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HEADQUARTERS, FIRST BATTALION
 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
 A.P.O. #464

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SUBJECT: Monthly Journal.

TO : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, A.P.O. #464.

1. Journal April 1944 submitted herewith.

a. Beach Operation (X-Ray Beach):- No supplies unloaded. Telephone watch maintained twenty-four hours daily.

b. Use of Equipment:- Bulldozers used at the Ordnance and Quartermaster dumps to build bunkers for ammunition and fire walls for gasoline. Bunkers were also constructed at the Airport.

c. Road Maintenance and construction:- Road net from F 890179 to RJ 942169 to RJ 941154 to Fork F 900178 maintained for Class 40, two-way, all-weather traffic. New roads constructed at ammunition, ration and CWS dumps and an exit road to the East from 5th Army Headquarters.

d. Construction of "Hards":- Construction of "Hards" on X-Ray-RED and YELLOW Beaches continued.

e. Mine Field clearing:- Rechecking and clearing of YELLOW Beach continued. Road cleared thru 52nd DUKW Battalion area.

f. Unloading of YALE:- Unloading of cargo from destroyed LIBERTY Ship YALE off GREEN Beach completed.

g. City Sanitation:- The city of ANZIO inspected for fly and mosquito breeding materials; buildings cleared of all such materials.

h. Italian Supervising:- Interpreters assigned to the ration dump to supervise Italian labor in clearing ration dump of refuse.

i. Relocation of 5th Army water point:- 5th Army water point was more advantageously located.

j. Fly-proofing:- Kitchen, mess and latrines screened at 5th Army Headquarters.

k. Construction:- Pipes laid to divert effluent, shelters built at Quartermaster laundry. A cement floor 15' x 60' constructed at Quartermaster Bakery. Incinerator constructed at ANZIO.

For the Commanding Officer:

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