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

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SUBJECT: Transmittal of Historical Record of Operations in France from 15 August to 31 August 1944.

: Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, APO #36,

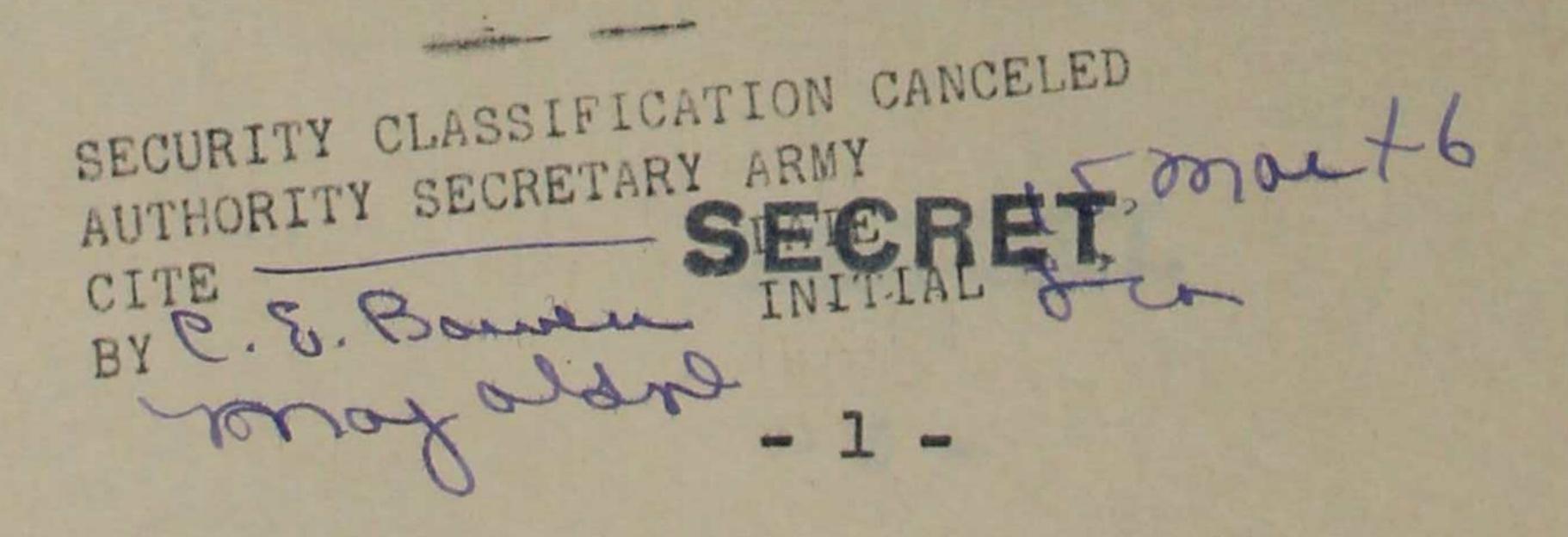
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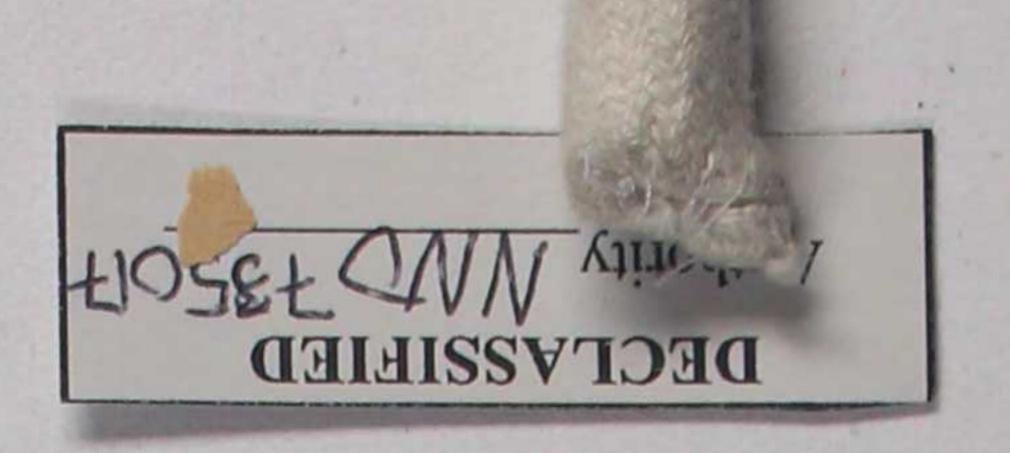
Transmitted herewith historical record of operations in France from 15 August 1944 to 31 August 1944, Headquarters Special Troops, 36th Infantry Division, APO #36, U. S. Army.

Clair R. MC ROBERT
Capt., Infantry
Commanding

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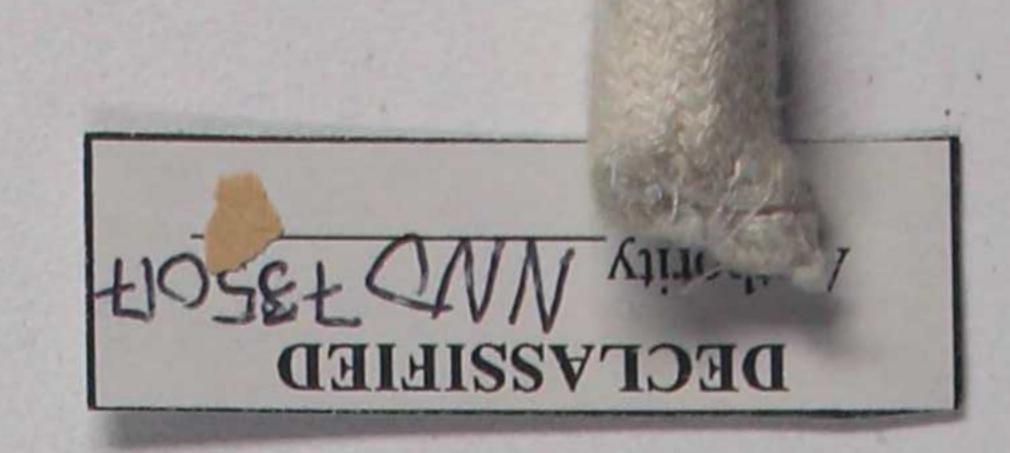
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HISTORICAL DATA FOR PERIOD 15 AUGUST 1944 TO 31 AUGUST 1944

Upon the departure of the Division for the operation Dragoon, all Rear Echelons of the units of the Division and attached units, were placed under the command of the Commanding Officer Rear Echelon for administration and rations. The personnel left in the Rear Echelon totaled approximately 3,604 drivers, assistant drivers, kitchen personnel consisted mainly of and guard details for organizational equipment. Each organization left sufficient personnel, both enlisted and officer, to properly care for all organizational equipment.

The Division Transport Quartermaster, Major Ross Young, 0348457, 142nd Infantry, of Dallas Texas, remained with the Rear Echelon to handle the loading of the convoys subsequent to D-Conwhere he could contact all Rear Echelon unit commanders readily. Division and the attached units on boats for the operation. The tremendous task is proven by the success the Division attained after it had landed on the shores of Southern France.

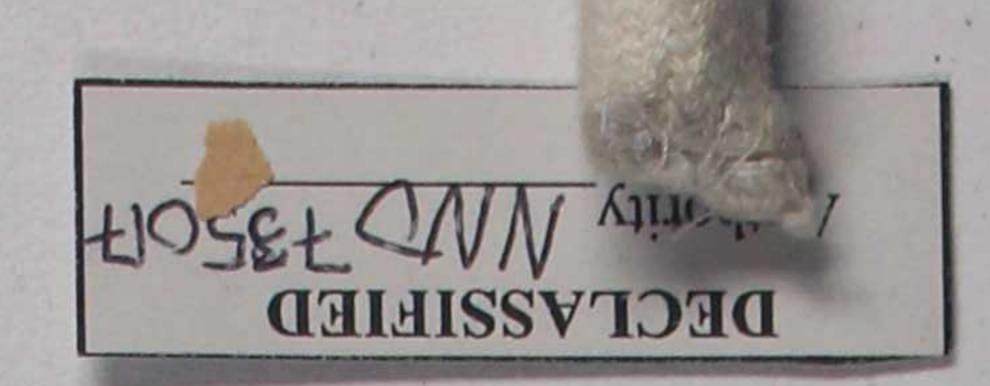
Memorandum #57, Headquarters, 36th Infantry Division, dated 3 August 1944, required that the commanders of Rear Echelon Units would submit a roster of all personnel and vehicles within their units at the time the major part of the Division departed. A chart giving the total strength of each separate unit is submitted on the following page:



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L-/007	0	WO	EM
Hq Sp Trs, 36th Inf Div	4 24 1	9	19 254 8
Det D-2, SIAM, 3151st Mon Co	1	1	42 21 7
380th Replacement Sub Total	31	10	351
Hq 36th F A Group	4336	2 2 2	17 90 99 155
Sub Total	16	6	361
Hq 44th Ord Bn Hq Det, 44th Ord Bn 46th Ord M Maint Co 680th Ord Am Co Det 261st Ord HM Co (AA)	321		17736
Det 87th Ord HM Co (FA)	1		2 1 03
3406th Ord M Auto Co Sub Total	10	1	162
Hq 540th Engr Regt (Office of Personnel) Hq 56th Medical Bn (Rr) 259th QM Bn	1 2	1	51 54 17
603rd Ord Drivers	1		44
94th QM; 3856th QM; 21st Chem; 6th Chem Decn; 6690th Reg Co; Co "C", 759th MP Bn; Navy Hq; Co "B", 8th Beach Bn	1		21
3338th, 3339th & 3340th QM Trk Co; 259th QM Serv Bn			149
540th Engr Regt	1	2	99 33 29
3427th QM Trk Co	9	3	545

Sub Total





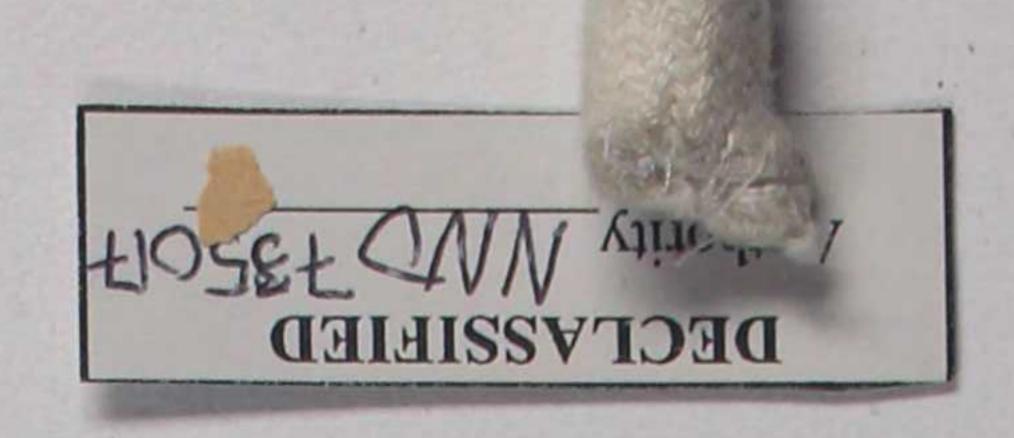
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Hq 36th Inf Div Arty & 155th F A Bn 131st F A Bn 132nd F A Bn 133rd F A Bn 111th Engr Bn 111th Med Bn 11th Field Hosp (Inc Det 2nd Aux Surg Co) 11th Evac Hosp 1st Bn, 344th Engr Regt Sub Total	0 3112 1111	Wo lilas	M 79 82 34 7 6 7 3 59 366
Hq 68th AAA Group	31587	1 1 2	39 9 149 278 726
141st Infantry (Including Personnel Section) Co "A", 111th Med Bn	5		162 18 186
142nd Infantry (Including Personnel Section) 636th T D Bn 753rd Tank Bn Sub Total	5 2 2	1 2	195 151 144 490
143rd Infantry (Including Personnel Section) 2nd Chem Bn	10	1	120 135 255

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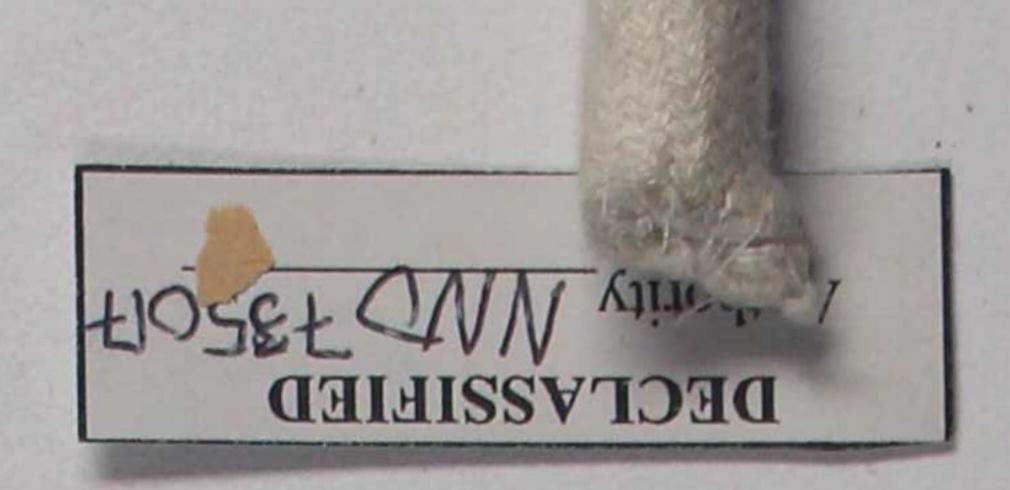
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RECAPITULATION: Hq Sp Trs, 36th Inf Div	31	10	351
Ho 36th F A Group	16	6	361
Ha 44th Ord Bn	10	1	162 545
Hq 540th Engr Regt	17	7	366
Hq 36th Inf Div Arty	24	4	726
747 et Infantry	5		186
149nd Infantry	9	2	
143rd Infantry	10		200
TOTAL	128	34	3,442
Hq 68th AAA Group 141st Infantry 142nd Infantry 143rd Infantry TOTAL	5 9 13	34	186

The Commanding Officer, Rear Echelon appointed Captain Carl P. Matney, 0407621, as Provost Marshal of the Rear Echelon. This was done so that a responsible officer could contact the Military Police units in Naples and return men AWOL from their units. Also, the area in which the Rear Echelon was located was advantageous for prostitutes of the nearby cities to visit daily. In order to control venereal diseases, the Division Provost Marshal was ordered to apprehend all women not living in the area and turn them over to civil authorities. This proved to be an excellent idea for there were very few cases of venereal disease reported. The Provost Marshal arrested approximately 30 women during the 25 days the area was occupied.

The Commanding Officer, Rear Echelon, ordered the Surgeon of Special Troops to contact the Section of Preventive Medicine, PBS, for assistance and advice as to what preventative measures should be taken to control malaria, due to the fact that it was learned the area was highly malarious. Major Stein of the Section of Preventive Medicine made a survey of the bivouac area and reported that it would not be necessary to move from the present location if preventative measures against mosquito and fly breeding were taken immediately. Memorandums were issued by the Rear Echelon to all units instructing them to strictly enforce the SOP individual and unit malaria control measures. A detail of one officer and enlisted men was formed to cover water holes, ditches, and stagnant water and to spray mosquito breeding areas with paris green. Major Stein arranged to have the area sprayed by plane approximately every three days with paris green. As a result of this program malaria cases were practically non-existent.





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In addition to the personnel mentioned above and in accordance with current instructions from higher Headquarters, all personnel on the August rotation increment were left in the Rear Echelon. The necessary processing of records, etc., for this group of 80 enlisted men and officers was handled by the Personnel Section Special Troops.

considerable difficulty was experienced in transportation. To aid in transporting troops to the port for boarding ship and hauling supplies, etc., each unit of the Rear Echelon was required to place a specified number of vehicles in a pool under the direct supervision of the Commanding Officer, Rear Echelon. When a unit required extra transportation, the Rear Echelon transportation officer was contacted and the necessary vehicles properly dispatched. Each unit was responsible for the maintenance and guarding of all organizational equipment left by their respective units. This system proved to be excellent inasmuch as none of the equipment was reported as lost or stolen.

Orders dated 31 August 1944, designated Captain Elden R. McRobert, 01308161, Headquarters Company, 36th Infantry Division, as acting Commanding Officer, Headquarters Special Troops.

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Capt., Infantry
Adjutant