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HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE COMPANY
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
A.P.O. #758, % POSTMASTER, N.Y., N.Y.

5 September 1944

SUBJECT: Activity Journal for the Month of August 1944

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #758, U.S.ARMY.

August 1st to August 31st 1944

Furnished necessary enlisted men personnel for the operation of the following Regimental Staff Section, S-1, Personnel, S-2, S-3, S-4 and Regimental Motor Pool. Maintained and operated central Officers Mess of Beach Group Headquarters. Operating of showers for Officers and Enlisted Men as well as attached units. Operating Regimental water point, which supplies on an average of 30,000 gallons of water per day to regiment and attached troops. Generator operated daily for the purpose of furnishing power for Regimental Headquarters, our Company and movies which is shown nightly for regiment and attached troops. Continued oiling road approaches to regiment and attached troops. Operated switchboard maintained all Caustic telephone lines. 2 Officers, 1 W.O. and 72 enlisted men forward echelon of Headquarters and Service Company, boarded ship 10th August 1944. 1 Officer, 1 W.O. and 85 enlisted men rear echelon of Headquarters and Service Company, moved to Vicinity of Pozzuoli, Italy on 11 August 1944. On the early morning of 15 August 1944 the forward echelon of Headquarters and Service Company, arrived off the Coast of France, and as Red Beach could not be taken we were forced finally to beach at Green Beach, which is in the vicinity of Le Drammant, France approximately 2200 on D-Day. On August 16th Forward echelon of Company moved to St. Raphael, France to establish Regimental and Company Headquarters. On August 21st, rear echelon of Headquarters and Service company, boarded ship for forward echelon at St. Raphael, France. On August 25th rear echelon of Headquarters and Service Company debarked at St. Raphael, France and joined forward echelon. Maintained and operated transient Officers Mess and quarters of Beach Group Headquarters, and Officers debarking off ship. Twenty trucks furnished daily to Port Transportation for hauling supplies from port to their respective dumps. Two Air-compressors and road grader daily to battalions for port and road reconstructed work. Operated Regimental Gas Dump which supplies an average of 3,000 gallons of gas and oil daily to regiment and attached troops. Operated and maintained three water points for troops which supplied an average of 60,000 gallons of water per day. Secured and repaired movie house and showed two films daily for regiment and attached troops. Normal Regimental Headquarters and Service Company functions.

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ACTIVITY JOURNAL

AUGUST 1944

- Aug. 1 - 5, 1944 QUALIANO, ITALY. Usual regimental personnel section duties, personnel correspondence and processing daily morning reports and daily ration strength. Processed PTAs. Prepared Field Order on proposed movement for S-3. Prepared 201 File and Allied papers for Captain MYRON N. KING, transferred to the 70th General Hospital, per S/O #137, par 16, dated 31 July 1944, Hqs Seventh Army.
- Aug. 6 - 10, 1944 QUALIANO, ITALY. Usual regimental personnel section duties, personnel correspondence and processing daily morning reports and daily ration strength for Regiment and attached units. Prepared partial payroll, obtained signatures, and presented to Finance Office for payment, for 3 EM from CBS. Prepared S/R's and allied papers on 25 hospitalized personnel being transferred to Detachment of Patients of various hospitals. Collected money from regiment and attached units for exchange for currency of coming operation. Prepared S/R's and allied papers of Pvt 1cl JACK SCHAFLEER, Medical Detachment being transferred to 9th Evacuation Hospital, per S/O # 142 Hqs Seventh Army, dated 5 August 1944. Last of forward echelon left for staging area. Personnel Section and balance of rear echelon packed and ready for movement to new area.
- Aug. 11 - 25, 1944 POZZUOLI, ITALY. Usual regimental personnel section duties, personnel correspondence and processing daily morning reports and daily ration strength for Regiment and attached units. EM's payroll for month of August prepared and signatures obtained from rear echelon personnel. Prepared 201 files and allied papers of Lt. Plummer and Mr. Whates transferred to Detachment of Patients. Assigned Major Carl A. Looney to S-3. Prepared passenger list for D-10 convoy. Personnel for the D-10 convoy left for the staging area on the 18th. Reassigned various EM returning from hospitals including Mr. Whates. Received Rotation replacements for 2 Officers and 3 1st Sergeants. Plans being changed, Personnel Section was added to passenger list of D-10 convoy, and boarded

ANNEX # 2 - ASSIGNED PRESENT AND ABSENT STRENGTH
AND CHANGES DURING MONTH
1 AUGUST 1944 - 31 AUGUST 1944

CHANGES DURING MONTH OF AUGUST 1944

HQS	ASSIGNED PRESENT AND ABSENT STRENGTH 31 JULY 1944			ABSENT FROM ROLLS	MISC OTHERS TRFD OUT	RELEASED FR			TRANSFERS WITHIN REGIMENT	ASSIGNED PRESENT AND ABSENT STRENGTH AS OF 31 AUGUST 1944			
	(OFF)	(WO)	(EM)			DROPPED FR ROLLS	MIA KIA	ASGD OHL., ETC		(OFF)	(WO)	(EM)	
Regt'l Hqs	11	0	0						2 Off	- 1 Off	11	0	0
Medical Detachment	6	0	42	1 EM	1 Off 1 EM				3 EM	- 1 EM	5	0	42
H & S Company	3	2	173	1 WO 7 EM	1 Off 1 EM	1 WO 1 EM			1 Off 1 EM	1 Off 1 EM	4	2	168
Hqs 1st Bn	3	0	8								3	0	8
Company "A"	5	0	206	2 Off 5 EM		1 Off 3 EM			1 Off 1 EM		5	0	205
Company "B"	5	0	199	4 EM	1 EM				6 EM		5	0	200
Company "C"	5	0	201	12 EM	1 EM	2 EM			9 EM		5	0	199
Hqs 2nd Bn	2	0	8	1 EM					1 Off		3	0	7
Company "D"	5	0	198	12 EM	1 EM	3 EM	1 EM	10 EM			5	0	197
Company "E"	4	0	205	1 Off 7 EM	1 EM	3 EM	1 EM	10 EM 1 Off			4	0	209
Company "F"	5	0	199	13 EM	2 EM	3 EM	5 EM	21 EM			5	0	203
TOTALS	54	2	1439	1 WO 3 Off 62 EM	2 Off 8 EM	1 WO 1 Off 15 EM	7 EM	6 Off 61 EM			56	2	1438

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