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Subject: Monthly Activity Journal - August, 1944.

To : Commanding General SEVENTH ARMY APO #758, U. S. Army.

1. Following is a condensation of ACTIVITY JOURNAL, this Headquarters, for the month of August, 1944:

1 Aug - 10 Aug 1944 - QUALIANO, Italy, 7 mi. W. of AVERSA (Vicinity of NAPIES, Italy - NW)

Continued administration and coordination of amphibious operation training of Regiment and various attached units forming Beach Group. Completed final landing exercise in conjunction with 36th Infantry Division. Completed details and preparation of 540th Engineer Regiment Field Order Annex, covering far shore Regiment functions in ANVIL operation. Completed administrative functions involving embarkation of Regiment and attached Beach Group Units. Actual embarkation completed 10 August 1944.

11 Aug - 14 Aug 1944 - AT SEA

Regiment and attached units forming Beach Group, 540th Engineer Regiment enroute by military craft as part of ANVIL operation.

15 Aug 1944 ("D" Day, Southern France) C. d'Aramont, France.

Colonel George Marvin and Section Chiefs landed on GREEN BEACH with assault waves and assumed Army Beach Command and command of Engineer far shore functions, CAMEL BEACH. 1st Battalion, this headquarters, in direct support of 141st Infantry Regiment completed their initial Engineer far shore phase of ANVIL Plan "A" operation, securing GREEN BEACH by H / 60. 2nd Battalion, this headquarters, in support of 142d Infantry Regiment, withdrew from RED BEACH objective (St. Raphael, France) and landed on GREEN BEACH. Completed extensive mine removals, removals of deliberate obstacles, grading and road construction program on GREEN BEACH to provide for successful single beach landing of 36th Infantry Division personnel, equipment and supplies. 2nd Battalion (less Co. F) immediately moved to YELLOW BEACH (Agay, France), and completed extensive beach preparations, mine removals, grading and road construction, initially assumed by elements of 1st Battalion, this headquarters, for immediate unloading of supplies only (Plan "B" of ANVIL operation).

16 Aug 1944 ("D" / 1) C. d' Aramont, France.

Continued coordination and administration of Army Beach Command and Engineer far shore functions on GREEN and YELLOW Beaches. Established dump areas (including necessary mine removals) and administration of dump operations and issues. Established priorities of ship discharge. Advance elements and Company "F", this headquarters, moving to ST. RAPHAEL harbor to expedite establishment of RED BEACH C.P.'s and taking initial clearing of harbor, although enemy forces have not entirely been removed from area.

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17 Aug - 31 Aug 1944 - ST. RAPHAEL, FRANCE (Harbor)

Immediate action taken in clearing harbor and beaches of ST. RAPHAEL of deliberate obstacles, mines, booby traps, and debris upon complete fall of that city on 17 August 1944. Operations on YELLOW BEACH discontinued 19 August 1944. Clearing, improving and maintenance of Harbor and RED BEACHES NOS. 1 and 2 continued. First craft (LCT) began unloading ST. RAPHAEL 20 August 1944. Continued Army Beach Command functions (CAMEL BEACHES, Green and Red), administration, coordination of Beach Group activities, establishing priorities of ship discharge and supervising operation of supply dumps. (NOTE: 540th Engineer Regiment relieved from support of VI Corps and reverts to Seventh Army control, 17 August 1944. Relieved from assigned to AFHQ and administration attachment to SOS NATOUSA and assigned to Seventh Army, 18 August 1944).

2. Complete details of monthly activities are furnished in appended Section and Unit Journals of this Headquarters.


GEORGE W. MARVIN,
Colonel, C.E.,
Commanding.

- 7 Incls:
- Incl #1 Unit Journal - Pers. Sec. (trip)
- Incl #2 Unit Journal - S-2 (trip)
- Incl #3 Unit Journal - S-3 (trip)
- Incl #4 Unit Journal - S-4 (trip)
- Incl #5 Unit Journal - H&S Co (trip)
- Incl #6 Unit Journal - 1st Bn 540th Engrs (trip)
- Incl #7 Unit Journal - 2nd Bn 540th Engrs (trip)