

"A" Company caught up with us here. They had replaced two Treadway Bridges with Baileys over the Somme River near Fulliers for the 79th Division. The two bridges were necessary because here too, there was an island in the middle of the river. They did the whole job in just five hours. The first platoon built the first fifty-foot span, while the second put up the other ninety foot span. Both were unorthodox according to the book, but they filled the requirements, and got the doughs across.

The most difficult task was the removal of the existing Treadway Bridges which were no longer needed, now that the Baileys were in. The second and third platoons did that job on a particularly dark night. The boys did not remember much about those bridges, because there was so much cognac and so many girls available in the vicinity.

This was the end of our second campaign. We could now wear two battle stars on our ETO ribbon. Our battle casualties numbered sixteen.

