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 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
 A.P.O. #464

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Subject: Daily Journal Report for month of March 1944.

To : The Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #464, U. S. Army.

1. Daily Journal Report for the month of March 1944.

1 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removed approx. 500 railroad ties from railroad yards between Nettuno - Anzio, Italy. Cleaned ditches, spread gravel, filled pot holes, enlarged roadway and repaired revetment on culvert. Maintained security defense. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Rescue and road patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter on dock. Filled shell holes on main Anzio - Nettuno road. Improving bivouac area. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Maintained security defense of Port area and X-Ray Beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I, 109 tons, Class II & IV - 160 tons, Class III - 245 tons, Class V - 580 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1094 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1355, supply vehicles - 99, tracked vehicles - 84, trailed vehicles - 41, all others - 118, total vehicles discharged - 342. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 306, casualties - 509, Prisoners of War - 250, Supply vehicles - 211, all others - 4. Air raid at approx. 2310a, during this raid bombs were dropped on building where "F" Co. was billeted, causing considerable damage to building; the following casualties resulted - 11 known dead, 11 missing, 12 hospitalized. The two Medical aid men attached to "F" Co. killed in action during this raid. S/Sgt Lovett, Co. "E", and Pvt Icl Pederson, Co. "D", reported as Missing in Action as of 24 January, 1944, these men were evacuated to Hospital ship during initial phases of operation on beachhead, ship on which they were evacuated on was reported sunk, they were not listed as survivors.

2 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Checking personnel and cargo on craft - Port of Anzio, Italy. (Working in conjunction with Co. "F") Removed personnel from wrecked building where "F" Co. was billeted. Loaded 20 cu yds of ballast on trucks from RR yards - Anzio. Spread gravel and filled pot holes on road. Dug drainage ditches on sides of road. Maintained security defense. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches, furnished rescue, road, and fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter on dock. Assisted in the removal of casualties from Co. "F" building. Removed equipment for Co. "F", from wrecked building. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach.

Incl No. 7 - Unit Journal - Sgt. Icl Pederson

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2 March 1944: Cont'd - Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 150 tons, Class II & IV - 215, Class III - 295 tons, Class V - 1205 tons, Total tonnage discharged - 1865 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1719, supply vehicles - 225, tracked vehicles - 17, trailed vehicles - 24, all others - 75, total vehicles discharged - 341. Reloaded as follows - Personnel - 498, refugees - 600, Prisoners of War 153, supply vehicles - 268, all others - 26. No air raids. Enemy continued to shell port area and Red beach. At approx. 2030a, one (1) artillery shell landed in building opposite Battalion Headquarters, causing considerable damage to building, rickety into building occupied by 2nd Battalion Medics, causing only slight damage to building. Pvt Plotter, Co. "E" on guard at entrance to Battalion Headquarters at the time was slightly injured.

3 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Road maintenance - 1/2 mile west of Nettuno, Italy. Enlarged road approx. 35 yds by cribbing sides with RR ties. Started to fill cribbing with rocks. On main road from Nettuno - Anzio - cleaned out gutters on both sides of road. Port of Anzio - drove 2 Holdfasts (4 RR rails 30 ft long) at LST Hard with pile driver, placed 5, 55 gallon drums on previously driven Holdfasts and filled with concrete. Completed fill to finish sea wall. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Clearing Co. "F" billett, removing missing personnel and equipment. Co. "F" operating Port of Anzio, Italy, security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 253 tons, Class II & IV - 265 tons, Class III - 328, Class V - 1874 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2720 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1973, supply vehicles - 345, tracked vehicles - 18, trailed vehicles - 10, all others - 37, total vehicles discharged - 410. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 494, refugees - 1210, casualties - 532, supply vehicles - 340, all others - 11. Air raid at approx. 0300A, no damage or casualties to this Battalion resulted. At approx. 1700a, enemy artillery shell landed approx. 25 yards from Battalion Headquarters, no casualties. The following bodies removed from "F" Co. billett. Pfc DeWald, Pvt Austin, Pvt Reeves, 5 bodies still missing.

4 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Replaced camouflage nets at east end of RR tunnel, Anzio, Italy. Cleaned road leading into tunnel. Completed filling crib in road near 45th Ord. Filled shell holes on main Anzio - Nettuno road. Repaired road leading into Port of Anzio, Italy. Mixed cold patch for road maintenance. Removed debris in search of Co. "F" missing personnel. Dug drainage ditches at sides of road leading into Port of Anzio, Italy. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Made repairs on several manhole covers throughout Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray Beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 30 tons, Class II & IV - 167 tons, Class III - 77 tons, Class V 2135 tons, total tonnage discharged: 2409 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1092, supply vehicles - 341, all others - 12, total vehicles discharged - 353. Reloaded as follows: Personnel 310, casualties - 353, supply vehicles - 273, all others - 30.

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4 March 1944: Cont'd: No air raids. Intermittent enemy artillery fire over area throughout day and night. The bodies of Sgt Cruzan, Tec 4 Skipper, and one unidentified body removed from "F" Co. billett.

5 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Resurfacing road at ASP #7, Anzio, Italy. Filled pot holes and cleaned drainage ditches on main Anzio - Nettuno road. Removed debris from old Co. "F" billett in search of missing personnel. Repaired and set-up a British Stone Crusher in the RR yards - Anzio. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter on dock. Improving bivouac area. 2nd Lt. SUDNY trfd to 245th General Service Engineers. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 30 tons, Class II & IV - 415 tons, Class V - 880 tons, total tonnage discharged: 1375. Personnel discharged: 4829, supply vehicles - 214, tracked vehicles - 7, trailed vehicles - 8, all others - 23, Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 555, Casualties - 567, refugees - 600, supply vehicles - 177, all others - 24. No air raids. Intermittent enemy artillery fire over area throughout day and night. Sgt Cipriano, Co. "F" slightly wounded by shrapnel from a bursting shell, not hospitalized. 3 enlisted men still missing as a result of bombing of Co. "F" billett, 1 March 1944. (1 unidentified).

6 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removing debris from old Co. "F" billett in search of missing personnel. Filled pot holes in Port of Anzio, Italy. Enlarging and spreading of rocks on road at ASP #7. Building a culvert across road. Constructing crib on sea wall near LST berth #1, Port of Anzio, Italy. Filled pot holes in the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter on dock. Cleared road leading to RR tunnel. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy, as follows: Class I - 675 tons, Class II & IV - 25 tons, Class III - 20 tons, Class V - 660 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1380 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1060, supply vehicles - 240, all others - 12, total vehicles discharged - 252. Reloaded as follows: Personnel 1038, casualties - 427, Prisoners of War - 113, Supply vehicles - 216, all others - 32. No air raids - Intermittent enemy artillery fire throughout day and night. 2 enlisted men (1 unidentified) still missing as a result of bombing of Co. "F" billett of 1 March 1944.

7 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Prepared pot holes for fill - Port of Anzio, Italy. Finished sea wall - Port of Anzio, Italy. Filled pot holes on the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Spread rock on road at ASP #7 dump. Dug a pre-culvert across road in preparation for culvert - using 110 cu yds of rubble. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter on dock. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 103 tons, Class II & IV - 662 tons, Class III 278 tons, Class V - 1935 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2978.

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7 March 1944: Cont'd. Personnel disembarked - 1381, supply vehicles - 399, trailed vehicles - 17, all others - 27, total vehicles discharged - 443. Reloaded as follows: Casualties - 456, refugees - 587, Personnel - 2009, supply vehicles - 362, all others - 30. Air raid - 0330a, no damage or casualties to this Bn resulted. Enemy continued to shell port area and Red Beach throughout day and night, no damage or casualties to this Bn.

8 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Preparing and filling pot holes with cold-patch on the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Operating rock crusher and mixing plant. Crushed 12 cu yds of rock. Building and placing culvert in ditches across road to ASP #7, dump. Spread 93 cu yds of rubble on road to dump. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter on dock, cleared streets of debris. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy, as follows: Class I - 275 tons, Class II & IV - 420 tons, Class III 388 tons, Class V - 1395 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2478. Personnel disembarked - 1139, supply vehicles - 335, tracked vehicles - 13, trailed vehicles - 7, all others - 40, total vehicles discharged - 395. Reloaded as follows: casualties - 274, personnel - 1195, supply vehicles - 353, all others - 20. No air raids. Enemy continued to shell port area and Red Beach, at approx. 1645a, a shell landed in building adjacent to Co. "F" billett, causing considerable damage to building but not casualties resulted.

9 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Prepared and filled pot holes with cold-patch - Port of Anzio, Italy. Removed underwater obstacles on quay side in preparation for new LCI berth. Prepared and filled pot holes on the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Improved road at ASP #7 dump - spread 135 cu yds of rubble, ditched and graded roads around the dump. Prepared AA emplacements. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Constructing air raid shelter on dock. Filled shell holes on the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 20 tons, Class II & IV - 464 tons, Class III - 355 tons, Class V - 1790 tons total tonnage discharged - 2629 tons. Personnel disembarked - 5375, supply vehicles - 368, tracked vehicles - 6, trailed vehicles - 7, all others - 40, total vehicles discharged - 421. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 2509, refugees - 402, casualties - 460. Air raid at 0400a, no damage or casualties resulted. During the shelling at approx. 0930A, the following casualties resulted; Pfc Moore, KIA, Cpl Stewart, Pvts Averett, Woodland, Molhoek, and Stephens were injured, all members of Co. "D".

10 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Unloading rations in Port of Anzio, Italy. Unloaded 250 tons from LST. Prepared pot holes and filled with cold-patch - roads in Port area. Operating rock crusher and mixed cold-patch for future maintenance work, spread 77 cu yds of rubble on ASP #7, dump road. Graded roads at 5th Army Advance CP.

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10 March 1944: Cont'd. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Repairing distillation unit. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Improving bivouac area. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 630 tons, Class II & IV - 395 tons, Class III - 865 tons, Class V - 1880 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3770 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2273, supply vehicles - 452, tracked vehicles - 33, trailed vehicles - 7, all others - 37, total vehicles discharged - 529. Reloaded as follows: casualties - 267, refugees - 400, personnel - 2259, supply vehicles - 616, all others - 12. Air raid - 2230a, no damage or casualties reported. Enemy continued shell port area and Red Beach, at approx. 0515a, Pfc Partin, and Pfc Kilpatrick, both of Co. "D" were slightly wounded by shrapnel from bursting shell while working in RR yard - Anzio, Italy.

11 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Improvement of roads into 5th Army Advance CP. Repaired stone crusher damaged by enemy artillery shell. Prepared cold-patch for future road maintenance. Removed debris from sea wall. Removed steel work along jetty to facilitate two way traffic. Constructed landing platform at LST berth #7. Removed trees, telephone poles, and debris from roads leading from Port area to facilitate traffic movement. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Filled bomb crater. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 281 tons, Class II & IV - 335 tons, Class III - 1070 tons, Class V - 2300 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3986 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1023, supply vehicles - 601, tracked vehicles - 1, trailed vehicles - 6, all others - 21, total vehicles discharged - 629. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 1908, casualties - 290, Prisoners of War - 71, supply vehicles - 608, all others - 4. Air raids at approx. 0715a, 2130a, 2245a, no casualties or damage to this Battalion. During the 0715a raid bombs were dropped approx. 125 yds from Battalion Hqs., however no casualties resulted. Enemy continued to shell port area and Red beach, no casualties or damage resulted. Pvt Averett, Co. "D" died of wounds received during enemy shelling on 9 March 1944. Pfc Ciurey, Pvts Roybal, and Williams, Co. F, dropped from rolls as missing in action as the result of bombing Co. "F" billett on 1 March 1944.

12 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Improving road leading to 5th Army Advance CP, used approx. 99 cu yds of rubble. Ditched and repaired main Anzio - Albano road. Removed debris from roads leading from Port of Anzio, to facilitate traffic movement. Completed building of platform at LST berth # 7. Unloaded **250** tons of rations from LST at berth #2. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Cleared roads - Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray Beach. Improving bivouac area. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 721 tons, Class II & IV - 475 tons, Class III - 250 tons, Class V - 1715 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3161 tons. Personnel disembarked - 5566. Supply vehicles - 399, tracked vehicles - 7, trailed vehicles - 40, all others - 99, total vehicles discharged - 545.

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12 March 1944: Cont'd. Reloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Personnel - 1893, refugees - 592, casualties - 192, supply vehicles - 587, all others - 5. Air raid at approx. 2340a, enemy continued to shell port area and Red Beach throughout day and night, no casualties or damage resulted. Pvt. Molhoek, Co. "D", died of wounds received during the shelling of 9 March 1944.

13 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Spread approx. 76 cu yds of rubble on road at 5th Army Advance CP. Spread 63 cu yds of rubble on Hyde Park road leading into the main Anzio - Albano road. Prepared and filled pot holes on main Anzio - Albano road. Drained and filled shell holes with approx. 25 cu yds of rubble at the entrance to Yellow Beach. Cleared poles and trees from the road leading to the main coast road. Constructed 2 cat walks at LCI berths. Filled pot holes with cold-patch near LCI berths. Cut 28 ft of 2 in pipe on LCT's for uprights, and attached cables for canopy. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 26 tons, Class II & IV - 601 tons, Class III - 690 tons, Class V - 2135 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3452 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1565, supply vehicles - 574, tracked vehicles - 2, trailed vehicles - 2, all others - 18. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 2567, supply vehicles - 645, all others - 24. Air raid at approx. 2205a. Enemy continued to shell Port area and Red Beach throughout day and night. At approx. 1201a, shell landed on LCT North Hard, killing 1, (British) and wounding 6 others (British) At Approx. 1535a, shell landed in water off jetty, inflicting one casualty (Italian soldier) No damage to harbor installations or craft.

14 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Spread approx. 40 cu yds of rubble on coast road from Hyde Park road to Regt'l Hqs, collected approx. 2 cu yds of ballast from RR on Hyde Park road for use as fill on coast road. Removed torn up rails from railroad. Cleaned out storm sewer on the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Crushed approx. 15 cu yds of rock. Spread approx. 129 cu yds of rubble on Yellow beach road. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Cleared dugout after shell hit. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy, Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray Beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 568 tons, Class II & IV - 372 tons, Class III - 360 tons, Class V - 1129 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2429 tons. Personnel disembarked - 988, supply vehicles - 237, all others - 34. Reloaded as follows from Port of Anzio, Italy. Supply vehicles 325, all others - 12, Personnel - 960, casualties - 486, refugees - 189. Air raids at approx. 0710a, 2035a, no damage or casualties reported. Enemy continued to shell port area and Red Beach no casualties or damage resulted.

15 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Prepared and filled pot holes on Hyde Park road, corner to Regt'l Hqs. Cleared out ditches and filled pot holes with rubble

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15 March 1944: Cont'd. with rubble - main Anzio - Nettuno road. Crushed approx. 3 cu yds of rock for road maintenance work. Placed tarps over uprights and cables on LCT's - Port of Anzio, Italy. Drove railroad rails along platform at LCT berth. Converted RR that runs parallel to Regt'l Hqs into a road, spreading approx. 301 cu yds of rubble over area. Made entrance way at 3006 Bakery at Hyde Park corner. Filled pot holes at Yellow beach. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Improving bivouac area. Supplying distilled water. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Improving bivouac area. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy, as follows: Class I - 34 tons, Class II & IV - 409 tons, Class III - 362 tons, Class V - 257 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3352 tons. Personnel disembarked - 941, supply vehicles - 527, tracked vehicles - 2, all others - 33, total vehicles discharged - 562. Reloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Personnel - 852, refugees - 40, supply vehicles - 554, all others - 27. No air raids, enemy continued to shell port area and Red beach, no casualties or damage resulted.

16 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Prepared and filled pot holes on coast road, using approx. 2 cu yds of cold-patch and 5 cu yds of rubble. Repaired culvert north of overpass leading to 6723 Truck Bn. Drove RR rails as piling along LCT berths at Port of Anzio, Italy. Dredged along jetty with clam. Removed trees and concrete poles from sides of Anzio - Nettuno road to facilitate two way traffic. Crushed approx. 5 cu yds of rock at RR yard - Anzio, Italy. Spread 235 cu yds of rubble over RR that is being constructed into road that runs parallel to Regt'l Hqs. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Air raids - 0705a, 0900a, no damage or casualties to this Battalion. Enemy continued to shell area throughout day and night. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 610 tons, Class II & IV - 350 tons, Class III - 355 tons, Class V - 1730 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3045 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1202, supply vehicles - 427, all others - 10, total vehicles discharged - 507. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 657, casualties - 474, supply vehicles - 455, all others - 26.

17 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removed trees and cement poles from sides of the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Filled 4 - 30 gallon drums with concrete for hold-fasts at LCT berths - Port of Anzio, Italy. Constructing road along RR tracks south of the Rome, Anzio road to be used by the Transportation Corps for route from truck assembly area. Prepared and filled pot holes with cold-patch on road in front of Regt'l Hqs. Cut 2 holes in LCI and removed one (1) body - Port of Anzio, Italy. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Filled shell holes. Repaired camouflage nets at entrance to RR tunnel. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Port area and X-Ray beach.

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17 March 1944: Cont'd. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 117 tons, Class II & IV - 473 tons, Class III - 185 tons, Class V - 2066 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2841 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1684, supply vehicles - 454, tracked vehicles - 5, trailed vehicles - 5, all others - 14, total vehicles discharged - 478. Reloaded as follows: Supply vehicles - 453, all others - 3, personnel - 674, casualties - 252, Prisoners of War - 72. Air raids - 0140a, 0530a, 0640a, 2005a, 2224a, during the 0330a raid four trucks property of Co. "E" riddled with shrapnel. No personnel of this Hqs. were injured. Also during the same raid an LCI sunk, 40 casualties resulting. Two LCT's were severely damaged at the end of the jetty - Port of Anzio. 1st Sgt Underwood, Co. "E", Tec 5 Shelton, Co. "D", and Pvt Juranovich rotated to U.S. A. this date. Left aboard LST 421.

18 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removed trees and concrete poles from sides of the Anzio - Nettuno road. Filled bomb crater on jetty - using approx. 72 cu yds of rubble. Filled pot holes in front of Regt'l Hqs. Placed culvert in road leading from the road in front of Regt'l Hqs to the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Constructing road along RR tracks south of Rome - Anzio road, to be used by Transportation Corps from truck assembly area. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Improving bivouac area. Dug placements for Company Motor vehicles. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 112 tons, Class II & IV - 604 tons, Class III - 15 tons, Class V - 1706 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2437 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1703, supply vehicles - 386, tracked vehicles - 1, trailed vehicles - 18, others - 50, total vehicles discharged - 455. Reloaded as follows: Supply vehicles - 401, all others - 6, casualties - 291, refugees - 192, personnel - 623. Air raids at approx. 0140a, 0300a, 0500a, enemy continued to shell port area and Red beach throughout day and night.

19 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removed trees on main Anzio - Nettuno road. Cleaned out holes in jetty and prepared forms for pouring concrete. Spread approx. 115 cu yds of rubble on the Rome - Anzio road. Crushed approx. 12 cu yds of rock. Spread approx. 11 cu yds of rubble on Anzio - Nettuno road. Co. "E" Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Filled shell holes on main Anzio - Nettuno road. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 70 tons, Class II & IV - 737 tons, Class III - 225 tons, Class V - 1546 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2578 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2461, supply vehicles - 399, tracked vehicles - 1, trailed vehicles - 41, all others - 118. Total vehicles discharged - 560. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 621, casualties - 800, supply vehicles - 401, all others - 52. Air raid at approx. 0650a, no casualties or damage to this Battalion resulted. Enemy artillery fire over area throughout day and night, no casualties or damage to this Battalion resulted.

20 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removed 28 trees, 15 cement poles and 1 wooden pole from side of road leading from Yellow beach - to widen road.

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20 March 1944: Cont'd. Poured concrete in repair of jetty - Port of Anzio. Clearing Yellow Beach of mines, removed 7 Teller Mines #2. During the removal of the mines one was found to be booby trapped, which exploded - injuring Lt. Elmer FREEMIRE. Spread approx. 127 cu yds of rubble on the road along RR tracks south of Rome - Anzio road - to be used by the Transportation Corps from truck assembly area to dock. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Cleared intersection on main Anzio - Nettuno road. Widened Yellow Beach road entrance. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 518 tons, Class II & IV - 942 tons, Class V - 831 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2291 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2465, supply vehicles - 318, tracked vehicles - 11, trailed vehicles - 68, all others 136, total all vehicles - 533. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 599, casualties - 322, supply vehicles - 357, all others - 34. Air raid at approx. 0645a, intermittent enemy artillery fire throughout day and night, no casualties or damage resulting.

21 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Dug trench along jetty wall; placed 20" x 20" x 60' timber in for crib. Removed AA, signal equipment from bombed building. Clearing Yellow beach of mines, removed 7 Teller #2 mines. Repaired and filled pot holes in roads in Port area using approx. 2 1/2 cu yds of cold-patch. Spread approx. 109 cu yds of rubble along RR which is being converted into road way for Transportation Corps trucks right of way to Port. Re-graded Anzio - Nettuno road and Yellow Beach road. Crushed approx. 12 cu yds of rock. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, fire patrol, road patrol for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Improving Anzio - Nettuno roads. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Air raids at approx. 2030a, no casualties or damage to Battalion resulted. Enemy artillery fire over area throughout day and night. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 368 tons, Class II & IV - 521 tons, Class III - 25 tons, Class V - 1410 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2324 tons. Personnel disembarked - 3110, supply vehicles - 346, tracked vehicles - 7, trailed vehicles - 38, all others - 117, total vehicles discharged - 508. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 538, supply vehicles - 297, all others - 10.

22 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removed debris and preparing pot holes for cold-patch on roads in Port area. Building cribbing to repair jetty - Port of Anzio, Italy. Spread approx. 92 cu yds of rubble on roads to 5th Army Advance CP. Continued to remove mine from Yellow Beach; removed 8 Teller #2 mines. Crushed approx. 10 cu yds of rock. Pvt 1cl Kilpatrick and Pvt Partin awarded Purple Heart for wounds recieved in action on 10 March 1944. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port of Anzio and Nettuno beach. Crash patrol, fire patrol, road patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Extinguished fire caused by shell. Repaired road at 888.817. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Started operations of Havers Hard beach at 1800a, this date. Hauled lumber to Engr Dump.

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22 March 1944: Cont'd. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 518 tons, Class II & IV - 528 tons, Class III - 18 tons, Class V - 1395 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2459 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2094, tracked vehicles - 1, trailed vehicles - 36, all others - 127, total vehicles discharged - 516. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 1064, supply vehicles - 349, all others - 17, casualties - 478. Air raid at approx. 2340a, no casualties or damage resulted. Enemy continued to shell area throughout day and night. Co. "E" published the first edition of the "DAILY WIRE" this date.

23 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Prepared timbers for cribbing along jetty wall - Port of Anzio, Italy. Crushed approx. 5 cu yds of rock for future road maintenance. Spread approx. 68 cu yds of rubble on road at 5th Army Adv. CP. Widened road opposite entrance to Havers Hard. Spread approx. 28 cu yds of rubble on Havers Hard road. Removed 2 sail boats from beach Hard. 2nd Lt. JANECEK ^{rel'd for Bn Hqs.} asgd to Co. "D" this date. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Cleaned out Regt'l Chapel. Cleaned out building for new CP. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 745 tons, Class II & IV - 628 tons, Class III - 42 tons, Class V - 1621 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3036. Personnel disembarked - 2987, supply vehicles - 289, tracked vehicles - 5, trailed vehicles - 40, all others - 130. Total vehicles discharged - 464. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 928, refugees - 101, supply vehicles - 334, all others - 8. Air raids at 0010a, 2005a, no casualties or damage resulted. Intermittent enemy artillery fire throughout day and night.

24 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Reveted and widened road Hard, using approx. 5 cu yds of rocks. Spread approx. 69 cu yds of rubble on Havers Hard road. Crushed approx. 15 cu yds of rocks. Cleaned out drainage ditches on the Anzio - Nettuno road. Bolted and completed woodwork on crib at Jetty - Port of Anzio. Filled 400 sand bags with sand. 2nd Lt. COUSINEAU, ^{rel'd for DC} trfd to Regt'l Hqs. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 265 tons, Class II & IV - 1110 tons, Class III - 243 tons, Class V - 1815 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3469. Personnel disembarked - 2921, supply vehicles discharged - 303, tracked vehicles - 1, trailed vehicles - 36, all others - 104, total vehicles discharged - 444. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 2181, casualties - 494, supply vehicles - 335, all others - 6. Air raid at approx. 1935a. No damage or casualties resulting. Artillery fire over area throughout day and night.

25 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Constructing 2 shacks for Co. "F" checkers and 1 shack for the 387th Engrs at Havers Hard. Cleaned out ditches and filled pot holes on the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Filled 700 sand bags and placed them around shacks on Havers Hard. Completed revetment on Havers Hard. Spread approx. 14 cu yds of rubble on road opposite Havers Hard & approx. 47 cu yds of rubble on road leading into Port of Anzio.

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25 March 1944: Cont'd. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio - Nettuno. Filled shell holes. Improving new Regt'l Chapel. Improving new CP. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 732 tons, Class II & IV - 1002 tons, Class III - 575 tons, Class V - 1735 tons, total tonnage discharged - 4044 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2882, supply vehicles - 206, trailed vehicles 10, all others - 56. total vehicles discharged - 272. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 1018, refugees - 198, casualties - 258, supply vehicles - 179, all others - 5. Air raid - 0610a. Enemy artillery fire throughout day and night, no casualties or damage resulting.

26 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Filled pot holes in roads in Port area. Filled sand bags and placed them around checkers shack on Havers Hard. Filled crib in jetty with approx. 30 cu yds of rubble. Crushed approx. 10 cu yds of rock. Filled in LCM berth at Havers Hard. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Security defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches. Crash patrol, road patrol, fire patrol, for the towns of Anzio, Nettuno. Filled 6 shell holes on the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Improving bivouac area, moving to new CP. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Security defense of Port area and X-Ray beach. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 839 tons, Class II & IV - 946 tons, Class III 373 tons, Class V - 1934 tons, total tonnage discharged - 4092 tons. Personnel disembarked - 2827, supply vehicles - 272, trailed vehicles - 8, all other vehicles - 63, total vehicles discharged - 343. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 790, casualties - 267, supply vehicles 221, all others - 14. Air raid at approx. 2100a, enemy continued to shell area, no casualties or damage to this Battalion.

27 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Co. "D" cleaned out 2 buildings for baggage depot. Spread approx. 7 cu yds of rubble over area. Filled pot holes on the main Anzio - Rome, Anzio - Nettuno road. Repaired and set up machinery for crushing rock. Filled and placed 850 sand bags around shacks on Havers Hard. Filled crib on jetty with approx. 5 cu yds of rubble, prepared and poured concrete. Relieved of defense duties. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Relieved of defense of the Anzio - Nettuno beaches this date. Maintained crashpatrol, fire patrol for the town of Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, relieved of security defense duties 1800a, this date. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 720 tons, Class II & IV - 297 tons, Class III - 406 tons, Class V - 1421 tons, total tonnage discharged - 2844. Personnel disembarked - 1809, supply vehicles - 241, tracked vehicles - 241, tracked vehicles - 2, trailed - 29, all others - 125, total vehicles discharged - 397. Reloaded as follows: casualties - 215, personnel - 525, supply vehicles - 224, all others - 11. Air raid - 1730a, no damage or casualties to Battalion resulted. Enemy continued to shell port area and Red beach, no casualties or damage resulted.

28 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Removing debris from sidewalks and filling pot holes on main Anzio - Nettuno road. Widened and repaired in and out roads at Yellow beach, using 2 rolls of Summerfelt Matting.

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28 March 1944: Cont'd. Poured approx. 700 lbs of concrete in crib at jetty - Port of Anzio, Italy. Placed 200 sand bags around checkers shacks on Havers Hard. Crushed approx. 10 cu yds of rock for future road maintenance work, set up machinery at RR yards - Anzio, Italy. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Maintenance of Anzio - Nettuno road net. Crash patrol, fire patrol, for the town of Anzio, Italy. Cleaned shore road, filled ruts and ditched roads, repairing road used by the transportation Corps, completed ramps. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy, as follows: Class I - 1203 tons, Class II & IV - 809 tons, Class III - 49 tons, Class V - 1774 tons, total tonnage discharged - 3835 tons. Personnel disembarked - 1090, supply vehicles - 293, tracked vehicles - 7, trailed vehicles - 1, all others - 8. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 574, casualties - 176, supply vehicles - 277, all others 8. No air raids - enemy continued to shell Port area and Red Beach, no casualties or damage to Battalion.

29 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Filling pot holes in roads in Port area, using approx. 1 cu yd of cold-patch. Filled pot holes in the main Anzio - Nettuno road. Filled pot holes in Mole Neroniane, using approx. 3 cu yds of cold-patch. Spread approx. 65 cu yds of rubble on in and out roads at Yellow Beach. Crushed approx. 30 cu yds of rock and mixed 20 cu yds of cold-patch for future maintenance. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Fire patrol, crash patrol for the town of Anzio, Italy. Repairing Port roads, using approx. 10 cu yds of cold-patch. Grading road used by Transportation Corps for bringing trucks into port area from assembly point. Re-set stone coping on south mole where LCT's dock. Co. "F" Anzio, Italy. Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, and Havers Hard. Care of half-tracks and equipment. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 1268 tons, Class II & IV - 1279 tons, Class V - 2100 tons, total tonnage discharged - 4647 tons. Personnel discharged - 1278, supply vehicles - 343, all other vehicles - 72, total vehicles discharged - 415. Reloaded as follows: Supply vehicles - 361, all others - 16, personnel 893. Air raids - 1545a, 2130a, no casualties or damage resulted. Enemy artillery fire over area throughout day and night, no damage or casualties resulting.

30 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Spread approx. 78 cu yds of rubble on entrance and exit roads to Yellow Beach. Crushed approx. 38 cu yds of rock. Issued approx. 23 cu yds of cold patch to 36th Engrs. Spread approx. 9 cu yds of cold patch on Anzio - Nettuno road. Unloaded 25 tons of gasoline, oil and grease from LCT - Port of Anzio, Italy. Made survey of land one mile around bivouac area in preparation for preventative measures against Malaria. Co. "E" Repairing coping on south mole. Constructing narrow gauge railroad at 5th Army Hqs. tunnel. Constructed approx. 400 yds of road. Filled pot holes in Port area. Spread approx. 35 loads of rubble on road from truck assembly area to Port. Crash patrol, fire patrol for Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy and Havers Hard. Care and cleaning Half-tracks and equipment. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 778 tons, Class II & IV - 1721 tons, Class III - 160 tons, Class V - 1925 tons, total tonnage discharged - 4584 tons, personnel disembarked - 1070, supply vehicles - 342, trailed vehicles - 8, all others - 30, total vehicles - 380. Reloaded as follows: supply vehicles - 300, others - 16, personnel - 691, refugees - 55, casualties - 345, POW - 40. Air raid at approx. 0600A. Intermittent artillery fire throughout day and night.

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31 March 1944: Anzio, Italy. Co. "D" Approx. 2 miles south of Nettuno, Italy. Filled pot holes in Main Anzio - Nettuno road. Spread approx. 123 cu yds of rubble on road in Port area. Completed culvert on Havers Hard. Removed 14 rails and 70 ties from RR to obtain ballast. Crushed approx. 45 cu yds of rock. Issued 36 cu yds of cold-patch to 36 th Engrs. Co. "E" Anzio, Italy. Constructed 275 yds of small gauge track at tunnel near 5th Army Hqs. Filled pot holes in roads near Port area. Cleaned buildings for Malaria Control. Repaired coping on south mole - Port of Anzio. Maintained crash patrol, fire patrol for Anzio, Italy. Co. "F" Operating Port of Anzio, Italy, and Havers Hard. Picked up and supervised Italian laborers. Unloaded from Port of Anzio, Italy as follows: Class I - 780 tons, Class II & IV 25 tons, Class III - 108 tons, Class V - 407 tons, total tonnage discharged - 1920 tons. Personnel discharged - 23. Reloaded as follows: Personnel - 94. Pvt Baker, Co. "F" killed in action by enemy artillery fire at approx 0400a on 22 March 1944, while under hospitalization at the 15th Hospital. No air raids. Enemy continued to shell area, but no casualties or damage to this Battalion resulted.

Unloading Statistics: Harbor of Anzio, Italy - 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944.

Class I	13,598 tons
Class II & IV	17,952 tons
Class III	8,362 tons
Class V	49,612 tons
	<u>89,524 tons</u> (Total tonnage discharged)

Personnel disembarked - 98,854.

Supply vehicles	-	10,397
Tracked vehicles, HT - Tanks, etc.	231	
Trailed vehicles, guns, etc.	608	
All other vehicles		<u>1,786</u>
		13,022 (Total vehicles discharged)

Reloading Statistics: Harbor of Anzio, Italy - 1 March 1944 to 31 March 1944.

Supply vehicles	10,982
All other vehicles	496
	<u>11,478</u> (Total vehicles reloaded)

Casualties -	10,018
Prisoners of War	699
Refugees	5,036
Personnel	33,022

Casualties sustained by Battalion during month of March 1944.

Battle Casualties - 48

Enemy action encountered by Battalion during month of March 1944.

Air raids - 35
 Under enemy artillery fire - 31 days.

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Battalion Strength as of 1 March 1944:

Officers	-	23	(Incl. Med. Det.)
Enlisted Personnel	-	604	" " "

Battalion Strength as of 31 March

Officers	-	22	(Incl. Med. Det.)
Enlisted Personnel	-	613	" " "

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