

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

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SUBJECT: First Battalion, 540th Engineer Regiment, Journal for month of December 43.

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

1. Submitted herewith is First Battalion, 540th Engineer Regiment, Journal for month of December 43.

2. Personnel and equipment of this command were employed in the CASCANO area for the month of December 1943. Certain of the most important of the Battalion's activities for the month are as follows:-

a. Road Maintenance:- Personnel and equipment of this command were employed to maintain roads through almost daily heavy rainstorms from CANCELLO to PIZZONE, PIZZONE to CASCANO; RJ (N0078) - MONDRAGONE, and bridges and their approaches at CANCELLO, CASCANO (337E), CIAMPRISCO.

b. Culvert and Fill:- A 6000 cubic yard culvert and fill was constructed at CASCANO.

c. Clearance of enemy mine fields:- Suspected enemy mine fields, #5, #6, #7, and #8 were checked for mines. Minefield #9 was 75% cleared. The remainder was fenced and marked. 15% of the mines were booby trapped.

d. Bridge Building:- Bailey bridges, or by-passes, were replaced with two-way, all-weather, Class 40 bridge at NOCELLETO, SANTA CROCE and CASCANO.

e. Traffic Count:- Several 24 hour traffic counts were performed during the month.

f. Moving supplies:- Piles were hauled from SPARANISO to VARIANO.

For the Commanding Officer:

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