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HEADQUARTERS  
 540th ENGINEER REGIMENT  
 APO #464

5 February 1944.

SUBJECT: S-2 Journal for January 1944.

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

1. On 5 January Captain Fizdale, S-2 Officer, was sent to the hospital and on 8 January Lt Gavura became acting S-2 Officer. Lt Gavura maintained liaison between this headquarters and 5th Army Hq, doing general S-2 work from this date on.
2. On 16 January T/Sgt Whitten replaced M/Sgt Williams as section Sgt. The latter was sent to the hospital for a hernia operation.
3. Before the "Shingle" operation the S-2 Section drew maps for the operation, broke them down, and distributed them to the Regiment and to the attached units.
4. The S-2 Section loaded its equipment to be used on the "Shingle" operation on 19 January, sending the loaded truck and driver to the VI Corps assembly area, and the section personnel embarked at Pozzuoli on 20 January.
5. At 0300A (approx) on 22 January 1944, the S-2 Section landed on Red Beach, south of Anzio, and set up with Regimental Hq and the other sections. This section almost immediately set up a prisoner-of-war cage and handled evacuation of PW's to 26 January. S-2 personnel made overlays showing all beach roads, CP's, and dumps. Two situation maps were prepared, one for Regtl Hq and one for this section, and kept up to date with war information in this operation furnished by G-2. On 26 January the S-2 Officer began publishing a daily summary of the latest war news on all fronts, and has continued with this summary to the present date.
6. S-2 made reports to G-2 of all air attacks and shells dropped on X-Ray Beaches. Shell fragments were taken to the artillery counter-battery officer for identification of type of gun that was firing on our beaches.
7. S-2 has maintained a liason between this headquarters and that of VI Corps at all times.
8. In addition to the regular requirements of this section, S-2 personnel has painted all nexessary signs for this headquarters.

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