

HEADQUARTERS  
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Subject: Journal for the month of February 1944.

To : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #464.

1. On the sixth of February, the 540th Engineer Regiment took over supervision of all beaches and the port on the Anzio Beach-head. As a result, the Regimental S-4 section undertook some additional duties which shall be described here.

2. The Regiment reverted back to Fifth Army control, and as a result, certain duties and reports were modified and went into effect as of the sixth of February.

3. Based on information required by Fifth Army, certain report forms were mimeographed and distributed to the responsible officers. The form sent to the beaches was made to show the arrival and departure time of craft ferrying from Liberty ships or Naples, the weight and type of cargo discharged, the craft number, and the name of the Liberty ship being unloaded. For the Port, a form was made up to show the above items; and in addition, the name and strength of the organizations unloading, and also the identification of personnel reloading; such as, casualties, prisoners of war, refugees, and others. Reports are also received as to the status of transportation and ferrying craft available for operations.

4. All these reports are consolidated by S-4 into a form sent daily to Fifth Army Advance C.P. The report covers a period of 24 hours, from 1800 to 1800, and is due at Fifth Army the following morning at 0800.

5. The section has served as an information center for inquiries about supply and evacuation to and from the beach-head, and through information received from the various reports has been able to satisfy most queries.

6. The normal regimental supply duties have been carried out as usual. Procurement of supplies and equipment for port and beach construction has been a problem, for the supply of construction materials is always less than the demand. So far, the problem has been solved by using the materials found on the Beach-head.

7. As a whole, regimental duties are subsiding back to normal. Procurement and supply, as far as possible, are again on schedule.

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