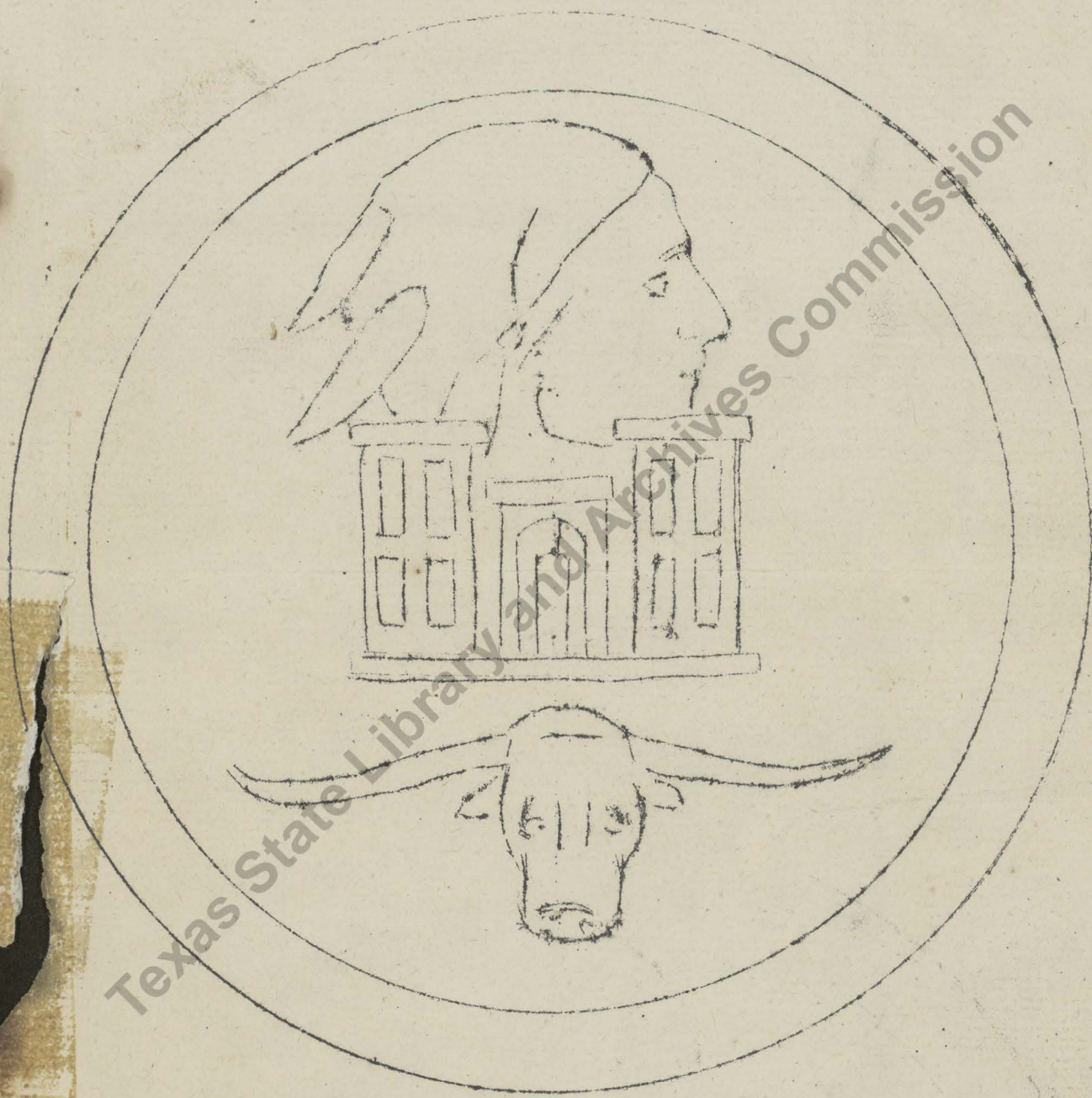


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WITH THE FIRST ARMY CORPS

San Mihiel Offensive, Corps Engineers,  
Sept 12 to 16, 1918.

Meuse - Argonne Offensive, Corps Engineers,  
Sept 26 to Nov 11, 1918.

HEADQUARTERS 111TH ENGINEERS,  
 AMERICAN E.F., A.P.O. 796,  
 1st May, 1919.

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE 111TH ENGINEERS:

You can be proud of your service in Europe, after your return home you will want to tell about it- the following brief record is given to aid your memory as to dates and places:

The 111th Engineers 111th Engineer Train sailed on the U.S.S. ANTI-CONE from Hoboken July 18th, 1918; landed at BREST, July 30th, 1918, spent August in training near BAR-SUR-AUBE, billeted at the following towns:

Regimental Headquarters- - - -	SPOY
Company "A"- - - - -	SPOY
Company "B"- - - - -	SPOY
Company "C"- - - - -	Maison Des CHAMPS FRAVAUX
Company D- - - - -	ARGANCON
Company "E"- - - - -	FRAVAUX, ARSONVAL
Company "F"- - - - -	JAUCOURT
111TH ENGINEER TRAIN- - - - -	JAUCOURT.

On September 10th, 1918, the Regiment entrained at BAR-SUR-AUBE, and arrived at FROUARD on the MOSELLE RIVER late in the evening. September 11th- We marched to the PUVENILLE FOREST and worked on roads and narrow gauge railroads throughout the ST MIEHEL Offensive; September 12th to September 16th in the following locations:

Companies B and C - - - - -	FEY EN HENY
Companies D and A - - - - -	REGNEVILLE,
Company E - - - - -	LIMEY
Company F - - - - -	THIAUCOURT

On September 15th, the Regiment marched to BLENOD, a town just south of PONT-A-MOUSSON where we were ordered to await motor trucks. The Germans shelled us and we marched on to camp near (BELLEVILLE) losing three men wounded. After one day's rest we marched at 7:00 PM September 17th marching nights and resting by day at the following points:

SEPTEMBER 18th -	Woods near BOCQUE,
SEPTEMBER 19th -	SAMPIGNY- in large French barracks
SEPTEMBER 20th -	Woods near PIERREFITTE.
SEPTEMBER 21st -	EVRES
SEPTEMBER 22nd -	Camp BAUELLE- Argonne Forest.

*gas shells*

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September 23rd Companies A and E moved to Florent; Engineer Train and Supply Echelon to Engineer Dump at Les Islettes. Remainder of Regiment to Camp LA NOUE.

September 26th to November 11th - ARGONNE MEUSE OFFENSIVE:-

Regiment worked in three detachments.

Right- Second Battalion less Company "D" worked in rear of 35th, 90th, and 77th Divisions, on general line NEUVILLY-CHIPPY-VARENNES-MONTMILLYVILLE-APREMONT-ST GEORGES- LINCOURT- SEVRY -BUZANCY-OGES- La BESAGE. Principal jobs- repair of mine craters southeast of VARENNES; removal of mines; operation of quarries at VARENNES - MONTMILLYVILLE and APREMONT.

Center- First Battalion, less Company A, with Company I, 53rd Pioneer Infantry, worked in rear of 28th, 77th, and 78th Divisions - on general line NEUVILLY- VARENNES- POUR de PARIS ROAD- Ridge Road to La BESOGNE- ST JUVIN- CHAMPIGNOUILLE- VERVEL- THERMOGUES- BUZANCY- BAR ST PIERRE-MONT- OSCHES- SY. Principal jobs; detours around two mine craters south of VARENNES; removal of mines, filling of mine craters at La BESOGNE - Road Repair.

Left- Companies A and E, with Company M, 53rd Pioneer Infantry, worked in rear of 77th and 42nd Divisions - on general line La HARAZE- VLENNE le CHATEAU- BINAUVILLE- les HACQUETS - LANGON- SENUC - GRANDPRE - BRIQUENAY- GEHMONT- AUTHE- BREULLES- SUR-BAR. Principal jobs: reconstruction of VLENNE le CHATEAU, ~~xxx~~ BINAUVILLE road across "No Man's Land"; construction of plank road and bridges at BREULLES-sur-BAR.

After the Armistice we assembled at Le CHENE TONDU and marched to the 16th Training Area, stopping at the following places:

LES ISLETTES

VILLIERES-en-ARGONNE - ANTE

REVIGNY- Aviation Field

CHANCENAY - DAUDONVILLIERS.

ATTANCOURT - Le PONT VARIN

DOULEVANT-le-CHATEAU-DOMMARTIN-le-ST PERE

COLOMBEY-les-deux-EGLISES-PRATZ.

LIGNOL- VOIGNY

URVILLE-BLIGNY

LOCHES-LANDREVILLE

ARTHANNAY-VILLON

BOFFEY-CHARREY-BERNOUIL-VEZ INNES.

The copies of orders and letters attached and given to you with the feeling that you have earned all the commendation they contain, and I wish to thank you all for the honest and business like way in which you accomplished every task given to you.

HSB/awd

*Horace S. Baker*

Copy- G.O. after St Mihiel-  
Argonne-Meuse  
Copy- Col. Hoffman's letter  
" Capt. Leckie's copy.

Colonel, Corps of Engineers,  
Commanding 11th Regiment.

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SIGNAL CORPS, UNITED STATES ARMY - TELEGRAM - Received at Hq. 1st Army Corps  
Sept 15, 1918. OFFICE OF THE C. in C., A.E.F.  
Sept 15, 1918.

Major General Hunter Liggett,  
Commanding First Army Corps, France.

Please accept my sincere congratulations on the successful and important part taken by the officers and men of the First Corps in the first offensive of the First American Army on September twelfth and thirteenth PERIOD. The courageous dash and vigor of our troops has thrilled our countrymen and evoked the enthusiasm of our Allies PERIOD. Please convey to your command my heartfelt appreciation of their splendid work PERIOD. I am proud of you all PERIOD.

PERSHING . 7 30 p.m.

Hq 1st Army Corps, American E.F., 16 Sept 18 - OFFICIAL COPY  
furnished for the information of all concerned.

By Command of Major General Liggett:

W. A. HAVERFIELD  
Major, U.S.A.  
Adjutant..

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HEADQUARTERS FIRST ARMY CORPS

11 November, 18.

GENERAL ORDERS)  
NO. 17 )

1. During this pause in the operations of these headquarters, the Corps Commander desires that the units which have contributed to the constant success of the 1st U.S. Corps be informed of his full appreciation of the services each has rendered to the common end.

This appreciation must be extended to every element of Corps and Divisional units for it goes without saying that the work of each man, no matter what his station, has contributed powerfully to the accomplishment of the common aim - the defeat of the enemy.

It is the desire of the Corps Commander that this sincerest thanks, best wishes and assurances of his appreciation reach every member of the units which have contributed to the steady and unflinching success of the Corps.

OFFICIAL  
W.A. Haverfield,  
Lt Col AGD Adjutant.

By command of Major General Dickman  
MALIN CRAIG  
Chief of Staff.

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Following is given a list of the killed, wounded and captured in action, as taken from records made from reports of the companies :

- Sgt. Clarence W. Botts, Company F, wounded in jaw by fragment of shell. CHEPPY, Nov 1st 1918 by H.E. Shell fire.
- Pvt. & Porter H. Cornelison, Company F, Killed in action near St Juvin morning of November 5, 1918, somewhere in vicinity of Meuse River, exact place not known.
- Pvt. Dan W. Cheancy, Company F, killed in action about November 5, 1918, somewhere in vicinity of Meuse River, exact place not known.
- Cook Henry F. Colston, Company C, wounded by enemy shell fire at Blenod, Sept 16, 1918 enroute from St Mihiel to Argonne Forrest.
- Wag. Lawson T. Allen, Company C, wounded by enemy shell fire at Blenod, Sept 16, 1918 enroute from St Mihiel to Argonne Forrest.
- Pvt. Marion F. Hopewell, Company F, shell shock caused by terrific concussion of enemy H.E. shell near St Juvin morning of Nov 1, 1918.
- Pvt. Paul H. Kuper, Company F, wounded in action, and captured by enemy about Nov 5, 1918 exact place of capture not known.
- Pvt. Jesse B. Jones, Company E, wounded by enemy shellfire on road FLORENT-LA HAZIER Sept 26, 1918.
- Corp Lee C. McClure, Company A, wounded by enemy shellfire Oct 22, 1918.
- Wag. Curtis C. Myers, Company F, wounded by aerial bomb, in air raid near Apremont night of October 21, 1918.
- Pvt Alpha Reese, Company F, gassed at Les Islettes, by enemy shells containing mustard gas, September 28, 1918.
- Pvt Isom C. Rue, Company C, wounded by enemy shell fire at Blenod, Sept 16, 1918 enroute from St Mihiel to Argonne Forrest.
- Pvt Donald F. Wade, Company E, wounded by explosion of Boche hand grenade at LA CHALADE October 8, 1918.
- Asst. Band Leader Otto F. Wolf, Headquarters Detachment, wounded by H.E. shell from enemy, near LA BESOGNE October 12, 1918.

Below is given a true copy of the letter of Colonel Hoffman, Chief Engineer of the First Army Corps, written to Chief Engineer A.E.F. regarding the work of the 111th Engineers and Train :

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Office of C.E., 1st.A.C., Am.E.F., U.S. APO #759, Nov 17, 1918 - To C.E. Am. E.F (Thru C.E. 1st. Army ) Forwarding monthly reports for September and October.

1. The 111th Engineers was assigned as Corps Engineer regiment, 1st. Army Corps, just as the Meuse Marston offensive was beginning; and it continued as such throughout that section and the operations from the Argonne Forrest to the Meuse River, - a total period of over two months.
2. The services rendered were of inestimable value. Every call made upon the organization and upon the officers and men was met not only efficiently but enthusiastically regardless of adverse conditions of weather, fatigue from long marches and day and night labor often required, and danger from enemy fire.
3. Road, bridge and other communication work on which the regiment was principally engaged proved to be practically of equal importance for a successful offensive with that of fighting itself. Everywhere the Germans proved to be masters of the art of defense by means of artillery and machine gun fire from selected positions and nests from which in many cases they could be dislodged only by bringing up our artillery and deluging them with fire from field pieces 155s and even heavier. Much of the success attained by our American Divisional and Corps Artillery was due to the promptness with which destroyed roads and bridges were built or repaired. Again, the successful supply of the front with ammunition, food and water depended as a rule on transportation by means of motor trucks for which hard roads were an absolute requisite. Several times it was noted that the apparent cause for a delay or halt in a victorious advance was due primarily to the softening of the roads by a heavy rain; the lack of a sufficient number of good roads and consequent traffic jams; or difficult road sections around craters which delayed supply trains, etc. In fact, the transport column delayed, acted like an anchor preventing further advance.
4. It is not too much to say that one of the greatest factors contributing to the consistent success of the First Army Corps was the road and bridge work of its engineer troops, divisional and corps, assisted especially in the last offensive by large numbers of Army engineer troops.
5. Among all these, no organizations work ranks higher than that of the 111th Engineers.

(Signed) G.M.Hoffman  
Colonel, Engineers.

Gen. Craig  
C of S, 1st.A.C.  
CC CO 111th Engineers.