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1 clearance and any obstacles (vehicles etc)
2 that might obstruct military advancement.

3 When we reached the north coast of
4 Sicily our Regiment Constructed & repaired
5 all Blown Bridges (highway + railroad) as
6 well as Clearing Palermo Harbor of the
7 sunken boats. We also purged all the
8 warehouses near the harbor, that were
9 then occupied by our U.S. Navy. we
10 also operated several quarries for rock
11 used to build an Extension of the air-
12 field in Palermo and Trapani. Sometime
13 in August I had to perform a good deed
14 for LCI 229 (the same Craft that brought
15 us to the near shore @ Licata on 10 July 43.

16 At dock was a destroyer Commanded by
17 Cmdr Jim Roosevelt, Son of President FDR.
18 His ship had been hit and was taking on
19 water. Our Regiment assisted by supplying
20 several Wisconsin pumps.

21 One Platoon of A Co 1st Bn Commanded
22 by 2^d Lt Emil P. Alcick were flown to
23 Corsica to remove mines from an airfield
24 and rock another site @ Cerda.

25 He arrived in Grenock Scotland were
26 fumigated and debarked.

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As re-organized, I personally felt this was a miniature army in that it contained (3) Engr C Bns, (1) Lt. Pontoon Co that carried 250' of Bailey Bridge, (1) Engr Taps Co (1) Engr Treadway Bidge Co, (1) Engr Heavy Pont Bn, and a Platoon of Engineer Dump trucks.

* It would take 500 pages and several weeks for me to cover all our Group had accomplished from 6 June 1944 to 8 May 1945. This would not include 5-6 Months of occupation duty in Czechoslovakia, therefore I shall terminate my contact with C-Span through the eyes of its 'excellent-out-standing host and narrator, Brian Lamb.

Like many veterans, who landed on the Normandy beaches I wouldn't turn down the opportunity to attend the 50th Anniversary Ceremonies but as I pen these last few words there isn't room for us all. Besides its 'good for those that need to be in the picture to impress the watchers of TV. I was going to say the stalworth representatives of politician and other friends.

If you choose to respond I thank you in advance. Sincerely,

Brian,

And (1)

During your 7 May '94 TV presentation of "Remembering D-Day 50 years later" one of your guests, Don McKee is incorrect in his statement that a unit (which I didn't catch because the telephone rang - at the time) received the only Presidential Citation on D-Day.

The 20th Engr C Bn of our 117th Engr C Group received The Presidential Distinguished Unit Citation while attached to the 16th Infantry, 1st Inf Div. on D-Day H+1. L.O. No. 67.

I can send you a copy if you wish!