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Subject: Daily Journal Report.

To : The Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #464,
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1. Daily Journal Report for the month of February, 1944.

1 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy, Road Map Italy, 1/200,000, Sheet 17, F9216. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red Beach and Battalion re-loading point. Co. "F" defending X-Ray beach against airborne or seaborne attack. Unloaded from Red Beach as follows: Class I - 64 tons, Class II & IV - 274 tons, Class III - 270 tons, Class V - 507 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1115 tons. No enemy action.

2 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red Beach & Battalion re-loading point. Co. "F" defending X-Ray Beach against airborne or seaborne attack, working Battalion re-loading point. Unloaded as follows from Red Beach: Class I - 84 tons, Class II & IV - 166 tons, Class III - 238 tons, Class V - 646 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1134 tons. Intermittent enemy artillery fire over area during day and night, landing approx. 1 mile from bivouac area. Pvt 1cl Anthony Festa, Co. "D" slightly wounded by concussion of exploding shell, (not hospitalized).

3 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red Beach & Battalion re-loading point. Co. "F" defending X-Ray beach against airborne & seaborne attack, operating Battalion re-loading point. Unloaded from Red beach as follows: Class I - 154 tons, Class II & IV - 253 tons, Class III - 80 tons, Class V - 630 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1117 tons. Enemy continued to shell Port area and Red Beach, no damage or casualties resulted. The enemy guns that have been shelling the beach have been located in the Lanuvio area, vicinity F9142.

4 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red Beach, operating Battalion re-loading point. Beach secured at approx. 1230A due to storm and gale of approx. 50 miles per hour. Co. "F" Defending X-Ray beach against airborne or seaborne attack, operating Battalion re-loading point. Unloaded from Red Beach as follows: Class I - 90 tons, Class II & IV - 191 tons, Class III - , Class V - 228 tons, total tonnage discharged: 509 tons. No enemy action.

5 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Red Beach secured. Co's "D" & "E" maintaining & improving roads to dumps and beach. Co. "F" preparing & moving to new bivouac area - Anzio, Italy. Major Monnier left this date to assume command of Harbor of Anzio, Italy. Enemy artillery fire over area throughout day and night. At approx. 1430A, Lt. Gardner, Co. "F" (WIA) (LW) by shrapnel from exploding enemy artillery shell.

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5 February, 1944: Cont'd. Air raids at approx. 0845A, 0930A, no damage to operational beach or casualties. At approx. 2105A, a direct hit was scored by an enemy artillery shell on "D" Co's 10 ton crane, destroying it by fire.

6 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red Beach, moving to new bivouac approx. 400 yds east of Red beach, beach re-opened at approx. 1600a, this date. Co. "F" STARTED operations at Port of Anzio, Italy at approx. 1800A this date. Major MONNIER assumed command of Harbor of Anzio, Italy, 1800A this date. Unloaded from Red beach as follows: Class II & IV - 93 tons, Class V - 78 tons, total tonnage discharged - 171 tons. Air raids at approx. 0400A, & 0500A, during the 0400A raid, 1st Lt. Walter W. WAGNER, 2nd Lt. WILLIAMS, 2nd Lt. NICOL, all Co. "E" officers, killed in action when bomb was dropped adjacent to their foxholes. Cpl Zarnicki, Co. "D" slightly wounded during same raid, not hospitalized.

7 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co. "D" constructing roads from Red Beach, defending X-Ray beach. Co. "E" operating Red beach & improving bivouac area, maintaining security defense of X-Ray beach. Red beach secured at 0200A because of no ships, unloaded as follows: Red beach - Class II & IV - 15 tons. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class II & IV - 379 tons, Class III - 117 tons, Class V - 715 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1211 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1528, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., 40, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 100, supply vehicles - 148, others - 379. Evacuated 361 casualties, personnel embarked - 187, supply vehicles embarked - 77, others (vehicles) - 3. Air raids - 1200A; during this raid, Pfc Herman Johnson Co. "D", on Special duty with Co. "F", killed in action. Pvt Charles Penny, also of Co. "D" and on Special duty with Co. "F", wounded in action during same raid & Pvt Edward E. Pomeroy, Co. "F", wounded in action; same raid. 1st Lt. Allan M. GARDNER, aptd Bn S-1, this date, 2nd Lt. Woodrow E. HOCH, relieved as Bn S-1, and transferred to Co. "E", 2nd Lt. James R. PLUMMER relieved from asgmt with Co. "F" and assigned to Co. "E". Capt. John H. QUAY, Regt. S-3, appointed Commanding Officer of Co. "E", and assumed command.

8 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red Beach. Beach re-opened - 1200A this date, secured again at 1800A, because of no ships. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintaining security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Red Beach as follows: Class II & IV - 10 tons, Class III - 24 tons, Class V - 75 tons, total tonnage discharged - 109 tons. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 215 tons, Class II & IV - 393, Class III - 70 tons, Class V - 1404 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2082 tons. Personnel disembarked - 5524, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., - 103, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 96, supply vehicles - 267, others - 472. Evacuated 220 casualties, personnel embarked - 578, supply vehicles embarked - 199, others - 86. Air raids at 1200A, no damage or casualties resulted. Enemy continued to shell area throughout day and night, no damage or casualties.

9 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red beach. Beach secured. Co. "D" maintenance of beach entrance and exit roads, repaired turn around at water-point, maintained beach security patrol. Co. "E" constructing road to bivouac area and motor pool, maintained security patrol. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray Beach.

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9 February 1944: Cont'd - Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 45 tons, Class II & IV - 294 tons, Class V - 1015 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1354 tons. Personnel disembarked - 412, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., - 46, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 43, supply vehicles - 148, others - 55. Casualties evacuated - 351, Personnel embarked - 412, supply vehicles embarked - 231, others - 18. Air raids - 1630A, 1845A, 2145A, 2345A, no damage or casualties resulted. Enemy continued to shell Port area & Red Beach, no damage resulted.

10 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co's "D" & "E" operating Red Beach. Beach re-opened at 0400A, this date. Co. "D" constructing roads to and from beach, gravelled turn-around at water-point. Co. "E" operating Red beach, and preparing for proposed movement to Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Red beach secured again at 1315A because of no ships. All companies maintaining security patrol. Unloaded from Red Beach as follows: Class I - 6 tons, Class II & IV - 181 tons, Class V - 6 tons, total tonnage discharged - 193 tons. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows - Class I - 15 tons, Class II & IV - 117 tons, Class III - , Class V - 380 tons, Personnel disembarked - 1670, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., - 54, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 80, supply vehicles - 48, others 251. Casualties evacuated - 686, Prisoners of War - 161, Personnel embarked - 382, supply vehicles embarked - 260, others - 11. Air raids 0445A, 1245A, no casualties or damage. Beach and Port area under enemy artillery fire throughout day and night. No damage or casualties.

11 February, 1944: Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co. "D" care and cleaning of equipment, maintenance of road to Red Beach. Bn Hqs., and Co. "E" moving and setting up new bivouac at Anzio, Italy. Co. "E" organizing heavy rescue squad. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintaining security defense. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 25 tons, Class V - 300 tons, total tonnage discharged 325 tons. Personnel disembarked - 494, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., - 6, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 29, supply vehicles - 35, others - 53. Personnel embarked - 280, vehicles embarked - 22, Supply vehicles embarked - 26. Continued to have enemy artillery fire over Port area and Red beach, no damage or casualties resulted.

12 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Road Map Italy, 1/200,000, Sheet 17, 585.817. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Maintaining beach entrance and exit roads to Red Beach. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy, organized & activated security patrol, rescue squad, and fire patrol. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio as follows: Class II & IV - 35 tons, Class III - 135 tons, Class V - 360 tons, total tonnage discharged - 530 tons. Personnel disembarked - 422, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., - 5, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 8, Supply vehicles - 51, others - 30. Evacuated 268 casualties, personnel embarked - 55, supply vehicles - 51, others - 1. Air raids at 0830A, 1800A, 2145A, during the 0830A raid, bombs were dropped in the Port area, temporarily disrupting traffic, during same raid bomb dropped approx. 30 yards from Bn. Hqs., no casualties resulted. Enemy continued to shell Port and Red Beach area during the day, no damage or casualties resulted.

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13 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. - operating Red Beach, unloaded from Red Beach as follows: Class II & IV - 96 tons, Class III - 109 tons, Class V - 297 tons, total tonnage discharged - 502 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy - maintaining security patrol of the Port of Anzio, Italy. Fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Furnished rescue and road patrol. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy, operating Port of Anzio, unloaded from Port of Anzio, as follows: Class I - 90 tons, Class II & IV - 920 tons, Class V - 805 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1815 tons, Personnel disembarked - 3180, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., - 15, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 52, supply vehicles - 50, others - 346. Evacuated 964 casualties, 121 POW evacuated, personnel embarked - 458, supply vehicles embarked - 329, others - 20. Air raids - 0815a, 1910a, 2135a, during the 0815a raid, S/Sgt Miller, Co. "F", KIA, during the same raid bombs were dropped at the Port entrance. Enemy continued to shell Port area and Red Beach throughout day and night. No damage or casualties. Between the hours of 1230a - 1435a, LCI 2, struck mine while laying off in harbor, 4 casualties resulted. These casualties were picked up by LCI 37, two were hospitalized. LCI 2, towed to shallow water and beached.

14 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy - operating Red Beach, unloaded from Red beach as follows: Class I - 82 tons, Class II & IV - 269 tons, Class III - 52 tons, Class V - 860 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1195 tons. Personnel embarked - 795, supply vehicles embarked - 372, others - 11. Air raids - 0835a, 1100a, during the 1100a raid bombs were dropped adjacent to LCI leaving the harbor, no damage or casualties resulted. Enemy continued to shell Port area and Red beach throughout day and night, no casualties or damage resulted. All Companies alerted at 2005a when unidentified craft appeared off shore, it proved later that they were dukws. Major MONNIER promoted to Lt. Col., CE, AUS, effective 4 February, 1944.

15 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Operating Red Beach as follows: Class I - 74 tons, Class II & IV - 134 tons, Class III - 78 tons, Class V - 228 tons, total tonnage discharged - 514 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy - maintained rescue and road patrol - Anzio, Italy, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Security patrol for Anzio, Italy. Constructing air raid shelter - Port of Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy - maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach, unloaded as follows: Class I - 435 tons, Class II & IV - 805 tons, Class III - 181 tons, Class V - 1900 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3421 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1242, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., 8, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 22, supply vehicles - 597, others - 165. Casualties evacuated - 533, personnel embarked - 559, supply vehicles embarked - 328, others - 10. Refugees evacuated on 14th February 1944 - 422, today - 113. Air raids - 1810a, 1915a, 2200a, during the 1810a raid, the Liberty Ship "Eli Yale" hit by bomb, survivors spent the night at 2nd Bn Hqs., and received necessary first aid treatment by 2nd Bn Medical Detachment.

16 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy - operating Red Beach, unloaded as follows: Class I - 86 tons, Class II & IV - 12 tons, Class III - 94 tons, Class V - 246 tons, total tonnage discharged - 438 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy.

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16 February, 1944: Cont'd. Co. "E" Maintained security patrol & fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Acted as litter bearers for the wounded. Constructing air raid shelter on Port of Anzio. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio as follows: Class I - 50 tons, Class II & IV - 468 tons, Class III - 15 tons, Class V - 1470 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2003 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2121, tracked vehicles - HT-tanks, etc., 13, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 19, supply vehicles - 312, others - 242. Evacuated 622 casualties, Personnel embarked - 489, supply vehicles embarked - 313, others - 24. Air raids - 0100A, 0230A, 0415A, 0715A, 0915A, 0955A, 1245A, 1400A, 1705A, 1725A, 1930A, 2045A, during the 1245A, Pvt Walter D. Branch, Co. "F", WIA, hospitalized. Intermittent enemy artillery fire throughout day and night. At approx. 0900A, shells landed on main Port road, leading from Port, damaged 2 trucks, 4 reported KIA, 2 wounded, road cleared and re-opened at 0935A.

17 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy - operating Red Beach, unloaded as follows: Class II & IV - 51 tons, Class III - 90 tons, Class V - 243 tons, total tonnage discharged - 384 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Maintained security patrol and fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Crash patrol for Anzio. Road patrol for Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray Beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 100 tons, Class II & IV - 531 tons, Class III - 154 tons, Class V - 280 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1065 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1956, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., 20, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 47, supply vehicles - 45, others - 362. Evacuated 355 casualties, Personnel embarked - 463, supply vehicles - 290, others - 1. Refugees evacuated - 224. Air raids - 0100A, 0320A, 0745A, 1315A, 1600A, 2015A, no damage to Port area or Red Beach. Enemy continued to shell Port area and Red Beach, no casualties or damage resulted.

18 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Operating Red Beach. Unloaded as follows: Class IV - 123 tons, Class V - 144 tons, total tonnage discharged - 267 tons. Co. "E" security defense of Anzio - Nettuno, rescue and road patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Acted as litter bearers when needed. Constructing air raid shelter on jetty - Port of Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio as follows: Class I - 26 tons, Class II & IV - 740 tons, Class III - , Class V - 979 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1745 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2458, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., 1, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 10, supply vehicles - 248, others - 100. Casualties evacuated - 550, Personnel embarked - 166, Supply vehicles embarked - 34, others - 28. Refugees evacuated - 223. Port closed at 1400A this date for mine sweeping. Air raids - 0230A, 0445A, 2110A, no damage or casualties resulted. Intermittent enemy artillery fire over Port area & Red Beach, no damage or casualties reported.

19 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Operating Red Beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 106 tons, Class IV - 27 tons, Class V - 276 tons, total tonnage discharged - 409 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy.

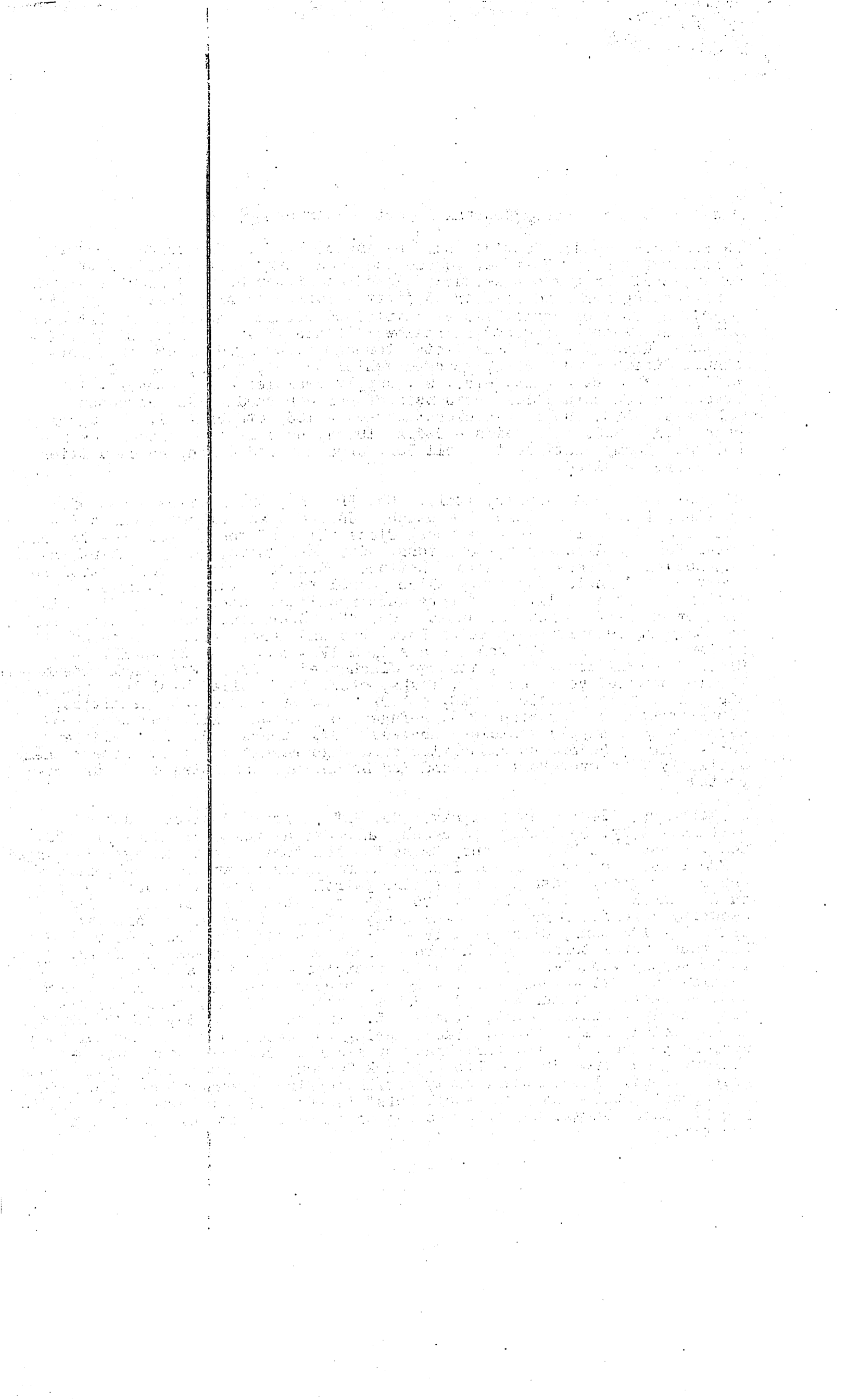
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19 February, 1944: Cont'd. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Maintained security defense of Anzio - Nettuno, rescue and road patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Acted as litter bearers when required. Constructing air raid shelter on jetty - Port of Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class II & IV - 178, Class III - 29 tons, Class V - 338 tons, total tonnage discharged - 548 tons. Personnel disembarked - 3882, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., 64, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 92, supply vehicles - 1, others - 703. Evacuated 532 casualties, Prisoners of War embarked - 195, Personnel embarked - 339, supply vehicles embarked - 183, others - 11. Refugees evacuated - 355. Air raids - 0945A, 1935A, no damage or casualties reported. Enemy continue to shell Port area and Red Beach, no casualties or damage resulted.

20 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy - operating Red beach. Unloaded as follows - Class I - 114 tons, Class II & IV - 24 tons, Class III - 57 tons, Class V - 75 tons, total tonnage discharged - 330 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Maintaining security defense of Anzio - Nettuno. Rescue patrol & road patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Acted as litter bearers when required. Constructing air raid shelter on jetty - Port of Anzio. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, maintaining security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 157 tons, Class II & IV - 583 tons, Class III - , Class V - 1826 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2566. Personnel disembarked - 1115, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., 10, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., 1, supply vehicles - 210, others - 28, Evacuated 756 casualties, 168 Prisoners of War evacuated, refugees evacuated - 210, Personnel embarked - 295, supply vehicles embarked - 97, others - 9. Air raids at 1535A, 2000A, 2145A, no casualties or damage resulted. Intermittent enemy artillery fire over Port area and Red Beach, no casualties or damage reported.

21 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Operating Red beach, unloaded as follows: Class I - 79 tons, Class II & IV - 60 tons, Class V - 141 tons, total tonnage discharged - 280 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Maintaining security patrol, rescue and road patrol, crash patrol, & fire patrol. Started this date to work on RR tunnel - Nettuno, Italy. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 108 tons, Class II & IV - 296, Class III - 60 tons, Class V - 922 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1386 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1913, supply vehicles - 347, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., 9, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 2, all others - 56. Personnel embarked - 468, casualties evacuated - 647, POW evacuated - 65, refugees evacuated - 187, supply vehicles - 367, others - 5. Air raids - 0135A, 0430A, 0700A, 1040A, 1415A, 1825A, 2135A, 2340A, during the 0430A, raid, Personnel bomb was dropped on a "D" Co. Half track on security defense, wounding the following men from "D" Co. Pfc Fredrick Carson, and Pvt Sammy Martin, both hospitalized. Intermittent enemy artillery fire throughout day and night. At approx. 0830A, an enemy shell burst in front of the Harbor C.P. wounding Pfc Lupe Chavez, Co. "F" who was on guard in front of the C.P. at the time.



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22 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Operating Red beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 34 tons, Class II & IV - 54 tons, Class V - 357 tons, total tonnage discharged - 445 tons. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Repairing RR tunnel - Nettuno, Italy. Maintained fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Rescue & road patrol for Anzio - Nettuno, security defense of Anzio - Nettuno. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 250 tons, Class II & IV - 51 tons, Class III - 104 tons, Class V - 1815 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2220 tons. Vehicles discharged - tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., - 21, trailed vehicles, guns, etc., - 73, others - 152. Personnel disembarked - 1916. Evacuated 338 casualties, 445 personnel, 1000 refugees, 320 supply vehicles embarked, 9 others. Air raids at 0850A, 1010A, 1930A, no damage to Port area or casualties resulted. Companies "E" & "F" alerted at 2200A, when firing was observed at sea.

23 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Red beach secured, no ships unloaded, maintained exit and entrance roads to Red Beach. Making runway in RR tunnel, Anzio, Italy, to facilitate unloading trucks. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security of Anzio - Nettuno. Rescue and road patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Repairing RR tunnel - Anzio, Italy. Fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 26 tons, Class II & IV - 160 tons, Class III - 125 tons, Class V - 1389 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1700 tons. Personnel disembarked - 3679. Supply vehicles - 243, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., 105, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 31, others - 359. Evacuated 651 casualties, 550 personnel embarked, 600 refugees evacuated, 339 supply vehicles embarked. Intermittent enemy artillery fire over area throughout day & night, no damage to Port area or casualties resulted.

24 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Operating & policing Red beach, unloaded as follows: Class I - 24 tons, Class III - 28 tons, Class V - 24 tons, total tonnage discharged - 76 tons. Camouflaged entrance to RR tunnel - Nettuno. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Anzio. Fire patrol for Anzio. Rescue patrol and road patrol for Anzio. Repairing RR tunnel - Nettuno. (150 yds of roads constructed at entrance & exit of RR tunnel). Camouflaging road to RR tunnel. Preparation of AA emplacements. Filled shell holes on main road - Anzio. Removed 3 wrecked trucks from the main road thru Anzio. Extinguished fire in tree. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 5 tons, Class II & IV - 252 tons, Class III - 225 tons, Class V - 1775 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2257 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1349, Supply vehicles - 197, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., - 28, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 4, others - 49. Evacuated 50 Prisoners of War, 200 refugees, personnel embarked - 274, supply vehicles - 104, others - 9. Air raids - 2120A, no damage or casualties reported. At approx. 1015A, S/Sgt George T. Jolly, Co. "E", injured by shrapnel from exploding artillery shell.

25 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co. "D" Camouflaging RR tunnel - Nettuno, Italy. Repairing Port of Anzio, Italy. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Anzio. Rescue & road patrol for Anzio. Camouflaging RR tunnel. constructing AA emplacements. Furnished fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno.

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26 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Installing "Dead Men" for holding craft at dock, Port of Anzio, Italy. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy, security defense of Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Fire and Road patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Crash patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Repairing RR tunnel, camouflaging entrance of tunnel. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Class I - 10 tons, Class II & IV - 45 tons, Class III - 150 tons, Class V - 2275 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2480 tons. Personnel disembarked - 981, Supply vehicles - 151, tracked vehicles - HT, tanks, etc., - 2, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 5, others - 43. Evacuated 400 refugees, 123 Personnel embarked, supply vehicles - 109. No air raids. Enemy continued to shell Port area and Red beach throughout the day and night, no casualties or damage resulted.

27 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Continued to install dead men in Port of Anzio, Italy. Care and cleaning equipment. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of of Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Rescue and road patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Continued work on RR tunnel, improving camouflaging. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 10 tons, Class II & IV - 20 tons, Class III - 169 tons, Class V - 1019 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1218 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2603. Supply vehicles - 326, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., - 41, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 59, others - 138. Personnel embarked - 804, evacuated 865 casualties, 398 supply vehicles embarked -, others - 26. Air raids 0830A, during this raid a bomb dropped off stern of LCT 140, killing 3 men and wounded 2 others, The LCT was approx. in center of harbor. Enemy continued to shell Port area and Red beach.

28 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Placed and cribbed logs, filled in with stone for LST berths. Drove railroad rails for hold fasts at LST berths. Filled 55 gallon drums with concrete for hold-fasts at LST berths. Drove railroad rails along LCT berths to form a sea wall. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Rescue and road patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Policing of Bailey Bridge parts from along roadside and delivery of same to Engineer Dump. Maintained fire patrol. Constructing air raid shelter on Port of Anzio. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 110 tons, Class II & IV - 176 tons, Class III * 516 tons, Class V - 2195 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2997. Personnel disembarked - 1707, supply vehicles - 439, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., - 2,

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28 February, 1944, Cont'd: Co. "F" cont'd, trailed vehicles - guns etc., - 2, others - 11, personnel embarked - 482, refugees evacuated - 403, casualties evacuated - 435, supply vehicles embarked - 358, others - 11. Intermittent enemy artillery fire over area throughout day and night.

29 February, 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Harbor reconstruction - Port of Anzio, Italy. Completed driving piling at LCT berths, welded rail to piling, dropped 16' x 30 logs in front of rail and filled. Filled two shell craters on dock. Started driving piling in LCT berths. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Rescue and road patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Fire patrol for Anzio - Nettuno. Filled shell holes on dock. Extinguished fire on LST 198 at approx 0815a. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Maintained security for Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded as follows: Class I - 109 tons, Class II & IV - 160 tons, Class III - 245, Class V - 580 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1094 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1355, supply vehicles - 99, tracked vehicles - HT - tanks, etc., - 84, trailed vehicles - guns, etc., - 41, others - 118, Personnel embarked - 306, casualties evacuated - 509, Prisoners of War - 255, supply vehicles embarked - 211, others - 4, Air raids at 2000A, lasting to approx. 2300a. No damage to Port area. At approx. 0815a, an enemy artillery shell hit LST 198 on top side. Destroyed 2 cargo trucks by fire. Tore hole in top side. Approx. 30 men injured and 13 killed. At approx. 0830a, shell hit building in front of LST 198, three casualties resulted. At approx. 1430a, two shells hit in road about 50 yards toward jetty in front of Harbor Commander's Office, no casualties. At approx. 1445a, one dud hit empty building on jetty, several casualties resulted. At approx. 1505a, shell hit bow gun platform of LST 214, causing small fire. 2 killed, and 6 wounded as a result.

Unloading statistics: Red Beach - from 1 February 1944 - 24 February 1944.

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| Class I | 975 tons | |
| Class II & IV | 1943 tons | |
| Class III | 1222 tons | |
| Class V | <u>5447 tons</u> | |
| | 9,587 tons | (total) |

Unloading statistics: Port of Anzio, Italy - 7 February - 29 February 1944.

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|---------------|-------------------|---------|
| Class I | 1997 tons | |
| Class II & IV | 6792 tons | |
| Class III | 2400 tons | |
| Class V | <u>25947 tons</u> | |
| | 37,136 tons | (total) |

Personnel disembarked - 47,081

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| Tracked vehicles, HT - tanks, etc., | 727 | |
| Trailed vehicles - guns, etc., | 942 | |
| Supply vehicles | 4475 | |
| All others | <u>4485</u> | |
| | 10,629 | (total vehicles discharged) |

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Re-loading statistics: Port of Anzio, Italy from - 7 February, 1944 to 29 February, 1944.

- Casualties evacuated - 11,194
- Prisoners of War - 1,061
- Personnel embarked - 11,548
- Refugees evacuated - 4,642
- Supply vehicles - 5,359
- All other vehicles - 325

Casualties sustained by Battalion during month of February, 1944.

- Battle Casualties - 13
- Non-Battle Casualties - 2

Enemy action encountered by Battalion during month of February 1944.

- Air raids - 66
- Artillery fire 28 days

Battalion strength as of 1 February, 1944:

- Officers: - 24 (Inc. Med. Det.)
- Enlisted Personnel: - 619 " " "

Battalion Strength as of 29 February, 1944:

- Officers: - 24 (Inc. Med. Det.)
- Enlisted Personnel: 606 " " "

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