

FROM 0001 Sept 10, 43

1-Bn, 180th

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TO 2400 Sept. 12, 43

TIME	DATE	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribution	Remarks
0930		Left San Nicola bivouac area.		By rail.
1100		Detrained in Palermo and set out on foot with full field equip. plus.		
1210		Arrived at Staging Area, 1 mile west of Passo di Rigano, west of Palermo.		(37.9-48.0)
		All vehicles & drivers plus vehicle borne personnel are in Motor Pool in San Nicola Bivouac Area.		
1500		Companies set up kitchens with "D" Co messing with the remainder of Hq. Co.		
Sept. 12	1000	Catholic Mass in Bn Hq. Area.		
	1030	Protestant Services in Bn. Hq. Area.		
	1300	Runners Billeting	-T-	
		Officers report to Bn. C. P. and go to lock to remain.		
	1830	All Company 2 Company Commanders report to Bn. C. P. at once.		Held by Bn. Ex. Co.
		During the day many of the new men reported to their Co's. The troops were told to prepare to move to lock.		
	1700	Sgt Tuttle received his commission-		

FROM 0001 Sept. 14, 1943

TO 1515 Sept. 14, 1943

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TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC	DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT			
0300		Troops were awakened to get ready to move to Dock.		
0400		Troops moved by foot to Palermo Dock ^{CALLA BASIN} to load on L.S.T's & L.C.I.		Full field equip.
0600		Troops loaded on L.S.T's & L.C.I.		
1215		Ships moved out into harbor of Palermo.		
1400		The Convoy of Ships embarked for Italy.		
		Ships were quiet during the day with a talk from the Capt of the Ship in regards to an air attack.		
1225		The Convoy pulled in to a harbor or bay established near Salerno Italy. (at Paestum, Italy)		
13		The troops prepared to disembark.		
1345		The troops began marching to assembly area with full field pack. Miles was approximately (3) three.		
1515		Troops arrived at Assembly Area. During the march enemy planes bombed near by causing the loss of an L.S.T. casualties unknown.		

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TO 151200 Sept. 1943

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
1530			The Bn. C.P. was established at (87.8-8.1)			S-T-
1700			Runners: Check was made			T.
			to see how many troops were missing. (a few stragglers)			
1900			The Kitchens arrived in the Area.			
1930			The Bn. Ex. O. called a meeting of all Company Commanders.			No firing at enemy planes by ground troops at night.
pt 15			The Bn. remains in Army Reserve.			
1105		1.	Runners: The following instructions will be determined to all personnel.			
			Emphasized: There will be no firing at planes with small arms at night.			
			During daylight planes may be fired at by small arms under the following conditions.			
			(1) Within range (2) If they can be positively identified (3) If they are attacked in immediate area (went to all Units)			
			Runners: Bn. C.O. reported to Reg. C.P.			
1110		1	Our patrols are going to reconnoiter highway NR18 to Ogliastro & highway leading to Agropoli will leave C.P. at 1145			S-T-
1135						

FROM 15 1200 Sept 43
TO 16 1800 Sept. 43

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TIME IN	OUT	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC IN	OUT	DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
141900-43			Co. "B" sent a motor patrol to			
0800			two miles beyond Capaccio. which			
142400-43			located 2 mi of the 505 paratroopers.			
0300			Intelligence Scouts patrolled roads			
			North of the Bn. finding no resistance			
			or identifications.			
1815			Enemy air craft made an attack			1/4 Burns - Med.
			causing the death of a "B" Co boy			→ J.J. Brennan B.
			and evacuated a 1 Bn. medics to			
			the hospital. Anti aircraft brought			
			down three planes. They were seen			
			to go down in flames.			
2015			Meeting of all Company Commanders.			Plans in case
			by Maj Thomas.			of move
Sept. 16			Capt. Dean, commander of Co "D",			
			was relieved of his command.			
			Lt Hulse is now in command.			
			Albanello was taken by the 505			
			Paratroopers backed up by elements			
			of the 36th Division. Tanks also			
			participated in the attack.			
			Troops are now on way to			
			Altavilla.			
			Four German planes were			

FROM 16 1800 Sept. 43
TO 17 2400 Sept. 43

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TIME
IN OUT

INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC

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1800

Knocked down by antiaircraft
fire Southeast of Bivouac Area.

Phone:

All men

informed to stay near their
weapons at all time.

(By order of
Maj. Thomas)

2000

A Company Commanders Meeting
also S-4 & Medical Surgeon.

Friday
Sept. 17 1200

Company Commanders meeting
called by S-3 plus S-4, Surgeon.
Troops rolled their rolls and
prepared to move from Bivouac
Area A-B-C-D.

1230

Bn. C.O. returned from Regimental
Headquarters stating the move
was called off but to keep on
the alert. Be ready to move
within four hour notice.

2030

The raid was called off due to
the fact that 36th Inf. had
a plan worked out which may
have spoiled it if they would
have went through with the
raid.

FROM 18 0001 Sept 43
TO 19 1100 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, RES. AGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
1030			Col. Cookson, Regimental Commander, gave a short talk to the Companies. He started with Co. "A" finished with Hq. Co. Subject: Situation of the war in Italy also military courtesy.			
1200			The Bn. was alerted and was ready to move for a counter attack, but was called off. The Bn still remains alert and ready to move on very short notice.			
1300	- 1 -	7	The ^{Rogner:} Trucks of Hq Co-, B, C and D should have their 1st Echelon maintenance checked. The morale of the soldiers is high. Tager and waiting to move. The Bn. was alerted to move out of Bivouac Area.			
			(Sent out by Bn T.O. Lt. Liechmann Jr.)			
pt. 19			The Bn moved out by foot to the assembly area at about 80.0-12.0 approximately miles 11			
0030			Troops was alerted to move.			
1000			Troops passed I.P. to move by truck to new assembly area. at (87.0-16.8)			
1015						

FROM 19 1100 Sept. 43
TO 20 1600 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
1400			Troops arrived at assembly area. Troops dug in for defense position.			
1900			Meeting of all Unit and Company Commanders. Orders were to prepare to move out during the night			
Sept 20						
0045			Runners: Alert troops T-S			
0500			at 0500 be ready to move out at 0600. All Unit and Company Commanders meeting Troops marched about 500 yds and stopped for breakfast and remained for a few hours.			
0800			Check was made for the transfer of men to the Antitank Company. Hq Co - to furnish 5 men. Co A - to furnish 2 " Co B - to furnish 2 " Co C - to furnish 3 "			
0900			The Bn began marching. Troops march approximately 15 miles.			
1530			Bn. contacted enemy. (98.5-27.8) Contacted 88 m.m. fire, several			

FROM 201600 Sept 43
TO 211510 Sept 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
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						armoured cars and a little mortar fire.
1600						One artillery man wounded in foot by mortar fire.
						The Bn. artillery and 4.2 chemical mortars reciprocated.
						C. P. was shelled by mortars during the night wounding three men.
1304 pt					Runner:	
					To: C.O.	Page Reports Bridge S-7.M
						out at 972274 - 998293 and unconfirmed report of Bridge out
					0707 7?	Civilians report ground organization
21						
0630						Bn. advanced on highway 91 going East and the forward elements engaged the enemy
0800						MOO-29
						The resistance consisted of about one regiment of German Panzers.
						Fire is coming from mortars, snipers, tanks, and 88 m.m.

FROM 21 1510 Sept 43
TO 22 0500 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
1510			Engineers have just completed a road (py path) around the blown out Bridge over the Trignate River finally enabling our half tracks, 37 m.m., 57's, tanks to support the Bn. This also removed the problem of ammunition supply and evacuation of wounded. 2nd Bn on our left. 3rd Bn in Reserve. Co "B" had 5 men K.I.A. Co "D" had 2 men K.I.A.			
2000			Company Commanders meeting and attached units.			
2300			The Bn began marching North on highway 91 towards Oliveto.			
Sept. 22	0215		Bn was subject to mortar fire enroute killing 6 men and wounding 7 men. The point was fired upon by automatic rifle at the aqueduct 1 mile west of Oliveto. Return fire of our troops killed German sentinal			

FROM 220500 Sept 43
TO 220530 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
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			and driving off what appeared to be an armored patrol.			
0230			Advance Guard was resumed and had advanced about 1 Kilometer farther toward Oliveto, Italy when point was again fired (02.0-33.5) upon by enemy fire from Ridge to the front and the woods to right of Bn C Co at this time was in reserve near Mad di Lento. A Co immediately built up line and B Co. was ordered to go in on their left C Co to remain in reserve. D Co to support 1 platoon M.B. with B; 1 platoon M.L. with A. Mortar platoon to go in position in draw to rear.			

FROM 22 0530 Sept 43
TO 22 0900 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS	
IN	OUT		IN	OUT			
0530			Attack was progressing nicely when Bn was fired upon from Ridge to left and rear of Bn position. by Rifle Rapid Pistol. M.G. & Mortar fire. inflicting numerous casualties. At the same time Long Range Artillery fire estimated to be 150 mm Long Rifles. fell upon position. These combined fires made the position held untenable. Co C. was ordered to attack Ridge to left and clear this threat.				
0630			Co C. made attack and succeeded in clearing most of this opposition.				
0900			Bn started a withdrawal to the high ground				

FROM 22 0900 Sept 43

TO 22 1600 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
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						to the left. Other C.Co. elements succeeded in clearing the remaining enemy from this ridge.
1100						Bn had completed its withdrawal to this high ground and had organized same for defense.
						In making the withdrawal. Lt. McCarley C.O. Co B was killed.
						Lt. Ogburny C.O. Co C. was wounded. Capt McClain Medical Officer was wounded.
1600						Approximately 40 tanks, light mediums went through us and drove the enemy back and probably beyond Oliveto.
						meanwhile the 3rd Bn. seized the high ground on our right. Two ambulances were deliberately knocked out by 88's at a certain bend in the

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TO 22 2400 Sept. 43

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in the road $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile behind the front lines.

1800

The entire Bn moved into the hill to the left, taken by Co. "C" organized and dug in for the night. The tanks with drew at dusk to our line. No activity during the night. First Bn. Aid Station set up under shelter of the cemetery at the foot of our hill and evacuated all of our and German wounded from this point.

Bn killed were 11 E.M. and one officer; wounded approximately 50, Enemy material captured were 6 motorcycles, one 75 A.T. gun; 1 artillery piece, artillery ammunition D.P. Large quantity of small arms.

One reconnaissance car. 7 prisoners were taken 3 of whom were wounded 1

FROM 23 0800 Sept 43
TO 24 2400 Sept, 43

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0800	The tanks pushed forward one more. Two platoons of Co "B" was sent to our right rear to mop up any isolated enemy. One platoon of Co "A" is patrolling the two ridges to the left.	
1300	One platoon of "B" Co. has left for Campagna under Division orders.	

During the day the men clean their arms and polished up equipment. Washed and shaved.

1800	Enemy artillery shell landed left of Bn. C.P. causing no damage.	
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Sept. 24

Bn remained in our defensive position. Troops washed and cleaned up.

They cleaned their arms and equipment.

Check was made of shortages of equipment also Bn received 26 replacements.

FROM 25 0001 Sept 43

TO 26 1230 Sept. 43

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TIME		INCIDENTS, RES. AGES, ETC	DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT			
1300		Bn was alerted for a move. Troops rolled their rolls and got things ready to move.		
1600		Bn Hq and Companies moved in to near road to march.		
1630		I.P. was at aqueduct. Leading the Bn was Co. C, A, Hq. Co and B. Marched on Oliveto road to 91 passing through Oliveto.		
2030		Bn and companies moved into Bivouac area. (04.0-36.9) The name of Bivouac Area is Quaglietta on highway 91 on East side of Highway.		
Sept 26 1000		Protestant Services held by Chaplain Bell.		
1030		Jewish Services held by Pfc. Levy.		
1100		Catholic Services held by Chaplain Flemming.		
1230		A mule skinner detail was sent to rear echelon. Five men of the Bn was sent. Bn. P. O. was at Reg. a few times.		

FROM 1230 26 Sept. 43
TO 26 1800 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
1300			The kitchens came in and was set up.			
			The troops received their rolls and they prepared for the night.			Showers of rain during the day and night.
			Many of the troops washed clothing and cleaned up.			
			The Bn. remain in reserve with Regiment. If Regiment should move out 1 Bn remains second in line.			
Sept. 27			The Bn remains in Regimental reserve on the alert to move up to 3rd Bn.			
			The men washed clothing and cleaned arms.			
			The changes in Bn Officers as V.O.C.O. of this date.			
			1st Lt. Orrin O. Mc Daniels - O-403714 to C.O. Co. "B" from Bn Hq.			
			1st Lt. William H. Whitman - O-384325 to Hq. 1st Bn, from Co. "B"			
			1st Lt Ellwood J. Turner - O-1287440 to S-2, Hq 1st Bn from Co. "C"			
			2nd Lt. Walter S. Dorula O-1309178 to Co "B" from Co. "C"			

FROM 28 1800 Sept 43
TO 29 0500 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
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1st Lt. Edward L. Kerker, O-435577
to C.O. of Co D from Ex.O. of Co A
These changes been approved
by the Bn. C.O. and Reg. C.O.

Sept 28

During the day the Officers who
had been changed reported to
their respective Units.

1245

Bn was alerted to move out

1630.

1500

Regiment informed us that we
could move out at 0445 in
morning.

1700

The Bn S-1, S-3 moved up
for the new location for
Bivouac Area.

Heavy Rain
during the night.

Several man w.i.A. returned
to duty.

Sept. 29, 0445

Bn was prepared to move
from Quaglietta Area but
was called off due to
heavy rain causing the
by-passes to be
impassable.

FROM 29 0500 Sept. 43
TO 30 1200 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
0800			Regiment informed us that Regimental I.P. would be 1000 Bn. C.O. set our I.P. at 0910			
0945			Bn moved by truck from Guaglietta Area on Route 91 North near San Angelo area.			
1515			Bn arrived at new Bivouac Area San Angelo de' Lombardi (01.5-60.7) Approximate miles travelled 30 miles			
1700			Phoner was completed to all Companies.			
1750			Patrols No. 1, 2 and 3 and road block cleaned the area of Company "B"			
01.30			The patrols reported the bridges out but passable by quarter towns Patrols went to Lacedonia, Moria and to Flumeri. Kitchen was set up serving hot meals. We established a road block at P.J. on route 91 at (10.7-65.7) Consisting of 2-57's, a HMG section and 2 squads of riflemen Co "B"			

FROM 30/200 Sept 43

TO 2 1700 Oct 43

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Also a road block in Guardia dei Lombardi Intelligence Section established an O.P. at the Eastern end of this town

Oct. 1	0800		Co. C relieved Co. "B" on the road blocks.			
	1330		Troops were paid by Class A agents.			
	1400		Lt Finan reported to Bn C.P. and paid officers.			
	1600		Troops alerted to move before daylight.			
	1730		Meeting of Bn. C.O. at Reg. C.P.			
	1810		Meeting of all C.O. and attached Unit commanders.			
			During the morning troops had clothing washed.			

Oct. 2	0445		Bn passed I.P. on foot North to Guardia, Northwest passed Fingento to Route 90, (left) west, and bivouacked at (82.8-72.6), 1/2 mile West of Paise di Mirabella			During the afternoon it rain very heavy.
	1630					

FROM 2 1700 Oct. 43

TO 3 1800 Oct. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
			Approximate miles march 20			
2	2000	1	Troops may		S-T	To all Units.
			sleep as late as they desire in the mornings; Mass at 0830, 3 Oct. 43 at bottom of hill near highway; Company Commanders meeting at 0930, 3 Oct. 43.			
Oct. 3	0830		Catholic Mass			
	0930		Commanding Officers of the Companies and attached Units met at Bn. C.P. reported to Maj. Thomas.			
	1030		Bn. C.P. moved west on highway 90 to (82.0-72.0) approximately one mile. During the day the Division was alerted after being in Corp Reserve.			
	1800		Company Commanders meeting and attached Units at Bn. CP. by Maj. Thomas. The Bn was alerted to move at 0300, 4 Oct 43.			

FROM 3 1800 Oct. 43

TO 4 2400 Oct 43

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	TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
	IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
	2400						Regiment Called and said tho I.P. was changed from 0300 to 0600.
Oct 4.	0500						Regiment called and said the alert was off and wait until further notice before we would move.
	0830						The Bn moved out with leading "B" Co, C, D, Hq. Co, Medics and Co. "A".
	1200						The Bn move off the road for a short rest and to eat Dinner at il Castello (74.9-74.9)
	1330						The Bn began marching again.
	1540						The Bn moved into Bivouac for the night. (71.0-75.6) One mile Northwest of Linestria. Troops marched approximately 15 miles.
	1630						Bn aid station established at (71.1-75.6) Received 3 officers replacements one to A-B-C.
	1900						Rolls came in and Troops put up for the night.

FROM 50001 Sept. 43
TO 62000 Sept. 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, RES. AGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
						During the day Bn kept on the alert ready to move.
0800						A meeting of all Company Commanders and attached Unit Commanders.
						Many of the troops washed and cleaned up.
						Money orders were made available for all men.
						Mail was collected and taken back to the rear.
					Runner	
2000						Troops would be held down. would not leave.
Sept 6	0845					Meeting of all Company Commanders, Staff and attached Unit Commanders.
						Troops are prepared to move out this afternoon
1300						Company Commanders meeting and attached Unit Commanders.
						Companies preparing to move out tonight.
1730						Company Commanders meeting and attached Unit Commanders.
1930						Troops boarded trucks and road approximately 12 miles to an assembly area

FROM 62000 ~~Sept~~ 43
TO 81200 Oct. 43

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at ~~(89.1)~~ (70.3-89.1) one
mile N.W. of Pietrelcina.

Oct. 7. 0500

The Bn began marching
N.W. through Pescolamazza.

1200

The Bn C.P. was established
at (63.7-93.0)

2nd Bn is engaged with the
enemy at $\frac{1}{2}$ mile East of
Fragno Montorio.

No activity in our sector.

1615

Our T.D. attachment was
sent up to aid the 2nd Bn.

1640

Company "d" is being sent up
to (64.5-98.6) as security
for the 2nd Bn. right flank.

Artillery Observer accompanying.

The rest of Bn remained at (63.7-93.0)
for the night.

Oct. 8 0730

The Bn started marching on
highway or pass Fragno Montorio
Capt. Jean R. Reed was relieved of
Executive Officer of 1 Bn and
took Command of 2nd Bn.

FROM 81200 Oct. 43

TO 91200 Oct 43

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TIME		INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC	DISTRIBUTION		REMARKS
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1000

Capt Stevens assumed the Executive Officer of 1 Bn. We were detained at Fagneto Montorile until the 3rd Bn. had pushed the enemy back far enough for us to cut across West over Zingari Morta.

1830

The Bn set up defensive on the high ground 1/2 mile East and overlooking Casalduni.

B Co sent patrols to secure road blocks at (57.0 - 96.7). and just south of town. "A" Co still under 3rd Bn control.

Oct 9. 1015

Bn. C.P. at (59.7 - 95.0), Mammia le Vaglie Co "C" is sending one platoon to secure the high ground 1/2 mile West of Casalduni and another West on highway 97 to San Lupo and San Lorenzo Maggiore. Capt Smith is reconnoitering the road going South of Casalduni.

FROM 91200 Oct 43
TO 101200 Oct 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, RES AGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		
1000		1	Runner. The road block of 3 blown houses into the road at Casalduni cannot be bypassed. Will report estimated time it will take to clear it or if bulldozers will be necessary.		S-T-M	S-3 Red.
0720		2	R. Bridges West of L030 U068 out - Bypass for vehicles will be difficult. Troops can pass - not mined.		S-T-M	Report from "B" Co.
1000		3	R. Bridges at L021 U050 blown can be by-pass easily.		S-T-M	S-3-Red
1000		4	R. Patrol to road block to Posion not back yet. Lt Mc Daniels could see them about 1800 last night (the road block)		S-T-M	S-3 Red
1503			The remainder of the Bn moved cross country through Tragneto Monte Casalduni and South on road to (57.3-92.7). The Bn went into an assembly Area at this point.			
Oct 10 1800			Protestant Services Troops rested Bo "A" still under 3rd Bn control			

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TO 111200 Oct 43

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TIME IN	OUT	NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC IN	OUT	DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
			Col. Cookson relieved of C.O. of 180 th Regiment (to return to the States to run the Fort Benning School of Infantry.) → A rumor Col. Delaney is now in Command of Regiment.			
1600			A meeting of Company Commanders and Attached Unit Commanders. The Bn remains ready to move at any time during the night.			
1900			The Bn. C.O. was at a meeting at Regimental Hq.			
2000			A meeting of all Company Commanders, Bn. Staff, and attached Unit Commanders. Bn motor pool struffed & Bombed, Casualties 9 men The Bn began marching on highway about 10 miles to assembly area ^{4 miles} south of Laguardia. The Bn came to a stand still and remained at Laguardia Area in support of 2 Bn.			
Oct. 11 0215			wounded. 5 men going to hosp.			
1100						

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TO 12 1200 Oct 43

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TIME	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
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1730				The Bn C.P. established at (48.3-90.7) Co. "A" still under 3rd Bn. control.
1930				The Bn. C.O. was called to Regimental C.P. for a meeting.
2015				The Company Commanders, attached Unit Commander and Bn Staff was called together.
2200				Co "C" joined the Bn.
Oct. 12 0715				The Bn. began marching cross country leaving Co "A" in rest area.
				The Bn set up a defensive position behind the 2nd Bn.
1100				The Bn. C.P. was established at (46.6-91.4). Co. "A" moved up to 2nd Bn. right flank to aid in quelling counter attack. Bn is deployed around Hill 188. The 3rd platoon of Co. "B" and some of our 37's

FROM 12 1200 Oct 43
TO 13 0700 Oct 43

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TIME	INCIDENTS, RES AGES, ETC	DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
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			have a road block on Route 87 at Castelvenere.
1400			Co. "B" sent a patrol to contact the 179 th at 1700 at (45.8-93.9)
1400			and a patrol to contact the 34 th Inf. of the 3 rd Div; at 1700. at (45.8-88.5), Northeast of Solopaca, South of the Calore River.
			Bn. hds O.P. on hill 188 at Masseria Marcarelli.
1600			Co. "C" has been alerted to aid the 2 nd Bn. if necessary, also a Bn of the 157 th has been sent ordered to aid the 2 nd Bn.
1500			The Bn remained in position.

Oct. 13 0230

The Bn began march through
Castelvenere and then west
establishing C.P. at (44.1-92.8)

0630

Co. "C" made the attack on
~~and~~ la Rocca Hill,
supported by one rifle

FROM 13 0700 Oct 43
TO 2400 14 Oct 43

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TIME		NO.	INCIDENTS, MESSAGES, ETC		DISTRIBUTION	REMARKS
IN	OUT		IN	OUT		

in the weapons platoon of "B" Co.
The Co. "C" received tank, artillery,
and 6 barrel mortar fire from
San Salvatore

1600

The Bn. C.P. moved to (43.2-92.7).

1900

Lt Satorz of Co. "B" his platoon
went on a reconnaissance
patrol into San Salvatore and
caused much havoc with the
Germans in town with
grenades and small arms.

Co "C" had one man K.I.A.

Hq. Co & Co "C" had one officer each W.I.A.

Co B had 3 men W.I.A. and Co "C" had 10 men W.I.A.

1 Whitman
Lt O'Leary

Thurs.
Oct 14

The Bn are holding their
defensive positions.

0800

Co. "A", under Regimental Control
Departed to reconnoiter the
terrain South W. of San Salvatore.

Co "A" captured
3 prisoners and
Estimated casualties
is 1 German.

1600

The Bn. and Companies
minus "A" Co moved North
about one mile and moved
into arborescent area.

Bn. C.P. established at (43.5-93.7)

Bn remained during the night

FROM 000115 Oct 43
TO 180016 Oct 43

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SHEET NO. -31-

TIME		No.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribu- tion	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
1345			A meeting of all Officers of the 1 st Bn. including the attached Unit officers. By Maj. Thomas Bn.C.O. Most all Companies signed payroll. Bn remains at (43.2-92.7) Co. "A" still with 2 nd Bn.			
1900			Co. "C" sent a platoon to the left flank of "L" Co. South West of Torre Becchia.			
at. 16	1730		Protestant Services by Chap. Bell. The Bn remains the same but are on the alert to move perhaps to day.			
	0900		Maj. Thomas and Capt. Smith went to 2 nd Bn. The men had their clothing and equipment checked.			
	1730		A meeting of all Company Commanders.			
	1600		Bn prepared to move at 1830.			

FROM 1800 16 Oct 43
TO 2000 18 Oct 43

1 Bn.

JOURNAL

SHEET NO. -32-

TIME		No.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			Chaplain Bell had baptized this P.M.			
			Reg. informed Bn of 2 men who were W.I.A. died in Hosp.			
1730			The quartering party left for new bivouac area.			
1830			The troops began marching Southwest through San Salvatore Telesino to bivouac area			
2130			The troops arrived at new bivouac area at (31.5-92.0)			
			No enemy activity in immediate vicinity.			No rolls for the troops lack of instructions and guides
17	0645		Kitchens arrived in bivouac area.			
	1030		Catholic Mass was held			
	1100		Protestant Services			
-18-	0900		Patrol of Co. 'C' was pulled in from 2nd Bn left flank.			
	1600		Enemy patrol of 6 men with L.M.C. reported to Red S-2 (31.3-98.6)			
18			The Bn C.O. and Company Commanders were called			
	1730					

FROM 2000 18 Oct 43
TO 2400 19 Oct 43

1 Bn

JOURNAL

SHEET NO. 33

TIME		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribu- tion	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			to Regiment on a Reconnaissance -			
0815			Company Commanders meeting at Bn C. P. by Maj. Thomas. Bn remains alerted.			
Tues.						
19.	0800		The Company Commanders reported to Maj. Thomas Bn. C.O. at C.P. to go on Reconnaissance.			
1130			Capt Stevens, Executive Officer, was called to Regiment.			
1300			Company Commanders reported back from Reconnaissance.			
1400			A quaterning party was called together of 1st Sgt but was called off. Bn. remained still.			
1830			Company Commanders meeting was called by Maj. Thomas at Bn. C.P.			
			Regiment called for a quaterning party consisting of Bn. Staff representatives to report to Regiment at 0800, 19 Oct 43, not taking over 1 pers. Officers of 1st Bn to go. Capt Stevens, E.O., Captain Jarold, S-3, Capt Smith, S-1.			

FROM 000120 Oct 43

TO 212400 Oct 43

1 Bn.

JOURNAL

SHEET NO. 34

TIME		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu-	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out	

0800

Capt Stevens, Capt Jarrold and Capt Smith went on a quartering party. Bn remained in same place with no change. Many of the troops are cleaning their clothing and washing.

Thurs.
Oct 21 0900

The Bn had ordnance inspection or repair for rifles that needed it. They started with Hq. Co and went through the Bn. The Bn C. O. was called to Regiment for a meeting. One Company from the Regiment was put on the alert. Started with 1 Bn.

1500

One Company reinforced with one plat. of H. M. Co will be on 24 hr. alert ready to assemble within one hour notice as scheduled below.

Co A- 211800 to 221800

Co B- 221800 to 231800

Co C- 231800 to 241800

Co D will make up their platoon schedule to confirm with above order.

FROM 220001 Oct. 43
TO 24/200 Oct 43

1 Bn. JOURNAL SHEET NO. 35-

TIME	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribu- tion	Remarks
	IN	OUT		
0800				Companies were notified of Dentist Office near Reg. 6
0815				Any Officers who had business at rear echelon reported back this A.M.
0845				Company Commanders and Bn.C.O reported to Reg.C.P. for a talk given by the General.
1330				A physical was given to all troops of 1 Bn. by Capt Frenchmiller.
1000				Catholic Mass. by Chap.
1300				Jewish Services.
1800				A Movie for the 1 Bn. (Call of the Marines)
Oct 23				Troops in rest with some on pass.
				Bn. C.O. was at Reg. Hq. during the day.
				No enemy activity in our vicinity.
Oct. 24. 1800				Protestant Sunday School.
1000				Catholic Mass.
1100				Protestant Preaching Communion
				Guest Speaker Chap. Matheny.

FROM 241200 Oct 43
TO 242400 Oct 43

1 Bn

JOURNAL

SHEET NO. -25-

TIME		No.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribu- tion	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			Early morning an accident occurred in Co. C & Pat. Moore accidentally shot Pat. Marlow to death by a 38 th pistol. The accident was investigated by Lt Wells and Lt Turner. Pat. Marlow lived only a few minutes after the shot was fired.			
1500			Memorial Services was held for Pat Marlow.			
1700			Protestant Services			
1900			An accident in Co. "B" by P.S.C. Robie Wilson shot through the hand.			
			During the A.M. Capt Stevens left 1 Bn and Maj. Bliss is now our executive officer. Many of troops on pass.			
1430			A Company Commanders meeting and Bn Staff.			

FROM 250001 Oct 43
TO 252400 Oct 43

1 Bn JOURNAL SHEET NO. 36

TIME		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
0900		1.		Effective	S-T-M.	
			immediately no arms will be carried by any man leaving Buinas area.			
			forms 54 was given to the Companies to get their W.I.A, K.I.A and Sick Hosp. personal effects in bags & checked.			
1330			The Bn had a stage show for the troops.			
			The Bn received 25 replacements this P.M. Co B received 8, Co C received 12 and Co D 5.			
			This brings the Companies up to power pretty well.			
1330			Officers of Bn reported to Reg. for a talk by Col Pascal.			
			Many of the troops resting, cleaning clothing and equip, and on passes.			
1830			Smoking Camp is out in Bn.			

FROM 26 0001 Oct 43
TO 26 1800 Oct 43

1 Bn.

JOURNAL

SHEET NO. 37-

TIME		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribu- tion	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
0800			Co. A, Service and Medics marched to San Salvatore for a movie (Santa Fe Trail)			
1000			Co "B" and part of "D" Co went to movie.			
1300			Co "C" and part of "B" Co went to movie.			
1445			Hy. Co. and part of "D" Co went to movie.			
1500		1	Beginning 26 Oct the 2nd Bn of 509 Paratroop Inf. Reg. will drop approx. one plat. Inf. paratroopers at a time daily until further notice. This will take place in vicinity of Old Pompeii.			
			Lt. Shelby S. Satterfield was rel'd of dy. with Co. "D" and assigned to Co. "E".			
			2nd Lt Luther Grayson and 2nd Lt Woodrow James were rel'd of dy. with Co. "D" and assigned to Co. "F". 2nd Bn.			
			2nd Lt Warren D. Baker (O-205558) was assigned to Co. "A" as V. O. C. O.			
			2nd Lt. Ralph O. Berryhill (O-2053128) was assigned to Co. "C" as V. O. C. O.			
			2nd Lt. Sucion F. Wilkins (O-2055131) was assigned to Co. "C" as V. O. C. O.			
1715			A meeting of Company Alternate Officers report to Bn. C.P. to Lt Washburn.			

FROM 261800 Oct 43
TO 282400 Oct 43

1 Bn.

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SHEET NO. 38-

TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu- tion	Remarks
1815				A Patrol of 1- $\frac{1}{4}$ ton truck, 1 Officer (Lt. Segal) 1 N.C.O (Sgt Harrington) report to Col. Delaney tonight. Co "A" has charge of patrol.		
Oct 27 0800				Maj. Bliss went to rear echelon at Benevento on Official Business. The Bn all play games throughout the companies (Football & Volleyball)		
1300				Co "A" went to San Salvatore for a movie.		Rained
1830				A Company Commanders meeting and Bn. Staff. by Maj. Thomas.		nearly all day
0900				Regimental S-2's and Bn S-2's had a meeting at Division. Bn on the alert.		
Oct 28 0730				Capt. Jarrold left for Alif on a quaterning party. Maj. Bliss was at rear echelon		
1700				A meeting of Company Commanders and Bn. Staff. Bn prepared to move at 0745 29 Oct 43. 4 men from D Co and 2 Hq Co returned from Hosp.		

FROM 29 0001 Oct 43.
TO 31 1200 Oct 43

1 Bn.

JOURNAL SHEET NO. 39-

TIME	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu- tion	Remarks			
IN	OUT	NO.	In	Out		
0545			Troops were awakened to prepare to move.			
0745			Regimental I.P. troops moved out by truck for new assembly area. approximate miles traveled 15.			
0930			Arrived at new bivouac area at (27.5-05.5) 2 miles N. of Piedimonte d'Alife. The Regiment on semi-alert. The men dug slit trenches.			
Oct. 30			The men washed, took showers under a tree with heated water. P.X. was open for the use of candy, crackers and toilet articles and other needed things. Bn. C.O. & S-3 reconnoitered the front lines.			Capt Shunkhouse now in charge of Bn. medics
Oct. 31			The Companies put out air guards. The Bn. C.O. & S-3 reconnoitered the front lines.			
1000			Sunday School			
			Catholic Mass			
1200			Praching.			

FROM 31 1200 Oct 43

1 Bn.

JOURNAL NIGHT NO. -40-

TO 1 1800 NOV 43

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The Bn on the alert ready to move at 1600.

The Bn paid to E.M. and Officers.

The order for Jones Cards was turned in to Reg. S-1.

1400

Jewish Services.

1600

The Bn left by foot and marched north west approximately 9 miles to an assembly area at (16.8-07.0)

Rolls came in a new kept late.

2100

1 1/2 miles west of Rabisarance
1st Plat. Cn., 1st Plat. AT., 1st Plat. Co.C of the
84th Cn Bn, Lt Watson. Attached Units.

Nov. 1 0900

Company C.O. and attached Unit C.O. had a meeting at Bn. C.P. after Maj. Thomas returned from Reg. C.P.

The Company C.O.'s are to go to Selvapiana Knob at (12.3-07.9)

45th Div. on right flank of the 3rd and left flank of the 34th.

1730

1 Plat. of Co "A" in one patrol and 1 squad Co A another patrol

FROM 1 1800 Nov 43
TO 2 1800 Nov 43

1 Bn

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TIME	IN	OUT	NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu- tion	Remarks
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Plat. patrol went to. Presenzano
at (06.3-08.2)

Squad Patrol went to R.J. at (03.1-06.5)
contacted 15th Inf. of 3rd Div.

Gas Masks were turned in.

Plat in town with Radio peep
went up to contact the Patrol
out of F. Co. because F. Co
Radio peep blown up by mine.

The Bn remained the same
during the day.

Received 7 mules

Mule Skinner

A-1 C-1
B-2 D-1

1600

Bn C.O. was called to Reg. for
a meeting.

1715

The Company Commanders
meeting and attached Unit
Commanders at Bn C.P. by
Maj. Thomas.

Regimental C.P. is at (16.5-08.6)

1730

1

Runner:
Contact with 15th Inf., 3rd Div. Positions
of 15 Inf. Bn, 3rd Bn less Co. "I" in vicinity
of coord. 04.0-06.8 Co. "I" on Mt. Casina
5th Bn vicinity of 02.3-08.8 less Co E at (021-167)
1st Bn Co B at 02.8-06.8 remainder
of Bn on Hill 264 (01.2-06.7)

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FROM 2 1800 Nov. 43

TO 3 1430 Nov 43

1 Bn

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7th Inf. flanking West of Mignano 30th
Inf. in Div Reserve at Vairano-Petravairano.

Final Div. off. Mignano. Signal Lt Buchanan

1900 2 ^{Radio} Contact F Co immediately at (09.0-095) and
guide with F. Co. to show location of unremoved
mines.

3 ^{Radio} Patrolled road from (87-94 to 73-129)
contacting Dog at this point cleared of mines
except those unable to remove marked
same. Five bridges blown between the two
points Baker.

Nov. 3 0845 4 ^{Runner} Contacted - Able
Situation - Same 1 - 1st Bn Patrol.

The Bn remained the same this A.M.

Received 5 mules from 324 Bn.

There are 4 men from 324 Bn with mules.

1050 Reg. phoned for 1 officer and 2 EM to report to Reg. at 11.00
to pick out a place to put vehicles.

1400 Bn C.O. meeting at Reg C.P.

Pioneers went to build bridges

1430 1 ^{To Passport: Seagull} Oly. reached 0100. All bridges
blown and have 3 preps at (075-128)

2 Units of 3 Div withdrawn, moved through
all Baker positions

FROM 31430 Nov. 43

TO 42400 Nov 43

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1430

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C. "J" 15th Inf. at 03.30 withdrawn from Mt. Casinas (01.5-15.7) small Recon Patrol to this hill report back immediately any activity.

1500

Company Commanders meeting plus Bn Staff and attached Unit C. O. at Bn C. P. by Maj. Thomas.

1800

I.P. for 1st Bn. they move 2nd 1st and 3rd. order of March A, C, D, Hq., Medics and "B" Co. Bn marched about 12 miles N.W. and bivouac at Sesto Campano at (06.6-13.0) Arrived at area.

2400

Nov. 4.

1000

Moved to an assembly area (05.4-13.9) We are in support of 2nd Bn.

1500

Moved C. P. (05.0-14.3)

1430

Bn C. O and Co. C. O and attached Unit Commanders meeting.

1800

Bn moved by foot N.W. along the canal to (02.0-19.5) one mile S.W. Benth.

Bn set up defense position on Mt. Corno.

FROM 4 2400 Nov 43

TO 5 2400 Nov 43

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Nov. 5

0200

Arrived at Defensive Position
Motor Pool was est. just S.W. of Vengro,
at which one man killed and several
wounded by Artillery fire.
On march several were wounded
by mines. from Hq. Co & A Co
Many mines & bobby traps were
uncovered on our hill defense
approximately 100.

0030

A patrol headed by Sgt Garner of B Co
captured a ~~check~~ German soldier
in a house just S. of the highway
and grenades several more.

"C" Co moved up the ridge.

1900

The remainder of Bn moved
up setting up a forward
C.P. at (018-20.2)

Estimated enemy casualties
were around 10 men.

Captured 1 prisoner.

Total casualties 14 W.I.A.

2-K.I.A.

Enemy Shelling our rear area during the
night.

Hq Co- 14 W.I.A.
1 K.I.A.
Co "A"- 4 W.I.A.
1 K.I.A.
Co D - 1 W.I.A.

FROM 6 0001 Nov. 43

TO 7 2400 Nov. 43

1 Bn.

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0800

During the night was M.G. fire and artillery. Causing a few casualties. The remainder of Message Center moved up to forward C.P.

Reg. moved in rear of Bn. C.P. (rear)

Companies made small gains in this attempt to take high ground just West of town of Venafro, enemy dug in on position very high also in caves. The Bn. under artillery during the day. The Companies pulled back to leave the artillery shell top of ridge.

Enemy planes bombed and struffed our front line troops. Casualties: Lt Mashburn W.I.A.

13 EM W.I.A. 1 EM - K.I.A. Est. Enemy casualties 5 EM.

Still in Venafro Area, we have been unable to take the high ground that we started to take yesterday. Enemy artillery, mortars, and M.G. continues to fire on us continuously.

Co "C" held their position on Mt Corvo sent a platoon to support Co "B". Casualties during the day was 11 W.I.A. 1 - K.I.A. also 1 M.I.A.

The estimated enemy casualties 10 K.I.A.

The fight continues strongly.

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A 7

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FROM 80001 Nov. 43

TO 91800 Nov 43

1 Bn

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Nov 8

The mule skimmers were selected from the Bn to make total of 10.

We are still unable to reach objective, but the enemy resistance is weakening. The terrain is very high cliffs, rocks, and caves. The Companies remains app. the same with very little advancing.

Hammed during the night. cold.

The mules are doing a fine job of getting am. rat. & food to front line units also over coats.

4 W. I. A. 1 - K. I. A. Enemy car. app. 25 E.M.

Nov 9

0900

The mule skinner team was sent to Div Q.M. to Maj's Work. by prep place on D.S.D.

The Bn prepared to make a daylight (G.B.) attack on objective but was repulsed.

The casualties throughout are estimate higher for the enemy than our troops.

Co "A" held their part of hill. Established an O.P. on high ground for artillery. Artillery and Tank Destroyers laid barrage on high ground to our left trying to drive enemy out. with "B" Co advancing on it.

Enemy Artillery shelling through out the day. Enemy planes were over and bombed our artillery pieces.

FROM Summary of Battle
TO Nov. 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 1943

1 Bn

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Time		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
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			Co "A" of the 180 th Infantry upon its return from the front lines had a lot of humorous incidents to pass around.			
			Sgt Wallace Wing started to search a German prisoner when he spied a beautiful chain - hanging along the trousers of the Heinie. To Wing's surprise the German reached down and unhooked the chain. On the end of the chain was an enormous watch. The prisoner passed it over to the good Sergeant with a smile. The sergeant took the watch & upon his return to his squad, the boys asked to see the watch. The sergeant was very much depressed when he found the beautiful chain and watch had been lost. That's how it goes "Bull".			
			Pvt. Nick Saringach was very much surprised when he fired at a German soldier. The first shot fired had hit the soldier and the second shot had hit a mule which was being used to carry the supplies to the Germans who were hidden			

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in a cave about 150 yds from Pvt. Saringach & his comrades. Every one was eager to get to the mule and cut off a few steaks but no one was able to get to the mule because of a German machine gun that was covering the rugged Americans who held the rocky peak of the mountain.

Pvt. Michael Boris was not so successful in his attempt to shoot a mule. The mule was approximately 600 yds away when Pvt. Boris fired at the animal. The animal nonchalantly turned around and proceeded to walk down the mountain side. This was a German pack mule.

Pvt. Ben Cochran was so surprised to see a German running out in the open that he began wondering about the next thing to do. Without hesitating Cochran raised his rifle, fired, and watched the Germans topple down the side of a hill.

1 Bn.

Our good Capt. Jernold called to the heavy weapons company & told them to open up on the peak the 'bowed over the top of the mountain across the valley. He finally convinced the higher up that they were Germans and it was funny watching the Germans running up and down the mountain side dodging the artillery.

You should have seen the expression on the poor Pfc. Salazar when he reached for his pack and found that one of his buddies had used it for a latrine. That's bad business, isn't it Salazar?

Sgt. Wilbert Black took his squad to see what was left of the Germans who were hiding in a cave. Sgt. Black said that he was just about to reach up & touch one of the Germans when he jumped up & scared the hell out of Black. Nevertheless Sgt Black & his men came back with seven German prisoners. The Sgt. said, that there were seven dead Germans within 50 yds of each other & that there was a streak of blood leading down the trail. Wounded Germans were being bramp.

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TO _____

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During recent fighting north of the Volturno River, one Infantry Company, after a brisk engagement with the enemy, seized and held a high hill-top. Upon reconnoitering the position, a cave was discovered in which was found the usual varied assortment of German equipment and ladies finery. A certain high ranking officer, upon learning of the discovery, requested that a pair of silk panties be saved for him as a souvenir. Since the mouth of the cave was exposed to enemy fire, the officer is still looking anxiously for his pair of silk panties!!!

The pack mule which was shot by the soldiers. Our troops enjoyed jam and jilly which was quite a treat from the German pack mules.

FROM 9 1800 Nov. 43
TO 10 1600 Nov 43

1 Bn

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TIME	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu- Remarks
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1800

Bn started to with draw companies same being replaced by Ranger Co's.

2000

Bn moved by march about six miles generally South of east to rest bivouac area.

2300

Arrived at bivouac area at (0815 14.9)
Blanket rolls were brought up for the men.

Material captured by Co "B" in last four days: 12 Rifles, 1 New Type Mauser Rifle, 2 MG, 24 potato masher grenades, 1 G. Launcher, 15 Rifle grenades, small arm am. and Bayonets.

C'D" 4-MG, 8 Rifles, 1 phone radio, 4 Grenade launcher .45, also food, women hose and underwear.

Lt. Myers killed in action.

During the day men washed, shaved, and cleaned up.

The men received V-Mail boxes cards to send out tomorrow.

Kitchens are here and C.P. tents set up.

WRD.
NOV 10

FROM 10 1800 Nov 43
TO 11 2400 Nov 43

1 Bn

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Nov. 11.

Medics are checking on our wounded in hosp and dead.

We are in Corp Reserve.

During the day men washed and shined. Cleaned equipment and arms.

There was an ordnance inspection throughout the Bn on small arms.

New equipment was issued to some of the men that needed it.

The line Co. C.O. and S-2 and Col Thomas went on a reconnaissance.

this P.M.

Capt Smith & Capt Jarrold dined out tonight with Maj Meadors.

Check was made today on casualties in last battle. The finding was 55 wounded in action, 11 P.M. K. I. A. and one officer. Total casualties was around 70 Men.

FROM 12 0001 Nov 43
TO 12 2400 Nov 43

1. Bn

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Clothing and things are still being checked.

First Bn. is in Div. Reserve.

A check was made through out the Bn on overcoats to get all men fitted properly.

There was 60 men returned from the Hospital to duty in the Reg this P.M. the First Bn. received 14 of them.

We received two officers in in the Bn today 2nd Lt. Donald B. Wilcox 0-1316113 was assigned to Co "A" and 2nd Lt. John Zubosy 0-1284072 was assigned to Co "C".

1000

Capt. Jarrold was called to Reg for a meeting.

1130

Company Commanders meeting by Bn. S-3. Capt Jarrold.

Lt Turner Bn S-2 went to Div. Hq as a Liaison Officer.

We had 13 E.M. and 1 officer return from the hospital in the Bn.

Weather
Warm during
the day cool
at night.

130001 Nov 43

142400 Nov 43

1 12m.

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50.

0300

Early morning a few enemy shells landed approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile from our rest bivouac Area. Causing little disturbance.

0900

Enemy planes were over bombing our artillery to the front of us.

Pay roll came in to Bn to be signed.

0930

The Companies were notified to draw P. X. Supplies for the Men. Jewish Services by Capt Shainhouse.

Rained during the night

1330

Catholic Mass

Protestant Services (Guest speaker)

1800

Company Commanders meeting by Lt. Col. Thomas. Bn just about moved by was called off due to place to move.

Sun.
Nov. 14.

1400

Col. Thomas was on a reconnaissance this A.M.

Catholic Mass. (called off)

Very little doing during the day.

The men wrote letters and stayed inside due to the rainy weather

Rained continued thru out the day.

1800

Company Commanders meeting by Col. Thomas.

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15.

Col. Thomas went to Div. this A.M.
Rained during the day and
the river washed out the two
pontoon bridges over the Volturno
River Northwest to our front from
our position.

1500

The Bn was alerted to move.
Co. "A", "C" and one platoon of
Co. "D" are moving up to the
Regimental Reserve line the
remainder of the Bn are
remaining there. (More called off)
The Col. is still at Reg. Hq.
1st Lt. Kerker of Co. "D" and
Lt. McDaniel of Co. "B" was
appointed Capt. today.
Capt Smith and quartermaster party.

Nov 16

1100

Bn alerted to move in afternoon

1230

Companies were ready to leave
by 1330 feed and everything.

1345

Bn passed I.P. on march
to vehicles.

The Bn moved by foot about
4 ³/₄ miles and loaded on trucks.

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			The order of march was Co "B"
			"A", "B" & "D" Hq. & Medics.
2030			Arrived at Piedmont and unloaded from Corp truck.
2230			Loaded on Div trucks and rode to Bivouac Area. at 00030. Nov 17
			Miles traveled by Bn was approximately 67.5 miles
			We are now on Regimental Reserve line. located at (02.7-16.0)
			Rained
			Continued throughout the day
Nov 17. 0430			Arrived at Assembly bivouac area.
			Troops were quite wet from the rain.
			Co "C" (02.2-16.7) Mt. San Nazario on defense position.
			Co "B" at (02.3-16.2) Co "D" M.G. with line Co's.
			Co "G" at (02.6-15.4) Co "E" C.P. (02.7-16.2)
			The whole Bn is in Defense Position.
			and in Reserve behind the 2nd & 3rd Bn.
Thurs. Nov 18			The Bn established P.A.D. O.P.'s.
1400			Catholic Services
1630			Protestant Services.

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The Company Commanders had a meeting and drew up their defensive plan for a defensive bivouac.

P.M. rain
cool

S-3 placed plans on map and sent to Reg. S-3

Kitchens brought to Companies except "A" Co.
The O. P.'s are spotting every hour to Bn.

A report on fire in building turned into Reg. by ^{Capt Smith} Lt. Wells.

During the night enemy artillery fell to the east and Northeast of our area about 600 yds.

0700

Enemy Aircraft came over but dropped no bombs or strafed. Our antiaircraft fired but destroyed none.

1200

At noon today the boys of the 1st Bn enjoyed 10-1 rations for dinner tonight.

The troops this P.M. was drying equipment & clothing with the regular bivouac duties.

A few enemy artillery shells fell to the west of Ventoso.

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Nov. 19

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Time	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu- tion	Remarks
0730	A few enemy mortar shells fell to the west of our area about 1000 yds. Causing no damage. Reports are being made every hour from our O. P's on the situation to our front.		Rain during the day.
1330	Company Commanders meeting and Bn. Staff. by Major ^{Cpl.} Thomas. This meeting was in regards to the 5 day trip to Naples. There are .07 per cent of the Bn going and two Officers. A-Co 9 E.M. - 1 Officer - 1 ^{1st} Sgt. B-Co 11 E.M. 1 cook; C-Co 11 E.M. ^{1st} Sgt.; D-Co 12 E.M., 1 cook, 1 Officer; Medic 2 E.M.; Hq. Co. 8 E.M. and 1 cook. Total - 2 Officers - 58 E.M. Word was received from Capt. Finan to exchange a baggage detail man from "A" Co. This is being done. We had seven men enter the hosp. during the day due to infections, frost bites, fever and injury of knee. Notice sent to Companies to order over shoes.		

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Time		Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribution		Remarks
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1000

Protestant Sunday School

1100

Protestant Services

1100

Catholic Mass

1400

Jewish Services.

Rain on and off during the day.

1600

During the day enemy artillery and mortar fell to the Northeast of our area about 3 miles. A few mortar shells fell about 100 yds on the other side of mountain near "C.C." area causing no damage.

We still remain on the Regimental Reserve Line on Mt. San Nazario. The O.P.'s. are reporting everything with the same going into Reg.

Nov. 22

The names were submitted to Reg. for the trip to Naples.

Sun shone this morning.

The usual Bivouac Area.

1530

An enemy plane flew over dropping one bomb in the valley to our right (North) causing no damage. Plane was reported down about 2 miles away. All is quiet in the Area.

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Time		Incidents, etc.		Distribution		Remarks
IN	OUT	In	Out			
		The Bn still remains on Reg. Reserve Line.				Fanned during the day.
		Company Commanders meeting.				
		The O. P.'s are still reporting every hour to Bn. C. P.				
1600		Co "B" moved to North west of Ventapo in rear of 1st Rangers as a reserve Company to the Rangers.				
		Check was made for K. I. A and others to get personnel effects ready.				
wed. 24		Bn. C. O. reported to Regiment.				
		To our North there was quite a bit of activity both enemy and our own troops.				
1530		Q Company Commanders and Bn. Staff meeting.				
		The Bn was alerted to move at any time during the night.				
		Co. "B" moved up on line in draw North of Ventapo on with the Rangers.				
		Q Co O.P. reported, by a				

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Time	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribution	Remarks
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and Italian Civilians, that 10 German soldiers were behinds our line (found to be false) Thanksgiving.

Company "D" moved to Northwest of Ventafro at (01.9-20.1) in support of Rangers.

Rained during the day.

Things were quite during the day except for the usual artillery. Co "D" took "A" O.P. over.

To day a few artillery shells fell about 500 yds from Bn C.P. The names of the E.M. & officers who to attend next trip to Naples were turned in (1 Dec 43)

Sun showers no rain. during the day.

A little air activity.

During the night an unidentified plane circle over head.

Co "D" took "B" Co. O.P. over.

Col Thomas had a visit by the 82nd Air Borne Maj and other officers. O.P.'s are still reporting everywhere.

27 0001 Nov. 43

28 1400 Nov 43

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During the morning little activity a few shells fell to the South of area near Reg. C.P.

Rained during A.M.

1300

The O.P.s were reporting on the horn, the same going into to passport. Capt Smith, Adjutant, and a detail went to rear echelon to check on personal effects of K.I.A. and Hosp. depd. fr. rolls.

Co "A" still remains in rear of Rangers N.W. of Ventafro.
Co "B" on line with Rangers N.W. of Ventafro.

Sun
Nov 28

During the day regular bivouac duties.

1000

Protestant Sunday School

1100

Protestant Service & Communion.

1100

Catholic Mass & Communion.

H. Heard received his promotion today to Capt. eff. 15 Nov 43.

Received 2nd Lt. Robert P. Brinke

ASN O-1295823 assigned to Bn.

4th Co. as Antitank Platoon.

1345

During the afternoon an enemy plane flew over very low

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Time		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
						over the valley over our area.
						Antiaircraft fired but causing no damage either way.
1030						Bn received 14 casualties (B-6)
1700						from the hospital today.
						Co "A" was under shelling during the night but caused no casualties, near Venafro, Italy.
						Co "B" still remains on the line with the Rangers, with no activity.
						An S-2 report stated that four prisoners were captured by an antiaircraft outfit last night W. of Venafro near our area.
						Q.P.'s No-1-2-3 are reporting every hour.
						During the late afternoon Co "B" had 2 men K.I.A. and 3 W.I.A. by an enemy shell.

29 0001 Nov 43

1 Bn

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Time		NO.	Distribu- tion	Remarks
IN	OUT			
				During the day no activity in the Bn Area.
				Co "A" had no shelling during the day or night in their area.
				Co "B" had no activity in their area and are still attached to the Rangers.
				Lt Buchanan had a meeting at G-4 office and later a talk with Col. Delaney.
1500				A meeting of Company Commanders by Col. Thomas.
				No air activity.
				Capt Smith returned from Rear echelon from checking on bags. (K.I.A.)
				Co. "A" returned to Bn Bureau area and are no longer in Reserve of the Rangers.
P.M.				Bn paid E. M. & Officers (Capt Finian paid O.)
				Very little activity during the day.
				Bn received two 1/2 ton trucks this P.M.
				Situation no change.
				2nd Lt Duncan returned from Hospital.

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Time
In Out
Accounts, Messages, etc.
Distribution
Remarks

Little activity during the day.
The Bn still remains on Regimental Reserve Line.

The first group to attend Naples returned this P.M. and the other group left.

No men admitted to hospital today. Most of men who are going to hospital has pneumonia, yellow jaundice and trench foot.

There is little change in the front line.

P. X supplies was purchased today for the Bn. Each Company sent representatives to Teles (Clife) on 2 1/2 ton truck to do the purchasing. No rain during day.

"B" Co. still remains on line with the Rangers the remainder of Bn remains on Regimental Reserve line.

Increase allied Air activity over head.

Hamlet during
H.M. cloudy
sun shining
off & on.

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Time		Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT			
		Co "B" remains on the line with the 1st Ranger expecting to move. The Remainder of the Bn remains on Regimental Reserve line. Situation remains the same.		Rained during the day.

Dec 4.

		Co "B" remains the same. The remainder of Bn remains on the Regimental Reserve line. The Company Commanders had a meeting. Situation to the front has changed none at all. Lt. Stapleton admitted to hosp.		Rained hard all day.
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Dec 5

1000

Protestant Sunday School

1100

Protestant Services

1100

Catholic Mass

1400

Jewish Services

0900

Co "C" started moving to Verdefro Area where Rangers are located on Mt Corno to take Co "B" position. The remainder of Co "B" returned to Bn Area.

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Time		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
1800			Co "B" was all back in area of Bn. and Co "C" was on line with the Rangers. Check was made for all to go to Naples to be ready at Hq. Co Kitchen at 0630 in morning. Maj. Bliss and Lt Leichmann went to Naples. Capt Jarrold left on 7 day leave to Naples.			No rain today Sun shone a little.
Dec 6.			Bn as a whole remains the same. A little air activity over head. Lt Turner, S-2, went to Co "C" and then to Regiment for information. A few of the men in the Bn. took typhous shots.			Very little rain today
0630			The fourth group left for Naples today the 3rd group returned.			
1400			We received 6 casualties from the hospital today.			

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TO 08 2400 Dec 43

1 Bn. JOURNAL SHEET NO. -64-

Time		In	Out	In	Out	Distribu- tion	Remarks
IN	OUT						

0800

Our artillery fired during the night and laid a few barrages during the day. Enemy planes flew over head but caused no damage.

A little rain during the day.

Our planes were active in the sky today.

Bn remains the same on the Regimental Reserve Line.

Co "C" on line with the Rangers.

Capt Shainhouse inspected feet through out the Bn.

Co "C" still remains on line with the Rangers, the remainder of the Bn on R. R. L.

Many of the troops in the Bn. got typhous shots.

There was a little activity in the air today.

1330

Col. Thomas had an assembly of all officers and seven men from the Co "D" for the presentation of "purple hearts".

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Co "C" still remains on the line
with the Rangers the
remainder of Bn remains
on R. R. L.

Rained during
the day.

lots of friendly air actively
over head.

Artillery are still firing
often to the front towards enemy
positions.

The Bn as a whole remains the same.

The fifth group to Naples left
today for a rest. The
other group from Naples
returned

Co "C" remaining on Mt Corno
with Rangers.

Bn. C.O., S-3, Adj. went on
reconnaissance to the 17ath Area.
It was successful.

Rained
during the
day.

The Bn remains on R. R. L.

Men in the Bn are still
receiving shots (shrapnel).

Enemy planes were over twice
today with no casualties.

FROM 12 0001 Dec. 43

TO 12 2400 Dec 43

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SHEET NO. -66-

Time		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
1000			Sunday School Protestant			
1100			Catholic Mass			
1100			Protestant Services			
1201			Company Commanders meeting by Col. Thomas on the situation and the next move. Bn is on the alert ready to move tomorrow P.M. The 36 is taking over our positions. 1 Bn move in rear of 179 when they take this objective 1st & 2nd Bn move through and take our objective.			Little rain.
1630			Protestant Evening Service. (Singing) American reconnaissance planes over during the day. Capt Jarvold returned to duty from a 7 day leave. Capt McDaniel left on 1-day leave. The following officers were changed in the 1st Bn. and reported to their respective units 2nd Lt Childers - Co A from Co C. 1st Lt Buchanan - Co C from Co A. 2nd Lt Wilcox - Co B from Co A.			

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Time		PO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			Bn on the alert to move some time after dark.			
			orders: 1st Bn, attached 1st Plat, Co C, 84th			
			Cml Bn. move to assembly area S.E. of Pozzilli tonight. Move to advance assembly area via Traveracce night 14 Dec 43.			
			Co "C", 180th Inf., revert to control of 1st Bn at noon, 13 Dec 43.			
			Lt Watson in charge of Cml.			
1430			Company Commanders meeting by Col Thomas and Bn. Staff.			
1845			The Bn began marching to new area by way of Venafro to (0516-02.8)			
2130			Arrived at new area.			
Dec 14			Troops put up for the night. During the day the Company Commanders made a reconnaissance of new area to go forward too.			
1030			Company Commanders meeting by Col Thomas with Bn. Staff.			

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TO 151400 Dec 43

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Time		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			Capt. Fleet originally from Co B" returned to Bn.			
			Lt Duncan of Co A on S.D. with Co C.			
1745			Lt. Dreguth returned to Bn. 13 Dec 43			
			Bn prepared to move at dark.			
			Capt. Fleet liaison officer between 45 th Div and French Moroccans.			
			The Bn went by foot over highway through Traverce and Filignano and brisac in Valle at (05.4-26.0)			
2000			To our surprise we passed over two long bridges which had not been blown.			
			Troops pitched tents for the night.			
Dec 15.	1000		Company Commanders meeting by Col Thomas.			
	1400		Troops who are going to Naples for rest are being transported by truck to Motor Pool today and tomorrow will leave for Naples.			

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TO 171900 Dec 43

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Time		NO.	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			The Bn remained on the alert. We received 19 mules for the 1st Bn. also mule skinners for same.			
Dec. 16			The Bn remained ready to move. P.X. supplies were purchased for the Bn.			
	1000		Lt Turner, Capt Jarrold went to Reg. Hq. for the situation. Orders were received for the Bn to remain for the night Bn C.O. went to Reg. C.P.			
	2000					
Dec. 17.			The Bn remains the same. Mule skinners under Lt Brinbee control.			
	1730		Company Commanders meeting and Bn Staff plus attached Units.			
	1840		Patrol from Co "A" (1 squad by Lt Childers) left to occupy little nose in front of Bn objectives, Jordan Hill at 1900.9-20.7 (a mine sweeper team & 3 Reg. Q & R. Men)			

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TO 18 1700 Dec 43

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Time		NO.	Incidents, Message, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			The Bn is expected to move at day light.			
2030			Company Commanders and Bn Staff plus attached Commanders met with Col. Thomas after returning from Reg. C.P.			
			The time was set to move at 0300, 18 Dec. 43 in order was Co A, B, Hq Co, Medics and Co C.			
			The mules were attached to Companies.			
Dec 18	0300		The Bn passed I.P. march to (02.8-26.9) 200 yds S-E. of Lagone assembly area.			
	1000		Q.P. was established at (00.9-27.7) on (Mt.) La Poste hill.			
			The Bn during the day remained on alert.			
	1700		Co "A" moved up to (02.2-26.6) took position of A-179.			
			Co B moved to hill 759 and took over position of B-179 (02.0-26.9).			
			Co C went into Reserve at (02.5-26.8)			

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Time	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution	Remarks
	IN	OUT		
1000				Capt Jarrold and Commanders of Co "A" & "B" and weapon officer went to reconorder the area around Spinuccio Hill (98.6-26.5)
1000				Protestant Services in Bn. Area. Co. D had 1st Plat. attached to Co A. Co D 2nd Plat attached to Co "B" Morton under company control. Companies received enemy artillery during the day. Co "A" sent out a few patrols around Mt. La Cacosta
1800				Capt. Jarrold and Patrol returned. Patrol went to high ground 1 1/4 mile east of Acqua Fondata to reconorder Bn objective and possible Br. C.P. site. Said patrol killed 9 Germans and captured 11 in a surprise encounter. Our casualties none.
2200				Bn moved from assembly area through Lagone and west. "B" Co organized Spinuccio Hill (840) Co "A" took hill (910) with some resistance. Bn. C. P. established at (99.5-26.3) in canyon.
Dec. 20 0900				Enemy Casualties est. 9 K.I.A. Enemy est. Prisoner 11
0300				Our casualties 3 Hq. Co. W.I.A. 2 Co "C" W.I.A. When Col. Thomas peep left area it overturned and sprained his back. In Hosp. Maj. Bliss in Command of 1st Bn.

FROM 20 1200 Dec 43

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The Bn under ^{artillery} fire during
the day and mortar.

The Charlie Company put a squad on hill at (99.7-26.6) for C.P. protection. Said squad was removed during the day because of mortar fire and also a squad on the hill (99.9-26.4) a squad on hill at (00.2-26.7)

A squad Tr Co at ad. (00.4-26.8)

Captured 11 Prisoners

Enemy casualties

15 K. / A.

Our Cassiopeia

1 officers w.l.A.

10 E.M.W.I.A.

2 E.M. K. I. A.

Companies & Bn remains the same.

Still under artillery & Mortar fire.

These men reported to Bn as P.W. - Hq Co - Wth A. Peterson, B - Jorden, Eugene; Daimanto, George; Pergamo, Nicholas, C - Reeves, Raymond; D - Croft, Don; Abernethy, Paul

"B" Co took hill (810) and "A" Co
reduced the obposition on little
hill S.W. of their position (840).

Artillery & Mortar has practically
subdued for today due we
believe to our effectant artillery
and mortar fire on Valle Lunga
and the draw between Mt. Molino
and hill (750)

Lt. Turner returned to Duty

3 K.L.A.

2 w. h. A.

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22 1300

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TO 23 2400 Dec 43

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Time	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribu- tion	Remarks
	IN	OUT		
Dec. 23 0700				Material captured - 2 Mortars, 2 Machine Pistols, 2 M. Rifles, 16 Rifles, 1 Motor Site (81), Small arm amm., 15 boxes of M. Rifle Amm., 4 cases T.N.T., 1 Spare M.G. barrel & case.
1235				A ^{3rd} platoon of "C" Co moved to La Luinturelle at (98.6-25.6) remainder of Co. C in reserve near Bn C.P. The artillery observer left to est. an O.P. at this point. Bn. received a new Lt. Col. Aherne as Bn. C.O.
1100				Capt. M.E. Daniels of "B" Co directed artillery fire on N.W. slope of hill (885) for 2-Bn. Lt. Watson, 84 Cn, to move his 4.2's to (00.2-26.5) E. of Bn. C.P. Regt'l near C.P. just S.W. of Traverce. A patrol from "B" Co. was sent to the 3 knobs on the N.E. part of Mt. Molino. Patrol from "C" Co sent to hill (960) (common patrol) They reported enemy on E. slope of 960 during the night. B patrol reports enemy on E. slope of knobs on Mt. Molino during the night.

FROM 24 0001 Dec 43

TO 24 2400 Dec 43

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Time		Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT			
A.M.		"C" patrol has returned - Reports: Enemy W. slope of Hill 960.		
0900		"B" patrol on way to peak of Mt. Molino (1028) 157 Cml Mortars hitting to close to B on Hill 810. - They were adjusted.		
1130		Bn. C.O. left Bn. C.P. to go to the line companies to inspect area. (Orderly with him)		
1245		Two - 6 min patrols from "C" Co ordered to report to "B" C.P. to Bn. C.O. for instructions by 1430.		
1600		"B" Co. patrol on Mt. Molino killed 3 Germans and encountered an enemy company or more taking position on Mt. Molino. Patrol is returning to Hill 810. Our artillery is firing this point now.		Little rain
2300		Patrols from "C" Co return & reports enemy on all slopes of 960 & vehicles on road W. of Hill. Our artillery fired on this hill during the night.		

FROM 25 0001 Dec 43 Xmas

TO 25 2400 Dec 43

1 Bn.

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Time		Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribution		Remarks	
In	Out	In	Out	In	Out		
		Xmas was enjoyed by most of the men in a humble sort of way. Turkey and other food for Dinner was brought up to the Bn front lines by mule train. Turkey, potatoes, gravy, oranges, nuts, peaches, bread, butter, peas etc) Dmas Servings.					Cloudy with no rain
1430		Col Ahorn & orderly returned to Bn. C.P. after spending the night observing the front line activity.					
1630		6 men patrol from "B" Co went to El Quadra					
1730		6 men patrol from "C" Co. went to hill 960 There was also mail and dough nuts brought up to the boys. Army newsreel was here at meal time taking pictures of the mule train, boys carrying supplies and men going through the chow line.					Rained during the night cold.

26 0001 Dec 43

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27 2400 Dec 43

0900

Col. Ahern & orderly left for
Co "B".

Rained
during the
night cold.

0500

Patrol from "B" Co returned. Wind
hindered their reconnaissance.

0300

Patrol from "C" Co returned. Wind
hindered their reconnaissance.

0730

Patrol from B. left for N.E. nose of
Mt. Malino (120 men) Did not go.

Patrol from C left for Hill 960
Machine rifle nest on the N.E. nose
of 960 of about 6 to 8 men.
They lay mortar fire upon
them.

1530

Lt. Wells and Capt Shainhouse
left for Naples on a 7 day pass.
Lt Berryhill on a 5 day leave.
Lt Col. Ahern returned to
Bn C.P. from the line companies.

Dec 27

0830

Col. Ahern left for the line
companies also Capt. Jarrold.
A few enemy shells went
over causing no casualties.
Col returned to Bn. C. P.

Snowed
during the
night.

0500

Situation changed but none.
Enemy Artillery still falling in our area.

28 0001 Dec 43

28 2400 Dec 43

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0950

Col. Ahern and Capt Jarrold left for Regimental Hqs for a meeting at 1100. (Bn.C.O. & S-3)

Snow during the night.

During the night it was quite cold for the troops.

Blankets and shelter halves was sent up to Co "C" for the boys.

1000

Col. Martin - G-3, Maj. S from Division was in our area and front line units.

1430

Col. Ahern and Capt Jarrold also Capt. Finan returned from Reg. Capt. Finan investigated the death of Folissi.

Warmed up during the day.

1600

Col Ahern had a company commanders meeting and attached unit commanders. Orientational plan No. 2 "B" with pat. of C to attack Malino and the remainder of C to attack hill 960 "A" Co cover the Bn advanced from high ground now occupied by the Bn.

"B"

FO 33

Map: ITALY, 1/25,000

1.a. Dispositions are along a line of high ground along MONTANARY RIDGE, directly W of VITIGUSO (965 253) - HILL 960 (S) 974 257 - MT MOLINO - HILL 960 (N) 971 269 - HILL 1000 - 975 277 - HILL 962 (MOTONDA) - HILL MONIA ACQUAFONDATA 965 277 - HILL 1395.

On MONTANARY RIDGE there was estimated the 2nd Bn from the 131st INF. in the vic, but it is believed they are relieved by another unit. HILL 960 (S) there is an estimated 40 - 50 men. On MT MOLINO there is an estimated 50 - 60 men. In the vic of hill 960 (S) - HILL 1000 - HILL 962 there is believed to be the 2nd Bn, 100 INF. (PW). On MONIA ACQUAFONDATA there is estimated to be another Bn of mountain troops. The 3rd Bn, 85th MOUNTAIN REGIMENT is in the vic of hill 1395.

These Bns have 3 Rifle Cos and 1 Hvy MG Co and Hq Co. Rifle Cos are of strength of 60 to 70 men and each Hvy weapons platoon of which there are 3, has approximately 30 men with 3 or 4 MG's. There are usually attached to Rifle Cos.

The enemy's activity is purely defensive, from his actions of the last few days, of holding above mentioned ground, no patrols and no pressure on our troops. If attacked however, the usual counterattack can be expected.

He is using mines extensively on natural approaches and trails. Has had plenty of time to organize them.

b. 45th Inf Div mission remains unchanged.

2. 160th Inf, reinforced, attacks H hour D day, captures MT MOTONDA, MT RAINO, HILL 960 (N), MT MOLINO and HILL 960 (S). Protects right flank of Div. FORMATION: Bn's abreast, 1st Bn on left, 3rd Bn on right.

TIME: To be announced.

LINE OF DEPARTURE: See overlay.

BARRIERS BETWEEN BNS: See overlay.

171st FA Bn direct support. Reinforce fires to be coordinated by CO, 171st FA Bn (See arty overlay)

120 Engr Bns General Support.

Co C, 179th Inf during night 29 Dec will occupy hill 893. Protect left flank of Regiment.

3.a. 1st Bn Attachments:

1st Plat, Co C 81st Cml Bn - 1st Sqd MG Plat, AT Co - 1st Plat, Can Co. Capture MT MOLINO, HILL 960 (S). Be prepared to send a strong combat patrol to W and SW on order (See overlay). Assist by fire attack of 3rd Bn on HILL 960 (S).

b. 3rd Bn Attachments:

2nd Plat, Co A 81st Cml Bn - 3rd Sqd MG Plat, AT Co - 2nd Plat, Can Co. Attack capture MT MOTONDA, MT RAINO HILL 960 (N) Be prepared to send a strong combat patrol to W and NW on order (See overlay)

c. 2nd Bn Attachments: No change. Remain in present position, be prepared to support 3rd Bn by fire. Protect right flank of Regiment. Prepare plans to repel enemy counterattack, emphasis on 3rd Bn right.

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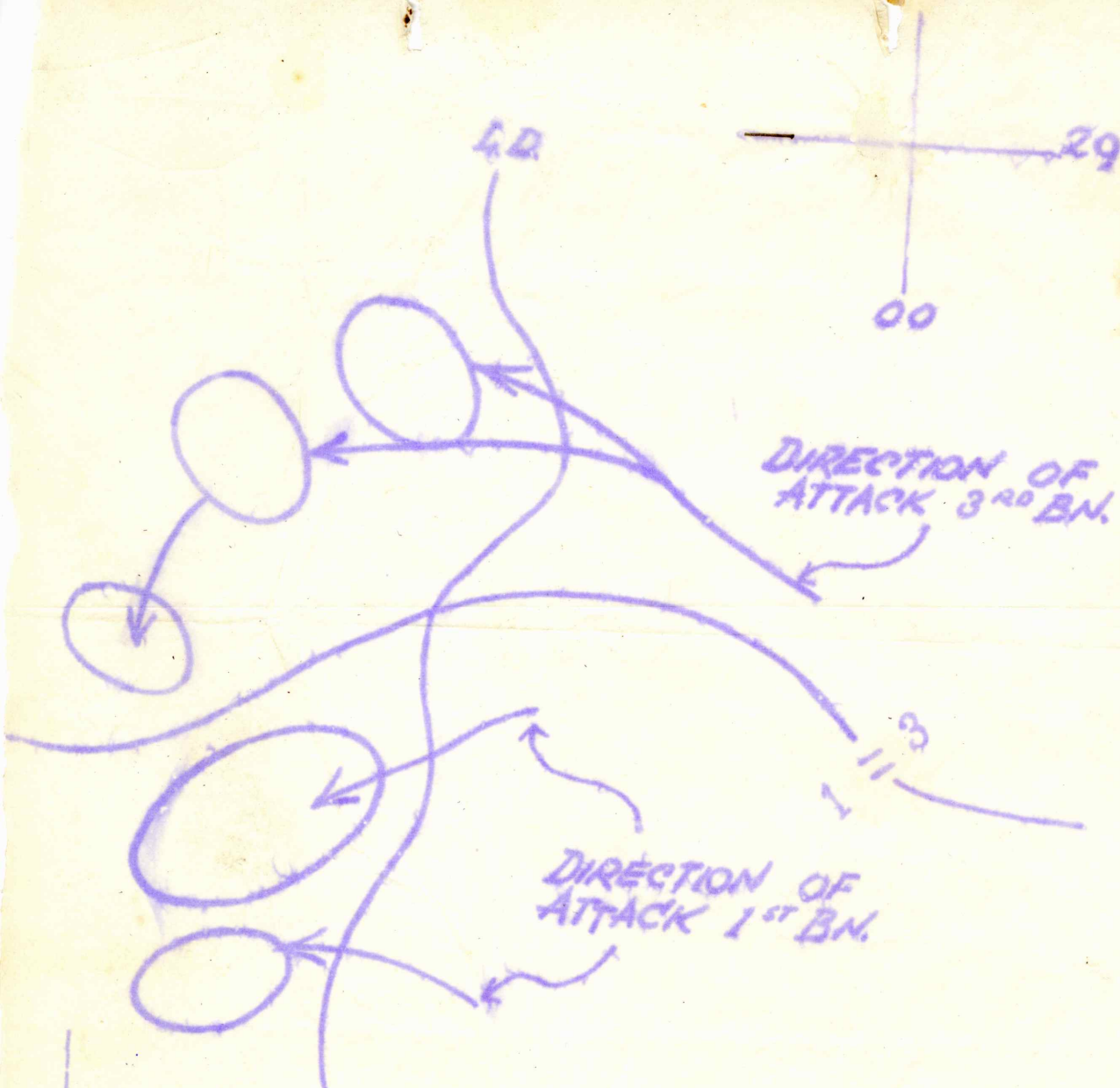
- d. Cannon Co: 3rd Plat, initially reinforces the opening fire of 171st FA.
 - e. T Co: Remain present position be prepared to occupy any part of Regt objective on order.
 - f. Co A 755 Tk Bns From position via CASALE, support attack of Regiment by fire on MT RAINO HILL 960 (H) and MT HOLMO.
 - g. Co C, 120th Med Bns No change.
 - x. (1) Every effort will be made to maintain wire communication. Additional wires if necessary will be layed prior to H hour. Radios will be kept open.
 - (2) Heavy weapons will be kept well forward.
 - (3) Comm, Sign, and Cal mortar fire will not be used in opening fires unless firing on known enemy positions.
 - (4) Lead elements must follow closely behind arty fire.
 - (5) Friendly arty interdiction will continue night prior to D day.
- 4. Ammo and Gas DP - No change.
 - Ration DP - No change.
- 5. a. Axis of Communication - POZZILLI - CASALE RI.
 - b. Regt rtd CP - No change.
 - c. Bn CP's - To be reported.

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 29 DEC 43
 MAP- ITALY- 1/25,000

OVERLAY TO ACCOMPANY
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wed 29 0001 Dec 43.

10 29 1600 Dec 43

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Time		Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT			
0900		"B" Co. reinforced squad went on a Patrol to Mt. Malino.		45° during the day.
0800		Col. Ahern & Capt Jarrold went to the O.P's.		
1200		Col. Ahern & Capt. Jarrold went. Returned to Bn. C.P.		
1400		Meeting of Bn C.O. 45-3 reported to Reg. for a meeting.		
1545		Meeting of Company Commanders and attached Unit Commanders. Attack order was given by Col Ahern. 0630, 30 Dec 43 will be a tremendous Artillery barrage on 960 & Mt Milano 0645 Companies will jump off. B with plat. of "A" will take Mt Milano; C will take 960. "A" will hold hill 810 & 840 and support the attack. Company "C" of 379 th will hold (Charlie Blue) Bn O.P. est. on hill (840) where the Bn C.O. will be with the observers from Arty, Can, Cml & Engineers Co. Tanks will lay barrages on the reverse slope of Mt Malino from Cassino Casale.		

FROM 29 1600 Dec 43
 TO 30 0900 Dec 43

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Time		In Rts, Messages, etc.		Distribution		Remarks
IN	OUT			Out	tion	
		3rd Bn of 180 th will go through 2nd Bn				
		Co. 157 will take Capezzate.				
		Line of departure will be the valley between our present position and our objectives.				
		Bn C.P. will be located eastern slope of 840 at B Co former C.P.				
		Lt. Col. Charles W. Thomas - O-275604 is hereby rel'd of duty as C.O. - 26 Dec 43.				
		S.O. - 180 th Inf. Reg. No. 182				
Thurs. Dec. 30	0545	Lt. Col. Ahern and Capt Jarrold moved forward to O.P.				
	0615	The Bn. C. P. moved forward to the eastern slope of hill 840 at (98.7-26.3)				
	0645	B Co & 1st Plat. of A attached Mt Molino. C Co attacked 960. A Co. holding 810 & 840. G Co 179 th , hold la Giunturelle (Charlie Blue), Bn. O.P. 840.				
	0830	B Co right nose of Mt Molino, no opposition. Small arm fire heard from 3rd Bn sector.				
	0833	3 or 4 rounds of HE fell on E. Slope of 810 D Co in support of Bn. 1st Plat support D Co attack on 960				
		2nd Plat 1st B Co attack				
		Visibility fair & cloudy.				
		app. 100 FM 40 ft				
		opp 5 m. 9 m. 8 m. 3 gun B. city				

30 0900 Dec 43

30 1730 Dec 43

1 Bn.

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0905

Co D Mortar supporting both attacks

C Co receiving small arm fire from peak of 960 - Mt Milano

0910

100 German prisoner ^{an} and 1 Austrian from 139th Regt., 100th Div. brought in to Bn. C.P.

1130

Q. Prisoner taken on W. slope of 810 by "B" Co 1st Plt "A" Co is approaching peak of Mt. Milano from S.E. to N.W. C Co is on ~~at~~ peak of 960. Receiving heavy mortar fire.

1200

1st Sgt "C" Co. reports 20-25 casualties incl: most of Plt. leaders and Sgts. 3rd Bn reports enemy in force on S. slope of Mt. Rotondo. 3rd on Mt Rotondo.

1600

Capt Jarold evacuated hit by shrapnel in left forearm.

1730

"B" Co after an unsuccessful dusk-attack withdrew to 810 suffering many casualties from small arms & mortar. Plt. of "A" also withdrew to back of "A" app. 20 W. 1 K. 20 H. W. 5. S. S.

1st Plt "A" Co is stretched along the hills in draw between Mt. Milano & 840. the remainder of "A" to the forward slope of 840 C Co still occupies the E. 1/3 of 960. Co is reduced to about 60 men.

C Co - 179 (attached to 1st Bn) still occupying 970 (Le Giuntarelle)

FROM 30 1730 Dec 43

TO 31 1630 Dec 43

1 Bn

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Time	Incidents, Weather, etc.	Distribution	Remarks
2030	C-179 ordered by Regt. C.O. to patrol thru draw between Molino & 960 to a point S.E. of Aguafondata to leave at 2200 & rtn. at 0200. AT Co to patrol road between Molino & 960 N. to a point E. of Aguafondata to leave at 2200 & rtn at 0200 Bn. O.P. located on knob SW of 840. Prisoners captured - None 2 Estimated enemy casualties - 25 Our WIA - 2 officers - 36 EM Our K.I.A. - Lt Sitar & Lt Flater wounded and Lt Williams & Lt Pusateri K.I.A.		Cool and hazy Life photographer took pictures of front line
Fri Dec 31 0630	^{except the up} A & B Co jumped off for Mt Milino C Co withdrew to 410 La Lureville C-179 th to occupy 840 & 3 knobs E. of 810		
0900	C.P. area shelled by heavy mortar fire.		
1000	"B" Co forced off Mt. Molino, withdrew to 810		
1530	"A" Co coming off Molino. Will take up position on knobs in draw between 840 & Mt Milino Section of H.M.G. from D-129 th supporting C-179 th with us.		
1630	C-179 th at dark will send about a squad w/ officers on reconnaissance patrol to the sector of Mt Milino (from 1800 to 2400)		

FROM 31 1630 Dec 43
TO 31 2400 Dec 43

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Time	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu- tion	Remarks
	A Co will send a patrol to 960 at dark on reconnaissance of about the squad w/ officers (from 1800 to 2400) Tonight artillery will be laid on reverse slope of 960 and Mt. Molino.		

Rained during the night and
day. Later at night it
snowed. Weather cooled
and wet.

Capt Jarrold W.I.A.

Lt Dorula W.I.A.

5 E.M. wounded.

C Co captured a prisoner on Mt Molino
Cordinance of C Co men who
are dead on Hill 960 N.E. slope.

(97.8-25.8) - bodies will be found
in the radius of 300 yds of
this spot 125000 map. Sheet 16 ~~HT~~ S.W.

010001 Jan. 44

1 Bn

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021800 Jan 44

AM.

"A" Co. is withdrawing to 840 for better protection.

Snowed
blowed
Cold

Night - a double guard was maintained throughout the Bn. Forward and inter-company patrols were sent out. A counter-attack was rumored. The 1st Bn area was shelled by heavy stuff during the night.

Overshoes were brought up for the boys that didn't have them. One E.M. K.I.A. in Hq. Co; 18 E.M. W.I.A.

no prisoners captured.

C.P. area was shelled by artillery.

The sun is shining & 1st Bn is thawing out.

The Companies held their positions with no advancing or any withdraw. Shelling (enemy) caused one casualty in Co "D".

The 1st Bn 7th Reg, 3rd Algerian of French had S-3, S-2, & Co CO's moved at C.P. Plans of relief were discussed with them.

Jan 2,
0100

1800

FROM 02 1800 Jan 44
TO 04 1230 Jan 44

1 Bn.

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The Bn received four new officers
Co B - Jack M. Barnes, 2nd Lt. - 013 09334
Co C - 1st Lt. Thomas M. Coughlin - 0-1294790
2nd Lt. Michael Pardi 0-1295590
Co D - 2nd Lt. Richard F. McCarthy 0-1316439
Co "C" captured one prisoner on Hill 873

C.O. took Capt Joseph Bie on
reconnaissance of our sector.
Sun shone but cool during
the day

1940

The 7th R.T.A. relieved our Bn.
The marched by foot arrived
at Rest area or Reserve Area
at 2315.

Shells fell near the area
causing no casualties but
disturbance.

Jan 4 0900

1st Bn served hot breakfast
in the area out of warmite cans.

1230

180 Reg. in Division Reserve
S.W. of Lagone troops occupied
new area 2400 - (02.3-26.4)

04 1230 Jan 44
05 2400 Jan 44

1 Bn

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The Bn received 18 Replacements.
The breakdown Hq Co - 3; Co "C" - 12;
Co "D" - 3.

An Officer assigned to Bn Hq Co.
Capt. Gordon H. McLaugh - 0-1284199

Condition of road to area is
almost impassable for quarter
tons with trailers.

Jan
5.

Hot meals are still being brought
to the Bn area by ~~4~~ 5 ton's in
marmite cans.

The Bn area was inspected this
A.M. by Col. Ahern, Capt McLaugh,
and Medical Officer, Capt Shamhorne.

Cold, windy
little snow

The Regimental Commander, Col Dulaney
was to visit the Bn. C.P. this P.M.

The Bn payed E.M. this P.M.

The Officers drew their pay at
Regimental Headquarters.

Troops left for Rifles for 5 day
rest period total 30 men.

06 0001 Jan 44

06 2400 Jan 44

1 Bn

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A.M.

The Bn remained the same to day.

Col. Ahern was at Reg. C.P.

There was plenty of snow and quite cold.

Orders were received for the Bn in rest area.

The names of the march group commanders were turned into Reg. to Capt Tricke
Organic Serial Com. - Lt Reichmann

1 - March Group - Lt Trosclair

2 - " " Lt Washburn

Troop Serial Com. - Col Ahern

1 - March group - Capt McDaniel

2 - " " Capt Kerker

Organic Vehicle app. 45.

Hot meals are still being brought up to our area in warm water cans.

The advanced detail had orders last night for time to leave.

07 0001 Jan 44
08 2400 Jan 44

1 Bn

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Time	Incidents, Messages, etc.		Distribu- tion	Remarks
	In	Out		
0900				The advanced detail left. It consisted of the Supply Sgts and 4 E. M. from each Company. It Wells in charge. Names submit to Reg. for Naples detail and one officer H. Dable.
PM				Bn received three new officers. Co B-2nd Lt. Howard B. Golding - 0-1310357 Co B-2nd Lt. Robert Langley - 0-1307154 Co C-2nd Lt. Robert E. Young - 0-1309645 Capt Smith was at Reg. on business. As a whole the Bn remains the same.
Jan				
8.				The Bn remains the same. The men to go to Naples were informed that there is an epidemic of Typhus and trips to Naples were called off. Men that are there now are being brought back. The names were turned into Reg. for Rotation to the States. The French artillery moved in to our area and set up guns.
2400				

FROM 0900001 Jan 44
TO 091300 Jan 44

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Time		NO.	Incidents, Message etc.		Distribution	Remarks
IN	OUT		In	Out		
			The French 64 th Regiment, Field Artillery moved into our area during the early morning and during the day.			
			Lt Col. Churn was to visit our area in which we are to move into as mobile reserve.			
0930			Word was sent for troops to strike tents.			
			Capt. Smith and a quartermaster party went to new area.			
1100		1	^{Runner:} The C.O. of each Rifle Co. ^{2nd roll} or Ex. D. plus Lt Hosclain of D Co. & Lt Turner ^{T.} Bn S-2, report to "B" Co C.P. at 1200 this date. ^{S.} Col. will give instructions there. you will proceed ^{M.} then to rear Aid Station and be there at 1315 to meet Officers of 2 Bn and guide them to our former positions on 840 etc.			
1205		2	^{Runner:} All Officers that ^{T.} are available in Co. report to Bn. C. P at 1330.			
1300		3	^{Runner:} All First Sergeants plus 2 P.M. from sa. Co. report to "B" Kitchen to Lt. Turner at 1500 this date.			

09 1300 Jan 44
10 2400 Jan 44

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1715

Troops began marching to mobile reserve area. The order of March was Co D, C, A, B, Hq. Medics.

Weather
fair & warm

1815

We arrived at area in which we marched app. 2 miles general N.E.

Mastro Giovanni area. (27.0-02.1)

Maj. Bliss returned from 7 day leave. ~~A~~ "Do A" "D" Co boy stepped

on a mine was evacuated. A body of an Am. Soldier reported to G.R.O.

The Bn remained in Mastro Giovanni Area with little change in orders.

1500

Capt Finan was up to Bn. C.P.

to pay off Officers who missed out on pay day.

1000

Lt. Col. Cruckshank was to Bn. C.P. for an investigation.

1100

A detail of 10 E.M. and 2 officers from each Company. (Repaired the road from Mastro Giovanni to Lagone) Lt Brinke in charge of the detail.

1600

Word was received by phone that we may move as scheduled to Rest Area 11 Jan 44.

FROM 11 0001 Jan 44
TO 12 1200 Jan 44

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The Bn remains in the
Marzo Livonna Area.

Check was made through the
Bn for promotions of E. M. and
also for the K.I.A. and 30 days
dropped from rolls.

Hot meals are still being
brought to Companies by truck
from rear Kitchen area.

Capt Fleet, Liaison Officer for the
French visited us and dined with us.

Jan
11.

Jan
12 0900

Col. Delaney visited the Bn C.P.
and was escorted to French C.P.
by Capt. Fleet.

1100

The people of Giovanni gathered
and cleaned up area, buried
dead animals.

Capt. Frick reported to Bn C.P. stated
that Mt Milan had been taken
also the Mt. to the right. French lost
many men also Germans.

Enemy planes were over, our
troops fired upon them but
causing no casualties.

12 1200 Jan 44

14 1430 Jan 44

1 Bn

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Jan.
13.

1930

Bri. Gen. Roosevelt. (son of Teddy Roosevelt)
was review our front line activity
and stopped in to our C.P.
Wpm train in Companies.

The Bn remained the same
throughout the day except
for a semi alert.

The men going on the organic
vehicles we leave in the ~~morning~~
left tonight for the motor Pool.
Wpm training in the Bn. (in
the line companies)

1930

Company Commanders meeting
by Col. Chern on the move in
the morning.

Jan
14 0245

Word was received by phone from
Regiment that move was off
and detail would be received
later.

Troops prepared to move the
following morning.

1430

Company Commanders meeting,
by Col. Chern, on the
move.

PAGE 14 1430 Jan. 44
15 2400 Jan 44

1 Bn

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Time	Incidents, Messages, etc.	Distribu-	Remarks
Jan. 15	NO. In	Out tion	
0445			Bn passed I.P. on way to trucks. Troops marched South to Logone about 2.2 miles to the trucks.
0630			Troops board trucks to Bivouac Area.
0730			Trucks passed IP at Venafro. We traveled S.E. to Bivouac app. 44.8 miles.
			Massari Bivouac Area.
1100			Troops arrived at bivouac area.
1420			Bn received replacements Hq Co - 5; A - 67; B - ; C - ; D . Co B received 1 Lt.
1630			Bn Staff meeting at Reg Hq. Lt. Col. Ahern had a meeting of all Officers of 1st Bn.
1830			Collect all amm. prior S-T 160800 turn some in to Bn S-4 all unauthorized weapons and equipment will be kept out of sight or turned in. C.O. 1st Bn.
1800			Movies for the Bn.