

Binders of this volume presented  
to the 238th Engineer Combat Battalion  
by Louise Huntsinger  
in memory of her husband  
Nesbitt (Ned) Huntsinger

28 February 1949

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This album is compiled  
so that memories may live  
forever with the men who once  
served with a famous fine  
combat outfit.

We dedicate these albums  
to the buddies we left "over  
there" in honored glory that we,  
the living ones, might appreciate  
the honor of being Americans.

Respectfully,

George A. Keel  
President  
238th Regt. Combat Bn.  
Association

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SECTION A

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D-Day, June 6, 1944, the Allied Expeditionary Force, invaded Europe on the shores of Normandy. General Dwight Eisenhower, supreme allied commander, sent the following letter to the soldiers, sailors and airmen of the force. Charlie Gregory of Route 3, North Wilkesboro, was a soldier in the invasion and provided a copy of the letter to **The Journal-Patriot**.

SUPREME HEADQUARTERS  
ALLIED EXPEDITIONARY FORCE



Soldiers, Sailors and Airmen of the Allied Expeditionary Force!

You are about to embark upon the Great Crusade, toward which we have striven these many months. The eyes of the world are upon you. The hopes and prayers of liberty-loving people everywhere march with you. In company with our brave Allies and brothers-in-arms on other Fronts, you will bring about the destruction of the German war machine, the elimination of Nazi tyranny over the oppressed peoples of Europe, and security for ourselves in a free world.

Your task will not be an easy one. Your enemy is well trained, well equipped and battle-hardened. He will fight savagely.

But this is the year 1944! Much has happened since the Nazi triumphs of 1940-41. The United Nations have inflicted upon the Germans great defeats, in open battle, man-to-man. Our air offensive has seriously reduced their strength in the air and their capacity to wage war on the ground. Our Home Fronts have given us an overwhelming superiority in weapons and munitions of war, and placed at our disposal great reserves of trained fighting men. The tide has turned! The free men of the world are marching together to Victory!

I have full confidence in your courage, devotion to duty and skill in battle. We will accept nothing less than full Victory!

Good Luck! And let us all beseech the blessing of Almighty God upon this great and noble undertaking.

Dwight D. Eisenhower

# WORLD WAR II



COMPANY "B"  
238<sup>th</sup> COMBAT ENGINEERS



## MORNING REPORT

DATES	PLACES OR COUNTRIES	CAMPS
13th Oct. 1943 .....	VIRGINIA	Camp Patrick Henry
14th Oct. to 1st Nov. 43 .....	OUT AT SEA	Aboard SS Isaac Sharpless
2nd Nov. 43 to 5th Jan. 44 .....	NORTH AFRICA	Oran, Algeria
6th Jan. 44 to 7th Jan. 44 .....	"	Enroute by Troop Train
8th Jan. 44 to 10th Jan. 44 .....	ENGLAND	Camp Don "B" Passage
11th Jan. 44 to 19th Jan. 44 .....	"	Aboard HMT Andes
20th Jan. 44 .....	"	Enroute by Troop Train
21st Jan. 44 to 5th April 44 .....	ENGLAND	Winchester-Hampshire
6th April 44 to 22nd April 44 .....	"	Bournemouth-Hampshire
23rd April 44 to 13th May 44 .....	CHANNEL	Shiphay-Torquay, Devonshire
14th May 44 to 31st May 44 .....	FRANCE "D" Day	Camp Stover-Newton Abbot, Dev.
1st June 44 to 5th June 44 .....	"	Aboard LCT
6th June 44 to 7th June 44 .....	FRANCE	Landed on the Coast of France, Contentia Beachhead
8th June 44 to 21st June 44 .....	"	Utah Beachhead (D-Day Beach)
22nd June to 28th June 44 .....	"	Quettetot
27th June 44 to 1st July 44 .....	"	Rauville-La-Bigot
2nd July 44 to 8th July 44 .....	"	Beaumont
9th July 44 to 13th July 44 .....	"	Carrefour Des Chemins
14th July 44 to 16th July 44 .....	"	St. George Des Bohon
17th July 44 to 19th July 44 .....	"	St. Jean De Daye
20th July 44 to 21st July 44 .....	"	La Mine
22nd July 44 to 27th July 44 .....	"	Cavigny
28th July 44 .....	"	Dangy
29th July 44 to 30th July 44 .....	"	St. Martin De Cenilly
31st July 44 to 3rd Aug. 44 .....	"	LeBourg
4th Aug. 44 to 6th Aug. 44 .....	"	La Coliniere
7th Aug. 44 to 9th Aug. 44 .....	"	St. Laurent De Cuves
10th Aug. 44 .....	"	Le Teilleul
11th Aug. 44 to 16th Aug. 44 .....	"	Bignau
17th Aug. 44 .....	"	Le Bois Richard
18th Aug. 44 to 23rd Aug. 44 .....	"	La Ferriere Bochard
24th Aug. 44 .....	"	St. Maxime
25th Aug. 44 to 26th Aug. 44 .....	"	Le Marais
27th Aug. 44 .....	"	St. Germaindes
28th Aug. 44 to 29th Aug. 44 .....	"	Villeneuve Le Comte
30th Aug. 44 to 1st Sept. 44 .....	"	La Bonne Rencontre
2nd Sept. 44 .....	"	Le Hocquet
3rd Sept. 44 to 4th Sept. 44 .....	"	Beaufort
5th Sept. 44 to 6th Sept. 44 .....	BELGIUM	Presles
7th Sept. 44 to 9th Sept. 44 .....	"	Namur
10th Sept. 44 .....	"	Liege
11th Sept. 44 to 13th Sept. 44 .....	"	Ailleur
14th Sept. 44 to 19th Sept. 44 .....	"	Thimister
20th Sept. 44 to 27th Oct. 44 .....	GERMANY	Aachen
28th Oct. 44 to 6th Nov. 44 .....	BELGIUM	Liege
7th Nov. 44 to 24th Nov. 44 .....	GERMANY	Aachen
25th Nov. 44 to 21st Dec. 44 .....	"	Eschweiller
22nd Dec. 44 .....	BELGIUM	Xhoris
23rd Dec. 44 .....	"	Chene Al Pierrg
24th Dec. 44 .....	"	Xhoris
25th Dec. 44 to 27th Dec. 44 .....	"	Hamoir
28th Dec. 44 to 31st Dec. 44 .....	"	La Reid
1st Jan. 1945 to 7th Jan. 45 .....	"	Lorce
8th Jan. 45 to 13th Jan. 45 .....	"	My—Belgium
14th Jan. 45 to 19th Jan. 45 .....	"	Fays
20th Jan. 45 .....	"	Chau
21st Jan. 45 to 25th Jan. 45 .....	"	Petites Tailles
26th Jan. 45 to 3rd Feb. 45 .....	"	Warzee
4th Feb. 45 to 25th Feb. 45 .....	"	Eschweiller
26th Feb. 45 to 28th Feb. 45 .....	"	Birkesdorf
1st March 45 to 6th March 45 .....	"	Stammeln
7th March 45 to 16th March 45 .....	"	Brauweiler
17th March 45 to 26th March 45 .....	"	Koningswinter
27th March 45 to 28th March 45 .....	"	Oberpleis
29th March 45 to 31st March 45 .....	"	Giesenhausen
1st April 45 .....	"	Dillenburg
2nd April 45 to 3rd April 45 .....	"	Enroute to Brilon
4th April 45 to 8th April 45 .....	"	Brilon
9th April 45 .....	"	Bad Driburg
10th April 45 .....	"	Einbeck
11th April 45 .....	"	Duderode
12th April to 13th April 45 .....	"	Osterode
14th April 45 to 17th April 45 .....	"	Ellrich
18th April 45 .....	"	Quenstedt
19th April 45 .....	"	Ermesleben
20th April 45 to 23rd April 45 .....	"	Aschersleben
24th April 45 to 29th April 45 .....	"	Augsdorf
30th April 45 to 22 May 45 .....	"	Eisleben (War Ended 7th May)

REMEMBER BASIC TRAINING?  
PLATTSBURG, N. Y.  
JANUARY-JUNE, 1943



Ben McCullough  
City Hall of Plattsburgh, N. Y. 1943



Ed Furlong-Ed Sullivan  
Bob Reid-Kapac  
John Kohan with dog



John J. Kohan



B Company



Hilderbrand-Subatto-Key-Pekara  
Settino at gun



Lt. Totten-Link-Silverman-Thomas Brown



Robert Reid-front  
Ed Furlong-back



Left-Co. Commander  
Lt. Edward Blumenstein  
Right-Lt. Silverman



Pendley at can  
Pekera-Lefeuve in whites



Peter E. Setino



We played while we worked!



John Kohan with gun



Ben McCullough ----- Edgar Holder  
Hugh Crow-Forest Key-John Path  
Peter Setino-Carl Carter



1. Pendley 2. Peter Setino 3. Carl Carter  
4. John Kohan 5. Hildebrand 6. Ronald  
Callen 7. Hugh Crow 8. Bert Miller



Top-Willard Lawson-Davidson  
2nd row from top-----Holder-Maxwell  
Standing left-Subotta-Right-----  
3rd row from top-Carlsward-Key-Harward  
Reid  
Bottom row-Ben McCullough-Hildebrand  
Ernest Driver



1st row-Pendley-Carter-Carlsward-Callen  
2nd row-Ben McCullough-Pete Setino  
Hildebrand-Hugh Crow-Bert Miller



Sgt. Smokowitz  
Sewing on those  
new stripes!



Ed Furlong  
All the comforts  
of home.



Lt. Silverman  
Sgt. Harwell



Top-Ed Furlong  
2nd row from top  
Hegley-Hildebrand  
Ralph Throckmorton  
Smokowitz- McCullough  
3rd row from top  
Pete Pekara-Subotta

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PLATTSBURG BARRACKS, NEW YORK.



BARRACKS



CHAPEL



WINTER



SUMMER



FLOATING FERRY TNG.



SUMMER

First Parade in Plattsburg, N. Y. 1943



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PLATTSBURG, N.Y.



WINTER



SHOWERS



MOCK VILLAGE

ELKINS, W. VIRGINIA.



PROHINSKI BLOCK DUNNAN BELANGER DUNKIN



Elkins, West Va.  
1943

A trip down Memory Lane. This is Plattsburg Barracks in 1988.  
Pictures taken by Harlan King, on a trip back to days gone by.



Plattsburg AFB, September 19, 1988  
A/W The Guard on duty, the  
building at center right is the  
oldest still standing.



View toward the old motor pool at  
Plattsburg AFB taken September 19, 1988.



Parade Ground at Plattsburg, September 19, 1988



Old Plattsburg AFB, September 19, 1988

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AFRICA



Lt. Col. DAVID G. McMILLAN



*Cathedral de Notre Dame*



Oran, Africa





Boarding the boat,  
Casablanca, or Oran



Oran, North Africa.  
January, 1944.



John Mathis, Stonehouse  
Glasgow, Oran, N.Africa  
January, 1944.



BOURNEMOUTH, ENGLAND



BOURNEMOUTH

The First in France



Douve River



Lt. Col. JAY P. DAWLEY



Le Havre



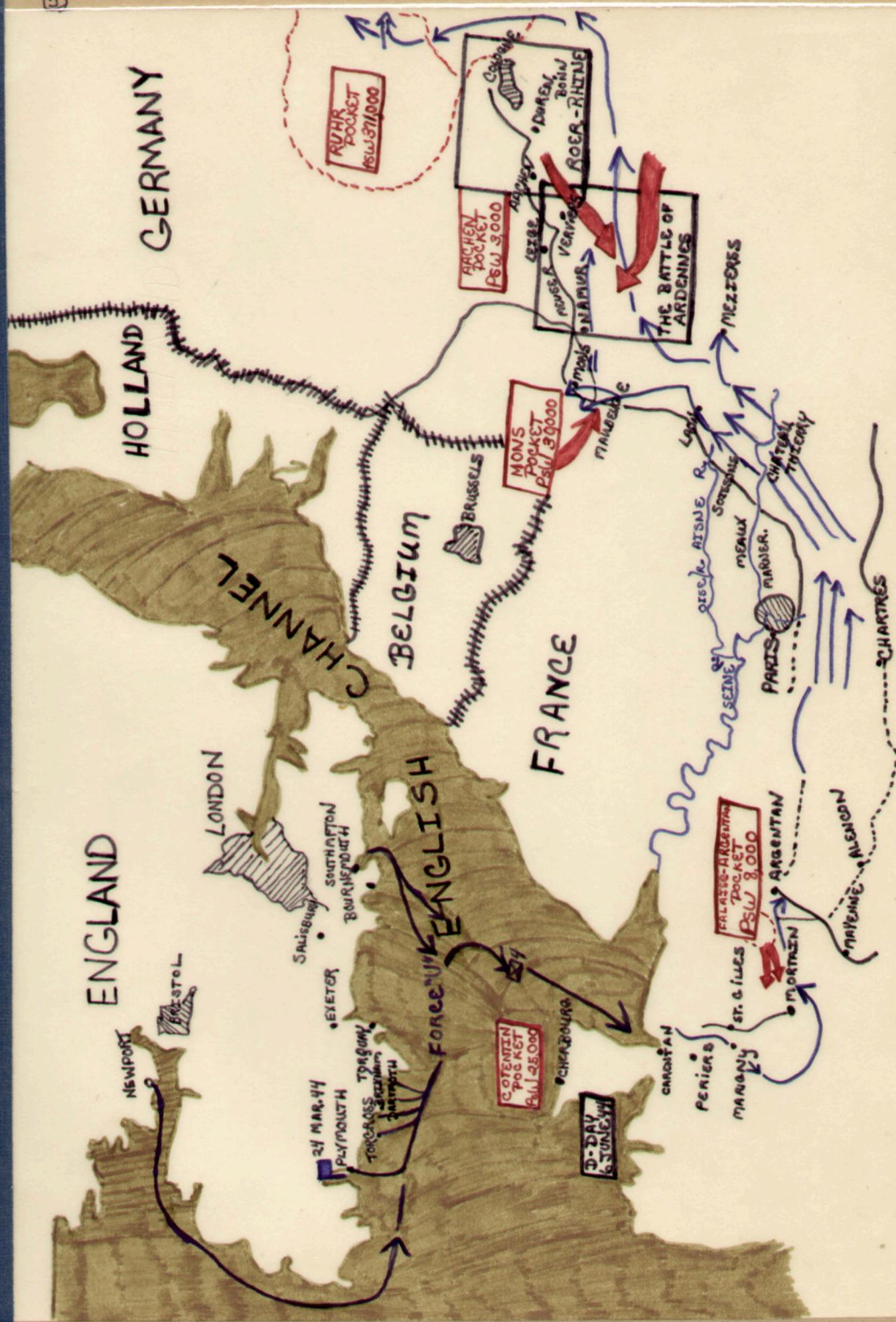
Alberto Rael's  
Grave



"Rest Stop"



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CHERBOURG 6 JUNE - 1 July PSW - 33,000	PIRATES 2 July - 24 July PSW - 1,579	BREAKTHROUGH 25 July - 31 July PSW 8,467	EXPLOITATION 1-Aug - 6 Aug PSW 6,434	COUNTERATTACK 7-18 Aug PSW 4,881	PURSUIT into BEACHHEAD 19 Aug - 3 Sept. PSW 10,200
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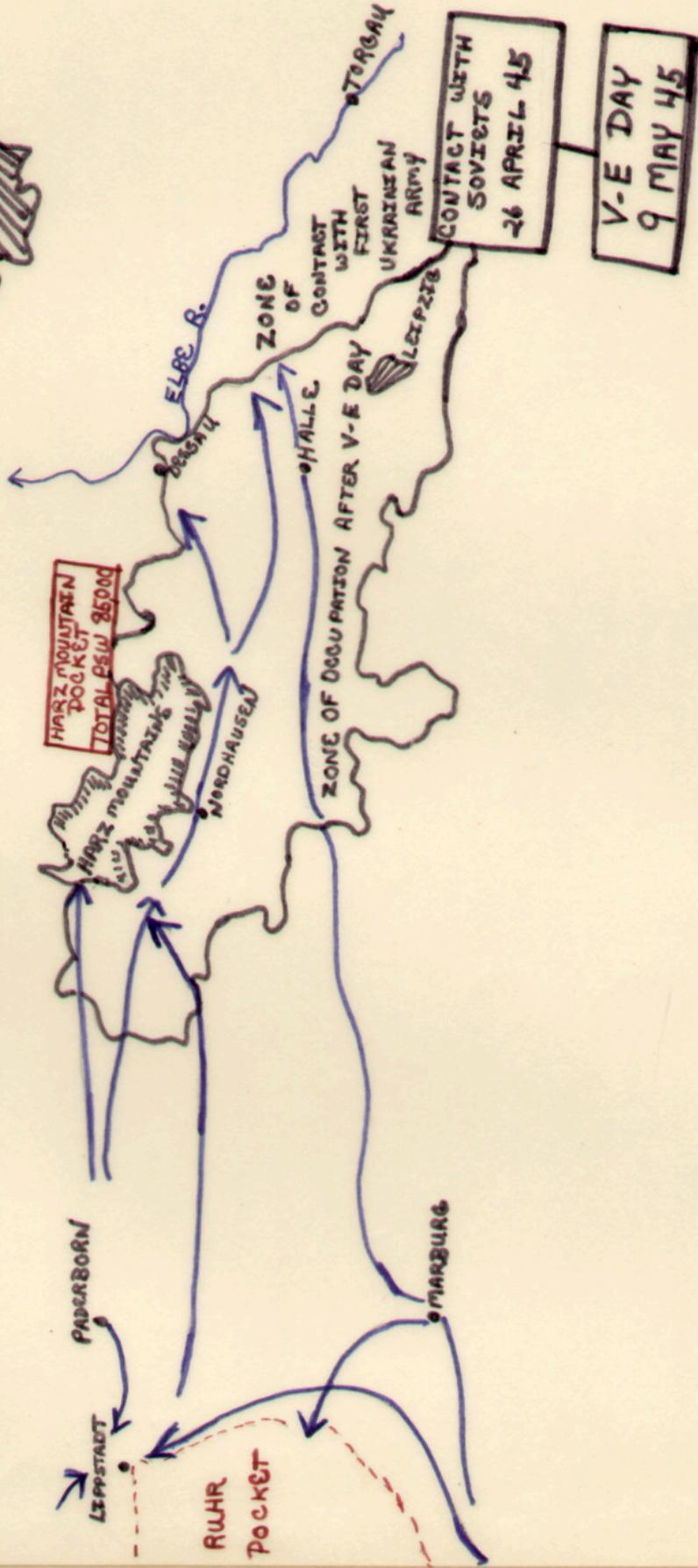
PURSUIT into  
Belgium  
19 Aug - 3 Sept.  
PsW 10,800

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TOTAL POW TAKEN  
6 JUNE 44 - 6 JUNE 45  
377,849

## GERMANY (CONT.)

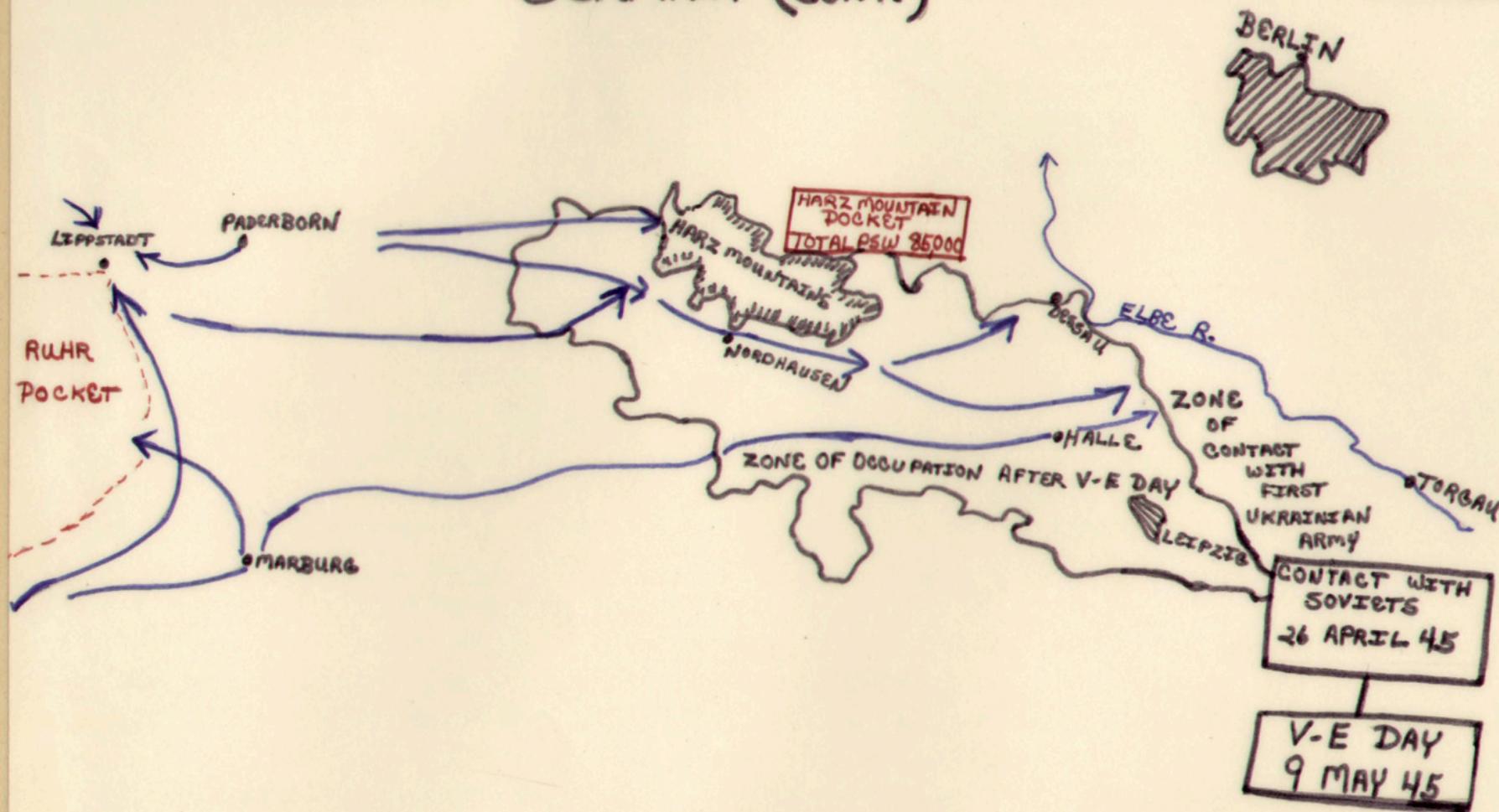
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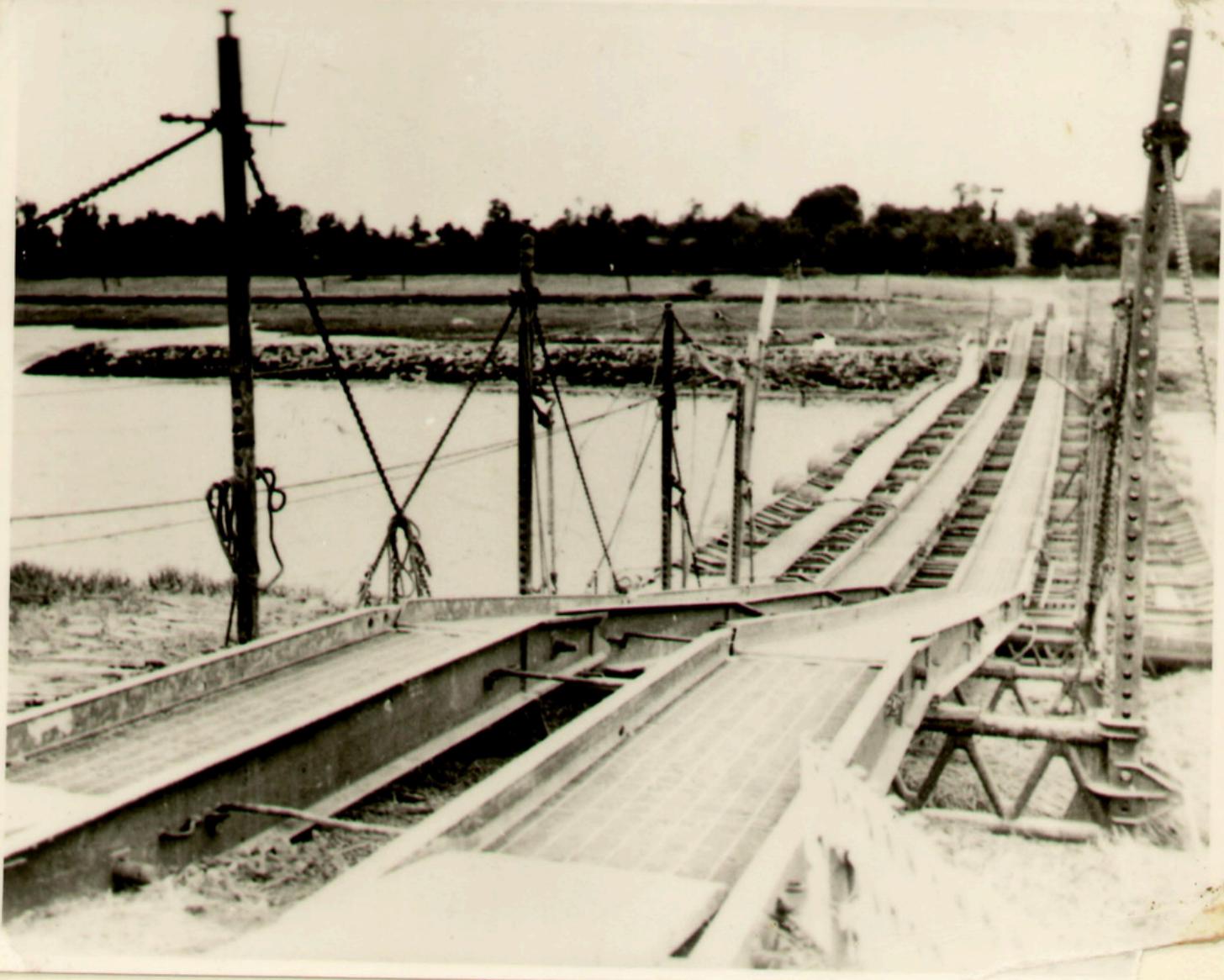
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Douve River 13' Tide

"Douve" in French means TIDE.

The 1<sup>st</sup> Floating Bridge constructed  
in France after "D-Day", 1944



PLACE DE LA CONCORDE



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Co. "B"

Belgium



Destroyed RR Bridge





Ruble Vineyard, James P. Miller, Ray Transou  
William Grover Bonds, Belgium, 1944



Ray Transou, Harvey Collins, William Grover Bonds  
Belgium, 1944

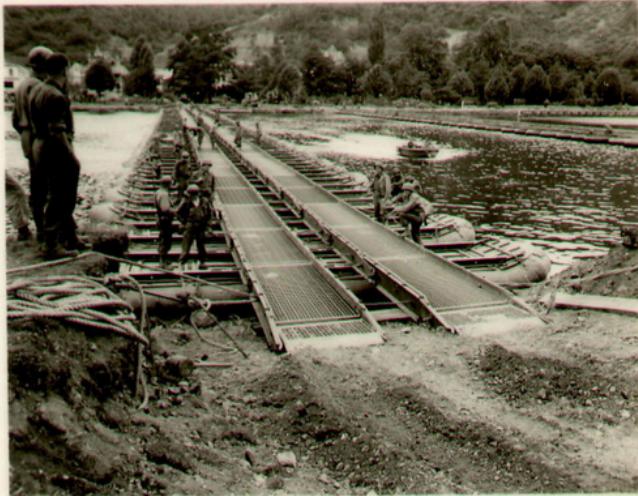
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Leige, Belgium



Namur



Stonon +  
Belgium



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Kirkenhausen

Roor River



Plastic mines



Auto Bahn near Kleren



DUREN



DUREN



Henni-Chappell, Belgium

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Co "B"



near Durven



Freng

the first in Belgium



Co. "B"

Co. "A"



The Roer

The  
day  
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Gordon T. Bell, Harvey Collins, Warren Godwin.  
Brussels, Belgium, 1945.



Harvey Collins and Ray Transou,  
On a pass in Brussels. 1945



NAMUR, BELGIUM  
PHOTOGRAPHED BY JOHN WONG ON RETURN TRIP TO EUROPE

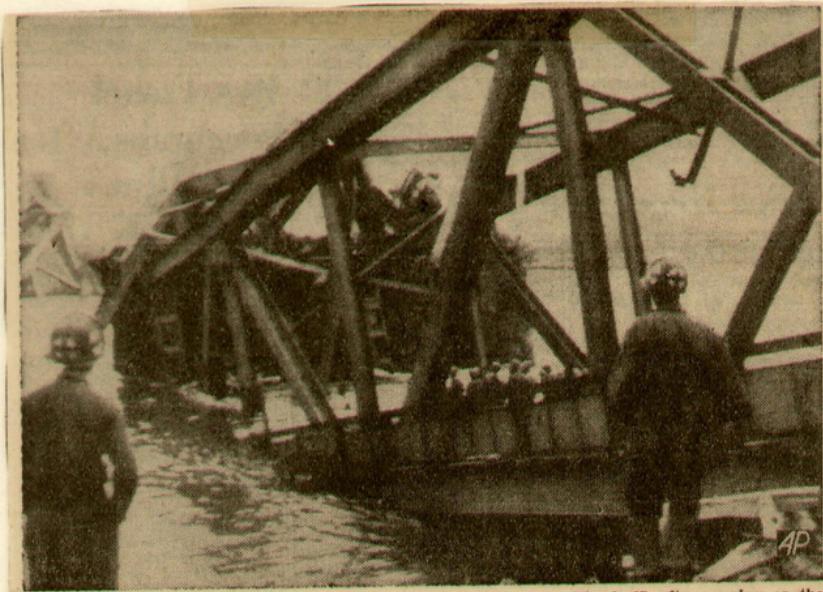


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*- Germany -*



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RAY TRANSOCE DRIVING TRUCK "C"



REMAGEN BRIDGE AFTER COLLAPSE INTO RHINE—  
U. S. First Army medics stand by on a collapsed span.

Ludendorff railroad bridge over the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, ready to aid men being rescued from wreckage below. The bridge fell at 3:15 p.m.

March 17 after serving as the first span to carry U. S. troops across the Rhine in this war.—(AP Wirephoto from Army Signal Corps Radiophoto.)



## Nice Work—And Do They Get It!

By Berton Braley

"The Engineers  
Have hairy ears"  
—And hairy, harried faces;  
Robust and rough,  
They do their stuff  
In all the toughest places.

For they're the babies who take the raps,  
The boobs who probe for the booby-traps,  
The scouts ahead of the scouting lines  
Cutting the wire and hunting mines.  
And they are the playboys, gay and bright,  
Who crack pillboxes with dynamite,  
And they are the fellers who fell the trees,  
While the bullets hum like a hive of bees.

The Engineers!  
They grease the gears  
That army transport runs on,  
And foot by foot  
Build roads they put  
The trucks and tanks and guns on.

They are the buckos who buck a way  
Through stubborn granite and sticky clay.  
With pick and shovel they break their backs  
After (and under) the bomb-attacks.  
They drill for water through desert dunes  
And over the rivers they toss pontoons.  
They slap down runways in fields of mud  
(And some of the ooze is the ooze of blood).

The Engineers  
Are cavaliers  
Who joust with logs and boulders,  
A task that's done  
With half a ton  
Of junk upon their shoulders.

For they are the lugs who lug the most  
Of loads that land on a hostile coast.  
And they are the guys, when equipment fails,  
Who scratch out a ditch with their finger nails.  
You find them up in the mountain crags  
And down in the jungle clearing snags  
Where the moccasins coil and the snipers lurk  
—Engineers, doing the dirty work!

III

Building the John B. Wong Bridge

- 1.
2. Sgt. McKee
3. Sgt. Anderson
4. Sgt. Qualls
5. T/5 Harvey Collins
6. Stooping-Pvt. Boswell
7. Sgt. Faus
8. Sgt. Sgt. Ed Greene
- 9.

Left to right with faces toward  
the camera



NEAR MEAUX

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Eschweiler

Co "C"



Co "B"

