

630th Eng. L. E. Co. Built Many Bridges

The 630th Engineer L. E. Co. is reassembling at Campbell, after serving a year in the L. E. Co. activated at Camp Maxey, Tex. In May '43, the unit was to attend training there and then move on to the Louisiana Maneuver Area for five months. Afterward, they returned to Maxey until August 19, 1944, then it was New York to Scotland, aboard the former luxury liner Queen Mary arriving August 20, 1944.

The unit was assigned to the U.S. 9th Army and went the whole way with them in September, 1944, when they went to France, Scotland, and Germany. The unit did all the work of putting fixed bridges on the Milese River in two places, the Rhoer River, the Rhine River in two places, Wese River, and the Elbe along with road construction all over the 9th Area.

The highlight of the unit's overseas career was the building of a 1200 foot fixed bridge at Venjo, Holland, putting in the first floating bridge on the Rhine. The biggest feat of the unit was the building of the "Friendship Bridge" at Madgeburg, Germany, by joining the Americans and the Russians.

After V. C. Day, the unit was assigned to the 2nd Armored Division to accompany a task force into Berlin for occupation. After building the bridge over the Mulde River at Dessau, Germany, the unit was deleted from the Task Force Berlin and moved to Le Havre, France..

"This article was submitted by Jim Fitzgerald. It chronicles a very brief history of the contributions made to the World War II effort by the 630th Engineer Company LE. It came from a news magazine. Unfortunately, the copy is difficult to transcribe and it doesn't list a year or a magazine name."