

JOURNAL -- Sunday, 1 August 1943

STATION: Vicinity of Palermo, Sicily

EVENTS: Co. "E" moved in morning to new station Lascari, Sicily, approx. 9.3 west of Cefalu, Sicily (Major Monnier accompanied convoy)

WORK
DONE:

Co. "D" and "F" Port operations, Port of Palermo. Co. "D" dock work; Co. "F" interior guard harbor area.

ENEMY

ACTION:

Intensive night air raid by enemy bombers at approx. 0415. Port of Palermo apparently main objective - 1 ship hit - some bombs dropped in or near bivouac area.

WEATHER:

Clear- Warm.

JOURNAL -- Monday, 2 August 1943

STATION: Vicinity of Palermo, Sicily (Co. E - approx. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. west of San Stefano.

EVENTS:WORKDONE:

Co. D and E commenced operation of beach approx. $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi. west of San Stefano, Sicily at 2200 working LST 375. -
Unloaded approx. 70 tons (2 hours)
Also established supply dumps.

Co. F. - Interior guard, Port of Palermo, Sicily.

ENEMYACTION:

Co. D and E - Intermittent fire of unlocated enemy heavy gun-shells landed in hills near bivouac.

WEATHER:

Clear - Warm

JOURNAL -- Tuesday, 3 August 1943

STATION: Bn. Hq., Co. F, Co. D and E - Vicinity of Palermo, Sicily
2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily.

EVENTS:WORKDONE:

Co. D and E - Continued work on LST 375; unloaded approx. 310 tons.
Loaded following LCT's 153, 26, 24, 31 (all made two trips) with two Btrys. Artillery to forward area (including guns, vehicles and personnel)

Co. F - Interior Guard - Port of Palermo, Sicily

ENEMYAction:

Co. D and E - Intermittent fire of unlocated enemy heavy gun - shells landing in hills vicinity of bivouac area.

WEATHER: Clear and Warm

JOURNAL -- Wednesday, 4 August 1943

STATION: Approx. $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily.

EVENTS: Bn. Hq and Co. F left bivouac area vicinity of Palermo, Sicily at 0810 by motor Transport enroute to bivouac area and new station approximately 3 miles west of San Stefano, Sicily. Arrived at new station at 1430. Distance travelled 67.2 miles - Weather clear and warm.

WORK

DONE: Co. D and E - Completed unloading LST 375 at 1257 (unloaded 970 tons) Co. D also did work on clearing mines and booby traps from bivouac area - approx. 6 cleared.

ENEMY

ACTION: Bn. Hqs and Co. F (Palermo, Sicily) night air raid, approx. 0400B approx. 4 bombs landed near bivouac area. Co. D and E Intermittent five of enemy heavy gun-shells landing in hills vicinity of bivouac area.

WEATHER: Clear and Warm

JOURNAL -- Thursday, 5 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 2½ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily.

EVENTS:

WORK

DONE:

Co. D and E - Usual Camp duties - unloaded 12 truck loads - Rations, Water and Gasoline and Oil into dumps for Special Mission.

Co. F - Clearing mines in area - approx. 250 cleared (Teller Mines)

ENEMY

ACTION:

Fire of enemy heavy gun continues, but shells falling in or near San Stefano. S. Stefano heavily shelled by enemy gun fire.

WEATHER:

Clear and Warm.

JOURNAL — Friday, 6 August 1943STATION: Approx. 2½ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily.EVENTS:WORK
DONE:

Co. D, E, and F. - Usual Beach and dump operations, loading and unloading supplies, road construction, beach improvements, dump guard, policing enemy ordnance, clearing mines (280 mines cleared) Preparation for Special Mission.

Unloading Statistics (Schooners)

"Giovanni"	33 Tons
"Maryette G"	55 Tons

ENEMYACTION:

Attack by one enemy Bomber dropped one bomb on LCT 3(1530 B)
LCT 3 BADLY DAMAGED. 4 USN Personnel K; 2 Wounded

WEATHER:

Clear and Warm

JOURNAL -- Saturday, 7 August 1943STATION: Approx. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily.EVENTS: Generls Patton and Gray visited Beach to-day.WORKDONE:

1. Continued operation of Beach ammunition dump work - loading for forward areas and unloading (from trucks) guard for dumps, pilicing enemy ordnance, constructing ramps and dead men for craft, operate water point, road improvements (nothing unloaded from vessels) 308 tons ammunition unloaded from trucks.
2. Special assault mission behind enemy lines. Prepared for mission loading craft -- "C" rations, ammunition, water and gas - 1100 cases "C" rations, 1467 cases "K" rations, 120 5 gal. water cans, 5 ton ammunition. Personnel loaded - 1080. Vehicles - 27 tanks and 72 wheel, and 16 horses and mules. Lt. Wagner Co. E, 540th Engr Regt with 51 EM, of 2nd Bn.; 1 EM Medics accompanied mission (Vehicles - 2 angle-dozers & 16 Dukws)

ENEMYACTION:

Attack by 3 dive bombers at 1310, 2 bombs dropped near vessels apparently no damage.

WEATHER:

Clear & warm

JOURNAL — Sunday, 8 August 1943STATION: Approx. 2½ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily.EVENTS: Following number of EM, 2nd Bn., 540th Engrs. returned from Special Assault Mission -

Co. D	-	6
Co. E	-	19
Co. F	-	2
		<u>27</u>

WORKDONE:

Guarding ammunition and gas dumps, policing enemy ordnance
maintaining turn-around, operating water point, maintaining road
to gas dump.

Unloading Statistics:

269.8 Tons ammunition from Trucks

Loaded 3 LCTs for Special Mission with personnel and vehicles:

Personnel 236

Track Vehicles 6

Wheel " 15

Preparatory work on Red Beach approx. 12 miles east of present
station. Completed survey for mines, work on roads, etc.

ENEMYACTION:

3 Enemy planes approached beach at 1410B, 1 bomb dropped near
LCT - no damage

WEATHER: Clear-warm (Claudy cool night)

JOURNAL --- Monday, 9 August 1943

STATION: Approx 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily. (Also operating Red Beach approx 12 miles east of present station)

EVENTS: Lt. Wagner and balance of EM returned from special assault mission - all O.K.

WORK
DONE:

Operation two beaches "Torremuzza" Beach and "Buzza" Beach including dump work, operated water point, policed enemy ordnance, uncrated ammunition. Embarkation of Co. of Engineers on Special Mission.

Unloading statistics: Torremuzza Beach
LST 350 - 249.9 Tons (Rations CWS & ammunition, also 138 troops (replacements being worked)
 Buzza Beach
LST 369 - Discharged 4 Scorpions (Being worked)

ENEMY
ACTION:

Enemy air raid of new "RED Beach" at approx 1630. Three enemy planes bombed IST 318 damaged beyond repair. Eleven casualties all killed (other units)

WEATHER: Clear - warm

JOURNAL — Tuesday, 10 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 2½ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily. (Also operating Red Beach approx. 12 miles east of present station)

EVENTS: Lt. Wagner and 50 EM left to-day on Special Amphibious assault mission behind enemy lines, accompanying infantry combat team unit. (See atchd roster) *vicinity of Brulo, Sicily*

WORKDONE:

1. Continued usual Beach and Dump operations at "Torremuzza" Beach and also "Buzza" Beach. Unloaded rations and ammunition from LST 350 and 369. Provided Guard for dumps and operated water point.

Unloading Statistics:

LST 350	-	254 Tons	"Torremuzza" Beach
LST 369	-	316 Tons	"Buzza" Beach
From Trucks	-	68 Tons	"Torremuzza" Beach

2. Also assisted in loading out Infantry and attached units on Special Amphibious assault mission.

ENEMYACTION:

Enemy planes bombed "Red" Beach 0755. Five enemy planes raided beach dropped 10 Bombs - 5 casualties (other units). Major Monnier's command car hit.

WEATHER: Clear and Warm

JOURNAL --- Wednesday, 11 August 1943

STATION: Approx 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily. (Also operating "Buzza" Beach approx. 12 miles east of present station.)

EVENTS: LST 376 arrived.

WORKDONE:

Continued usual Beach and Dump operations at "Torremuzza" Beach and "Buzza" Beach. Unloaded ammunition, gasoline and rations as follows:

Torremuzza Beach

LST 350 (completed)	221 Tons	(Total 475 tons, personnel 138)
From Trucks	503 Tons	

Buzza Beach

LST 369 (Completed)	137 Tons	(Total 453 tons, including 4 Scorpions & 16 Personnel)
From Trucks	233 Tons	

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm.

JOURNAL --- Thursday, 12 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 2 1/2 miles west of San Stefano, Sicily. Discontinued operation of "Buzza" Beach.

EVENTS: 2nd Special amphibious assault Mission behind enemy lines 11 Aug. 1943. With the following exceptions all men returned safely -

Reported K	- Pvt. 1 cl C. K. McLaughlin	- Co. F.
Hospitalized	- Pvt Metro Pacific	- Co. E.
Reported MIA	- Pvt 1 cl James F. Bush	- Co. E.
Hospitalized	- Pvt J. T. Hodges	- Co. F.

WORK

DONE: Operation of Beach and Dump at above station. Usual Beach and Dump duties including dump guard and operating water point.

Unloading statistics:

LST	376	670 Tons - completed (gasoline & mostly rations)
From Truck		317 Tons
Railroad		30 Tons

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm.

JOURNAL — Friday, 13 August 1943

STATION: Approx. $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of San Stefano, Sicily.

EVENTS: Co. "D" and "F" left approx 0900 for new station approx $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Brolo, Sicily. Total convoy distance travelled approx 40 miles.
Operation of "Torremuzza" Beach taken over by colored QM unit at 1800B.

Work**DONE:**

Co. D and F - (Brolo Beach - new station) Road construction and improvement new bivouac area and new beach worked on runway for observation light aircraft set up loading beach (checked for mine fields)

Co. E - "Torremuzza" Beach San Stefano, Sicily. Dump operations continue. All available men working in ammunition, gasoline and ration dump.

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL — Saturday, 14 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 2½ miles west of Brolo, Sicily (GSGS 4229 - 720513
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EVENTS: Bn. Hqs and Co. "E" left bivouac area at S. Stefano at approx. 0800 by M/T for new station approx. 2½ miles west of Brolo, Sicily. Arrived at new station at approx 1130-1200B. Distance traveled about 40 miles.

WORK

- DONE:
- "F" Co. Constructed road across dry river bed maintained cut-off at east end of bridge, erected luminous road marks on lateral river road
 - "D" Co. Loaded 24 LCT's and 17 Dukws with troops, vehicles and ordnance for beach approx. 20 miles east of Brolo, Sicily. Constructed road from main highway to beach
 - "E" Co. Beach unloading operations in afternoon.

Loading Statistics:

24 LCT's	
Personnel	1343
Vehicles- half tracks & tanks	39
Guns & SP Artly.	58
Others	155

17 DUKWS
3 Ton ammunition each

ENEMY

ACTION: Enemy air raid (2 planes) at 1600B caused slight delay in Beach work. Several bombs dropped a distance from Beach but no damage done on Beach.

WEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL -- Sunday, 15 August 1943STATION: Approx. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Brolo, SicilyEVENTS: Major Monnier, Lt. Gavura, Lt. Stritmatter, Lt. Wagner and 53 EM (including 1 Medic) left on Special Beach Mine clearing and Beach Marking Mission at Milazzo, Sicily at 2100B. (See attached roster). Milazzo, is about 35 mi east of present station. In second special amphibious assault mission (See 10 Aug. 43) which took place on August 11th the following casualties among EM of this Headquarters were reported. Confirmation was made by Chaplain Joseph W. Ruane, 540th Engineer Regiment.Killed in Action :

PFC James F. Bush	13066283	-	Co. E
PFC Charles K. McLaughlin	13066312	-	Co. F

Wounded:

Pvt James F. Hodges,	34198513	-	Co. F
First report - Severe arm wound - Evacuated from 3rd Div. Med. Clearing Station to 10th Field Hospital to 93rd Evac. Hosp.			
Pvt Metro Pacific,	33253942	-	Co. E
(Slightly wounded - returned to Duty the 11th)			
Pvt Floyd A. Arvin,	35364198	-	Co. E
(Returned to Duty the 12th)			

WORKDONE: No unloading - Constructed and improved roads Beach and Dumps painted and erected signs to facilitate flow of traffic to and from beach loading points.ENEMYACTION: NoneWEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL --- Monday, 16 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Brolo, Sicily

EVENTS:

WORK

DONE: No unloading from Craft. Roads on Beach, Dumps and Bivauac area maintained and improved. New Dump road constructed. Main force of special beach detail (See Aug 15) still on duty. Major Monnier returned at approx. 1730B.

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm.

JOURNAL --- Tuesday, 17 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 2½ miles west of Brolo, Sicily

EVENTS: Advance information report - Messina, Sicily fell at approx. 1000B today. No further organized resistance in Sicily.

WORKDONE:

Brolo Beach - Operating Beach and Dumps and improving, constructing roads. Working Coaster "Jan Berger" and LST 310 LST 310 completed at midnight. Discharge statistics:

LST 310 - 529 Tons	- Gasoline, oil, ammunition, & rations
Jan Berger 159 Tons	-

142 Tons of foregoing discharge were trfd to LCT's (trfd from "Jan"). Unloaded 37 replacement vehicles off LST 310 and reloaded LST 310 with 23 vehicles (inclgd 4 Scorpions) and 58 Personnel. Loaded 160 Tons rations on 26 Trucks. Operations continue at Milazzo Beach.

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL — Wednesday, 18 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 2½ miles west of Brolo, Sicily.

EVENTS:

WORK

DONE: Operating Beach and Dumps - Brolo Beach. Unloading "Jan Berger"
(Coastey)

Unloading Statistics:

Gasoline, ammunition & oil 343 Tons

Beach 2 mi west of Barcelona, Sicily -
From LCT's - 100 Tons - gasoline, oil and rations.
Also loaded 7 LCT's with 42 vehicles and personnel.

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL -- Thursday, 19 August 1943

STATION: 2½ miles west of Brolo, Sicily

EVENTS: 2nd Lt. Wm S. Nelson reported for duty.

WORKDONE:

1. Brolo Beach - Reloading "Jan Berger" and operating Dump.
Reloading statistics:
241.3 Tons ammunition
(Issued 19 Tons Cl. I and 1 Ton Class III from dumps)
2. Unloading "Jan" from midnight to 1000 when reloading started.
Unloading total 136 Tons - gasoline, oil and ammunition.
3. Beach 2 miles W. of Barcelona - Loaded 7 LCT's with 67 vehicles and 263 personnel.

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL --- Friday, 20 August 1943

STATION: Brolo Beach - approx. 2½ miles west of Brolo.

EVENTS: 2nd Lt. Wm S. Nelson assigned to Co. F.

WORKDONE:

Brolo Beach - Loading of Coaster "Jan Berger" and operation of Dump continued.

Loading Statistics:

Loaded 339.9 Tons ammunition

Dump issues

19 Tons Cl. I and 25 Tons Cl. III.

Barcelona Beach - Closed (2mi west of Barcelona.

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL --- Saturday, 21 August 1943

STATION: Brolo Beach - Approx. $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles west of Brolo, Sicily

EVENTS: Capt. Brown and advance elements left 1245 for new station.

WORKDONE:

Brolo Beach - Beach and Dump operations continue. Reloading of "Jan Berger" continues. Total tonnage loaded 333.4 Tons ammunition. Also loaded 7 LCT'S with 99 vehicles and 350 personnel. Loaded out 80 Tons - Gasoline, oil and rations from Dump.

ENEMY

ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear and warm

JOURNAL — Sunday, 22 August 1943

STATION: Approx. 1 mile west of S. Agata, Sicily

EVENTS: Left Brolo Beach at 1300 by M/T (Hq. Det., Co. D and Co. E) enroute to new operation station 1 mile west of S. Agata (temp. station). Arrived 1600B. Distance travelled Approx 18 mi.

WORK
DONE:

ENEMY
ACTION:

WEATHER:

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Sunday
Aug 22, 1943

Station:
Approx 1 mile West of S. Agata, Sicily

Events:

Left Brolo Beach ^{at 1300} by r/p (Hg. Det. Co. Near E) enroute to new operations station 1 mile west of S. Agata (Temp. station). Arrived 1600
Distance travelled APPROX. 18 MILES

Work Done

Co. D & E. - 1 Mi WEST OF S. AGATA SICILY

Set up new bivouac area at new Temp. station

Co. F - BROLO BEACH

Operate Beach and Dump. Loaded 275 tons ammunition on Coaster "Jew Burger" loading completed
0600 Aug. 23, 1942.

Enemy Action

None

Weather

Clear Warm

Second of out
 fuel 65 ft. Dulo Beach
 + Ration. Gas, Oil
 WWS dump at S. agata
 total 2000 lbs. to
 SP 15.



Monday
23 Aug 1951

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Station:
 Approx 1 mi West of S. Agata, Sicily (Lec. Co.
 Co. 7 at Bralo Beach 2 1/2 miles west of
 Bralo, Sicily)

Events:

Work Done

CWS Dump at S. Agata

Loaded out 204 tons CWS to
 rear area (RSP 15)

Bralo Beach

Issued and loaded out
 total 65 tons Gas, Oil and
 Rations.

Enemy Action

None

Weather:

Clear Warm to 2030. Rain squalls
 until 2400.

La
 loaded 131 tons OWS that
 51 tons remain at S. Agata
 loaded in trucks and taken
 to ASP 15th

Radio
 loaded out 22 tons gas oil
 and return by trucks
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24 Aug. 1943Station:

Bn. less Co. F - bivouaced approx 1 mile west of
S. Agata, Sicily. Co. F - Bolo Beach 2 1/2 miles
west of Bolo, Sicily

Events:Work Done:

Co. D less E - CNS Dump S. Agata -
Loaded out 131 tons CO₂ and 25 1/2 tons
ammunition - truck operation -
hauled to RSP 15

Co. F - Bolo Beach (Dump operation)
Loaded out 22 tons Gas Oil and
Rations by truck (routine issue)

Enemy Action:

none

Weather:

Clear Warm

Agata
Completed deal concerning operations
Rochester 14 Jan by 30 to ASP 15 group

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Lead 236
to ASP 15

Recosia of ammo. by Direct
487
to J. Stephens

Buels
Issued out 2000
for Oil and Lubrication

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Wednesday
25 Aug. 1943Station:

Battalion less Co. 3 bivouaced approx 1 mile west of S. Agata, Sicily. Co. 3 at Brals Beach 2 1/2 miles west of Brals, Sicily.

Events:Work Done:600 tons

Completed loading out operation at CWS dump S. Agata - 14 tons CWS loaded and hauled to ASP #15. Area galled.

Brals Beach - Loaded out 236 tons ammunition by truck and transported to ASP #15

Messia Dump - Loaded out and hauled 48 tons ammunition to S. Stefano.

Co. 3 -

Continued operation of Brals Beach Dump issuing 104 tons Gas, Oil and Rations. Policed ammunition and cleaned up area.

Enemy Action:

None

Weather:

Clear Warm during day rained slightly during night 2100 to 2400

Edwards
Loaded out 31 Jan in time
Completion operation ammunition ASP 15

Duels
Operation of things turned over
to following units
CI I - 255 9th Bn
CI III - 332nd Bn by AC

Journal

3 pages
26 Aug. 1943Station:

Battalion less Co. 3 bivouaced approx 1 mile west of S. Agata, Sicily. Co. 3 at Bralo Beach 2 1/2 miles west of Bralo Sicily

Events:Work Done:

Garrovia Dump - Co. D and E

Loaded out 3/2 ton ammunition on truck and hauled to SP#15. Dump galiced and loading out operation at this point completed.

Bralo Beach Dump - Co. F

Operation of dump turned over to following units C.I. 255 Pn. Co. III 3322d Bn. Gp. A.C.

Enemy Action:

None

Weather:

Clear Warm

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Friday
27 Aug. 1943

Station:
Battalion (less Co F) - One mile west
of S. Agata Sicily. Co F Brato Beach
Bivouac area 2 1/2 miles west of Brato, Sicily

Events:

Work done:

Co D and E
General Camp duties

Co F:
Brato Beach Dump - Guard and
salvaging unused ammunition -

Enemy action:
None

Weather:
Clear Warm

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Saturday
28 Aug 1943

Station:

Battalion less Co F - One mile west of
S. Agata, Italy. Co F - Bralo beach bivouac
area 2 1/2 miles west of Bralo, Italy

Events:

~~Co D and E~~

Work done:

Co D and E

Cleaning equipment and inspection
Preparing for movement

Co F

Patrolling dump and Guard - dumps at
Bralo Beach. Collecting unused
ammunition.

Enemy Action:

None

Weather:

Clear Warm

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2. Sunday
29 Aug 1943

Station: ^{Siily} Jermini Inverse; Approx two miles east of

Events:

Cv. (less Co. 3) left bivouac area approx 1 mi West of S. Agata Siily at 1730. Bounced to new bivouac station by M/C. Arrived at new bivouac station approx two miles east of Jermini Inverse Siily at 1130. Defense front line 1/2 miles. (Co. 3 moved to new station from Oulo Beach bivouac area approx 2 1/2 miles west of Oulo, Siily)

Work Done:

Set up new bivouac area

Enemy Action: None

Weather:

Clear warm - rain between 2100 and midnight.

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Monday
30 Aug 1943

Station: 2 miles east of Termini
Imerse, Sicily.

Event:

Work done:

Usual camp duties

Enemy action:
None

Weather:

Clear - Warm - Light showers in morning.

JournalTuesday
31 August 1943

Station: 2 Miles West of Termini Imerese, Sicily

Events:

Work Done:

Usual Camp duties and Training

Enemy Action:
None

Weather

Clear - Warm