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One battalion, 540th Engineer Regiment moved forward the first part of the month and was engaged in Army Engineer work the whole month. The Second Battalion was relieved from the base area on the 17th and moved forward.

Work for the Army Engineers has consisted of road and bridge work. On secondary roads in this area north of the Volturno river and west of Highway No. 7 drainage was found to be the chief problem, due to the high shoulders on the roads which retained the water. When ditches were dug across these shoulders at intervals proper drainage was obtained and the road surfaces required less maintenance.

Shortage of bridge materials has caused some delay in the construction of bridges. Whenever possible work should be assigned as far in advance as possible; this would allow time to properly design work for most efficient use of materials. These materials could then be separated in the dump or moved to the site. This procedure would speed erections of the bridges once the troops were available and prevent continued changes in design during construction due to the lack of materials.

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