

List of Dates and Events related to
1108th Engineer Combat Battalion as related to Pictures taken by
Major Edwin Burwell, Jr
August 1943- June 1944

31 July 1943	Camp Gruber, Ok
20 Aug 1943	Camp Miles Standish, MA
21 Aug 1943	Depart from Staten Island, NY
3 Sept 1943	Arrive Oran, Algeria
4 Sept 1943 to 4 Oct 1943	Bivouac at St. Denis du Sig, Algeria Trained on Bailey Bridges and enemy mine warfare
5 Oct 1943 to 10 Oct 1943	On Ship to Bagnoli, Italy
11 Oct 43	Avellino, Italy
15 Oct 43	Caserta, Italy compagnola
23 Oct 43	Strafed at Dugent
28 Oct 43	235 th Battalion arrives
The 1108 th Engineer Combat Group under Col. Kingsley S. Andersson Think Major Edwin Burwell was on Col. Andersson's staff as Intelligence Officer	
Nov 10 approx	First Combat at Venfro
Nov 10 approx	Quarry at Viarano in operation 235 th
Dec 3 rd	two quarries in operation by 235 th - Produced 200-400 truckloads of stone per day
4 Dec 43	First Bailey Bridge at Colli Mignano bypass - 235 th

	Culvert under railroad
	Highway 6 bypass
14 Dec 43	Order to make RR bed into two lane highway by Dec 20 th
	Road provided men and supplies to Cassino front
21 Dec 43	Road to San Pietro built
23 Dec 43	Bypass from Mignano to Hwy 6
1-6 Jan 44	Bypass was built through a stream bed Mignano
4-9 Jan 44	235 th acted as Engineers, armored Engineers, and infantry
22 Jan 44	Anzio Major Edwin Burwell landed
23 Jan 44	Knox Ave, Highway 48 (railroad) Mignano northward
28 Jan 44	River diverted, River used as roadway 1492-1493
31 Jan 44	Recon of roads into Cassino
2 Feb 44	Plans for attack delayed
15 Feb 44	HQ for 1108 th was a ruined convent
16 Feb 44	German Counter attack
20 Feb 44 Hospital	Approx date Major Edwin Burwell taken to 95 th Evacuation
1 March 44	Approx date Major Edwin Burwell moved to 300 th General Hospital in Naples
10 March 44	Approx date joined 1108 th Combat Engineers
11 Mar 44	Lt Col Dean E Swift Command of 48 th Lt Col Allen F Clark Command of 235 th
14 th Mar	"Dickens" Attack on Cassino
17 th Mar	Rolling Bailey Bridge
1-10 Apr 44	Lv to Naples, Pompeii, Serrento
11-20 Apr	Training near Casanova (south of Mount Massico)

21-30 Apr	Bridging and demolitions
11 May 44	Drive for Rome
19 May 44	HQ 235 th in Formia
	Hwy 7 open for 2 way traffic
20 May 44	road from Itri to the sea
	Sharp bend is Hwy 7 German's controlled for 48 hours
23 May 44	Cleared this bend
24 May 44	Sniper fire cleared from Terracina
26 May 44	Congrats on meeting Beachhead Engineers
3 June 44	Outer gates of Rome
4 June 44	Col. Andersson in Rome
6 June 44	Group moved into Rome
17 June 44	Major Burwell leaves Italy for training in US

On 1 July 1945 the Normandy and Channel Base Sections had been consolidated and designated the Chanor Base Section, with headquarters at Brussels, Belgium.

On 1 August 1945 the Commanding General, TSFET, directed that all supplies in excess of the receiving capacities of Bremen and Bremerhaven would clear through the ports and depots of the Chanor Base Section. The primary mission of the Chanor Base Section, however, was to supervise the redeployment of personnel and equipment through Cherbourg, Le Havre, and Antwerp until 1 March 1946. Installations and facilities south of the Seine River would be closed as rapidly as possible and the entire section would be disbanded on 1 June 1946.

Major Edwin D Burwell was transferred from the 1147th Combat Engineers to 1103rd ENGR C GP. The orders came from "HEADQUARTERS" Chanor Base Section in Brussels. Dated 19 August 1945.

Major Edward Waller was also transferred to 1103rd at the same time.

Major Burwell was Discharged from the 30th General Hospital on August 19th.

Convalescent leave to London approved July 26th 1945.

Lt Col. W. J. Hines was commander of the 1147th July 23rd, 1945

Chester Brewer was Capt

Adjutant, 1147th Engr C Group

Lt Col Purocell ordered that Major Burwell and group report to Proper organization. May 28th, 1945.

Report to 358th Eng GS