

HEADQUARTERS  
540TH ENGINEER REGIMENT  
REGIMENTAL SUPPLY OFFICER

7 October 1943

SUBJECT: JOURNAL FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 1943.

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

1. The period from 1 September 1943 to 8 September 1943 this organization was planning the beach operations for the Shore Engineer prior to the invasion of Italy. My observations are as follows:

- a. Not enough time was given for this organization to become completely equipped.
- b. At least 1 (one) month should be granted for equipping any organization.

2. The period from 9 September 1943 to 30 September 1943 was spent in the normal beach operation. The following was observed:

- a. In several cases the chain of command was not observed by higher headquarters with the result that the Beach Commander lost control of the beaches under his control and command.
- b. It is recommended that higher headquarters observe strictly the chain of command.

3. The attached addenda gives the following information:

- a. Daily tonnage discharged by class of supply for Blue Beach # 2 and Red Beach (North) # 1.
- b. The total tonnage discharged by class of supply for the total time of operation of Blue Beach # 2 and Red Beach (North) # 1.

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ADDENDA # 1

BLUE BEACH # 2

PERIOD: 2400 11 September 1943 to 1800 29 September 1943.

COVERAGE: Tonnage Discharged.

DATE	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V	REMARKS
9-11	100	0	200	0	400	
9-12	10	0	20	0	70	
9-13		15	69	16	81	
9-14	15	100	63	107	81	
9-15	33	45	135	45	225	
9-16	65	22.5	190	22.5	250	
9-17	99	100	84	191	63	
9-18	66	16	147	16	352	
9-19	288	114	105	114	636	
9-20	162	40	321	59	693	
9-21	12	7.5	24	7.5	219	
9-22	72	15	153	16	189	
9-23	102	205	99	205	348	
9-24	6	80	33	81	550	
9-25	0	10.5	0	10.5	213	
9-26	0	5	4.5	5.5	0	
9-27	58	72.5	9	72.5	9	
9-28	0	0	0	0	0	
9-29	0	0	0	0	0	
TOTAL	11,088	853.0	1,443.5	968.5	4,379	

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## ADDENDA # 2

RED BEACH (NORTH) # 1

PERIOD: 2400 14 September 1943 to 1800 2 October 1943

COVERAGE: Tonnage Discharged.

DATE	CLASS I	CLASS II	CLASS III	CLASS IV	CLASS V	REMARKS
9-14	10	0	32	0	61	
9-15	116.5	8.5	613	8.5	299	
9-16	186.0	5.5	387	5.5	167	
9-17	210	50	166.5	53.5	133	
9-18	595	4	168	4	69	
9-19	81.5	11	61	12	80	
9-20	37	37	106	37	133.5	
9-21	245	28	167.5	29	307.5	
9-22	43	40	61.5	40.5	239	
9-23	30	3	15	3	0	
9-24	272.5	33	131	33	384	
9-25	69	1	8	1	269	
9-26	23.5	10	0	10	45.5	
9-27	0	0	0	0	0	
9-28	0	15	48	16.5	15	
9-29	0	0	0	0	0	
9-30	2.5	11	56.5	12	77	
10-1	37	8	63	9.5	242.5	
10-2	39.5	50	0	51	101	
<u>TOTAL</u>	1,462.5	325	2,084	322	2,623	