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HEADQUARTERS, FIRST BATTALION
 540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
 A.P.O. # 464

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SUBJECT: Monthly Journal.

TO : Commanding Officer, 540th Engineer Regiment, A.P.O. #464.

1. Journal May 1944 submitted herewith.

a. Beach Operation (X-Ray Beach): - No supplies unloaded. Telephone watch maintained twenty-four hours daily.

b. Use of Equipment: - Bulldozers used at the Ordnance and Quartermaster dumps; 52nd DUKW Company; Hospitals; Sterilization units; Bakery; to construct bunkers and revetments for ammunition and equipment; also leveling of areas.

c. Road Maintenance and Construction: - Road net from 388178 to 005183; 900178 to 972137 crossroads 941154 to 942169; 972137 to 959165 maintained for Class 40, two-way, all-weather traffic. Continued filling pot holes with tarmac; (using 525 leads); shoulders and ditches improved; culverts constructed. Continued sprinkling of X-Ray road net.

d. Construction of "Hards": - Construction of "Hards" on X-Ray, RED and YELLOW Beaches completed.

e. Mine Field Clearing: - Removed mines fields near LITTORIA and LA FERRIA and 51st Signal Company. (approx. 1000 mines removed) 071194 to 065184 to 086170 to 085187, 008245 to 008242 to 015240 to 015245, 116267. Buildings checked for booby traps; paths cleared to trapped tanks for the 45th Ordnance. In all, 780 Italian Box mines and 230 Hertz Box mines were lifted.

f. Construction: - Concrete floor 1753 feet square and 4 inches thick laid for bakery unit. Plumbing installed at bakery and for hospital sterilization Unit. Worked on advance C.P. for 5th Army Headquarters. Assisted installation of 16th Evac Hospital and 18th Field Hospital by grading areas, building roads and revetting tents. Repaired existing ice plant at ANZIO. Three (3) Red Cross Markers 200 feet square were constructed of stone in Hospital Zones.

g. Beach Protection: - Patrolled Beach F912095 to G095095, F912173 to G095095, from May 30 on.

h. Harbor Clearance: - Small boat harbor sounded, about 15 wrecked craft removed. Underwater Survey made of remaining wrecked ships.

i. Mosquito Control: - Battalion areas drained, filled and sprayed to control malaria.

j. Operate Reck Quarry: - Operated Reck Quarry at N935163 between 24 May - 26 May. Produced 60 loads secondary rock, 65 loads of primary rock, 96 loads big rock and 101 loads of asphalt mix.

k. Operate Rifle Range Range and Beach: - Operated Rifle range and beach for VI Corps from 24 May to 30 May.

For the Commanding Officer:

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