3. Forms for Records and Reports.
4. Tables of Organization and Tables of Equipment.

As a whole the general attentiveness in the Administrative courses was excellent, and at no time was the conduct of any student unbecoming. All students showed much enthusiasm for their work and and good qualities of leadership. Keen and marked interest in the classes was shown by all members; many intelligent questions were asked, and appreciation for the opportunity to learn was exhibited in all classes.

It is felt that this fine training by selected instructors was immeasureably beneficial to the student officers, giving them a much broader background, knowledge of and appreciation for, the most important phases of Army administration.

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The tactical phase of the Officer Candidate School began at 0700, 20 November 1944. The following named officers from the units indicated were selected as instructors:

1st Lt	DAVID J. SCOTT, 0-580449	atchd Hq 36th Inf Div
Capt	THOMAS B. GAUTIER JR, 0-461111	111th Engr C Bn
1st Lt	ORVILLE M. RONNING, 0-1297784	141st Inf
Lt Col	CLARENCE B. BREWSTER, 0-289321	Hq 36th Inf Div
1st Lt	ANDREW F. DIAZ, 0-1315805	142nd Inf
Capt	JOHN G. HAMMOND, 0-390543	36th CIC
Capt	CLARK C. WREN JR, 0-398327	Hq 36th Inf Div
Capt	RUFUS J. CLEGHORN, 0-411677	143rd Inf
Major	ROBERT W. TRESCOTT, 0-388228	36th Signal Co

Some of the major features covered during the training in minor tactics are listed below:

1. Study of enemy mines and practical work in detecting, neutralizing and removing enemy mines and booby traps.

2. Use of friendly mines in conjunction with platoon and company defensive positions and roadblocks.

3. Squad in the attack, consisting of lecture on organization and basic equipment of the rifle squad, employment of a squad against a strong point, use of squad as a base of fire for a platoon attack, and the use of a squad as a maneuver element in a platoon attack.

4. Patrols.

5. Rifle platoon in attack.

6. Bazooka, rifle grenade and fragmentation hand grenade adapter firing.

7. Firing of crew-served weapons.

8. Foxhole and bunker construction.

9. Roadblocks.

10. Conduct of artillery fire.

11. Communications.

The same attentiveness, interest, and enthusiasm for their

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work was clearly demonstrated by the Officer Candidates in the tactical classes and problems, and it is felt that this training by experienced officers gave them a good background and broader knowledge of field tactics.

Copies of all training schedules are attached hereto.

On 25 November 1944, Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner, Captain Jones, and the Officer Candidate Students left for the Forward CP for the presentation of bars to the students. At 1600, Major General John E. Dahlquist, Division Commander, presented the students with their Certificates of Successful Completion of Course of Instruction, their Insignia of rank, and Arm of Service. The General congratulated them on their appointments, and told them they must continue to study and learn. The ceremony was appropriate for the combat appointments, inasmuch as enemy artillery shells were landing close by at the time of presentation.

On 3 November 1944, a letter was received from the Division Commander stating that the results of the recent Sixth Army Group inspection of Service Records and Soldier's Qualification Cards of Special Troops units were excellent, and that he considered this good work deserving of recognition, and commended all those responsible.

Almost continuous rain for several days caused a rise of several feet in the water level of the Vologne River, a tributary of the Moselle River, running by the bivouac area in Docelles, France. At 2200, 7 November 1944, it was observed upon check by Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner, that the Vologne might wash out the bridge used by vehicles on the way to St. Jean; this was one of the blown bridges repaired by Division engineers. Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner reported the condition of the flood river current to the Division G-4. At 0100, 8 November 1944, an Engineer officer from Division Forward arrived to investigate the condition of the river. The river was approximately 8 feet above normal, and had put a wide area along the bank of the river under water. The main bridge at this time was still intact, but was being threatened by the probable dislodgement of a foot bridge further up the river. The Engineers had no recommendations to make and did not feel that sandbagging the river would help at this time, and further, they did not have enough bags in the vicinity to make an appreciable difference. The main bridge did go during the night, but a Bailey bridge was installed by the Engineers the next morning, and this time withstood all further high water pressure from the rise in the water level of the Vologne. Special Orders on 8 November 1944 to the Officer of the Day were:

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1. To check the Vologne every 2 hours until midnight.
2. To check the Vologne at 0300 and at 0600 thereafter.
3. If river rises 1 foot per hour at any time during this period, to notify G-4 and the Special Troops Adjutant immediately.

The Officer's and Enlisted Men's kitchens, both located on the banks of a tributary of the Vologne, were moved to a new site, the last of the work being completed as the water level reached the old locations. Soon thereafter all evidence of further threat by the Vologne disappeared.

Memorandum, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, dated 16 November 1944, was issued to all Section Chiefs, making all enlisted men (except first three (3) grades) available for immediate Guard duty.

The Rear Echelon was again alerted for movement on 17 November 1944 by Brigadier General Stack, Acting Chief of Staff, 36th Infantry Division, and 15 trucks were obtained from the 36th Quartermaster Company, together with 4 trucks from Headquarters Company, 36th Infantry Division. At 0800, 18 November 1944, the first trucks left Docelles, for the New Division Rear area at Bruyeres, France. In a shuttle movement, all sections were moved without incident; the last group of trucks with personnel and equipment arrived at 1600, 18 November 1944. All offices and practically all quarters for both officers and enlisted men were set up in a large French Barracks, formerly occupied by the Germans. All premises in Docelles were cleared at 1500, 18 November 1944, and left in a clean and orderly manner. Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner submitted a statement to the Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, certifying that all salvage, including ammunition fibre containers, had been collected and turned in, and that all trash and garbage had been buried or burned in bivouac area. With the Division Rear at Bruyeres, and the Division Forward located at Laveline, the two echelons were separated by a distance of only three (3) miles. Evidence of mines and booby traps were noticeable, and instructions were issued relative to the necessity of taking necessary precautions against them.

Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner was informed on 17 November 1944, by Brigadier General Robert I. Stack, Acting Chief of Staff, 36th Infantry Division, that the Rear Echelon would have to stay close enough to the Forward Echelon to have direct communication through the Robert Board.

Another move was contemplated and Captain Elden R. McRobert, Headquarters Company, 36th Infantry Division, made a reconnaissance

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of the Forward Area, and gave his recommendations to Lieutenant Colonel Faulkner of a possible site to move the Rear Echelon. The bivouac area recommended consisted of several buildings at Mondray, France, although mines and booby traps were quite prevalent in the area. Much work on the part of the Engineers would have been necessary prior to the occupation of the above mentioned locality.

Training of Rear Echelon personnel was resumed on 29 November 1944; a brief synopsis of the training program is as follows:

SUBJECT	REMARKS
Platoon in the Defense	Selecting and moving into actual defensive positions for this location.
Dry-run alert. Manning the defensive positions previously selected.	

On 17 November 1944, orders were issued by Brigadier General Stack that prisoners would be fed cold rations for Breakfast and Supper. During the month of November 1944, the number of Division personnel confined in the Rear Echelon Stockade remained on a par with the month previous. As of 30 November 1944, 41 prisoners were present in the Stockade. The Division General Court was in session practically everyday during the month, and every effort was made to process the cases as rapidly as possible.

The sections and units present with the Rear Echelon as of 30 November 1944, and the strength of each were as follows:

Finance	20	AG	36
Division Chaplain	1	IG	6
Division Surgeon	4	JA	7
SSO	9	Hq Sp Trs	8
Med Det Sp Trs	5	Sp Trs Pers Sect	8
Hq Co	57	MP Platoon	9
36th Signal Det	8	Division Band	57
141st Inf Pers Sect	33	142nd Inf Pers Sec	35
143rd Inf Pers Sect	32	131st FA Pers Sect	9
133rd FA Pers Sect	9	111th Med Pers Sec	8
111th Engr Pers Sect	8	ARC	4
		Stockade - Prisoners	41

Total - 406

Working conditions during the month were good; all offices and quarters were centrally located inside buildings. A very large amount

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of work was performed by the Rear Echelon during the month with its usual high standards of skill and efficiency.

JESS W. JONES
Captain, Infantry
Adjutant

3 Incls:
1 - Trng Schedule, 6 Nov 44 to 12 Nov 44.
2 - " " 13 Nov 44 to 19 Nov 44.
3 - " " 20 Nov 44 to 24 Nov 44.

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AWARDS AND DECORATIONS REPORT

This organization had no individual awards or decorations for the month of November 1944.

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NAME	RANK	ASN	ENTERED SERVICE FROM	REMARKS
David P. Faulkner	Lt Col	0277342	Chicago, Ill.	Commanding Officer, Special Troops.
Joe H. Roberts	Major	0379021	Irving, Texas.	M C , Sp Trs.
Jess W. Jones	Capt	0352136	Greenville, S. C.	Adjutant, Sp Trs.
Elden R. McRobert	Capt	01308161	Gales Creek, Oregon.	Commanding Officer, Hq Co, 36th Inf Div.
Goldman S. Drury	Capt	0387371	Fort Worth, Texas.	Chaplain, Sp Trs.
Ben F. Ammons	Capt	0476394	Goose Creek, Texas.	DC, Sp Trs.
*Charles Hickox	1st Lt	01103212	Cleveland Hgts, Cleveland, Ohio.	Personnel Officer, Sp Trs.

*Relieved from SD with Hq Sp Trs and assigned to Hq Co, 36th Inf Div, per Par 1, SO #217, Hq 36th Inf Div, dated 25 October 1944. Transferred to Detachment of Patients, 23rd General Hospital, APO #377, per Par 6, SO #278, Hq 23rd General Hospital dated 6 November 1944.

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Hq Sp Trs Journal

36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
APO #36, U. S. ARMY

From: 0001, 5 November 1944
To : 2400, 5 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS

SO #226, Hq 36th Inf Div, 5 Nov 44:

2. Par 2, SO 204, this Hq, dated 12 Oct 44, which appoints a General Court-Martial, is amended to add the following named officers as members of the Court:

Major James T. Clarke, 0199453	155th FA Bn
Major Frederick B. Becker, 0406995	736th Ord (LM) Co
Capt Salvatore I. Uzzo, 01548328	736th Ord (LM) Co
Capt John R. King, 0455566	36th QM Co

SO #226, Hq 36th Inf Div, 5 Nov 44:

1. The following named EM from units indicated are placed on SD with Hq Sp Trs, 36th Inf Div, eff this date.

Cpl Thomas B. Sessman, 11017314	Med Det, 141st Inf
Tec 5 Frank L. Turner, 32809261	Med Det, 141st Inf
T Sgt Russell R. Holster, 38065116	Co H 142nd Inf
T Sgt Alden L. Armstrong, 38037319	Hq Co 3d Bn, 143rd Inf
T Sgt Fred Costella, 20807795	Co C, 143rd Inf
T Sgt Gene E. Jameson, 20807999	Co D, 143rd Inf
S Sgt Bobby G. Carr, 20809027	Co I, 143rd Inf
S Sgt Alvis Jeffrey, 38037568	Co C 143rd Inf
S Sgt Roger I. Sagear, 36805549	Co E, 143rd Inf
T Sgt Russell E. Morrison, 35018843	Co D, 143rd Inf
T Sgt Eugene V. McDonald, 20817913	Hq & Svc Co, 111th Engr (C) Bn
Sgt Waldemer J. Rohn, 36126498	Hq Btry 131st FA Bn
S Sgt Jack A. Hearn, 20815146	Hq Btry 133rd FA Bn
Sgt Nicholas M. Bozic, 36008969	Btry B 133rd FA Bn

The above officer candidates reported to Hq Sp Trs, except T/Sgt Russell E. Morrison, who was killed and Sgt W.J.Rohn who desired to be scratched from the officer's candidate list

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5 Nov 44: OCS Memo #2: Office of the School Commandant,

1. Major Harry B. Kelton, 0377166, Hq 36th Inf Div, is appointed Director, Plans and Training (Adm), effective this date.

2. Capt Jess W. Jones, 0352136, Hq Sp Trs, 36th Inf Div, is appointed Adjutant, effective this date.

3. Capt Elden R. McRobert, 01308161, Hq Co, 36th Inf Div, is appointed Supply Officer, effective this date.

Most of the day was devoted to preparation and planning for the Officers Candidate School which was to begin on the following day, 6 November 1944. A training program and printed program was drafted by Col Faulkner and same was in readiness for distribution the following day.

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36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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From: 0001, 6 November 1944
To : 2400, 6 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS

The following prisoners escaped from Division Rear stockade at 2030 hours:

Pvt James M. Bynum, 35572187, Co "B", 141st Inf, Gen, Prisoner.
Pvt Thomas J. Moore, 38037772, Hq 3rd Bn, 143rd Inf, Prisoner.

SO #227, Hq 36th Inf Div, 6 Nov 44:

1. Under the provisions of AR 420-5, a Board of Officers is apt'd, to meet at the call of the President thereof, to investigate and to make recommendations whether such Warrant Officers as are brought before it should have their temporary appointments as Warrant Officer terminated, and be discharged from the service.

DETAIL FOR THE BOARD

Lt Col David P. Faulkner, 0277342, Inf — Hq S p Trs, 36th Inf Div
Lt Col Gordon R. Anderson, 0344711, SC — 36th Sig Co
Major Joe H. Roberts, 0379021, MC — Hq Sp Trs, 36th Inf Div
Capt Robert W. Plunkett, 0452535, IGD — Hq 36th Inf Div

The Board in its deliberations will be guided by Par 14 1/2, AR 610-5.

Difficulty was encountered to procure the necessary quorum for General Court. The officers present in the Rear Echelon with their other necessary duties, were not free to be present as members of General Court daily as was necessary at this time due to the abnormal number of Court-Martial cases pending and more anticipated.

Major Carter visited Hq Sp Trs and conveyed the wishes of of Gen Dahlquist that Hq Sp Trs set up another Rest Camp for the Division. The location was to be either in Docelles or at some other location subject to approval by the General. Because of the inadequate housing facilities for administrative purpose here in

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Docelles, Col Faulkner recommended some city to the SW of our present location. The plan was discussed with Major Carter who in turn was to take it up with the Commanding General.

It was decided by Col Faulkner that Major Wilson would again be in charge of the Rest Camp.

The Commanding General was to visit Division Rear for an opening address to the Officer candidates.

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Hq Sp Trs Journal

36TH INFANTRY DIVISION
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From: 0001, 7 November 1944
To : 2400, 7 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	SER NO.	TIME DATED	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
				Almost continuous rain for the past 5 days caused a rise of several feet in the water level of the Vologne river, a tributary of the Moselle River. The motor pool was moved from its original location the day before and timely move it was because the field adjacent to the Vologne was at 0800 under water. The Commanding General did not arrive for his opening address to the officer candidates. Col Faulkner opened the ceremonies at 0900 in the classroom located in the town theatre. At 2200 hours, it was observed upon check by the Colonel that the Vologne might wash out the bridge used by vehicles on way to St Jean. This was one of the blown bridges repaired by our engineers. Col Faulkner called Chief of Staff at 2200 and reported condition of the flood river current.

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From: 0001, 8 November 1944
To : 2400, 8 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		At 0100, 8 November 1944, and Engineer Officer from Division Forward arrived to investigate condition of the river. The river was approximately 8 feet above normal and had put a wide area along the the bank of the river, under water. The main bridge at this time was still in tact but being threatened by a smaller foot bridge further up the river. If the foot bridge went, the timber would take the larger vehicle bridge with it. The engineers had no recommendations to make and did not feel that sand bagging the river would help at this time, and further, they did not have enough up forward or in the vicinity to make an appreciable difference. The main vehicle bridge did go at some hour between 0200 and 0600. The Vologne subsided some by 0600 hours but because of the continuous rain during the day, the Vologne began to rise again at 2000 hours. The vehicle bridge over the Vologne was repaired by the engineers during the day and this time withstood all further high water pressure from the rise in the water level of the Vologne. Special Orders to the Officer of the day was; To check the Vologne every 2 hours until midnight. To check the Vologne at 0300 and at 0600 thereafter. If the river rises 1 feet per hour, at any time during this period, to notify G-4 and the Adjutant immediately. The Officers' and Enlisted Mens' kitchens were under water the night before, necessitating moving both kitchens from the banks of a tributary of the Vologne.

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From: 0001, 9 November 1944
To : 2400, 9 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Chief of Staff, Col John J. Albright, visited Division Rear at 1000 hours to investigate overflow of the Vologne river. At 0200, 9 November 1944, the river had risen again to about 6 feet above normal. The bridge had been repaired by the engineers the day before and looked like it would withstand any pressure from the high rapid current. While the low level river area was still flooded, the river did not change substantially because rains in the morning and afternoon kept the river still in a state of flood condition. The same Special Orders applied to the Officer of the day as on 8 November 1944.

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HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS

From: 0001, 10 November 1944
To : 2400, 10 November 1944
Place: Docelles, Frnce

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Memo # 13, Hq Sp Trs, 10 Nov 44: Vehicle A ccidents & Theft. 1. An unusually large number of vehicle accidents and thefts have been reported to this Hq during the past two months. 2. It is evident that proper command supervision is not being exercised over drivers. 3. Effective at once unit commanders will cause officer checks to be made etc. 4. Provisions of Memo #4, Hq 7th Army will be brought to the attention of all personnel. At 0600, 10 Nov 44, all evidence of further threat by the Vologne disappeared. The river had gradually receeded. Although the weather was cloudy, no rain or snow fell during the past 24 hours.

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HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS

From: 0001, 11 November 1944
To: 2400, 11 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Routine administrative duties performed by Rear Echelon.

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HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS

From: 0001, 12 November 1944
To : 2400, 12 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Col Faulkner spent the major portion of the day conducting the officer candidates on a tour of instruction of the Division units which included Division Forward and Rear, Qm, Sig, Ord etc.

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HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS

From: 0001, 13 November 1944
To : 2400, 13 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		At 1230, Major Travis called Col Faulkner and advised that if possible, to vacate the plant floor, presently occupied by the personnel sections , AG, and Finance, within the next 8 days. The manager of the plant, personally approached Major Travis to get permission if plant could be put into operation within the next 8 days. Col Faulkner Capt Jones and Capt McRobert thereupon began scouting and combing the the area in and around Docelles, for facilities to accomodate the Sections that had to move. At 1615, Chief of Staff Albright visited Division Rear and Col Faulkner conducted him on a tour of the Division Rear, the changes that were made after the flood and security measures taken to avoid future hazards should the water rise again.

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HEADQUARTERS SPECIAL TROOPS

From: 0001, 14 November 1944
To : 2400, 14 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Col Faulkner left for Bruyeres at 1300 hours to look over possible locations for Division Rear, should orders be received to move the Rear Echelon closer to the forward area.

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From: 0001, 15 November 1944
To : 2400, 15 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT	
		Col Faulkner and Capt Jones spent a good part of the day in Court; O.C.S. students spent the morning visiting Court. Regular routine matters taken care of.

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From: 0001, 16 November 1944
To : 2400, 16 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Shower unit received at 1000, and installed shortly thereafter. Cpl Wittman, auditor and historian, entered the hospital for treatment. Regular routine matters taken care of; issued Memorandum to all Section Chiefs making all EM of Rear Echelon (except first three grades) available for immediate guard duty.

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From: 0001, 17 November 1944
To : 2400, 17 November 1944
Place: Docelles, France.

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Col Faulkner and Capt Jones spent much of the day in Court. Call received at 1620 from Major Travis who desired to speak to Col Faulkner regarding moving of Rear Echelon the following day. This information was given to Col Faulkner while at Court. General Stack arrived at the Rear CP at 1640 to see Col Faulkner. General Stack inspected the Stockade at 1710, and issued the following orders relative to the Stockade: 1. Prisoners will be fed cold "C" rations for breakfast and supper. 2. Prisoners will not receive mail. General Stack leve the Rear CP at 1730, and ordered the Rear Echelon to move to Bruyeres on 18 Nov 1944. Col Faulkner, Captain Jones, Major Kelton, Captain Sitton, and a detail of EM left at 1830 to make a reconnaissance of the new bivouac site for the Rear Echelon. Captain McRobert assumed command of Rear Echelon at 1830, 17 Nov 44, and was relieved at 1100, 18 Nov 1944 upon Col Faulkner's return.

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From: 0001, 18 November 1944
To : 2400, 18 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		15 trucks were obtained from the 36th QM Co, together with 4 trucks from Hq Co, 36th Inf Div to move Rear Echelon to Bruyeres, France. At 0800, 18 Nov 1944, the first trucks left Docelles, France, for the new Division Rear Area. In a shuttle movement all sections were moved to Bruyeres, the last group of trucks with personnel and equipment arriving in new area at 1600, 18 Nov 1944. All sections were set up in German Barracks. All premises in Docelles were cleared at 1500, and left in a clean and orderly manner. Col Faulkner certified that all salavage, including ammunition fibre containers, had been collected and turned in, and that all trash and garbage had been buried or burned in bivouac area occupied by the Rear Echelon, 36th Inf Div, Docelles, France. Division Forward located at Laveline, France, approximately 3 miles from Bruyeres.

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From: 0001, 19 November 1944
To : 2400, 19 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Memo issued to all Sections regarding Cleanliness of Premises, Blackout Regulations, and Mines in Area. Col Faulkner gave a lecture to Officer Candidate Students on Tables of Organization and Equipment. Preliminary work completed for Tactical School. The first class scheduled at 0700, 20 Nov 1944, with the following named officers selected as instructors: 1st Lt DAVID J. SCOTT, O-580449, atchd Hq 36th Inf Div Capt THOMAS B. GAUTIER JR, O-461111, 111th Engr C Bn 1st Lt RUSSEL J. DARKES, O1307615, 143rd Inf 1st Lt ORVILLE M. RONNING, O-1297784, 141st Inf Lt Col CLARENCE B. BREWSTER, O-289321, Hq 36th Inf Div 1st Lt ANDREW F. DIAZ, O-1315805, 142nd Inf Capt. JOHN G. HAMMOND, O-390543, 36th CIC Capt CLARK C. WREN JR, O-398327, Hq 36th Inf Div Capt RUFUS J. CLEGHORN, O-411677, 143rd Inf Major ROBERT W. TRESCOTT, 0388228, 36th Sig Co.

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From: 0001, 20 November 1944
To : 2400, 20 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Tactical phase of O. C. S. began at 0700. Issued Memorandum to each Section regarding maximum wattage available for each office. The following named officers reported in to this Headquarters: Lt Col WILLARD W. KILBOURNE, O-297111, 142d Inf. Capt HAROLD G. OLSEN, O-287731, 142d Inf. CWO VIRGIL A. GRAY, W-2108259.

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From:0001, 21 November 1944
To :2400, 21 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS

The following named medical students of the O.C.S. were sent to the 111th Clearing Station to perform practical work:

Cpl THOMAS B. SESSMAN, 11017314, 141st Inf
Tec 5 FRANK L. TURNER, 32809261, 141st Inf

The following message was received at 2100 from G-4:

"Signal Supply now open at new location V-355531. Light Line: Low beam headlights West and North line La HOUSSIERE (V-345555), NEUNE, (V-325535), GRANGES (V-300500), thence, South. Plat, Cir Sta opens 211-900A at coord V-340529."

Major MAX W. MORRISON, 0337005, 142nd Inf, reported to the Rear Echelon at 1900.

Col Faulkner went Forward to the Fwd CP at Corcieux, France, and during discussion with Col Travis, G-1, was informed that the Rear Echelon would have to keep close enough to the Forward Echelon to have direct communication through Robert board.

Captain McRobert and a detail of EM went to Docelles and completed statements of occupancy on all buildings occupied by the Rear Echelon; one copy of form was given to each owner concerned.

1st Lt MATTHEW SPIEGEL, O-1299648, 142nd Inf, reported to the Rear Echelon.

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From: 0001, 22 November 1944
To : 2400, 22 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Memo issued to all Sections and Units regarding "Wearing of the Uniform".
		Order published appointing Major MAX W. MORRISON, O-337005, 142d Inf, Inspecting Officer for the Rear Echelon.
		General Stack called at 1140 and invited our attention to the provisions of Circular #26, Headquarters Seventh Army, dated 8 November 1944, Subject: "Uniform Regulations" and Letter, Headquarters VI Corps, dated 16 November 1944, Subject: "Wearing of the Uniform", relating to Service Troops. Memorandum No. 17, Office of the Headquarters Commandant, was issued for compliance by all members of the Rear Echelon with the provisions of the above regulations. Memorandum #15, Headquarters Special Troops, was also issued to units of Special Troops, in regards to Uniform Regulations.

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From: 0001, 23 November 1944
To : 2400, 23 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		2nd Lt ROBERT D. LACASSE, O-1304239, 143rd Inf, and 1st Lt CLAUDE B. OSBURN JR, O-411084, 143rd Inf, reported in to this Headquarters. Lt Col Faulkner went to the Forward CP where he discussed moving the Rear Echelon with the Chief of Staff. The Chief of Staff we would stay in our present area until we could move in or near Ban-de-Laveline, France, or Fraize, France.

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From:0001, 24 November 1944
To :2400, 24 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		The following named medical students of the O.C.S. reported back in to this Headquarters from the 111th Clearing Station where they had been performing practical work: Cpl THOMAS B. SESSMAN, 11017314, 141st Inf Tec 5 FRANK L. TURNER, 32809261, 141st Inf Captain ELDEN R. MC ROBERT, O-1308161, Hq Co, 36th Inf Div, and Captain HAROLD G. OLSEN, O-287731, 142nd Inf, made a reconnaissance of the Forward area, and gave their recommendations of a possible site to move the Rear Echelon to Lt Col Faulkner. The bivouac area recommended was in Mondray, France, and consisted of several good buildings, although mines and "booby traps" were quite prevalent in the area thereby necessitating much work on the part of the Engineers before being occupied. Memorandums issued to all Sections regarding Guard Instructions, and Officer of the Day for Rear Echelon.

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From: 0001, 25 November 1944
To : 2400, 25 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS

Lt Col Faulkner and Captain Jones left the Division Rear CP for the Forward CP at 1230 for the purpose of being present for the presentation of bars to Officer Candidate Students. The Forward CP was in the process of moving from Corcieux, France, to Ban de Laveline, France; therefore, the presentation was to be made at Ban de Laveline. The students left the Rear CP at 1300. General Dahlquist, Division Commander, presented the students with their Certificates of successful completion of course of instruction signed by Col Faulkner, their insignia of rank, and arm of service, at 1600. General Dahlquist congratulated them on their appointments, and told them that they must continue to study and learn. Those present for ceremony were:

Major General	JOHN E. DAHLQUIST, Division Commander
Brig General	ROBERT I. STACK, Chief of Staff
Lt Col	ROBERT H. TRAVIS, A.C. of S., G-1
Lt Col	DAVID P. FAULKNER, Hq Commandant
Capt	JESS W. JONES, Adjutant, Hq Sp Trs

The ceremony was appropriate for the combat appointments inasmuch as enemy artillery shells were landing nearby just at the time of presentation.

No definite instructions were received for the moving of the Rear Echelon; movement of the Rear Echelon will depend upon the tactical situation of the next several days.

Headquarters Commandant, Adjutant Special Troops, and the 12 newly commissioned officers returned to the Rear CP at 1800.

The 3 instructors for the Officer Candidate School, 1st Lt RUSSEL J. DARKES, 01307615, 1st Lt ORVILLE M. RONNING, 01297784, and 1st Lt ANDREW F. DIAZ, 01315805, left for their respective units at 0930 and were congratulated by Col Faulkner for their splendid work.

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From: 0001, 26 November 1944
To : 2400, 26 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Lt Col Faulkner and Capt Jones left the Rear CP at 1230 for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of the Forward Area, for possible movement of Rear Echelon. Reserved signs at Mondray were picked up inasmuch as site was unsatisfactory from the standpoint of a main supply route. The Forward CP was in the process of moving from Ban de Laveline, France, to Ste Marie aux Mines, France. Due to uncertainity of tactical situation, a new area for the Rear Echelon was not definitely decided upon. Lt Col Faulkner and Capt Jones returned to the Rear CP at 1800. The 12 newly commissioned 2nd Lieutenants of the O. C. S. returned to their respective units at 1600. Call was received from G-1 at 2130 stating that the Rear Echelon would furnish 2 drivers, 2 utility men and 2 APO clerks for the Rest Camp to be established at Bains les Bains. 25 EM from other units in the Division will assemble at this Headquarters not later than 1400, 27 November 1944, with transportation from the Forward CP, as a work detail for the Rest Camp. This Headquarters has the responsibility of collecting these men and sending them on to Bains les Bains.

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From: 0001, 27 November 1944
To : 2400, 27 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Lt Col Faulkner left the Rear CP at 1000 for the purpose of making a reconnaissance of the Forward Areas for possible movement of Rear Echelon. 3 satisfactory locations were found but no definite movement orders were issued pending the result of the tactical situation for 1-2 days. Lt Col Faulkner also visited the Forward CP at Ste Marie aux Mines, returning to the Rear CP at 1800 hours. Overhead operating personnel for the new Division Rest Center to be established a t Bains les Bains cleared this Headqua rters at 1600 enroute to the Rest Camp. At 2000 an additional vehicle furnished by this Headquarters, transported one Medical Officer, one Foot Technician, and 2 Aid Men to the new Rest Camp as overhead operating personnel. 56 EM and 6 Officers of the Division going on 48 hour passes to Paris, began assembling at this Headquarters at 1800 hours, for the purpose of spending the night, eating breakfast, and clearing the IP at Epinal at 0730, 28 November 1944. All passes were checked and corrected by this Headquarters to insure compliance with pertinant regulations thereof. The following message was received from G-4 at 1500: "Plt, Clr Sta opens 271400A at coord V-590608 (Ste MARIE aux MINES) Plt, Clr Sta and Med Supply remain open at coord V-500603 (Ban de Laveline) Cl II & IV opens 281200A at coord V-593612 (Ste MARIE aux MINES)".

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From:0001, 28 November 1944
To :2400, 28 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Corps communication lines were removed thereby leaving no cummunication with our Forward elements. Routine administrative duties performed by Rear Echelon.

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From: 0001, 29 November 1944
To : 2400, 29 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME IN	TIME OUT	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
		Memo from Lt Col Travis, G-1, dated 28 Nov 44, received at 1315, 29 Nov 1944, stating that the CG did not desire to move the Rear Echelon until further developments occured in the tactical situation. Upon mentioning St Marie aux Mines as a possible CP site for the Rear Echelon, the CG expressed doubt as to whether or not this location would be practical after the present situation developed more extensively. Lt Col Travis further stated that it was his personal belief, based on the CG's statement referred to above, that the Rear Echelon would remain in present location for at least five days. The following message received at 1500 from G-4: "Class I & III opens 291600A at coord: V-585605 (South West Edge of Ste Marie aux Mines)

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From:0001, 30 November 1944.
To :2400, 30 November 1944
Place: Bruyeres, France

TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ORDERS
IN	OUT	
		Orders were received that 6 Officers and 56 EM would assemble at this Headquarters by 1800 to be fed evening meal, quartered for the night, and given breakfast 1 December 1944, in time to pass the IP at 0730, EPINAL, to go to Paris for 48 hour leave pass.

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