

JournalWednesday  
September 1943

Station: 2 miles west of Termini Imerese, Sicily

## Events:

Lt Jagger /<sup>or</sup> Co. fatally injured on  
nearby beach when his jeep ran over  
mine.Work Done:

Usual Long Duties and Training

Enemy Action:  
None

## Weather:

Clear-Warm

Journal

3 pages  
2 September 1943

Station: 2 Miles West of Gemini Inverse, Italy

Events:

Work done:

Usual camp duties and training.

Enemy action:

None

Weather:

Clear - Warm

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Friday  
3 Sept. 1943

Station: 2 miles W. of Termini Imerese, Sicily

Event:

Work done:

Co. D. and F. usual camp duties and  
Training Program. Co. E - morning only.

Co. E - Unloading military supplies  
from freight car in afternoon -  
Port of Termini Imerese, Sicily.

Enemy action: none

Weather:  
Clear - Warm

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4 Sept. 1943Station: 2 Miles E. of Termini Imerese, SicilyEvents: \_\_\_\_\_Work DoneCos E and F:  
Usual camp duties and training program.

Co. D:

Preparing and placing huzlagon  
summerfelt matting at part of  
Termini Imerese, Sicily.Enemy Action:

None

Weather:

Clear - Warm

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Sunday  
5 Sept, 1943

Station: 2 miles east of Termini Imerese, Sicily

Events: \_\_\_\_\_

Work Done:

Co. E and F  
Regular camp duties and training program

Co. D  
Prepping and glazing burly on  
summerfelt matting at Port of  
Termini Imerese, Sicily

Enemy Action:

~~None~~ None

Weather

Clean - Warm

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Monday  
6 Sept., 1943

Station: 2 miles east of Termini Imerese, Sicily

Events: —

Work done:

Battalion prepared for movement  
Co D continued preparing and placing  
burlap on summer felt matting at  
Post of Termini Imerese, Sicily

Enemy action:

None

Weather

Clear - Warm

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Unloading Statistics: Red Beach North #1 from 15 September 1943 to 30 September 1943.

Class I	1,536 tons
Class II & IV	771.5 tons
Class III	2,267.5 tons
Class V	<u>3,013.5 tons</u>
	7,588.5 tons

Vehicles discharged: Combat (halftracks-tanks) 1,420  
 Guns and SP Artillery: 111  
 All others: 1,869

Personnel disembarked: 18,325

Unloading Statistics: Asitori Beach, from 15 September 1943 to 30 September 1943. (Company "F")

Class I	221.9 tons
Class III	14.5 tons
Class V	<u>345.0 tons</u>
	581.4 tons

Personnel disembarked: 13,813

Casualties sustained by battalion during month of September 1943:

Non-battle casualties - 1  
 Battle casualties - 3

Enemy action encountered during month of September 1943:

Air Raids - 22

Battalion strength as of 1 September 1943:

Officers		Enlisted Men		
Hqs. Det.	4	Hqs. Det.	6	
Co. "D"	4	Co. "D"	188	
Co. "E"	4	Co. "E"	185	
Co. "F"	5	Co. "F"	189	
Med. Det.	<u>2</u>	Med. Det.	<u>15</u>	
	19		385	Total present & absent

Battalion strength as of 30 September 1943:

Officers		Enlisted Men		
Hqs. Det.	3	Hqs. Det.	6	
Co. "D"	4	Co. "D"	208	
Co. "E"	4	Co. "E"	207	
Co. "F"	4	Co. "F"	204	
Med. Det.	<u>2</u>	Med. Det.	<u>15</u>	
	17		642	Total present & absent

C. S. HUNTER  
 Major, C. Co.  
 Commanding.

Journal -

Tuesday  
7 September 1943

Station: Port of Termini Imerese, Sicily  
(Aboard LST 12 - Bn. Hqs.)

Events:

Prepared for movement by Water - (Bn.  
less Co. D) Embarked approx 2000 B  
as follows:

Battal (Bn. Hqs.) ----- LST 12  
Co E. British LST 160

Co F.

Work Done

Enemy Action:

Weather Clear - Warm



JournalWednesday  
8 September 1943

Station:  
 Bn. less Co D: at sea  
 Co D - Vicinity of Termini Imerese, Sicily

Events:  
~~Co~~ Entire Battalion (less Co D and  
 rear echelon elements) left Port of  
 Termini Imerese, Sicily, approx 0500  
 enroute by Water Transport to Italian  
 mainland Beach assault operation, south  
 of and adjacent to PRAEUSTUM, ITALY, arrived  
 at destination approx 2000. Beach stood  
 off shore

Work Done:

Enemy Action:  
 Convoy attacked by enemy plane  
 approx 1500 B. Bombs dropped near  
 boat some distance from boats transporting  
 supplies. Enemy all raid at night looking  
 from 2230 to 2348

Weather:

(Clear and Warm)

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Thursday  
9 September 1943

Station:

Bn. less Co D - Off shore - assault operation  
Beach - south of and adjacent to  
PRAESTUM, ITALY.

Co D - Vicinity of Termini Imerese, Sicily

Events:

Assault operation on Italy mainland  
begun before dawn. 2nd Bn. did  
not take part in initial operations.  
Information confirmed that Italy had  
surrendered.

Work Done: \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy Action:

1 Enemy air raid - approx 3 planes -- at  
1630 G. Enemy bombers attacked  
operation location at night - beginning  
approx 2230 G. 2 bombs dropped near Hqs. LST

Weather:

Clear - Warm

1st Lt. [unclear] [unclear]  
[unclear]

Friday  
10 September 1944

Station:  
Bn. less Co "D" - Temporarily beached  
vicinity of PAEUSTUM, ITALY (Province  
of Salerno)

Events:  
Bn. less Co "D" - Landed Green Beach  
between 1630B and 1900B

(Bn is in immediate vicinity of  
front line)

Work Done: \_\_\_\_\_

Enemy Action:  
Enemy planes dropped bombs on operational  
beach at 1445B and 1515B. Night air  
raids looking from approx ~~18~~ 2300 to 2400  
and from 0230 to 0300B

Weather:  
Clear Blue!

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Saturday  
11 Sept, 1943

Station  
North of and vicinity of PRAEUSTUM, ITALY.  
(Salerno Province)

Co D - Vicinity of Termini Imerese, Sicily  
Events:

Co D - Special beach mission  
Co E - Operating II dump.

(Bn. in immediate vicinity of Enemy front line)

Work done:

Set up Headquarters and Service area.  
Operated II Corp Dump: 15 tons recd: 3 tons issued.

Co E - received 4080 gal V-80 gas.  
35 gal Oil (aviation) 420 gal  
engine oil and 100 lbs SP Grease  
Issued 135 gal. V-80 gasoline.

Enemy Action:

Several air raids during afternoon on operational beach. Night air raid lasting from 2300 to 2400.

Weather:

Clear Warm

Sunday  
12 September 1944

Station:  
North of and vicinity of Calustum, Italy  
(Salerno Province)

Events:

Cpl Michael Eyt, Co E died from self-inflicted rifle wound. Announced dead at 0930 by 1st Lt. Lee, MC. at Fromola, Italy.

Major Nonnier, Capt O'Brien and advance elements of Co E left today <sup>by SUKW</sup> to investigate new beach north of present station.

(Front lines 5-7 miles north)

Work Done:

Co E discontinued operation of 6L III  
Dump and prepared for movement.  
27 tons rec'd at Dumps: 1 ton issued.

Enemy Action:

~~See~~ Enemy planes fired upon several times during day - Night air raid at 0430 and lasting until 0500

Weather:

Clear-Warm

SEPTEMBER 14/43

UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class I	10 tons
Class III	32 tons
Class V	<u>61 tons</u>
	103 tons

Personnel disembarked: 183

Vehicles : Combat (halftracks, tanks)	4
Guns and SP Artillery:	2
all others :	53
total working dumps.	

Aug - Sept  
14 Sept, 1943

Station:  
North of and vicinity of Paestum, Italy

Events: Co D reported to this station at 1515B.

(From line 5-7 mile north)

Work Done -

Co E, Co. working Red Beach  
north 1

Co F - Remain on special mission  
working beach north of this  
station.

Enemy Action

Two enemy fighter aircraft attacked  
location at 1000B and 1230B

Weather

Clear Warm

Wednesday  
15 Sept. 1943

Station:  
Work of and adjacent to Paedum, Italy

Events:

1st Lt. George E. Roumfort 0911490, rcd/r  
asgd + trft to 6648 Casual Bn. per SO # 57, Hq 7th Army  
dtd 7 Sept. 1943.

(Front lines 5-7 miles north)

Work Done:

Co D and E - Working Red Beach  
work # 1 and dumps.

Co F

- Special beach mission  
somewhere north of  
this location.

Enemy Action:

Enemy dive bombers, approx 6 in  
last case, attacked location at 1015 B and  
1210 B and ~~at~~ 1530 B.

Weather: Clear - Warm



UNLOADING STATISTICS 15 Sept/43

Class I	116.5	tons
Class II & IV	17	tons
Class III	613	tons
Class V	299	tons
	<u>1045.5</u>	tons

Personnel disembarked:	2316
Combat (halftracks, tanks )	38
Guns & SP Artillery	18
All others:	170
<del>Not working Dumps</del>	

Thursday  
16 September 1943

Station:  
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North of and adjacent to Pae-lum, Italy

Events:

(Front lines 5-7 miles north)

Work Done:

Co D and E  
Working Red Beach north #1  
and dumps

Co F - Special Report mission  
north of this location.

Enemy Action

Enemy dive bombers attacked  
location at 1000B, 1210B and  
1915B - approx. 6-8' in each case.

Weather: Clear warm

UNLOADING STATISTICS 16 Sept/43

Class I	188 tons	
Class II & IV	21 tons	
Class III	337 tons	
Class V	167 tons	
	751.5 tons	
Personnel disembarked:	45	
Vehicles: Combat (halftracks, tanks)		none
Guns & SP Artillery:		none
All others:		21

~~Not working~~

Friday  
Sept. 17<sup>th</sup> 1943

Station:

North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy

Events:

(Front lines 5-7 miles north)

Work Done

Co. N. and E.

Operating beach work #1  
and dumps

Co. F

Operating beach work of  
above location.

Enemy Action

Enemy dive bombers attacked location  
at 1230 B (approx 12). Night air bomber  
attacks occurred at 2400 approx

Weather

Clear Warm

UNLOADING STATISTICS

17 Sept 1943

Class I	210 tons	
Class II & IV	103.5 tons	
Class III	168.5 tons	
Class V	133.1 tons	
	<u>615 tons</u>	
Personnel disembarked:	355	
Vehicles: Combat (halftracks, tanks)		4
Guns and SP Artillery:		3
All others:		37
Cleared from dumps	67.5 tons	

Saturday  
Sept 18, 1943

Station:  
North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy

Events:

Front lines moved further north.

Work Done:

Co. D and E

Operating Red Beach north #1 and  
Dumps. 3 Officers and 70EM left  
for duty at British Beach approx 9  
miles north of above location  
(Roger) - Amber and Roger - Green Beaches

Co. F - Special Beach operation north  
of above location

Enemy Action:

Night enemy bomber attack at 0430B.  
None during day.

Weather: Clear - Warm

UNLOADING STATISTICS 18 Sept 1943

Class	59.5	tons	
Class III	168	tons	
Class V	69	tons	
	<u>304.5</u>	tons	
Personnel disembarked:	3610		
Vehicles: Combat (halftracks, tanks)			22
Guns & SP Artillery:			40
All others			608
Cleared from dumps: 7 tons			

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SUNDAY  
19 SEPTEMBER 1943.

STATION: North of and adjacent to PAESTUM, ITALY.

EVENTS:

WORK DONE:

Co. "D" & "E"

Operating Red Beach North #1 & Dumps.

3 Officers & 70 EM returned from Beach Operation at British Beach  
(Roger-Amber & Roger-Green Beaches)

Co. "F"

Special Beach Operation north of above location.

ENEMY ACTION:

No Enemy Action.

WEATHER:

Clear & Warm.



UNLOADING STATISTICS 10 Sept 1943

Class I	81.5	tons	
Class II & IV	23	tons	
Class III	61	tons	
Class V	80	tons	
	<u>245.5</u>	tons	
Personnel disembarked:	932		
Vehicles: Combat (halftracks, tanks)			11
Guns & SP Artillery:			1
All others:			<u>242</u>

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Monday  
20 September 1943.STATION: North of and adjacent to PAESTUM, ITALY.EVENTS:WORK DONE:

Co. "D" &amp; "E"

Operating Red Beach North #1 &amp; Dumps.

Co. "E" also operated Supplemental Beach.

UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class I - 47 tons

Class II &amp; IV 74 tons

Class III 106 tons

Class V 133.5 tons  
360.5 tons

Personnel disembarked - 3255

Vehicles discharged - Combat (halftracks &amp; tanks) - 33

All others - 359

Deadweight tonnage cleared from dumps - 16 tons

Co. "F"

Special Beach Operation north of above location.

ENEMY ACTION:

No Enemy Action.

WEATHER:*Clear & Warm*

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TUESDAY  
21 September 1943.

STATION: North of and adjacent to PEASTUM, ITALY.

EVENTS: Major Monnier and Colonel Marvin visited Co. "F". This is the first contact made with Co.  
S/Sgt Hunt reld fr agsd with Hq Det., 2nd Bn 540th Engr Regt & trfd to H & S Co. 540th Engr Regt per Memo #39, Hq 540th Engr Regt dtd 20 September 1943. T/4 Mayberry asgd & jd Hq Det., 2nd Bn 540th Engr Engr fr Co. "E" per Memo #39, Hq 540th Engr Regt dtd 20 September 1943.

WORK DONE:

Co. "D" &amp; "E"

Operating Red Beach North #1 &amp; Dumps.

Co. "F"

Operating beach, dumps, and water point vicinity of Maiori, Italy.

Bn Surgeon assisting in operation of Hospital at \_\_\_\_\_.

UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class I 24.5 tons

Class II &amp; IV 57 tons

Class III 167.5 tons

Class V 307.5 tons

556.5 tons

Personnel disembarked - 1015

Vehicles discharged - Combat (halftracks &amp; tanks) - 20

All others - 297

ENEMY ACTION: Air Alert at approx. 1100B.WEATHER: Clear & Warm

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WEDNESDAY  
22 September 1943.STATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.EVENTS: 10 PM 286th Signal Co. reld from atchd for rations. (Co. "D")WORK DONE:Co. "D" & "E" *Operating Red Beach North #1 + Dumps.*

Class I 113 tons

Class II &amp; IV 80.5

Class III 61.5 tons

Class V 239 tons

484 tons

Personnel disembarked: 2

Vehicles discharged - Combat (halftracks, tanks) 0

All others 2

Co. "F"

Operating beach, dumps, and water point vicinity of Maiori, Italy.

ENEMY ACTION: NoneWEATHER: Clear & Warm

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THURSDAY  
23 September 1943.

STATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.

EVENTS: 2nd Lt. Paul E. Fink, 01104460 and 50 EM 7th Repl. Depot, Fifth Army, APO #464 atchd to Co. "D" to assist in the operations of Red Beach North #1, Dumps, & unloading of craft.

2nd Lt. N. F. Tietze, 01105232 and 50 EM 7th Repl. Depot, Fifth Army, APO #464 atchd to Co. "E" to assist in the operations of Red Beach North #1, Dumps, & unloading of craft.

WORK DONE: UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Co. "D" & "E" - *Operating Red Beach North #1 + Dumps.*

Class I	164 tons
Class II & IV	128 tons
Class III	248 tons
Class V	<u>372.5 tons</u>
	912.5 tons

Personnel disembarked: 383. No Vehicles discharged.

Co. "F"

Operating beach, dumps, and water point vicinity of Maiori, Italy.

ENEMY ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear &amp; Warm.

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24 September 1943 /ctmSTATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.EVENTS: 2nd Lt. Allan M. Gardner, O-210542 & 59 EM Co. "F" reld from atchd with Co. "E" & rejoin Co. "F" at Maiori, Italy. Left at 0800B.WORK DONE:

Co. "D" &amp; "E"

Operated Red Beach North #1 &amp; Dumps.

UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class I 272.5 tons

Class II &amp; IV 66 tons

Class III 131 tons

Class V 384 tons

853.5 tons

Personnel disembarked: 388

Vehicles discharged: Combat (halftracks, tanks) 55

All others: 9

Co. "F"

Operating beach, dumps and water point vicinity of Maiori, Italy.

ENEMY ACTION: NoneWEATHER: Clear & Warm

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SATURDAY  
25 September 1943STATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.

EVENTS: 1st Lt. ANDREW D. GAVURA, O-1100999, reld fr asgmt with Co. "D" and trfd to H & S Co. 540th Engr Regt per Memo #40, Hq 540th Engr Regt dtd 24 Sept/43. 1st Lt. JAMES CHISHOLM reld fr asgmt with Co. "F" & atch to Co. "E" trfd to Regt. Hq. 540th Engr Regt per same Memo as above.

## WORK DONE:

Co. "D" &amp; "E"

Operating Red Beach North #1 &amp; Dumps.

UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class I	69 tons	
Class II & IV	2 tons	Co. "F" operating beach, dumps, & water
Class III	8 tons	point vicinity of Maiori, Italy.
Class V	<u>269 tons</u>	
	348 tons	

Personnel disembarked: 553

Vehicles: Combat (halftracks, tanks) 5

Guns &amp; SP Artillery: 3

All others: 296

ENEMY ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear &amp; Warm

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SUNDAY  
26 September 1943

STATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.

EVENTS:

WORK DONE:

Co. "D" &amp; "E"

Care and cleaning of equipment & operating Red  
Beach North #1.UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class I 23.5 tons

Class II &amp; IV 20 tons Co. "F" operating beach, dumps,

Class III none water point vicinity of Maiori,

Class V 45.5 tons Italy.

99 tons

Personnel disembarked: 19

Vehicles: Combat (halftracks, tanks) 0

Guns &amp; SP Artillery: 4

ENEMY ACTION: None

WEATHER: Cloudy &amp; raining.



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MONDAY  
27 September 1943

STATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.

EVENTS: Co. "D" &amp; "E" moved to new bivouac area approx. (1) mile north of Paestum, Italy.

WORK DONE: Co. "D" & "E"  
Did not operate Red Beach North #1.  
Co. "F"  
Operated beach, dumps, & water point, vicinity of Maiorij, Italy.

ENEMY ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear &amp; Warm

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TUESDAY  
28 September 1943.

Station: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.

EVENTS: 1st Lt John A STRITMATTER 01101232, reld fr asgmt and duty with Co. "F" 540th Engr Regt and trfd to Engr Sec. Hq Fifth Army, per Letter Hq Fifth Army, dtd 28 September 1943. Subject: Transfer of Officer.

## WORK DONE:

Co. "D" operating Red Beach North #1 & Dumps.  
Maintaining roads and improving new bivouac area.  
Co. "E"  
Improving new bivouac area.  
Co. "F"  
Operating beach, dumps, & water point vicinity of Maiori, Italy.

## UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class II & IV	31.5 tons
Class III	48 tons
Class V	15 tons
	<u>94.5 tons</u>

ENEMY ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear & Windy. Gale with wind velocity approx. 45 miles per hour commencing approx 1830 A.

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WEDNESDAY  
29 September 1943.

STATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.

EVENTS:

WORK DONE: Co. "D" & "E"

Policed Red Beach North #1, and maintained roads at Red Beach, also improved roads to bivouac areas & improved bivouac areas.

Co. "F"

Operated beach, dumps, & water point vicinity of Maiori, Italy.

ENEMY ACTION: None

WEATHER: Intermittant showers during the morning, clear & warm in afternoon.

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THURSDAY  
30 September 1943

STATION: North of and adjacent to Paestum, Italy.

## EVENTS:

## WORK DONE:

- Co. "D" Operated Red Beach North #1
- Co. "E" Building & improving roads Red Beach North #1  
& roads to Bn Motor Pool
- Co. "F" Operating beach, dumps, & water point vicinity  
of Maiori, Italy.

UNLOADING STATISTICS:

Class I	2.5 tons
Class II & IV	23 tons
Class III	56.5 tons
Class V	<u>77 tons</u>

159 tons

Personnel disembarked: 22

ENEMY ACTION: None

WEATHER: Clear &amp; Warm