

HEADQUARTERS & SERVICE COMPANY 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT A.P.O. # 464, % POSTMASTER, N.Y., N.Y.

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SUBJECT: Journal for the Month of January 1944

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 540th Ergineer Regiment, APO 464, U.S. ARMY.

January 1st to 31st the following named Sections were operated daily by this company.

Regimental Headquarters, S-1, Personnel, S-2, S-3, S-4, and Regimental Motor Pool. Regimental Gas dump which supplies on an average of 2,000 gallons of gasoline and deisel fuel per day to regiment and attached troops. Two Generators are operated daily to furnish lights for Regimental Headquarters, our Company, and the entire Regiment plus attached troops. Officers Mess is operated daily. The following company sections are operated daily; Company Headquarters, Company Mess which had an average feeding of over 250 Officers and Men per day, Company Supply and Company Motor Pool. Trucks and supplies are used and sent out daily. Other daily details of the company are; repairing and fixing up Regimental Headquarters and policing the area. Showed movies in area for Regiment and all troops in surrounding area, four times per week. Usuall Bivouac details are carried on from day to day.

January 1st and 2nd: Re-assembled pile-driving equipment and same was put into usable shape. Road Grader on patrol for 1st Battalion.

January 3, 1944 - Prepared for movement from Francolise to Cuma. Left in Convoy at 20:00, 3 January 1944 arrived at 03:45, 4 January 1944.

January 5, 1944 - Installed communication and lighting system throughout whole Regiment.

January 8, 1944 - 1st Lt. A.D. Gavura relieved from assignment and Transferred to Regimental Headquarters as S-2 Officer. 1st Lt. F.J. Finnegan assigned to Company

January 14, 1944 - PFC. Corneal W. Hoogenboom, died as a result of wounds received from enemy action on 20 November, 1943, at 106th Station Hospital on or about 4:30 A.M. January 13, 1944. Buried at U.S. Military Cemetery, in Naples, Italy on or about 9:00 A.M. with Military cortege and honors.

January 15, 1944 - Constructed stage in area for stage show consisting of Joe E. Brown and company.

January 16, 1944 - Constructed Regimental Stockade in area.

January 17, 1944 - Took over operation of Water Point and Showers from 2nd Battalion, and put out an average of 8,000 gallons per day.

January 20, 1944 - Prepared for movement from Cuma to Possillipo, for Rear Echelon troops.

January 21, 1944 - 48 EM on foward Echelon with Regimental Headquarters

January 26, 1944 - 1st Lt. Decater Brown, Company Commander appointed Captain as of 16 January 1944.

January 28, 1944 - 1st Lt. Fred J. Finnegan, & 28 EM, left Rear Echelon for duty at forward echelon.

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