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540th ENGINEER REGIMENT
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SUBJECT: Monthly Journal for the Month of August 1944.

TO : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #758.

1. Submitted herewith is an activity journal for the month of August 1944 for the S-3 Section, this Hq:

1 August 1944 -
6 August 1944

QUALIANO & NAPLES, ITALY - The S-3 Section, divided into a planning and embarkation section at VI Corps Hq in Naples, and a training and liason section at Qualiano, continued preparations for ANVIL Operation. Pre-stowage and embarkation plans virtually completed. Usual difficulties of inexperienced TOM's and inadequate information on actual lay of ships for pre-stowage experienced. Plans completed and order issued for COMFUNCHER II, the final landing exercise with the 36th Div.

7 August 1944 -
8 August 1944

GRIGLIANO RIVER BEACHES, ITALY - COMFUNCHER II Mounted and carried out. Due to the fact that Beach Engineer heavy equipment was being loaded for ANVIL Operation, COMFUNCHER II was a very nominal operation for the Shore Engineers. Annex to the 36th Div Field Order and Beach Group Field Order issued.

8 August 1944 -
14 August 1944

NAPLES, ITALY - All D-Day personnel and vehicles from the Beach Group embarked for ANVIL Operation. S-3 Section was split to provide one detachment to accompany Col Marvin on the SS Bayfield, one detachment to accompany Lt Col Manning on the SS Achemaur, and one detachment with 1st Bn Hq, this Regiment.

15 August 1944

CAP DRAMONTIL, FRANCE - First portion of Plan "A" (landings at Blue and Green Beaches at 0800B and landing at Red Beach at 1400B) carried out. First elements of the S-3 section landed at Green Beach with Col Marvin at H₁ 130 and established a Regt(1 CP. Assumed function of locating dump areas and location of units ashore. Landing on Red Beach (Saint Raphael) attempted, but called off by Naval C of S. 142nd Inf Regt rerouted to and passed through Green Beach. Yellow Beach secured overland. Beach initially prepared by 1st Bn until relieved by 2nd Bn, this Regt. Beach was ready for supply unloading at 1400 hours. Delayed, however, by the necessity for extensive mine-sweeping.

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16 August 1944

CAP DRAMMONT, FRANCE - S-3 Section in closest liaison with G-4, 36th Inf Div, established priorities for unloading of supplies at Yellow Beach. Situation critical in respect to rations and V-80 gasoline. S-3 Section continued operations at Green and Yellow Beaches with advance section setting up at Port CP in St Raphael.

17 August 1944 -
19 August 1944

CAP DRAMMONT & SAINT-RAPHAEL, FRANCE - S-3 Section continues to operate dual sections directing unloading at Yellow Beach and Red Beaches. Upon abandonment of Yellow Beach, and consolidation of Red #1, Red #2, and Small Boat Harbor, S-3 Section consolidated at Port CP, St. Raphael.

20 August 1944 -
31 August 1944

SAINT-RAPHAEL, FRANCE - S-3 Section assumed responsibilities for berthing of MT's, establishing priorities of discharge, allocations of LCT's, LCM's, and Dukw's for off-loading, allocation of cranes and "A" frames for beach and dump operations, direction of Engineer work necessary in dump areas and routes, labor allocation for beaches and dumps, requisitioning of all billets and bivouacs for all troops in area of civilian properties, locations of all Beach Group installations, operation of troop and vehicle assembly area, embarkation of personnel and vehicles for Corsica and Naples.

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