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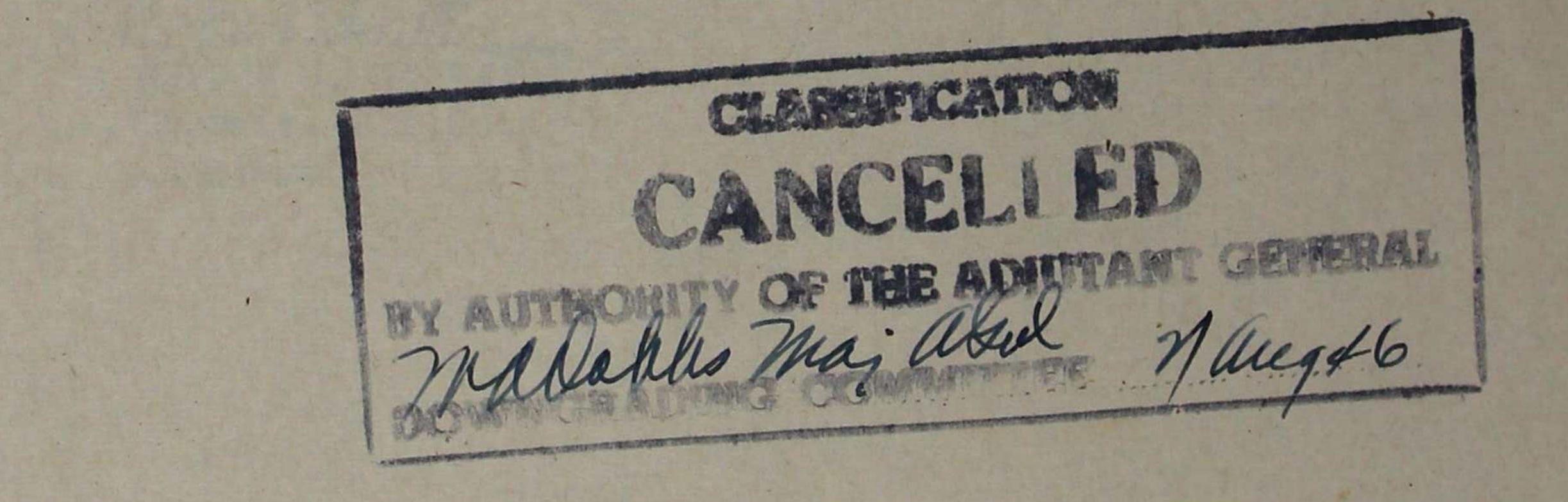
TO: Commanding General, Fifth Army, APO #464, U.S. Army.

Transmitted herewith historical report for 443d AAA AW Bn (SP) for the month of March, 1944.

WERNER L. LARSON,
Lt. Col., C.A.C.,
Commanding

Incl:

Organizational Information (quad)
Narrative (quad)
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Citations and Awards (quad)
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ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (March 1944)

- 1. Original Unit: (Previously submitted.)
- 2. Changes in Organization: (Previously submitted; no additional change.)
- 3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

Officers Warrant Officers Enlisted Men

a. March 1, 1944

b. March 31, 1944

c. Net decrease

Officers Warrant Officers Enlisted Men

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By order of Lieut. Col. LARSON:

OFFICIAL:

PHYTON W. WILLIAMS, Jr., Captain, C.A.C.,
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NARRATIVE - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (March, 1944)

On March 1, 1944, the 443d AAA AW Bn (SP), Lt. Col. WERNER L. LARSON commanding, assigned to 71st AAA Brigade with the mission of providing antiaircraft defense for 36th Infantry Division, was in bivouac with and furnishing perimeter defense for the Division between Raviscanina and San Angelo, Italy, except for the Battalion command post, Battery "B", and one platoon of Battery "C". The Battalion command post moved by infiltration during the morning to join Battalion headquarters southwest of San Angelo. On the following day the command post of Battery "B" moved from Venafro and joined the Second Platoon at its positions defending the Fifth Army Ammunition Dump one-half mile east of Mignano, while the First Platoon, being relieved by Sections Nos. 1 and 2 of the First Platoon, Battery "D", moved with Battery "B"'s headquarters to bivouac in the Division area one-half mile west of San Angelo. The Fourth Platoon of Battery "C" remained in position defending the Fifth Army Ration Dump at Tora.

The Commanding Officer was instructed on March 3 by the Commanding General, 71st AAA Brigade, to have one battery in readiness to replace a battery of the 434th AAA Bn (SF) in support of Combat Command "B", First Armored Division, in projected operations with British troops of the New Zealand Corps. Preliminary arrangements with representatives of the 434th Battalion and of CC "B" were made in the afternoon, and on the following morning Capt. WALTER w. HOWIE, of Battery "D", as commander of a provisional composite battery composed of the First Platoon, Battery "A" and the First Platoon, Battery "D", reported to the commanding officer of 434th Battalion's detachments assigned to the operation for definite plans. The time of the proposed commitment being indefinite, units concerned remained in their previous locations pending further notice.

Since arriving in Italy, the Battalion had been operating with an allowance of vehicles granted by the Commanding General, Seventh Army, just prior to departure from Sicily. This allowance being in excess of that contained in the parture from Sicily. This allowance being in excess of that contained in the Tables of Equipment for the self-propelled battalion, and all such allowances turned in to ordnance nine (9) cargo trucks, two-and-one-half ton, twenty-turned in to ordnance nine (9) cargo trucks, two-and-one-half ton, twenty-two (22) one-ton cargo trailers, and one M-3 personnel carrier half-track. On March 11, an amendment to the Tables of Equipment having been received, an additional cargo truck was turned in. And on March 14, upon receipt of the additional cargo truck was turned in. And on March 14, upon receipt of the additional cargo truck was turned in. This brought the total number of vehicles given up sance car was turned in. This brought the total number of vehicles given up by the Battalion since the Sicilian campaign to one hundred and nineteen.

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Several changes in personnel occurred on March 6. First Lt. OSCAR M. PRICE Jr., was detailed as Ordnance Officer in addition to his duties as Motor Transportation Officer, relieving CWO WILLIAM P. HAYES, who, with nine (9) enlisted men, was relieved from the unit and assigned to Personnel Center No. 1, Atlantic Base Section for return to the United States under the rotation policy. Second Lt. SQUIRE G. HASKIN joined the Battalion in compliance with paragraph 7, Special Orders No. 60, Headquarters Second Replacement Depot, as a replacement, and was assigned to Battery "D". And 1st Lt. CARL O. NEUMANN joined the Battalion on temporary duty from Second Replacement Depot in compliance with Special Orders No. 45, Headquarters 71st AAA Brigade.

Also on March 6, in compliance with directives from Fifth Army and 71st AAA Brigade, an intensive weekly training program for all batteries was set in motion.

At dawn on March 7 (0615A), the Battalion less Battery "D" moved in convoy to the new bivouac area of 36th Infantry Division west of Maddaloni and set up perimeter antiaircraft defense of the new locations. All platoons except the platoons at Fifth Army Ration and Ammunition Dumps had been relieved of special platoons at Fifth Platoon, Battery "C" was relieved from defense of the assignments. The Fourth Platoon, Battery "C" was relieved from defense of the ration dump on the morning of March 8 and joined the battery in the Maddaloni ration dump on the morning of the afternoon. On March 9 the command post bivouac. Battery "D" followed in the afternoon. On March 9 the command post and Second Platoon of Battery "B" were relieved from defense of the ammunition and Second Platoon of Battery in the new area. Training schedules were resumed by all batteries on arrival.

Training and normal bivouac duties occupied the Battalion during the following week. On March 15, the composite battery under Capt. HOWIE moved in convoy to assembly area southeast of Mignano for operations with CC "B".

On the afternoon of March 17, at a 36th Infantry Division formation, two members of the Battalion were decorated for gallantry by Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, Fifth Army Commander. Technician Fifth Grade Solomon J. Sigman, 32259317, Fifth Army Commander. New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher S. Battery "A", of Hoboken, New Jersey, and Private First Class Christopher

On March 20, 2nd Lt. WARREN G. STADE joined the battalion on temporary duty from 2nd Replacement Depot, in compliance with Special Orders No. 52, Headquarters 71st AAA Brigade, dated 19 March, 1944.

The first non-battle death in the Battalion since arrival in Italy occurred on March 21, when Pvt. Laney M. Garrett, 34206245, Battery "A", of De Funiak Springs, Florida, died of pneumonia after being admitted to hospital for lacerations suffered when a kitchen range exploded.

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Another veteran group left the Battalion on March 23, when 1st Lt. GILBERT N. KETCHAM and eight (8) enlisted men were transferred by Special Orders No. 54, Headquarters 71st AAA Brigade, to Personnel Center No. 1, Atlantic Base Section, for return to the United States under the rotation policy.

The composite battery under Capt. HOWIE was relieved on March 24 from its mission with Combat Command "B", 1st Armored Division, and returned the following day to the Maddaloni bivouac and training area, its elements reverting to their respective batteries.

The remainder of the month of March was devoted to training and recreation for all batteries, the various platoons alternating in providing perimeter defense of the 36th Division area.

The Battalion on March 27 was relieved from assignment to 71st AAA Brigade, assigned to Fifth Army, and attached to 71st Brigade, in Letter, Headquarters Fifth Army, subject: "Assignment and Attachment of Troops", dated 27 March, 1944. Missions remained unchanged.

On March 30, three additional enlisted men were transferred from the Battalion for return to the United States, by Special Orders No. 60, Headquarters 71st AAA Brigade.

By order of Lt. Col. La RSON:

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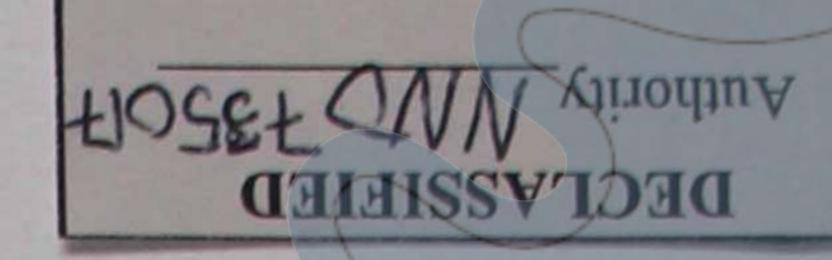
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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	CONTRACTOR DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON OF THE	Remarks
Bn CP	1000	36th Inf. Div.	1 MARCH 1944 Cervaro (G-920198)	Moved by infiltration to 1 mi. SW S. Angelo (H-207059) & joined Bn. Hq. Arr. 1145.
				Lt. Col. LARSON contacted 71st AAA Bde. as to re-organization, re- equipping & training program.
Bn Rr		36th Inf. Div.	1 mi SW Angelo (H-207059)	No change.
A-Hq		443d Bn.	1½ mi W. Ravis- canina(H-165075)	No change.
A-1		443d Bn.	1½ mi W. Ravis- canina(H-165075)	In reserve.
A-2		443d Bn.	1½ mi W. Ravis- canina(H-165075)	Perimeter defense Div. bivouac area.
B-Hq			1 mi S. Venafro (H-031175)	No change.
B-1		Div. Arty	1 mi S. Venafro (H-031175)	Protecting Div. Arty Air OP field.
B-2		5th Army Dump	½ mi E. Mignano (G-995113)	Protecting ammunition dump.
C-Hq		443d Bn.	1 mi SW Ravis- canina(H-188063)	No change.
C-1 C-2			1 mi SW Ravis- canina(H-188063)	In reserve.
C-3		443d Bn.	l mi SW Ravis- canina(H-188063)	Perimeter defense Div. bivouac area.
C-4		Dump	2 mi SW Presen- zano (H-035663)	Protecting ration dump.
D-Hq		443d Bn.	(H-161128)	No change.
D-1		443d Bn.	1 mi S. Prata (H-161128)	Sects. #1 & 2 in perimeter defense Div. bivouac area & sects. #3 & 4 in battery reserve.
D-2		443d Bn.	1 mi S. Prata (H-161128)	In reserve.



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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location 2 MARCH 1944	Remarks
B-CP	0800	Div. Arty	1 mi S. Prata M	loved to \frac{1}{2} mi E. of Mignano (G-995113), & joined 2nd Pltn. Arr. 1000.
B-Rr	1000		1 mi S. Venafro N (H-031175)	Noved to 1 mi. W. S. Angelo (H-213064) Arr. 1200.
B-1	1000	Div. Arty Air O.P.	(H-031175)	Relieved of defense of Div. Arty Air O.P. field by D-1. Convoyed to \(\frac{1}{2} \) mi. W. S. Angelo (H-213064). Arr. 1200. In reserve.
D-1	0830	443d Bn.	1 mi S. Prata (H-161128)	3d & 4th Sects. asgd to defense of Div. Arty. Air O.P. field. Moved to positions 1 mi. S. Venafro (H-026277). Arr. 1030. Relieved B-1
			3 MARCH 1944	and the same and t
Bn. Ho	1 1030	36th Inf. Div.	(H-207059)	Tel. fr 71st AAA Bde for Bn. CO to see Bde Exec. about new combat com- mitment.
		36th Inf. Div.	(H-207059)	Bn. CO informed by CG & Exec 71st AAA Bde about committing one Btry in support CC"B". 1st Arm'd Div. (supporting British Corps) to re- place one Btry. 434 AAA Bn re- lieved for another assignment. S-3 71st AAA Bde arranged for meeting of 105 AAA Bn S-3 & 8th Gp. at 443d Hq at 0900 4 March.
	1330	36th Inf. Div.	(H-207059)	Bn CO contacted CO Det. 434th Bn & Exec., CC"B" as to the situation of new commitment. Btry. to be held in reserve until British commence in reserve until British commence
A-1	1200) 443d Bn	12 1050051	Relieved A-2 in defense 36th Int. Div
A-2	1200	36th Inf. Div.		Relieved by A-1. Sections moved to Btry. Rear area. In reserve.
Bn Ho	q. 083	o 36th Inf. Div.	4 MARCH 1944 1 mi SW S. Angelo (H-207059)	Assgd CO D-Btry w/composite battery (A-1 & D-1 pltns.) in support of

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Unit	Time	Protecting		Remarks
			4 MARCH 1944	
				CC"B", 1st Arm'd Div. CO. D-Btry. contacted CO Det. 434th AA Bn for information & coordination. Left EM for maintaining contact.
	0900	36th Inf. Div.	l mi SW S. Angeld (H-207059)	Meeting, S-3, 71st AAA Bde, CO & S-3 105th AAA Bn (SP) & Exec & S-3 8th AAA Gp. to discuss new training memo, 5th Army Hq & subjects to be covered and stressed.
	1300	36th Inf. Div.	l mi SW S. Angelo (H-207059)	S-4, 71st AAA Bde discussed with Bn CO the army policy of setting up a pool for special equipment above T/O & E needed in special situations. Submit special Equip. Report of authorized TE items not needed by 1800, 7 March.
D-Hq D-2 D-2	1245	443d Bn.	l mi S. Prata (H-161128)	Moved to another area in same vici- nity - ½ mi S. Prata (H-165137). Arr. 1300. Only sections L & 2 of lst Pltn included here - sections 3 & 4 being at Div Arty Air OP.
			5 MARCH 1944	
Bn Hq		36th Inf. Div.	1 mi SW S. Angelo	In order to comply with new T/O & E on reduction of vehicles, the following were turned in: (22) 1 T. Trailers (9) 2½ T. Trucks, 6x6 (1) Half-track, M-3.
			6 MARCH 1944	
Bn Hq		36th Inf. Div.	1 mi SW S. Angelo (H-207059)	GO #5, Hq 443d AAA AW Bn, dtd 6 Mar., '44, redesignated 443d AAA AW Bn. (SP). CWO WILLIAM P. HAYES relieved as Bn. Ord. Off. & detailed as ass't S-4 & Ammo Off. lst Lt. OSCAR M. PRICE, Jr. is de- tailed as Bn Ord. Off. in addition

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			6 MARCH 1944 (Cont'd)
			2nd Lt. SQUIRE G. HASKIN reported per
			par. 7, SO #60, Hq. 2d Repl Depot,
			dtd 29 Jan '44 & asgd to "D" Btry.
Bn Hq	0800		1 mi SW S. Angelo Commenced intensive weekly training
		Div.	(H-207059) program of all batteries in com-
			pliance with training directives of
Bn Hq	1500	36th Inf	71st AAA Bde & Fifth Army. 1 mi SW S. Angelo SO #44, 71st AAA Bde, dtd 5 Mar '44
Dir 119	1000	Div.	(H-207059) relieved CWO WILLIAM P. HAYES & (9)
			EM fr. 443d AAA Bn (SP) and asgd to
			Pers. Cen. #1, ABS for rotation to
			U.S.
	1600	36th Inf.	1 mi SW S. Angelo SO \$45, 71st AAA Bde, dtd 6 Mar. '44,
		Div.	1st Lt. CARL O. NEWMAN is placed on
			TD with 443d AAA Bn (SP) fr. Hq 2d
			Repl. Dep., Pers. Cen. #6.
			7 MARCH 1944
Bn Hq	0615	36th Inf.	1 mi SW S Angelo Convoyed to vicinity of new training
		Div.	(H-207059) area of 36th Div., bivouacing $1\frac{1}{2}$
			mi W. Maddaloni (N-338729). 'Arr.
			0830.
	1030		Maj. Gen. WALKER & Lt. Col. IVES, G-1,
			36th Inf. Div. visited Bn. Hq. in
	1900	36th Inf.	new bivouac area. lani W. MaddaVOCG,71st AAA Bde - 443d protecting
	1300	Div.	lami W. MaddaVOCG,71st AAA Bde - 443d protecting loni (N-338729) Army Class I Dump (H-037065) and
			Army Ammo Dump (G-995112) and 36th
			Div. Arty Air O.P. Field (H-165137).
A-Hq	0645	443d Bn.	1½ mi W. Ravis- Convoyed to new biv. area 5½ mi NE
A-2			canina(H-165075) Maddaloni (N-369783). Arr. 1800
			hrs. A-2 in reserve.
A-1	0645	443d Bn.	12 mi W. Ravis- Convoyed & took up positions in de-
			canina(H-165075) fense of 36th Inf. Div. area. Pltn C.P. located at "A" Btry area. Guns
			in position at 0915 hrs
В-Н9	0620	443d Bn.	½ mi. W. San An- Convoyed to new bivouac area 1 mi N.
B-1			gelo (H-213064) Maddaloni (N-325720). Arr. 0915.
			B-l in reserve.

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			7 MARCH 1944	(Cont'd)
C-Hq			1 mi SW Ravis-	Convoyed to new biv. area 12 mi. N.
C-2	0630	443d Bn.	canina (H-188063)	Maddaloni (N-333733). C-2 & C-3
C-3	2000			in reserve.
C-1	1200	443d Bn	1 mi SW Ravis-	Relieved of mission in de-
			canina (H-188063)	fense of 36th Div. Area. Convoyed
				to positions protecting 36th Div.
				Air O.P., 12 mi SW Venafro, reliev- ing 3rd & 4th Sections of D-1.
				Arr. 1330.
D-1	1330		1 mi S. Venafro	Relieved by C-1. Convoyed to join
		Air OP	(H-026277)	"D" Btry \(\frac{1}{2} mi S. Prata (H-165137).
				Arr. 1500.
			8 MARCH 1944	
Bn Hq		36th Inf.	1½ mi N. Madda-	On basis of new change in T/O & E,
		Div.	loni (N-338729)	(1) 2 T. truck, 6x6, is turned in
C-1	1230		la mi SW Vanafro	Relieved by D-534th Bn, 5th AMA Gp.
		Air O.P.	(H-026177)	of mission protecting 36th Div.
				Air O.P. Field. Joined "C" Btry. la mi N. Maddaloni (N-333733).
				Arr. 1630. In reserve.
C-4	1010	5th Army	2 mi SW Presen-	Relieved by D-534th Bn, 5th AAA Gp.,
		Dump	zano (H-035063)	of mission protecting 5th Army
				Class I Dump and railhead. Joined
				"C" Btry 12 mi N. Maddaloni (N-333
D-Hq			½ mi S. Prata	733). Arr. 1500. In reserve. Convoyed to vic. 36th Div. Training
D-1	1530	443d Bn.	(H-165137)	& Biv. area - Hq. & D-2 bivouacing
D-2				1½ mi. N. Maddaloni (N-326732),
				D-1 taking up positions in defense
				of Div. Area. Arr. 1840.
			9 MARCH 1944	
B-CP	0800	5th Army	mi E. Mignano	Relieved by 534th Bn, 5th AAA Gp. of
B-2	0000	Dump	(G-995113)	mission to protect 5th Army Ammo
				Dump. Infiltrated to join balance
				of "B" Btry. 1 mi N. Maddaloni (N-325720). Arr. 1100.
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Unit Bn Hq	Time	Attached Protecting 36th Inf. Div.	Location 11 MARCH 1944	GO #64 Ha 36+2 The
Bn Hq	0800	36th Inf.	The The Thirt did a	Intensive weeklar +
A-1	1415	Div. 443d Bn.	loni (N-338729) 5\frac{1}{2} mi NE Madda- loni (N-369783)	continued. Relieved of mission by G-2. Returned to reserve in "A" Btry area. Arr.
B-1	1300	443d Bn.	1 mi N. Madda- loni (N-325270)	Assumed positions in defense of 36th Inf. Div. training and bivouse area
C-2	1345	443d Bn.	1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-333733)	Assumed positions in defense of 36th Div. training and bivouac area
D-1	1330	443d Bn.	1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-326732)	religious A in a in a
Bn Hq.		36th Inf. Div.	1월 MARCH 1944 1월 mi N. Madda- loni (N-338729)	(1) 3/4 T. C/R turned in to ordnance.
A-1	0900	443d Bn.	15 MARCH 1944 5½ mi NE Madda-	The composite btry (A-1 & D-1) under
D-1	0900	443d Bn.	loni (N-369783) l\frac{1}{2} mi N. Madda- loni (N-326732)	command of Capt. HOWIE, "D" Btry Commdr, convoyed to asgd area 1 mi SE Mignano (G-998108) in preparation for operation with CC"B", 1st Arm'd Div. Arr. 1200. Combat team C.P. established at (G-969136).
Bn Hq.		36th Inf. Div.	17 MARCH 1944 1½ mi N. Madda- 1oni (N-338729)	At special ceremonies, Tec 5 Solomon J. Sigman, A Btry., & Pfc. Christopher S. Wurth, Med. Det., were

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Unit	m:	Attached		
ULLU	Time	Protecting	Location 17 MARCH 1944	(Cont'd) Remarks
				presented with Silver Star awards for gallantry in action 18 Jan '44 by Lt. Gen. MARK W. CLARK.
Bn Hq.		36th Inf. Div.	20 MARCH 1944 1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-338729)	Intensive weekly training program continued. SO #52, Hq. 71st AAA Bde, dtd 19 Mar. 44, 2nd Lt. WARREN G. STADE is placed on TD with 443d AAA Bn. (SP).
A-Btry		443d Bn.	21 MARCH 1944 5½ mi NE Madda- loni (N-369783)	Pvt. Laney M. Garrett died from in- juries, resulting complications sustained fr exploding kitchen stove on 8 Mar. '44.
Bn Hq.		36th Inf. Div.	23 MARCH 1944 1½ mi N. Madda- loni (N-338729)	SO #54, 71st AAA Bde, dtd 22 March '44, 1st Lt. GILBERT N. KETCHAM & 8 EM are relieved fr asgt to 443d Bn & asgd to Pers Cen #1, ABS for rotation to U.S.A
A-1 D-1 2	320	CC"B" lst Arm'd Div	24 MARCH 1944 1 mi SE Mignano (G-998108)	Composite btry (A-1 & D-1) under Capt HOWIE relieved from present attach- ment & commitment by VOCG CC"B" 1st Arm'd Div.
A-1 D-1		CC"B" lst Arm'd Div	25 MARCH 1944 1 mi SE Mignano (G-998108)	Composite btry under Capt. HOWIE, having been relieved of attachment to CC"B", 1st Arm'd Div. Convoyed from assigned area near Mignano to areas of parent batteries near Maddaloni. Arr. 2245.

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Bn Hq. 0800 3CH 27 MARCH 1944 Remarks
A-2 1330 443d Bn. loni (N-338729) Intensive weekly training program
loni (N-369783) Nelleved B-1 in defense of 36th Inf
loni (W 70500 Having been mali
Serve. Arr. 1435. In re-
Div. loni (N-338729) Ltr Hq 5th Army dtd 27 Mar '44, sub.
C-3 1230 443d Bn. 12 mi N. Madda- Relieved C-2 in 1011eved from to 5th Army & atchd to 71st AAA Bde.
Div. training & bivouac area. Exchange completed at 1300 hrs. 1oni (N-333733) Div. training & bivouac area. Exchange completed at 1300 hrs. Having been relieved by C-3, Pltn re- turned to reserve in "C" Btry. Area.
Bn Hq. 1030 36th Inf. 12 mi N. Madda- Div. loni (N-338729) Col. VINCENT, C.S., 36th Inf. Div. were well taken care of in respect

well taken care of in respect to Off. club, recreation, supplies, etc. He said Gen WALKER was very much interested in his attached units & desired that we're as well taken care of as the organic units. 30 MARCH 1944

Bn Hq. 1000 36th Inf. Div.

lami N. Madda- Gen. HENDRIX, CG, 71st AAA Bde. made loni (N-338729) a visit to Bn Hq. He informed the Bn CO that 443rd Bn will remain in reserve with 36th Inf. Division for a few weeks.

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SO #60, 71st AAA Bde dtd 30 Mar. '44 relieved (3) EM from asgt to 443d AAA Bn & asgd them to Pers Cen #1, ABS for rotation to the U.S.A."

For the Commanding Officer:

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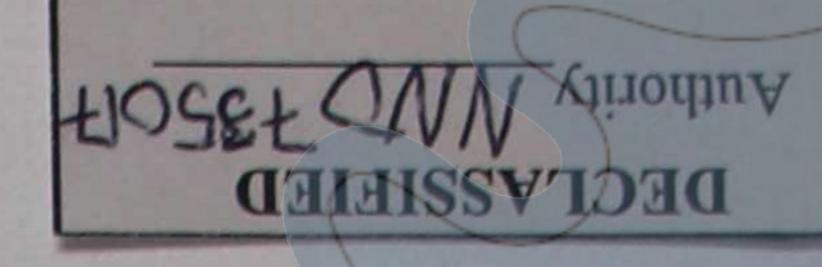
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CONFIDENTIAL HEADQUARTERS 36TH INFANTRY DIVISION APO #36, U.S. Army

11 March 1944

AG 200.6

Subject: Award of Silver Star.

To: Tec 5 SOLOMON J. SIGMAN, 32259317, Battery A, 443d Anti-Aircraft Arty Battalion (SP), APO #464, U. S. Army.

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and General Orders Number 64, this headquarters, cs, a Silver Star is awarded, to the above named enlisted man for gallantry in action as set forth in the following citation:

CITATION

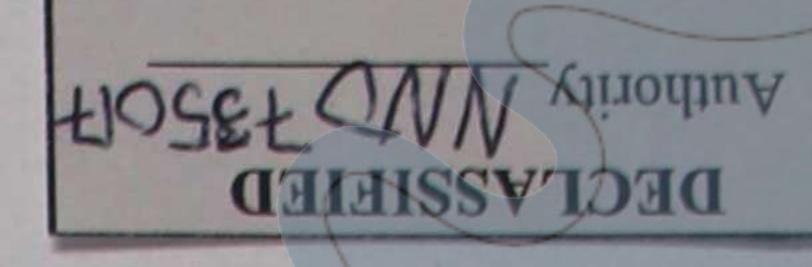
SOLOMON J. SIGMAN, Tec 5, 32259317, Battery A, 443d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (SP), for gallantry in action on 18 January, 1944, in the vicinity of Mignano, Italy. Assigned as driver for the commander of an antiaircraft platoon sited in defense of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion, Tec 5 Sigman was at the platoon command post when, during a prolonged and heavy enemy shelling of the area, word came by telephone that several men had been hit and medical aid was needed. He immediately volunteered to drive the medical aid man to the scene. Upon arrival, he assisted the aid man in rendering first aid to the wounded and dying, although shell-fire in the immediate vicinity kept all other personnel under cover. He then drove the aid man to secure an ambulance, returned with it, and accompanied the wounded to the hospital. By his quick action and his utter disregard of his own safety, Tec 5 Sigman assisted in saving the life of one of his comrades and in easing the last moments of two others who were dying. His courage, fortitude, and initiative in the face of great personal danger were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered service from Hoboken, New Jersey.

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| Major General, U. S. Army |
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11 March 1944

AG 200.6

Subject: Award of Silver Star.

To : Private First Class CHRISTOPHER S. WURTH, 35482501, Medical Detachment, 443d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (SP), APO #464, U. S. Army.

Pursuant to authority contained in Army Regulations 600-45, as amended, and General Orders Number 64, this headquarters, cs, a Silver Star is awarded to the above named enlisted man for gallantry in action as set forth in the following citation:

CITATION

CHRISTOPHER S. WURTH, Private First Class, 35482501, Medical Detachment, 443d Anti-Aircraft Artillery Battalion (SP), for gallantry in action on 18 January, 1944, in the vicinity of Mignano, Italy. The anti-aircraft platoon to which Private First Class Wurth is attached was sited in defense of the 132nd Field Artillery Battalion when the enemy laid down a prolonged and heavy artillery concentration on the area. One shell struck among the crew of one of the guns of the platoon, killing one man, fatally wounding two others, and seriously wounding a fourth. Notified by telephone at the platoon command post, Private First Class Wurth immediately rushed to the scene, despite artillery fire which kept other personnel under cover, and working in the open in complete disregard of his own safety, administered first aid to the dying and wounded men. He then secured an ambulance, returned with it, and accompanied the wounded men to the hospital. By his courageous act, Private First Class Wurth eased the last moments of two dying men and undoubtedly saved the life of a third. His daring, fortitude, and calm efficiency in the face of great personal danger were an inspiration to all who witnessed his deed. His gallant action reflects great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States. Entered the service from Paducah, Kentucky.

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| Major General, U. S. Army | Commanding

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