

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

2 December 1943.

SUBJECT: Journal for the Month of November 1943.

TO : COMMANDING OFFICER, 540th Engineer Regiment, APO #464.

1. In compliance with Memorandum your Headquarters, dtd 2 December 1943, the following is submitted.

November 1st : Ten 2½ Ton trucks and drivers were dispatched to 1st Battalion, this Regiment, to police and haul away debris from the dock areas in Naples, Italy.

November 2nd, 3rd and 4th: A generator and operator, for same, were used to furnish lights for a crew of men removing bodies from a bombed building in Naples, Italy. 1st Battalion, this Regiment, continued to use ten trucks and drivers for policing and hauling debris from dock areas in Naples. Movie was shown to all troops in Regiment and those in surrounding areas.

November 5th and 6th: A seventeen piece band was secured from 5th Army Headquarters, Special Service Group to entertain the troops of the Regiment and those in the surrounding areas. Movie was shown to all troops on the sixth of November.

November 7th: 1st Sgt Goldberg, Norman R., 12122993, awarded Legion of Merit Medal as of October 20th 1943 and was presented by Colonel MARVIN this date. Lights were installed thru out station tunnel Via Garibaldi by this Company for 2nd Battalion work.

November 8th; 9th, 10th, 11th, 12th, 13th, 14th and 15: Continued to operate and install lighting system thru out station tunnel Via Garibaldi for 2nd Battalion work. On the 8th of November our trucks hauled gas and ration supplies to 1st Battalion and two EM were sent on Special Duty to 1st Battalion, to survey and plan out road and bridge projects. On November 9th S-2 and S-3 Sections our Headquarters moved to 1st Battalion Headquarters to assist them in their work. Four trucks and drivers hauled steel to 1st Battalion area. Movie was shown to all troops in areas of this bivouac, on the 11th and 13th. On the 12th of November this organization hauled gas and rations to 1st Battalion and four Dukws were loaded with Somerfeld matting and chest piling. Began the construction of stairs for Commanding General P.B.S. Furnished road grader and air compressor and three operators, for same, for 1st Battalion work, on the 14th and 15th of November. Our carpenters began building flooring and sidings for Regimental and Company tentage.

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November 16 and 17: Hauled gas and rations to 1st Battalion. Completed building stairs for Commanding General, P.B.S. Furnished road grader and air compressor and three operators for 1st Battalion work. Started movement to new bivouac area near Francolise.

November 18: Continued movement to new bivouac area near Francolise. All Officers and atcd EM of other organizations dropped from rolls. Air compressor and operator with 1st Battalion.

November 19: Finished movement to new bivouac area near Francolise, Italy. Furnished air compressor and operator for 1st Battalion work. Erected tents and built frames for them. Began hauling rock and putting in culverts in roads to bivouac area.

November 20th and 21st: Air compressor and operator furnished for 1st Battalion work. Erected tents for Regt'l Headquarters. Installed communications system and electrical lighting units for Regt'l Headquarters and Company. Distributed and hauled rations thru out Regiment. Constructed roads and work on drainage system. Began putting in Communications lines to 1st and 2nd Battalions. On the 20th of November T/5 Carrington, Travis B.; Pfc Hoogenboom, Corneal W.; and Private Leino, Carl E. were injured as a result of enemy action, at approximately 1115 hours, on the outskirts of the city of Aversa, Italy, as a result of an enemy bombing and strafing raid.

November 22nd: Continued putting in communication lines to 1st and 2nd Battalions, Headquarters. One truck and driver on Special duty with 469th Engineer Maintenance Company. Continued to construct roads and fix drainage system. Continued to install communication system and electrical lighting units for Regimental Headquarters and Company. Air compressor and operator with 1st Battalion. Put up camouflage nets and erected tents for Regimental Headquarters. Distributed and hauled rations thru out Regiment.

November 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, and 28: Two air compressors and operators with 1st and 2nd Battalions. Continued to erect tents with floors for Regimental Headquarters, and also continued with installation of communications system and lighting units. Fixed roads and drainage system. Distributed and hauled rations thru out Regiment.

November 29: Lt. Norton and seven EM on Special Duty with Engr Depot to assemble a steam Pile Driver.

November 30: T/5 Carrington, awarded Purple Heart for wounds received during an enemy air raid near Aversa, Italy on 20 November 1943. Furnished road grader and operator for 1st Battalion work.

From November 1st to 30th the following named Sections were operated daily by this Company:
 Regimental Headquarters, S-1, S-2, S-3, & S-4, also Regimental Motor Pool, (Regimental Motor Pool services and repairs all Regimental vehicles.)
 Regimental gas dump, which supplies on an average of 1100 gallons of gasoline and deisel fuel per day. Generator is operated daily to furnish lights for Regimental Headquarters, our Company and the entire Regiment when together.

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(Generator is turned on at 1700 hrs and turned off at 2300 hrs) Officers Mess is operated daily. The Company sections are operated daily; Company Headquarters, Company Mess, Company Supply and Company Motor Pool. (Trucks and supplies are used and lent out constantly; trucks being dispatched thru Company Motor Pool and serviced by Company.) Other daily details of the Company are; repairing and fixing up Regimental Headquarters and policing the area. Usual bivouac details are carried on from day to day.

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