

HEADQUARTERS
505th ENGINEER LIGHT PONTON COMPANY
CAMP GORDON, GEORGIA

March 8, 1943

SUBJECT: History of the Services of 505th Engineer Light Ponton Company.

TO : The Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C.

1. In accordance with authority contained in paragraph 7, AR 345-105, dated November 18, 1929, May 15th of each year is designated as "Company Day" in commemoration of the activation of this unit.

2. In accordance with the provisions set forth in paragraph 11b, AR 345-105, dated November 18, 1929 the following history of this organization. is recorded and forwarded.

A. Original Unit.

- (1) Designation: 505th Engineer Company (Light Ponton).
- (2) Date of organization: May 15, 1942.
- (3) Place of organization: Camp Gordon, Georgia.
- (4) Authority for organization: Paragraph 1, General Order Number 15, Headquarters, Eastern Defense Command and First Army, dated April 27, 1942.
- (5) Sources from which personnel was obtained: A cadre of twelve Enlisted Men and one Officer was furnished by the 75th Engineer Company (Light Ponton), Camp Beauregard, Louisiana and arrived at Camp Gordon on May 15, 1942. The bulk of the remaining Enlisted personnel were transferred from the Reception Center, Camp Upton, N.Y., consisting of men inducted into the Army under the provisions of the Selective Service Act. These fillers arrived on December 5, 1942. Officer fillers have been received through normal requisition.

B. Changes in Organization.

- (1) This organization was attached to Third Army upon activation. In accordance with Section I, General Orders, Number 20, Headquarters I Army Corps, dated May 12, 1942, this organization was attached to the I Army Corps.
- (2) In Accordance with Station List Number 9, 1942 Series, Headquarters Second Army, dated May 25, 1942, this organization was attached to the Second Army.
- (3) In accordance with listing as shown on Station List Number 20, 1942 Series, Headquarters Second Army,

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dated September 2, 1942, the designation of this organization was changed from 505th Engineer Company (Light Ponton) to 505th Engineer Light Ponton Company.

C. Strength, Commissioned and enlisted:

| Month | Capt. | 1st Lt. | 2nd Lt. | E.M. | Gain or loss E.M. & Officers |
|-------|-------|---------|---------|------|--|
| May | 1 | 1 | 0 | 14 | |
| June | 1 | 1 | 6 | 14 | Gain 6-2nd Lts. |
| July | 1 | 1 | 4 | 14 | Lost 2-2nd Lts. |
| Aug. | 1 | 0 | 4 | 12 | Lost 1-1st Lt. Lost 2- E.M. |
| Sept. | 1 | 0 | 6 | 23 | Gain 2-2nd Lts. Gain 11- E.M. |
| Oct. | 1 | 2 | 4 | 24 | Gain 2-1st Lts. Lost 2-2nd Lts. Gain 1- E.M. |
| Nov. | 1 | 3 | 4 | 24 | Gain 1-1st Lt. |
| Dec. | 0 | 3 | 5 | 246 | Lost 1 Capt. Gain 1-2nd Lt Gain 222- E.M. |
| Jan. | 0 | 3 | 5 | 249 | Gain 3- E.M. |
| Feb. | 0 | 4 | 5 | 246 | Lost 3- E.M. Gain 1-2nd Lt. |

D. Stations (permanent or temporary) of Unit or Parts thereof.

(1) Date of arrival at Camp Gordon, Ga: May 15, 1942.

(2) Date of departure from Camp Gordon, Ga: _____.

E. Marches: None.

F. Campaigns: None.

G. Battles: None.

H. Commanding Officers in important engagements: None.

I. Losses in action: Officers and Men: None.

J. Former and present members who have distinguished themselves in action: None.

K. Photograph of personnel, important scenes or events: None.

For the Commanding Officer;

James J. Carnes, Jr.
 JAMES J. CARNES, JR.
 1st Lt., 505th Engr L Pon Co.

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Authority NND 735017

By JE NARA Date 8-21-6

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HEADQUARTERS SECOND ARMY
Office of the Commanding General
76 Court Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

25 May, 1942

STATION LIST)

NUMBER.....9)
1942 Series.)

UNITS ASSIGNED OR ATTACHED TO SECOND ARMY

GORDON, Camp, Georgia

505th Engr Co (L Pon)

By command of Lieutenant General LEAR:

R. B. PATTERSON
Colonel, A.G.D.,
Adjutant General.

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JAMES J. CARNES, JR.
1st Lt., 505th Engr L Pon Co

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GENERAL ORDERS)

NO 20)

HEADQUARTERS I ARMY CORPS
1313 Green St., Columbia, SC
12 May 1942.

SECTION I. Units under the jurisdiction of the I Army Corps are attached or grouped as indicated hereafter, effective this date or upon activation at a later date.

All previous orders and instructions in conflict herewith are rescinded.

CAMP GORDON, GA.

Attached:

505th Engr Co. (L Pon)

AGF

NOTE:

AGF Indicates an Army Ground Force unit attached to Second Army by AGF and attached to this headquarters by Second Army.

SECTION II. 1. The senior officer present for duty with each of the following groups is designated as the Group Commander:

IAC Engr Group, Camp Gordon

2. The Group Commander will:

- a. Report by letter, date of assumption of command.
- b. Report all subsequent changes in command.
- c. Organize the necessary headquarters, utilizing a minimum number of officers and enlisted men detailed from units comprising the respective group. No increase in Table of Organization strength of officers or enlisted men is authorized for that purpose.

By command of Major General THOMPSON:

HORACE O. CUSHMAN
Colonel, GSC
Chief of Staff

OFFICIAL:

M. J. CONWAY
Lt Col, AGD
Adjutant General

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1st Lt., 505th Engr. L. Pon. Co.

d. Changes in organization: (This organization was activated by General Order Number 15 Headquarters Eastern Defense Command and First Army, Governors Island New York, dated April 27, 1942 effective May 15, 1942 at Camp Gordon Georgia, and attached to the Third Army.)

In accordance ~~Paragraph~~ Section I, General Order Number 20, Headquarters I Army Corps this organization was ~~was~~ attached to **I** Army Corps.

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a. Original Unit

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- (4) Authority for organization: General Order
- No 15, Headquarters Eastern Defense Command
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York.
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into the Army through draft.

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Source.

- 2 MEN Cecler 75th Engr. Camp Beauregard La.
- 1 MEN FILLERS 82nd I.M. Co. Gordon, Ga.
- MEN FILLERS Engr. Sch. Fort Belvoir Va.
- 00 FILLERS Camp Vpton, Va.
- 2 FILLERS ~~St. Belvoir, Va.~~ Engr. Rept. Eng Center Ft Belvoir Va.
- 2 FILLERS Hq Hqs. Md.
- 1 - Hqs. Co. Gordon, Ga.
- 1 - Hqs. 3d Hq Sp. Tr. of Gordon, Ga.
- 24 - Hqs. Co. Crawley, Mo.
- 4 - Hqs. Co. 3d Hq Sp. Tr.
- 1 off 75th Engr. Beauregard La.
- 1 " ERTC Belvoir, Va.
- 4 O.C.S. Belvoir, Va.
- 1 - Hq 4th C.A.
- 2 - O.C.S. Belvoir.
- 1 - 552nd Co Gordon, Ga.
- 1 - Hq 4th Ser Command.
- 3 O.C.S. Belvoir, Va.
- 1 - 3d Hq Sp. Tr.

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