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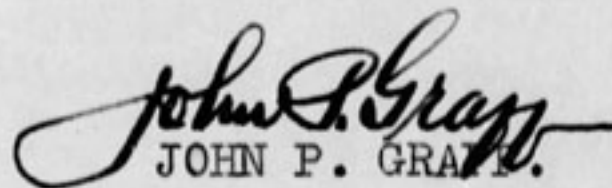
EIGHTH BEACH BATTALION
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From: Commanding Officer.
To: Chief of Naval Personnel.
Subject: War Diary, Month of July, 1944.

1. The War Diary of the EIGHTH Beach Battalion for the month of July, 1944, is submitted herewith.


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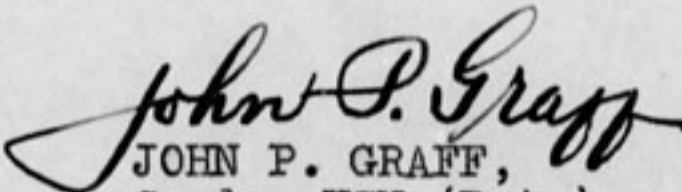
During the month one officer was detached and one enlisted man reported to this command for duty.

Early in the month the entire battalion, with the exception of a small rear echelon, moved from Salerno to the vicinity of Battapaglia and bivouacked with the 540th Combat Engineer Regiment, U.S. Army. Training in conjunction with the engineers was instituted and the battalion participated in the battalion and regimental landing exercises with the 36th Division. Due to limited boat space only a small part of the beach battalion equipment and personnel was loaded aboard ships and brought ashore with the infantry and engineers, but full platoon and company procedure was carried on at the beach by bringing the beach battalion personnel and equipment overland to the assigned beaches.

Towards the latter part of the month the beach battalion moved with the 540th Engineers to a new bivouac area north of Naples and continued routine training.

The officer who was detached was Lt. Comdr. S. B. Wright, D-V(S), USNR, Executive Officer. Lieut. R. W. Greenslade, D-V(S), USNR, took over the duties of Executive Officer.

On July 24th the Commanding Officer, EIGHTH Beach Battalion, reported with the Battalion to the Commanding Officer, 540th Combat Engineers, for temporary duty in accordance with written orders from Commander Beach Battalions and Special Detachments, EIGHTH Amphibious Force.


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Commanding Officer.