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 540th ENGINEER REGIMENT  
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SUBJECT: Journal for Month of September

TO : C.O. 540th Engineer Regiment

The Regimental S-4 Section in addition to normal duties was S-4 for Camel Beaches and was stationed at San Raphael and submitted the following daily Dump & Cargo discharge reports to 7th Army: Ordinance Class II, IV, & V, Quartermaster Class I, II, III, & IV, Signal Class II & IV, and Engineer Class II & IV. An additional report was submitted daily on gas in bulk on hand in port Storage tank. The S-4 supervised the loading and dispatching of three (3) trains daily. These trains were loaded according to lists furnished by Army, in case of any substitute made due to material shortage a telegram was furnished Army notifying them of the change. The average tonnage per train was 450 tons. Set-up three (3) water points at San Raphael and dispensed 185,590 gallons of water to Army and Navy units. The S-4 supervised the issue of all supplies from the Army dumps and it was the duty of S-4 to keep in close contact with Army G-4 so as to be well informed as to priorities.

S-4 was charged with hiring and paying 2,200 civilian laborers. These laborers were used as stevedores on the Beach and Dock. A total of 12,000 gallons of gas, 990 gallons of Diesel Oil, 600 gallons of Lubrication Oil and rations was hauled from San Raphael to the Second Battalion in Lyons a distance of 270 miles.

S-4 collected all of the Regimental equipment that came in by follow-up ships from Italy and delivered the property to the proper organizations in the Regiment, turned over to 6th Port the 1,400 laborers and unfinished payrolls and records pertaining to the civilian laborers. S-4 hauled 18,000 gallons of gas, 600 gallons of Diesel Oil, 300 gallons of Lubricants and rations from Aix to Bourg, a distance of 225 miles. Material was procured for bridges from local sources a total of 75 tons. Set-up and operated water points at Lyon, Bourg, Poligny, Dole and Clerval and dispensed 556,770 gallons of water to 7th Army units.

The S-4 turned over fifty-three (53) trucks, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ton, 6 x 6 Amphibian to the 53rd QM Bn. (DUKW) located in the vicinity of San Raphael. The following Engineer equipment was shipped to the 7th Army Engineer Depot (Camel Beach) and delivered to the 6th Port Battalion for the Army Engineer:

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| 5 | ea | Crane, crawler           | 1/2 cu. yd. |
| 4 | ea | Crane, P & H Truck Mtd.  | 3/4 cu. yd. |
| 6 | ea | Crane, Quickway Trk Mtd. | 3/4 cu. yd. |
| 2 | ea | Crane, Lorain Truck Mtd. |             |
| 1 | ea | Boat, type "J"           |             |
| 1 | ea | Tractor, D-7, Bulldozer  |             |

This Section also shipped and delivered to the 7th Army Engineer Depot, eight (8) Tractors, eighteen (18) truck loads of amphibious equipment which included; Flank markers, Dump markers, Route markers, Luminous markers, Beach lanterns, Summerfield matting, Chess paling, barbed-wire and Concertina.

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