

**HEADQUARTERS
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT
APO # 464**

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SUBJECT: Disposition of 540th Engineer Regiment from 9 September 1943 to 30 November 1943.

TO : The Engineer, Fifth Army, APO #464, U.S. Army.

1. The 540th Engineer Regiment (less H. & S. Co. and "D" Co.) landed at Paestum, Italy on the 10th of September 1943 as the Shore Party for the 45th Division which was the reserve unit. After getting the initial troops and equipment ashore the Regiment organized and operated Red Beach #1 and Blue Beach #2, both of which were south of the Sele River, until the end of September. On the 10th of September, Co. "F" was attached to the Rangers for a special beach mission. After the landing, Co. "F" then operated the Port of Maiori, Italy, and the dumps in the area, in support of the Rangers. On the 13th of September, the Regiment was detached from the 45th Division and was attached to VI Corps. Co. "D" landed at Paestum, Italy on the 14th of September and joined the Regiment. On the 18th Headquarters and Service Co. landed at Paestum, Italy bringing the Regiment to its full strength. The Regiment in addition to maintaining and operating beaches, operated supply dumps, built roads and cleared thousands of mines from beaches and roads. Road and dump reconnaissances were made and overlays and maps were produced which contained this vital information.

2. The Regiment less Co. "F" moved to Naples, October 1st and 2nd. The majority of the work here was in the port area; it consisted of removing debris, leveling docks and piers, and reconstruction of port facilities.

3. The following jobs were completed for the Peninsular Base Section in the City of Naples:

<u>JOB NO.</u>	<u>DATES</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
12 - 14Q - 102	Oct. 14 - 18	Leveling Quartermaster Dump Area.
12QM - 103	Oct. 14 - 15	Fighting coal fire -- Naples Gas Works.
P44	Oct. 16 - 20	Clearing dock at Bagnolia.
12M - 130	Nov. 1 - 2	Construction of utilities in buildings to be used as Rest Camps.
12T - 112	Nov. 4 - 15	Removal of debris from R.R. Tunnel near Central Station in Naples.
12T - 114	Nov. 4 - 17	Rebuilding R.R. Pier at Bagnolia.
12T - 119	Nov. 6	Clearance of Highway after air raid.
12E - 112)		Repaired Naples Aqueduct
12E - 108)		This group of work orders each included several buildings and establishments which were searched for enemy booby trap firing devices and delay firing devices.
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12E - 111)		
12CG - 119)		
12CG - 113)		

4. A large anti-tank mine field was removed from the beaches just South of the Sele River in September. A second field containing a large percentage of booby trapped mines and "S" mines was removed near Bagnolia, Italy in October.

5. Jobs completed and jobs in progress for the 5th Army Engineer are as follows:

WP - 63	Nov. 7 - 15	Bridge and culvert.
WP - 64	Nov. 7 - 11	Culvert and fill.
WP - 71	Nov. 7 - 15	Road Repairs.
WP - 72	Nov. 7 - 17	Filling craters.
WP - 75	Nov. 9 - 26	Bridge.
WP - 76	Nov. 9 - 27	Bridge.
WP - 85	Nov. 12 - 30	Culvert and fill.
WP - 91	Continuous	Road Maintenance.
WP - 92	Nov. 18 - 30	Culvert and Fill.
WP - 93	Nov. 18 - Dec. 2	Culvert and Fill.
WP - 96	Nov. 20 - 21	Repair of Canello Bridge.
WP - 97	Nov. 21 - Not Completed to date.	Culvert and Fill.
WP - 98	Nov. 21 - " " "	Bridge and Fill.
WP - 99	Nov. 18 - 30	Canello Bridge Maintenance.
WP - 108	Nov. 22 - 23	Traffic Count, Canello Bridge.
WP - 109	Nov. 21 - Dec. 5	Bridge.
WP - 110	Nov. 21 - Not Completed to Date.	Bridge.
WP - 111	Nov. 22 - 27	Approaches to Grazzanise Bridge.
WP - 112)		
WP - 119)	Nov. 23 - 30	Road Maintenance.
WP - 120)		
WP - 121)		
WP - 136	Dec. 2 - 3	Traffic Count, Canello Bridge.
WP - 139	Dec. 1 - Not Completed to date.	Bridge.

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