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HEADQUARTERS, 443RD AA BN (SP)
APO 7464 U.S. ARMY

OPERATIONS IN ITALY
(December, 1943)

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. December 1, 1943:	35	2	654
b. December 31, 1943:	33	2	657
c. Net decrease:	2	0	
d. Net increase:			3
4. Operations narrative for December, 1943:

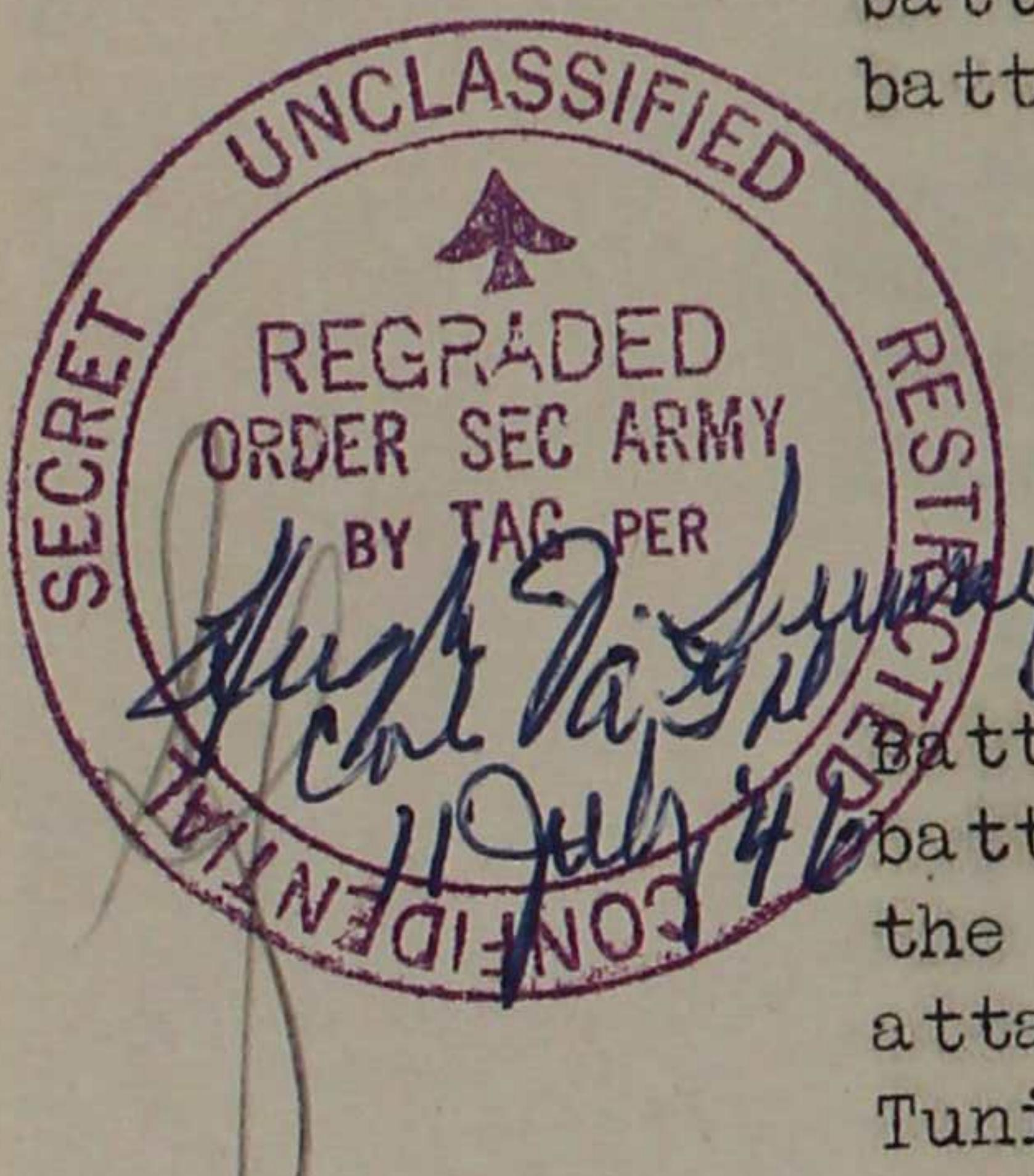
On December 1, 1943, the 443d AA Bn. (SP), Lt. Col. WERNER L. LARSON commanding, assigned to 2626 AAA Brigade (Prov.) and attached to 36th Infantry Division, was in position in defense of the elements of 36th Infantry Division Artillery in action on a front extending from a point west of Mignano to the vicinity of Venafro.

Battalion Headquarters and administrative echelons of the lettered batteries were located two miles southeast of Presenzano. Units of the battalion were attached to artillery units as follows:

Unit	Attached	Approximate Location
Battery "A"	132nd F.A. Bn.	NE Roccamonaifina
Battery "B"	155th F.A. Bn.	E and SE Mignano
Battery "C" (-)	131st F.A. Bn.	SE Mignano
Battery "C" (3rd Pltn) Div. Arty Air O.P.	3 mi. S Presenzano	
Battery "D"	133rd F.A. Bn.	S and SE Venafro

Batteries were thus distributed over the entire division front, each battery with a separate tactical mission, namely the protection of the elements of the one field artillery battalion to which it was attached. This was in accordance with operating procedure used in Tunisia and Sicily, where, for the most part, units protected by the battalion were widely scattered and presented numerous unrelated points for AA defense.

The objective of the 36th Infantry Division at this time was capture of the Mt. LaDefensa, Mt. Remetanea, and Mt. Maggiore hill masses flanking Highway No. 6 to Cassino and Rome.



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The Germans had organized a strong defense in depth in the mountainous area leading to Cassino and to the long northwest - southeast valley running up to Rome. Weather conditions added to the difficulty of the assignment; rain and ever-deepening mud hampered all operations, and were a heavy drain on morale and on vehicle life. These same conditions, however, limited the enemy's air activity to occasional days of fair weather. Enemy counter-battery and harassing artillery fire, though light in comparison with our own, continued a constant threat.

On December 1, there was no enemy air activity and only one change in position. The 2nd Platoon, Battery "A", moved eastward with elements of 132nd F.A. to a new position southeast of Mignano. (See Journal). Enemy shelling in the area of the 1st Platoon, Battery "A", damaged one T-28E1 half-track and the platoon commander's $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton "peep", and slightly wounded Pfc. Charles F. Drake, 33263125, of New Castle, Pa., who was hospitalized. Similar conditions obtained on December 2, 3, and 4, with continued rain keeping enemy aircraft grounded. Sporadic shelling kept up; on December 2 the radio command half-track of the 1st Platoon, Battery "B", southeast of Mignano, was hit and damaged, and in the 2nd Platoon, Battery "C", in the same general vicinity, shell fragments slightly wounded Cpl. Frederick J. Shutter, 32253919, who was hospitalized. On December 3 Tech. 5 gr. Shurley W. Brown, 35277467, of Columbus, Ohio, 2nd Platoon, Battery "A", was slightly wounded by shell fragments at the platoon's position southeast of Mignano, but returned to duty after treatment.

On December 5 the weather cleared somewhat, and a flight of four Focke-Wulf 190's and eight Messerschmitt 109's was engaged by the 2nd. Platoon, Battery "B", 1st Lt. GILBERT N. KETCHAM commanding, just east of Mignano, and one FW 190 was destroyed.

Field Order No. 39, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, dated December 6, projected an attack on December 8 to capture Mt. Lungo, just west of Highway 6, and Mt. Sammucro, lying along the eastern side. This foreshadowed movement of the artillery to concentrate its fires from the eastern half of the division sector in the mountains south and west of Venafro.

On December 7, the weather lifting somewhat, the 2nd Platoon, Battery "B", engaged a flight of eight Me 109's at low altitude strafing the area of the 155th F.A. Bn. east of Mignano, and was credited with the probable destruction of one.



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The evening of the same day, the C.P. and all platoons of Battery "C", and all platoons of Battery "C", except C-B, moved in convoy with the 131st F.A. Bn. to new positions along the slopes west and southwest of Venafro. Other units remained in position except for minor adjustments for the next week. The battalion now had two batteries in the southwest portion of the division sector, and two in the northeast, separated by a mountain mass of which the enemy held a section around San Pietro, southwestward from Venafro.

Rain and clouds held off the enemy's air force until December 11, when there were several attacks. At about 0930A, the 1st Platoon of Battery "A", 1st Lt. WELLS LEWIS commanding, with the 132nd F.A. Bn. east of Conca Della Campania, engaged and probably destroyed a lone Messerschmitt which attempted to dive-bomb an objective nearby. At the same time, a flight of twelve enemy planes including ten FW 190's and two Me 109's pressed home a vicious surprise strafing and bombing attack on the area of the 131st F.A. Bn. protected by the 1st Platoon, Battery "C", which engaged them and probably destroyed three. The crews manned their guns throughout the attack despite direct strafing and bombing with anti-personnel bombs. The courage and determination of one gun crew are underscored by the fact that they continued firing until direct hits by anti-personnel bombs killed one member and wounded the rest. Pfc. James G. Johnson, 32358208, of Annadale, Richmond, Staten Island, New York, was killed instantly; T/5 gr. Edward Sherman, 32253918, of Cortland, New York, and Pfc. Richard W. Linscott, 31098959, of Washington, Maine, were seriously wounded and hospitalized; Pvt. Charles H. Zimmer, 12056501, of Syracuse, New York, and Pvt. Joseph A. Guggemos, 243470, of Auburn, New York, were slightly wounded and hospitalized; and Cpl. John J. Ver Hulst, 32250866, of Rochester, New York, was slightly wounded but returned to duty after treatment. For Pvt. Guggemos, veteran of trench warfare in France, this was the second wound within a month. All members of the crew were recommended for decoration with the Silver Star.

On the afternoon of the same day, at 1500A, another flight, this time of eight Me 109's and four FW 190's, attacked in the same vicinity and was engaged by the 2nd Platoon, Battery "C", which recorded one Me 109 as probably destroyed.

On 13 December the battalion received twenty-seven replacements from 7th Replacement Pool, Naples. (See attached list.) These men were held in Headquarters Battery for training in aircraft recognition and AA fire control, and were assigned on December 21 to their permanent duties, four remaining in Headquarters Battery, seven being assigned to Battery "C" (in addition to five men of Headquarters Battery already assigned to Battery "C" after its losses on the 11th) and sixteen being assigned to Bat-



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tery "D".

Also on December 13 there was issued Field Order No. 40, Headquarters 36th Infantry Division, which directed that the division with the Italian First Motorized Brigade and the 504th Parachute Infantry Battalion attached would attack on the night of December 15-16 to capture Mt. Lungo, San Pietro, San Vittore and the high ground north and east of San Vittore. German defenses in the terraced hill-sides and the town of San Pietro had held up the completion of the mission laid down in F.O. #39.

On December 14 the enemy sent his planes out again over the front, and at 0930 the 2nd Platoon, Battery "A", 1st Lt. FRANCIS X. CALLAHAN commanding, engaged a flight of fifteen, including eleven Me 109's and four FW 190's bombing and strafing artillery positions near Mignano, and probably destroyed one. Artillery fire on the same day damaged two one-ton trailers belonging to the 2nd Platoon, Battery "B", and inflicted slight fragment wounds on Pfc. Hector J. Ocasio, 32232267, of New York, N.Y., and Pvt. Robert J. Andrews, 31285678, of North Adams, Mass. Both men returned to duty, however.

Visibility remaining good, there were several enemy air attacks on December 15. At 0844A the 2nd Platoon, Battery "B" (Lt. KETCHAM) near Mignano, engaged a passing flight of twenty planes, six of them Me 109's and fourteen FW 190's, and destroyed one Focke-Wulf. At 0910A the 1st Platoon, Battery "C" 1st Lt. BEN A. LEDBETTER commanding, engaged eight FW 190's bombing artillery areas near Venafro and destroyed one. At 1525A the 2nd Platoon, Battery "A" (Lt CALLAHAN), engaged and destroyed a lone Me 109 attempting to bomb artillery positions near Mignano.

No further air activity occurred for several days because of rain and heavy clouds. Battery "D" on December 18 moved its C.P. and both platoons west of Venafro, and early on the morning of December 19 took up new positions with 133rd F.A. Bn. in the vicinity of San Pietro.

The weather was clear on December 19, and the enemy's air force was again active. At 0945A fourteen FW 190's attacked the 133rd F.A. Bn's new positions east of San Pietro in a surprise attack from behind a mountain mass. Both platoons of Battery "D" engaged the attackers, the 1st Platoon, 1st Lt. GOULD S. PITCHER, Jr., commanding, destroying one. Casualties from anti-personnel bombs in this raid were heavy. In the 1st Platoon, Battery "D", Pvt. Walter Couture, 31098479, of Springfield, Mass., was slightly wounded and hospitalized. The 2nd Platoon, 1st Lt. CHARLES

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B. NORTON, Jr., commanding, was more heavily hit: Pvt. Willard H. Jones, 35426154, of Morehead, Kentucky, was killed instantly by a bomb as he ran to help in manning his guns. Pvt. Benjamin Blatt, 32220834, of New York, N.Y.; Pvt. Elmo Davis, 34187469, of Mascot, Tenn.; Pvt. Albert K. Dietrich, 32274940, of Paterson, N.J.; Pvt. Frank E. Fiorovanti, 33362407, of Conway, Penna.; Pvt. John A. Gemellaro, 33131219, of Baltimore, Md., and Pvt. Joseph E. O'Brien, 33130075, of Philadelphia, Penna., were seriously wounded and hospitalized. Sergeant Jack J. DiLorenzo, 32220899, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Tech. 5 gr. Leon A. Hughes, 34149493, of Flat Top, Tenn.; Tech 5 gr. Clarence A. Tryon, 35172034, of Cayuga, Ind.; Tech 5 gr. James G. Young, 33082453, of St. Mary's, Penna.; James J. Sullivan, 32220790, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pvt. Leo L. Bisson, 32256815, of Newton Falls, N.Y., and Pvt. John Ridosh, 12051030, of Wellington, N.J., were slightly wounded and hospitalized, and Pvt. Sandy J. Zeck, 32256229, of Waterloo, N.Y., was slightly wounded but returned to duty after treatment.

At 1240A there was another attack by ten FW 190's in the same area, dive-bombing, and Battery "D"’s 2nd Platoon took some vengeance by destroying one. Meanwhile at 1230A near Mignano to the west, the 2nd Platoon of Battery "A" (Lt. CALLAHAN) had engaged fourteen FW 190's bombing and strafing, destroyed one and probably destroyed another. At 1530A the same platoon engaged nine FW 190's dive-bombing, destroying one and probably destroying a second. At 1540A the 1st Platoon of Battery "B", 1st Lt. LAWRENCE J. LEONHARD commanding, engaged eleven FW 190's passing at long range and probably destroyed one. The only other event of the day was movement of the 1st Platoon, Battery "C", to a new position east of San Pietro.

Except for one day, no further air action of any significance occurred during the month. Weather conditions, though somewhat improved, were still for the most part prohibitive, and the enemy generally failed to take advantage of such fair weather as there was.

On December 20, the 2626th AAA Brigade (Prov.), to which the battalion was assigned, was disbanded and reorganized with the same personnel as the 71st AAA Brigade, Brigadier General RALEIGH R. HENDRIX commanding.

On the same day the C.P. and 1st, 2nd, and 4th Platoons of Battery "C" moved with the 131st F.A. Bn. to new positions south and east of San Pietro. The following day the 3rd Platoon under 1st Lt. ROBERT B. MARLOTTE was relieved from defense of the Division Artillery Air O.P. flying field southeast of Presenzano (see Journal) and moved to provide area defense of Division Artillery from positions east of San Pietro.



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Battalion Headquarters and Headquarters Battery with the administrative echelons of the lettered batteries moved by infiltration on December 21 along Highway 85 to a new position one and one-half miles southwest of Venafro. On the afternoon of the same day, Capt. ELBERT N. DU PUY, Medical officer, and nine enlisted men were transferred to Personnel Center No. 1, Atlantic Base Section, for return to the United States under the rotation policy.

The concentration of AA weapons and artillery in the division sector, and especially in the Venafro - San Pietro area, together with the intricacies of the terrain, at this time rendered ineffective the former policy of keeping AA batteries attached directly to field artillery battalions, since it made for overlapping of AA defenses in certain areas and often forced the AA platoons to take up inadequate positions or be concentrated unnecessarily, simply in order to remain with the units to which they were attached. Accordingly, on 21 December all batteries of this battalion were relieved from attachment to individual field artillery units. Batteries "C" and "D" were sited in area defense of the now concentrated artillery areas near San Pietro, and on 22 December Batteries "A" and "B" were brought up from the west to the vicinity of Venafro to defend exposed areas along the routes of approach and bivouacs in the valley behind Venafro. The new tactical plan was applied during the remainder of the time the division was in action in December.

Rain and some counter-battery fire characterized our operations for the remainder of this period in the lines, but there were no further casualties.

On 23 December information was received from the Adjutant General, War Department, Washington, D.C., that thirty-seven (37) men listed as missing in action since 14 February, 1943, when they were lost in the withdrawal from Sidi Bou Zid, Tunisia, were prisoners of war of Germany. (See Annexes).

On 27 December the 36th Infantry Division, having captured San Pietro, Mt. Sammucro, and the heights on either side of San Vittore, in addition to Mts. Maggiore and Lungo, was ordered to be relieved in the lines by the 34th Infantry Division. The 142nd Regimental Combat Team only was left in position, and the division moved on December 28, 29, and 30 to bivouac along the Volturno west of Alife. Battery "A" remained at the front to defend the 132nd F.A. Bn., but the remaining batteries were relieved by the batteries of the 105th AAA AW Bn (SP), attached to the 34th Infantry Division.



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One attack by enemy aircraft occurred on 27 December, when the 1st Platoon, Battery "C" (Lt. LEDBETTER) engaged a flight of twelve FW 190's and six Me 109's strafing and bombing south of San Pietro and destroyed one FW 190.

Battery "B", 1st Lt. HAROLD J. SHINE commanding, on December 28 convoyed with and protected the 131st F.A. Bn. to bivouac near Alife, placing the 2nd Platoon (Lt KETCHAM) in position the following day as part of a perimeter defense of the division bivouac area on the northwest border. On the 29th also, Battery "D", Capt. WALTER W. HOWIE commanding, protected the convoy of the 133rd F.A. Bn. to bivouac near Alife, and the following day sited the 1st Platoon in perimeter defense of the southwest border of the division area. Headquarters and Headquarters Battery moved on December 30 to the new area and set up. Battery "C", Capt. ANDREW J. BENNETT commanding, protected the convoy of the 155th F.A. Bn. to the new area and on December 31 placed the 2nd Platoon, 1st Lt. ROBERT A. KENDALL commanding, and 4th Platoon, 1st Lt. SAMUEL D. MOODY commanding, in perimeter defense of the division bivouac.

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CONCLUSIONS - OPERATIONS IN ITALY
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1. AA Defense. In the initial phase of the 36th Infantry Division's operation in November, the batteries of this battalion were spread out over a wide front with Battery "A" in the British sector protecting the 132nd F.A.; Batteries "B" & "C" along Highway 6 protecting 155th & 131st F.A. Bn. respectively, and Battery "D" in the Venafro area of the VI Corps protecting 133rd F.A.. During the last phase, all of the the 36th Division's F.A. units were concentrated in the narrow S. Pietro area, requiring the AA coverage of only two batteries. Because of the preponderance of AA protecting the Venafro area, the remaining two batteries were used to fill in exposed areas, keeping one platoon in reserve. In order to be sure of maintaining adequate AA protection for the Venafro area, battalion liaison had to be maintained with II Corps and VI Corps AA units in the vicinity. In contrast with the Tunisian and Sicilian operations of fast-moving situations and minimum of AA support, this Italian operation, impeded by weather, terrain and intensive enemy delaying action, with a concentration of Corps AA in area defense, has made officers of this battalion more conscious of the necessity for maintaining close coordination and liaison with adjacent AA units.

2. Local Air Warning. For SP units AAAIS is not of much value for front-line AA defense because of the hedge-hopping tactics made possible to the enemy by hill and mountain masses. The most satisfactory set-up is the local air warning OP of each battery, which alerts the gun sections in the shortest possible time. By use of the SCR-610 on gun-tracks, a few seconds warning is obtained to alert gun crews. One OP is established by each battery on the highest available observation point, particularly where approach of enemy a/c can be seen from behind hill or mountain mass.

3. Polarized Sun-glasses. There is a definite need for the Navy's variable polarized sun -glasses to observe enemy a/c coming out of the sun. Enemy a/c at every opportunity try to glide out of the sun with motor off and attack front line installations. These are the only glasses that have been found to be effective because of ease and rapidity with which the polarized lenses can be adjusted. Recommendation has been made to have these glasses included in TBA of self-propelled AW (AA) Battalion on a basis of (3) for each gun-track, (1) for each Platoon Command Track, (1) for each Battery CP and (3) for Battalion Headquarters.



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4. Axes & Hand-saws. Because of mountainous terrain with terraced olive groves or large expanse of olive orchard, it has been found necessary to locate gun-tracks in these orchards in order to give adequate AA protection to Division units. In order to obtain a full field of fire, olive trees have to be cut down or trimmed in the immediate vicinity of gun-tracks. Since Division combat units usually move at night and get into position in early hours of the morning, it is very essential that sufficient axes and hand saws be available to obtain a full field of fire in the shortest possible time before enemy planes attack. Recommendation has been made to have these items included in TBA of self-propelled AW (AA) Battalion on a basis of (2) axes and (2) hand cross-cut saws per gun-track M-15 and (1) axe and (1) hand cross-cut saw per machine gun-track M-13.

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			1 DECEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq	----	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	FO #38, Hq 36th Inf. Div. dated 30 Nov. '43 - "36th Div. mission to capture Mt. Defensa (960), Mt. Remetanea (907) & Mt. Maggiore (510-630). No Change.
A-CP	----	132 FA	1½ mi. NE Roccamona-fina (G-993007)	No Change.
A-Hq	----	Bn Hq	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	No Change.
A-1	----	B-132 FA	1 mi. E. Conca Della Campania (G-991043)	(1) T-28E1 gun-track & (1) $\frac{1}{4}$ -ton C/R damaged & Pfc C. F. Drake, LWA-Hosp by artillery shrapnel.
A-2	1800	132 FA	1½ mi. NE Roccamona-fina (G-993067)	Protected convoy & new position 1½ mi SE Mignano (G-991090). Arrived 1830 hours.
B-CP	----	155 FA	4½ mi. SE Mignano (H-026069)	No change.
B-Hq	----	Bn. Hq.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-678069)	No change.
B-1	----	C-155 FA	3½ mi. SE Mignano (H-025067)	No change.
B-2	----	A-155 FA	1 mi E. Mignano (G-999109)	No change.
C-CP	----	131 FA	3½ mi. SE Mignano (H-017074)	No change.
C-Hq	----	Bn. Hq.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	No change.
C-1	----	A-131 FA	3½ mi SE Mignano (H-024068)	No change.
C-2	----	C-131 FA	2½ mi. SE Mignano (H-006076)	No change.
C-3	----	Art'y Air OP	3 mi. S. Presenzano (H-051065)	No change.
C-4	----	131 FA	2½ mi SE Mignano (H-017074)	No change.



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<u>1 DECEMBER 1943 (cont'd)</u>				
D-CP	-----	133 FA	4 mi. SE Venafro (H-059137)	No change.
D-Hq	-----	Bn. Hq.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	No change.
D-1	-----	133 FA	4 mi. S. Venafro (H-060138)	No change.
D-2	-----	C-133 FA	3 mi. S. Venafro (H-032153)	No change.
<u>2 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
B-1	2310	C-155 FA	3½ mi. SE Mignano (H-025067)	(1) M-3 Command Track hit - shell shrapnel.
C-2	-----	C-131 FA	2½ mi. SE Mignano (H-006076)	Cpl. F.J. Shutter, LWA-Hosp by shell shrapnel.
<u>3 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
A-2	0600	132 FA	1½ mi. SE Mignano (G-991090)	T/5 gr. SW. Brown, LWA-Dy by artillery shrapnel.
<u>5 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
Bn Hq	1400	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	S-2/2626 (AA) Bde - "12 a/c will drop (24) containers ration at 1600 hrs. on points G-950110 & G-974092. Yellow smoke will mark targets at 1556 A." Notified batteries. Engaged (4) FW-190 & (8) ME-109 1500 ft. strafing - (1) FW-190 destroyed.
B-2	1230	A-155 FA	1 mi. E. Mignano (G-999109)	2nd Lt. JAY W. TROZELL promoted to 1st Lt., 30 Nov. '43, per Ltr. Hq, NATUSA, dated 30 November, 1943.
D-2	-----	C-133 FA	3 mi. S. Venafro (H-032153)	
<u>6 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
Bn Hq	1420	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	C-CP radioed - "Expect probable move tonight". FO #39, Hq., 36th Div., dated 6 Dec. - "Division attacks & captures Mt. LUNGO & SAMUCRO at 0806 20 Dec."

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			6 DECEMBER 1943 (cont'd)	
A-Hq	----	Bn. Hq.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	1st Lt. THEODORE A. PRINCKE (records fwd) trfd to 3d Gen. Hosp., per par. 2, SO #64, Hq. 3d Gen. Hosp., dated 26 Nov '43
			7 DECEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq	1900	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	G-4, 36th Div. - "Effective 080800 Dec., traffic on Tora Rd will be one way, W. from Highway 6, and on Conca Rd, one way E. to Highway 6". Notified batteries.
B-2	1500	A-155 FA	1 mi. E. Mignano (G-999109)	Engaged (8) ME-109, 500 ft., strafing - (1) prob. destroyed.
C-CP	1900	CP-131 FA	2½ mi. W. Presenzano (H-017674)	Moved in convoy to Venafro (H-041201). Arrived 2030.
C-1	1830	AB-131 FA	5 mi. SE Mignano (H-024668)	Protected convoy & new position 1 mi SW Venafro (H-021192). Arrived 2000.
C-2	1915	C-131 FA	3 mi SE Mignano (H-016074)	Protected convoy & new position 1 mi. W Venafro (H-024185). Arrived 2045.
C-4	1900	FD-131 FA	2½ mi. W. Presenzano (H-017074)	Protected convoy & new position in Venafro (H-041201). Arrived 1830.
			10 DECEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq	1600	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	2626 (AA) Bde - "Until further orders, units having (3) or more vehicles using Conca-Mignano Rd during any consecutive 24 hr. period, will move vehicles in convoy & obtain clearance fr. this Hq. (or 36th Div) prior to using road." Notified Btry. A.
B-1	1000	C-155 FA	3½ mi. SE Mignano (H-025067)	Protected convoy & new position 1000 yds E. Mignano (H-988114) Arrived 1030.

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			<u>11 DECEMBER 1943</u>	
A-1	0928	CP-132 FA	1 mi. E. Conca Della Campania (G-991043)	Engaged (1) ME-109, 2400 ft., Dive-bombing - (1) probably destroyed.
C-1	0930	131 FA	1 mi SW Venafro (H-021192)	Engaged (2) ME-109 & (10) FW-190 1000 ft. Strafing & bombing - (3) FW-190 probably destroyed. Anti-personnel bombs - Pfc J. G. Johnson, KIA; Cpl. Ver Hulst Lin-Dy; T/5 E. Sherman & Pfc. R. W. Linscott, SVA-Hosp; Pvt. J. J. Guggemos & C. H. Zimmer, L.A-Hosp.
C-2	1500	C-131 FA	1 mi. W. Venafro (H-024185)	Engaged (8) ME-109 & (4) FW-190, 1000 ft., dive-bombing - (1) ME-109 probably destroyed.
			<u>12 DECEMBER 1943</u>	
Bn Hq	2035	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	2626 (AA) Bde - "P-47s now flying combat missions over this sector". Notified batteries.
Bn Hq	----	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	2626 (AA) Bde - "Report number of planes destroyed & probables in Sicilian campaign to AAO, II Corps - copy to this Hq." complied with.
A-CP	1000	132 FA	1½ mi NE Roccamona-fina (G-993007)	Moved to new position 1 mi. E. Conca Della Campania (G-991043) Arrived 1030.
B-Hq	----	Bn Hq	2 mi SE Presenzano (H-073069)	Pvt. Elvis Hightower fr. MIA 14 Feb. '43, to KIA 14 Feb. '43 per Ltr. WD, AGO, dated 26 Oct. 43.
			<u>13 DECEMBER 1943</u>	
Bn Hq	1530	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	(27) EM arr. as replacements fr. 7th Replacement Pool, Naples, Italy. Breakdown: Bn Hq - 4, C - 7, & D - 16.

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<u>13 DECEMBER 1943 (cont'd)</u>				
----	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	FO 440, Hq. 36th Inf. Div., dated 13 Dec. - "Division w/504 Paratroop Bn & 1st Italian Motorized Bde, at- tack on 15 & 16 Dec. to cap- ture Mt. LUNGO, San Pietro, San Vittore & high ground N. & E. San Vittore.	
<u>14 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
A-2	0930	132 FA	1½ mi. SE Mignano (G-991090)	Engaged (11) ME-109 & (4) FW- 190, 4000 ft., bombing & strafing - (1) probably destroyed
B-2	----	A-155 FA	1 mi. E. Mignano (G-999109)	(2) 1-T. trailers hit by artil- lery fragments. Pfc. <u>H.J.</u> <u>Ocasio</u> & Pvt. <u>R.J. Andrews</u> , LMA-Dy.
<u>15 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
Bn Hq	----	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	1st Lt. JOHN R. FISHER promo- ted to Capt. 25 Nov. '43, per Ltr. NATOUS, dated 25 Nov. '43.
A-2	1525	132 FA	1½ mi. SE Mignano (G-991090)	Engaged (1) ME-109, 1500 ft., bombing - (1) destroyed.
B-2	0844	A-155 FA	1 mi. E. Mignano (G-999109)	Engaged (6) ME-109 & (14) FW- 190, 1000 ft., passing - (1) FW-190 destroyed.
C-1	0910	131 FA	1 mi. SW Venafro (H-021192)	Engaged (8) FW-190, 8000 ft., bombing - (1) destroyed.
<u>16 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
Bn Hq	1850	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	G-2, 36th Div - "Beginning 2100, every 45 min. until 2400. friendly flares over Cassino with Beaufighters Strafing." Batteries noti- fied.
<u>18 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
D-CP	1700	133 FA	4 mi. SE Venafro (H-059137)	Moved in Convoy.

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<u>18 DECEMBER 1943 (cont'd)</u>				
D-1	1700	133 FA	4 mi. S. Venafro (H-059137)	Protected convoy.
D-2	1700	133 FA	3 mi. S. Venafro (H-032153)	Protected convoy.
<u>19 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
A-2	1230	132 FA	1½ mi. SE Mignano (G-991090)	Engaged (14) FW-190, 1000 ft., bombing & strafing - (1) destroyed & (1) probably destroyed.
	1530	132 FA	1½ mi. SE Mignano (G-991090)	Engaged (9) FW-190, 1000 ft., dive-bombing - (1) destroyed & (1) probably destroyed.
B-1	1540	C-155 FA	1000 yds. E. Mignano (H-988114)	Engaged (11) FW-190, 3500 ft., passing - (1) probably destroyed.
C-1	1700	131 FA	1 mi. SW Venafro (H-021192)	Protected convoy & new position 1 mi. E. San Pietro, (G-991161).
D-CP	0400	133 FA	Convoy	Arrived in new position 1½ mi. W. San Pietro (G-995158).
D-1	0400	133 FA	Convoy	Protected convoy & new position 1 mi. E. San Pietro, (G-984156).
	0945	133 FA	1 mi. E. S. Pietro	Engaged (14) FW-190, 800 ft., dive-bombing - (1) destroyed (1) EM LWA-Hosp.
D-2	0400	133 FA	Convoy	Protected convoy & new position 1½ mi. E. San Pietro, (G-996159).
	0945	133 FA	1½ mi. E. S. Pietro (G-996159)	Engaged (14) FW-190, 800 ft., dive-bombing - dropped personnel bombs. Casualties: (1) KIA, (6) SWA-Hosp, (8) LWA-Hosp. & (1) LWA-Dy.
	1240	133 FA	1½ mi. E. S. Pietro (G-996159)	Engaged (10) FW-190, 1000 ft., dive-bombing - (1) destroyed
<u>20 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
Bn Hq	----	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	2626(AA) Bde disbanded 102359 A Dec. '43 & activated as 71st (AA) Bde at

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<u>20 DECEMBER 1943 (cont'd)</u>				
C-CP	0830	131 FA	Venafro (H-041201)	Vairano Patenora, Italy, effective 110001 A Dec. '43, per Sect II, GO #108, Hq., 5th Army, dated 18 Dec. '43 & per 71st (AA) Bde GO #1, dated 20 Dec. '43.
C-1	1700	A-131 FA	1 mi. SW Venafro (H-041192)	Moved in convoy $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. W. Venafro (H-024186). Protected convoy & new position 1 mi. S. San Pietro, (G-991161). Arrived 1900.
C-2	0015	C-131 FA	1 mi. W. Venafro (H-024185)	Protected convoy & new position $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E. San Pietro (G-981156). Arrived 0145.
C-4	0830	CP-131 FA	Venafro (H-041201)	Detached fr. CP-131 FA & attached SV-131 FA, $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi W. Venafro (H-024186). Arr 0900.
<u>21 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
Bn Hq	1000	36th Div. Art'y.	2 mi. SE Presenzano (H-078069)	Moved by infiltration (3 min. interval) to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW Venafro (H-025184). Travelled 12 mi. Arr. 1115. Due to terrain & AA concentration, batteries were relieved of attachment to FA Bn & assumed area defense of Division & Artillery.
A-Hq				Capt. E.N. DU PUY, & (8) EM were trfd to Pers. Center $\frac{1}{2}$, ABS, per par. 1, SO #2, 71st (AA) Bde, dated 21 Dec '43 (Rotation).
B-Hq				Moved by infiltration to Coppagna (H-010176). Established OP(AA) at (H-008160).
C-Hq				Detached fr. 131 FA & assume area defense of Div. Art'y.
D-Hq				Detached fr. 131 FA & assume area defense of Div. Art'y.
				Relieved fr. Art'y Air OP & moved 2 mi E. San Pietro (G-999162) giving area defense to Div. Art'y. Arr 1430
C-CP	1530	131 FA	Venafro (H-041201)	
C-1	----	131 FA	1 mi. S. San Pietro (G-991161)	
C-2	----	131 FA	$1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. E. San Pietro (G-981156)	
C-3	1200	Art'y. Air OP	3 mi. SE Presenzano (H-081060)	

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<u>21 DECEMBER 1943 (cont'd)</u>				
C-4	1530	SU-131 FA	Venafro (H-024186)	Detached fr. 131 FA & moved to vic. Ceppagna (H-010176). Arrived 1630.
<u>22 DECEMBER 1943</u>				
A-CP	0900	132 FA	1 mi. E. Conca Della Campania (G-991043)	Detached fr. 132 FA & moved to Bn Hq $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW. Venafro (H-025184). Arrived 1100.
A-1	0830	SU-132 FA	1 mi. E. Conca Della Campania (G-991043)	Detached fr. 132 FA & moved to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. W. Venafro (H-032196) protecting Army & Div. dump & 111th Eng. in the right flank. Arrived 1015.
A-2	1400	132 FA	$1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SE Mignano (G-991090)	Detached fr. 132 FA & moved to $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW. Venafro (H-033180) protecting Arty Air OP. Arrived 1630 A.
B-CP	1230	C-155 FA	1000 yd E. Mignano (H-026069)	Detached fr. 155 FA & move to 2 mi S. Venafro (H-030170). Arrived 1800.
B-1	1230	C-155 FA	1000 yd E. Mignano (G-988114)	Detached fr. 155 FA & move to 2 mi S. Venafro (H-030170), held in reserve due concentration of AA.
B-2	1230	A-155 FA	1 mi. E. Mignano (G-999109)	Detached fr. 155 FA & move to position 2 mi. S. Venafro (H-030170) - protection of exposed N. flank 142 Inf. bivouac.

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Bn Hq 1300 36th Div. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SW Venafro
Art'y. (H-025184)

G-4, 36th Div. - "Traffic restrictions in effect on Venafro - S. Pietro Rd. Essential vehicles only." Batteries notified.

(37) EM fr. MIA, 14 Feb. '43, to PW (Axis) per Ltr. file # AG 383.6 (AM P/W) - c, Hq. NATOUS, 17 Dec. '43. Breakdown: (17) EM fr. B-Btry & (20) EM fr. D-Btry.

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<u>Unit</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Attached</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Remarks</u>
			<u>27 DECEMBER 1943</u>	
Bn Hq	----	36th Div. Art'y.	1½ mi. SW Venafro (H-025184)	FO #41, Hq. 36th Div., dated 27 Dec. '43 - "36th Inf. Div. relieved by 34th Inf. Div. beginning 28 Dec. '43. Upon relief Div. moves to bivouac area vic Alife. 443d Btrries move to Alife with FA Bn. Btry. A remains in position in support 132 FA supporting 142 Inf." 71st(AA) Bde - "Eff. 270001A light line (veh. lights) moved to line following & forward of Tora Rd & Highway 624 fr. Corps W. boundary at H-008030 to RJ (H-033064) thence to Corps E. boundary at H-083078."
C-1	1010	443d Bn	1 mi. S. San Pietro (G-991161)	Engaged (12) FW-190 & (6) ME-109, 800 ft., bombing & strafing - (1) FW-190 destroyed.
			<u>28 DECEMBER 1943</u>	
Bn Hq	1300	36th Div. Art'y.	1½ mi. SW. Venafro (H-025184)	G-3, 36th Div. - "Add to par. 3x, FO #41 - low beam lights to be turned off prior to crossing the Volturno River." Protected convoy 131 FA to 3½ mi. W. Alife (H-216042) Arr. 1600. Traveled 40 miles.
B-Btry	1130	443d Bn	2 mi. S. Venafro (H-030170)	Relieved by B-105th AA Bn, but remained for the night.
C-1	2100	443d Bn	1 mi. S. San Pietro (G-991161)	Relieved by B-105th AA Bn, but remained for the night.
C-2	2000	443d Bn	1½ mi. E. San Pietro (G-981156)	Relieved by B-105th AA Bn, but remained for the night.
D-1	2000	443d Bn	1 mi. E. San Pietro	Relieved by B-105th AA Bn, but remained for the night.
			<u>29 DECEMBER 1943</u>	
B-2	----	443d Bn	3½ mi. W. Alife (H-216042)	Perimeter defense 36th Div. NW border bivouac area vic. Alife.
C-1	1200	443d Bn	1 mi. S. San Pietro (G-984156)	Relieved D-443d Bn until D-105th AA Bn arrived 2100.

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D-Btry	1200	443d Bn	29 DECEMBER 1943 (cont'd) 1½ mi. W. San Pietro (G-995158)	Protected convoy 133 FA to vic. Alife (H-247037).
Bn Hq	1140	36th Div.	30 DECEMBER 1943 1½ mi. SW Venafro (H-025184)	Moved in convoy to vic. Alife (H-252038). Arrived 1500. Traveled 39 miles. C & D Hq moved to their respective bivouac areas.
C-Hq		Art'y.		Protected convoy 155 FA to vic. Alife (H-263042). Arr. 1630.
D-Hq				Perimeter defense 36th Div. SW border bivouac area vic. Alife.
C-Btry	1230	443d Bn	1½ mi. SW Venafro (H-025184)	
C-Hq				
D-1	----	443d Bn	Vic. Alife (H-247037)	
A-Btry	2000	443d Bn	31 DECEMBER 1943 1½ mi. SW Venafro (H-026182)	Reattached to 132 FA on being relieved by C-105th AA Bn. A-1 held in reserve due to concentration of AA in this area. A-2 moved to protect northern flank of RCT-142, 2 miles S. Venafro (H-030120). Perimeter defense 36th Inf Div. SE border bivouac area vic. Alife.
C-2	----	443d Bn	Vic. Alife (H-263042)	
C-4				

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Unit	Time	Atchd.	Location	Number and type of A/C	S/R in feet	Mission of Enemy A/C	Ammunition Expended	Fire Control	Results and Remarks
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A-2	1230	131 FA Bn	G-991090	(3) ME-109	900	Strafing	37mm. 50cal.	FAS	None Observed
B-2	1230	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(4) FW-190 (8) ME-109	1500	Strafing	17 775 39 1820	FAS	Enemy flight broken up and scattered. (1) FW-190 destroyed. (Official Credit)
D-1 D-2	7 0800	133 FA Bn	H-060138 H-032153	(2) ME-109	3000	Reconn.	153 800	FAS	Negative.
B-2	1800	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(8) ME-109	800	Reconn. Strafing	28 1430	FAS	(1) ME-109 prob. dest. (Official Credit)
D-2	1800	133 FA Bn	H-032153	(2) ME-109	3000	Reconn.	9 175	FAS	Negative.
A-2	1802	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(6) ME-109	1200	Strafing	54 1350	FAS	Negative.
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A-1	0925	132 FA Bn	G-991043	(7) FW-190	3000	Bombing	0 550	FAS	Negative.
B-2	0925	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(4) ME-109	1000	Observation	37 800	FAS	Negative.
B-1	0927	155 FA Bn	G-988114	(3) FW-190 (4) ME-109	1200	Bombing	15 750	FAS	Negative.
A-1	0928	132 FA Bn	G-991043	(1) ME-109	2400	Dive-Bombing.	0 500	FAS	(1) ME-109 prob. dest. (Official Credit)
A-2	0930	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(10) FW-190 (2) ME-109	3000	Bombing	5 250	FAS	None Observed
C-1	0930	131 FA Bn	H-021192	(10) FW-190 (2) ME-109	1000	Strafing, Bombing	200 9500	FAS	(3) FW-190 prob. dest. (Official Credit) (1) EM killed, (5) injured by Anti-Pers. Bombs.

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						(37mm. .50cal)			
C-2	0930	131 FA Bn	H-024185	(10) FW-190 (2) ME-109	2200	Strafing, Bombing	13 0	FAS	Negative.
C-4	0930	131 FA Bn	H-041201	(10) FW-190 (2) ME-109	2000	Strafing, Bombing	3 100	FAS	Negative.
D-1)	0933	133 FA Bn	H-060138	(10) FW-190	2200	Strafing, Bombing	61 1500	FAS	Negative.
D-2)			H-032153	(2) ME-109					
D-1)	1200	133 FA Bn	H-060138	(12) FW-190	2000	Strafing, Bombing	81 1400	FAS	Negative.
D-2)			H-032153						
J-1	1205	131 FA Bn	H-021192	(4) FW-190	1800	Dive-Bombing.	21 400	FAS	Negative.
C-2	1205	131 FA Bn	H-024185	(8) FW-190	1000	Strafing	19 750	FAS	Negative.
C-4	1205	131 FA Bn	H-041201	(4) FW-190	1400	Bombing	34 750	FAS	Negative.
A-2	1450	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(20) FW-190	3000	Dive-Bombing.	0 50	FAS	At extreme range.
B-1)			H-998114						
B-2)	1453	155 FA Bn	H-999109	(20) FW-190	2800	Passing	131 2627	FAS	Negative.
C-1	1500	131 FA Bn	H-021192	(4) FW-190 (8) ME-109	1200	Dive-Bombing.	6 400	FAS	Negative.
C-2	1500	131 FA Bn	H-024185	(4) FW-190 (8) ME-109	1000	Dive-Bombing.	60 1000	FAS	(1) ME-109 prob. dest. (Official Credit)
D-1)	1500	133 FA Bn	H-060138	(4) FW-190	3000	Dive-Bombing.	128 1566	FAS	Negative.
D-2)			H-032153	(8) ME-109					
A-2	14 0930	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(11) ME-109 (4) FW-190	4000	Strafing, Bombing	48 1700	FAS	(1) ME-109 prob. dest. (Official Credit)
B-1	0930	155 FA Bn	H-025067	(11) ME-109 (4) FW-190	700	Dive-Bombing.	105 1900	FAS	Negative.
B-2	0930	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(11) ME-109 (4) FW-190	3000	Dive-Bombing.	112 3000	FAS	(2) EM lightly wounded - To Duty.
C-1	0930	131 FA Bn	H-021192	(12) ME-109 (4) FW-190	4000	Bombing	21 625	FAS	Negative.
C-2	0930	131 FA Bn	H-024185	(12) ME-109 (4) FW-190	2200	Dive-Bombing.	51 1400	FAS	Negative.

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C-4	0930	131 FA Bn	H-041201	(12)ME-109 (4) FW-190	2200	Bombing	(37mm. 28 .50cal 2000	FAS	Negative.	
D-1	0930	133 FA Bn	H-060138	(11)ME-109 (4) FW-190	2200	Dive-Bombing.	224 29	6355 200	FAS FAS	Negative.
A-2	1230	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(6) FW-190	1200	Dive-Bombing.				Negative.
B-1	1230	155 FA Bn	G-988114	(9)ME-109 (6) FW-190	800	Passing	91 194	3100 2990	FAS	Negative.
B-2	1230	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(9) ME-109 (6) FW-190	800	Passing	30 102 50	1250 1500 1350	FAS FAS FAS	Negative. Negative. Negative.
A-2	1545	152 FA Bn	G-991090	(14)FW-190	1000	Passing				
B-1	1545	155 FA Bn	G-988114	(14)FW-190	800	Passing				
B-2	1545	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(14)FW-190	800	Passing				
B-2	0844	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(14)FW-190 (6) ME-109	1000	Passing	150	3850	FAS	(1) FW-190 dest. (Official Credit)
B-1	0845	155 FA Bn	H-025067	(14)FW-190 (6) ME-109	1000	Passing	173	3450	FAS	(1) FW-190 prob. dest.
A-1	0900	132 FA Bn	G-991043	(8) FW-190	1800	Dive-Bombing.	4	500	FAS	(2) FW-190 dest.
A-2	0900	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(12)FW-190	1000	Strafing	20	2500	FAS	(1) FW-190 prob. dest.
C-3	0900	131 FA Bn	H-081060	(10)FW-190	3000	Dive-Bombing.	31	350	FAS	Negative.
D-1	0900	133 FA Bn	H-060138	(8) FW-190 (3) ME-109	2000	Dive-Bombing.	202	2750	FAS	(1) ME-109 prob. dest. (Official Credit)
C-1	0910	131 FA Bn	H-021192	(8) FW-190	4000	Bombing	15	450	FAS	(1) FW-190 dest. (Official Credit)
C-2	0910	131 FA Bn	H-024185	(12)FW-190	2200	Passing	73	1100	FAS	Negative.
C-4	0910	131 FA Bn	H-041201	(1) FW-190	700	Bombing	5	200	FAS	Negative.
A-1	1155	132 FA Bn	G-991043	(3) FW-190	1800	Dive-Bombing.	0	400	FAS	Negative.
A-2	1155	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(5) ME-109	1800	Passing	10	50	FAS	Negative.

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B-1	1515	155 FA Bn	H-025067	(8) FW-190 (3) ME-109	1200	Passing	(37mm. 50cal) 99 2050	FAS	Negative.
B-2	1515	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(8) FW-190 (3) ME-109	1200	Passing	109 2850	FAS	Negative.
A-1	1520	132 FA Bn	G-991043	(9) FW-190	1800	Bombing	35 2000	FAS	Negative.
A-2	1525	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(1) ME-109	1800	Bombing	10 500	FAS	(1) ME-109 dest. (Official Credit)
A-2	0945	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(6) FW-190	1200	Dive-Bombing.	46 750	FAS	Negative.
B-1	0940	155 FA Bn	G-988114	(6) FW-190	2500	Passing	91 3100	FAS	Negative.
C-1	0940	131 FA Bn	H-021192	(20) FW-190	5000	Bombing	36 1000	FAS	Negative.
C-2	0940	131 FA Bn	H-024185	(20) FW-190	2000	Dive-Bombing.	50 1450	FAS	Negative.
C-4	0940	131 FA Bn	H-041203	(20) FW-190	3000	Bombing	46 420	FAS	Negative.
D-1	0945	133 FA Bn	G-934156	(14) FW-190	800	Dive-Bombing.	19 850	FAS	(1) FW-190 dest. (Official Credit)
D-2	0945	133 FA Bn	G-996159	(14) FW-190	1500	Dive-Bombing.	28 1000	FAS	(1) EM killed (13) EM wounded.
B-1	1227	155 FA Bn	G-983114	(12) FW-190	2000	Passing	44 1400	FAS	Negative.
B-2	1230	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(10) FW-190	2000	Passing	138 2400	FAS	Negative.
A-2	1230	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(14) FW-190	1000	Strafing, Bombing	34 2450	FAS	(1) FW-190 dest. (1) FW-190 prob. dest. (Official Credit)
D-1	1240	133 FA Bn	G-984156	(10) FW-190	1000	Strafing, Bombing	59 950	FAS	Negative.
D-2	1240	133 FA Bn	G-996159	(10) FW-190	1000	Dive-Bombing.	72 2600	FAS	(1) FW-190 dest. (Official Credit)
A-1	1530	132 FA Bn	G-991043	(12) FW-190	3000	Dive-Bombing.	0 50	FAS	Negative. Extreme S/R.

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Unit	Time	Atchd.	Location	Number and type of A/C	S/R in feet	Mission of Enemy A/C	Ammunition Expended		Fire Contr.	Results and Remarks
							37mm.	Total		
A-2	1530	132 FA Bn	G-991090	(9) FW-190	1000	Dive-Bombing.	48	2145	FAS	(1) FW-190 dest. (1) FW-190 Prob. dest. Both (Official Credit)
B-1	1540	155 FA Bn	G-988114	(11) FW-190	3500	Passing	60	2400	FAS	(1) FW-190 Prob. dest. (Official Credit) Negative.
B-2	1540	155 FA Bn	G-999109	(8) FW-190	2000	Passing	38	2200	FAS	
C-1	1010	131 FA Bn	G-991161	(12) FW-190 (6) ME-109	800	Strafing, Bombing	23	1,25	FAS	(1) FW-190 dest. (Official Credit)
C-2	1010	131 FA Bn	G-984156	(12) FW-190	1000	Strafing, Bombing	67	1100	FAS	Negative.
D-1	1010	133 FA Bn	G-995159	(12) FW-190	1500	Strafing, Bombing	106	2050	FAS	Negative.
D-2	1010	133 FA Bn	G-997158	(12) FW-190	1500	Strafing, Bombing	48	1925	FAS	Negative.

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REPLACEMENTS RECEIVED
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T/5th Hofer, Harold A., 37264347	Pvt. Hess, Eugene H., 37472482
T/5th Laczko, Charles, 32146632	Pvt. Hess, Harold E., 32912366
Pvt. Adams, S. Y. (10), 34447769	Pvt. Johnson, John W., 31261940
Pvt. Anderson, Charles R., 35498844	Pvt. King, George R., 35631004
Pvt. Anderson, Jr., Guy L., 34762490	Pvt. Lee, Charles B., 34665004
Pvt. Arrington, Ernest K., 34723425	Pvt. Long, Hartford, 20542954
Pvt. Britt, Millard C., 34670711	Pvt. Martucci, Henry H., 31171840
Pvt. Cannaday, Eugene M., 33849209	Pvt. Metzger, Leland O., 36462985
Pvt. Cooperman, Harry S., 32825773	Pvt. Miccicho, Frank J., 32499465
Pvt. Dal Ponte, Jack J., 37662730	Pvt. Richardson, Wilbur H., 31333447
Pvt. Daniels, Edward S., 35657494	Pvt. Roberts, Paul V., 31017517
Pvt. Fairfield, Charles J., 35095916	Pvt. Sellers, Alford B., 34526769
Pvt. Fraley, Virgil, 35729742	Pvt. Wallace, Herbert B., 35791949
Pvt. Gilley, Ernest R., 33045679	

All the above-named men were assigned per paragraph 1, Special Orders No. 123, Headquarters 45th AAA Brigade, dated 13 December, 1943.

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CASUALTY REPORT - ITALIAN OPERATION
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Battery "A"					
Drake, Charles F.	Pfc	58563125	1 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	New Castle, Pa.
Brown, Shirley W.	T/5	58077467	3 Dec.	LWA-Dy	Auburn, N.Y.
Battery "B"					
Andrews, Robert J.	Pfc	31285678	14 Dec.	LWA-Dy	N. Adams, Mass.
Ocasio, Hector J.	Pfc	32203267	14 Dec.	LWA-Dy	New York, N.Y.
Battery "C"					
Shutter, Frederick J.	Cpl	32283919	2 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Auburn, N.Y.
Guggemos, Joseph A.	Pvt	242470	11 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Auburn, N.Y.
Johnson, James G.	Pfc	32568208	11 Dec.	KIA	Annadale, NY, NY
Linscott, Richard W.	Pfc	31098959	11 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	Washington, Mo.
Sherman, Edward	T/5	32253918	11 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	Cortland, N.Y.
Ver Hulst, John J.	Cpl	32250866	11 Dec.	LWA-Dy	Rochester, N.Y.
Zimmer, Charles H.	Pvt	12056501	11 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Syracuse, N.Y.
Battery "D"					
Bisson, Leo L.	Pvt	32253815	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Newton Falls, NY
Blatt, Benjamin	Pvt	32220834	19 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	New York, N.Y.
Couture, Walter	Pvt	31098479	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Springfield, Mass.
Davis, Elmo	Pvt	34187469	19 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	Mascot, Tenn.
Dietrich, Albert K.	Pvt	32274940	19 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	Paterson, N.J.
DiLorenzo, Jack J.	Sgt	32220899	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Fioravanti, Frank E.	Pvt	33362407	19 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	Conway, Penna.
Flood, James T.	Pvt	32259823	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Gemellaro, John A.	Pvt	33131219	19 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	Baltimore, Md.
Hughes, Leon A.	T/5	34149497	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Flat Top, Tenn.
Jones, Willard H.	Pvt	35426154	19 Dec.	KIA	Morehead, Ky.
O'Brien, Joseph E.	Pvt	33130675	19 Dec.	SWA-Hosp	Phila., Penna.
Ridosh, John	Pvt	12051030	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Wallington, N.J.
Sullivan, James J.	Pfc	32220790	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Brooklyn, N.Y.
Tryon, Clarence A.	T/5	35172034	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	Cayuga, Ind.
Young, James G.	T/5	33082453	19 Dec.	LWA-Hosp	St. Marys, Pa.
Zeck, Sandy J.	Pvt	32256229	19 Dec.	LWA-Dy	Waterloo, N.Y.

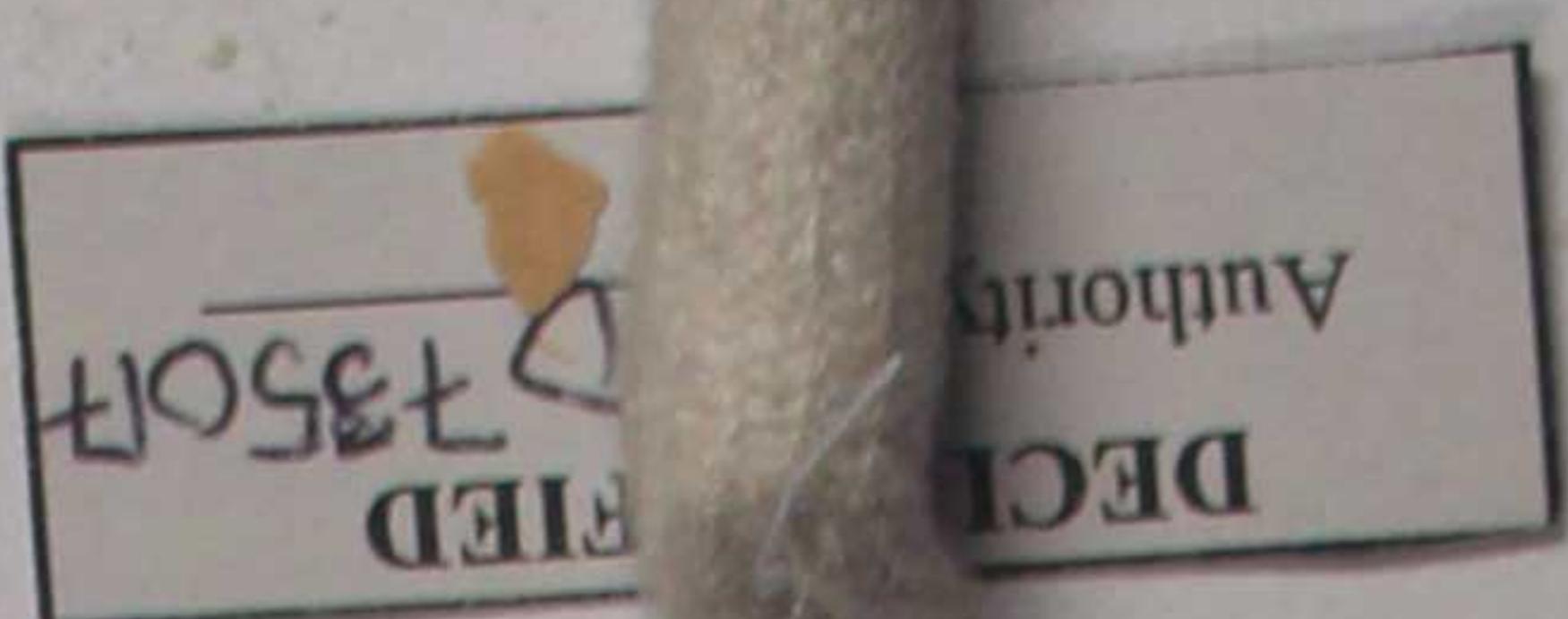
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1st Platoon

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Asst: 1st Lt. CHARLES E. SCHOEN

2nd Platoon

CO: 1st Lt. FRANCIS X. CALLAHAN

Asst: 1st Lt. KENNETH D. SWAN

Battery "B"

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Exec: 1st Lt. AUSTIN G. TAYLOR

1st Platoon

CO: 1st Lt. LAWRENCE J. LEONARD

Asst: 1st Lt. FRANKLIN H. VICTOR

2nd Platoon

CO: 1st Lt. GILBERT N. KETCHAM

Asst: 1st Lt. JOHN C. HORAN

Battery "C"

CO: Capt. ANDREW J. BENNETT, Jr.

Exec: 1st Lt. SAMUEL D. MOODY

1st Platoon

CO: 1st Lt. BEN A. LEDBETTER

3rd Platoon

CO: 1st Lt. ROBERT B. MARLOTTE

2nd Platoon

CO: 1st Lt. ROBERT A. KENDALL

4th Platoon

CO: 1st Lt. IRVING C. MYERS

Battery "D"

CO: Capt. WALTER W. HOWIE

Exec: 1st Lt. JACK L. ROBERTS

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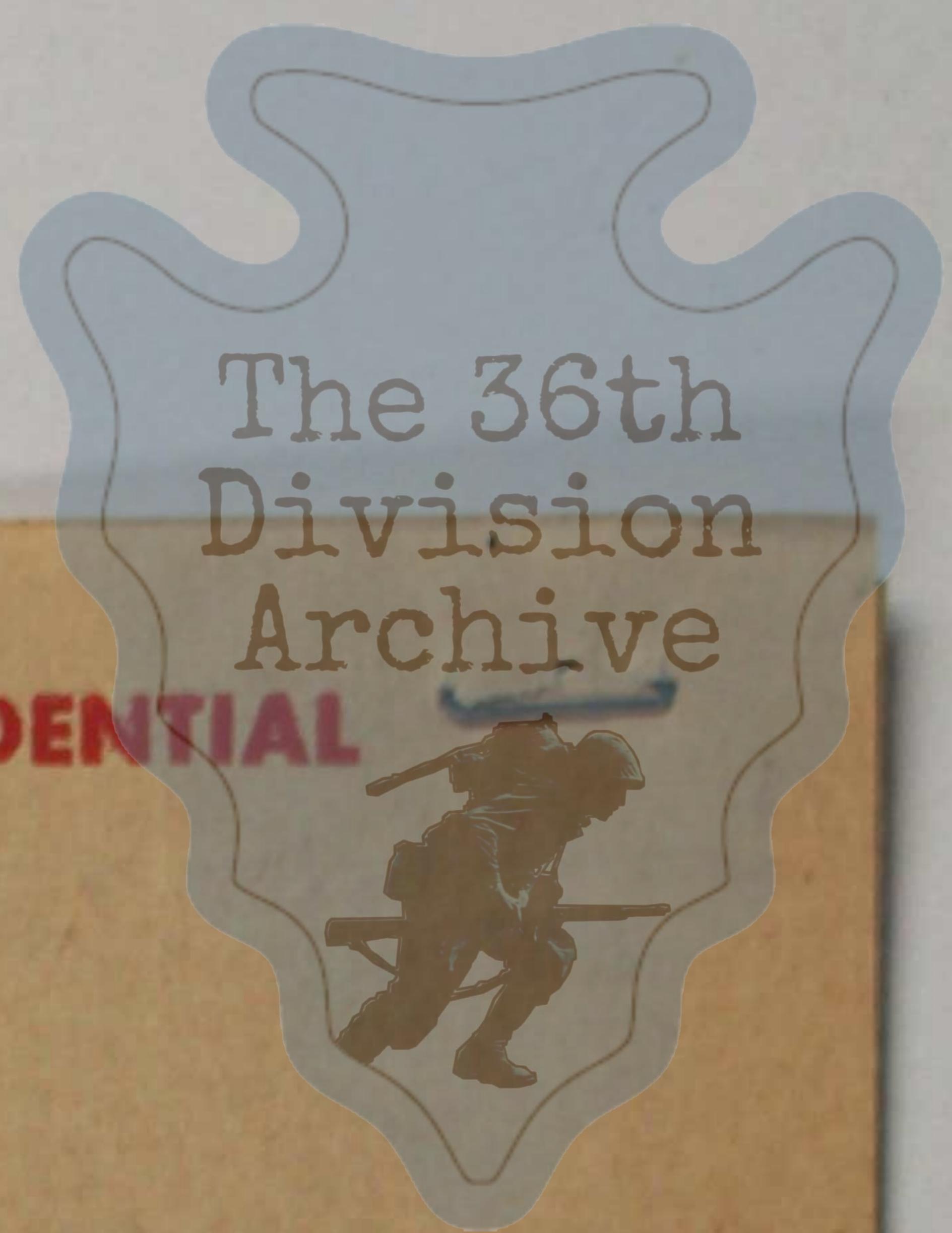
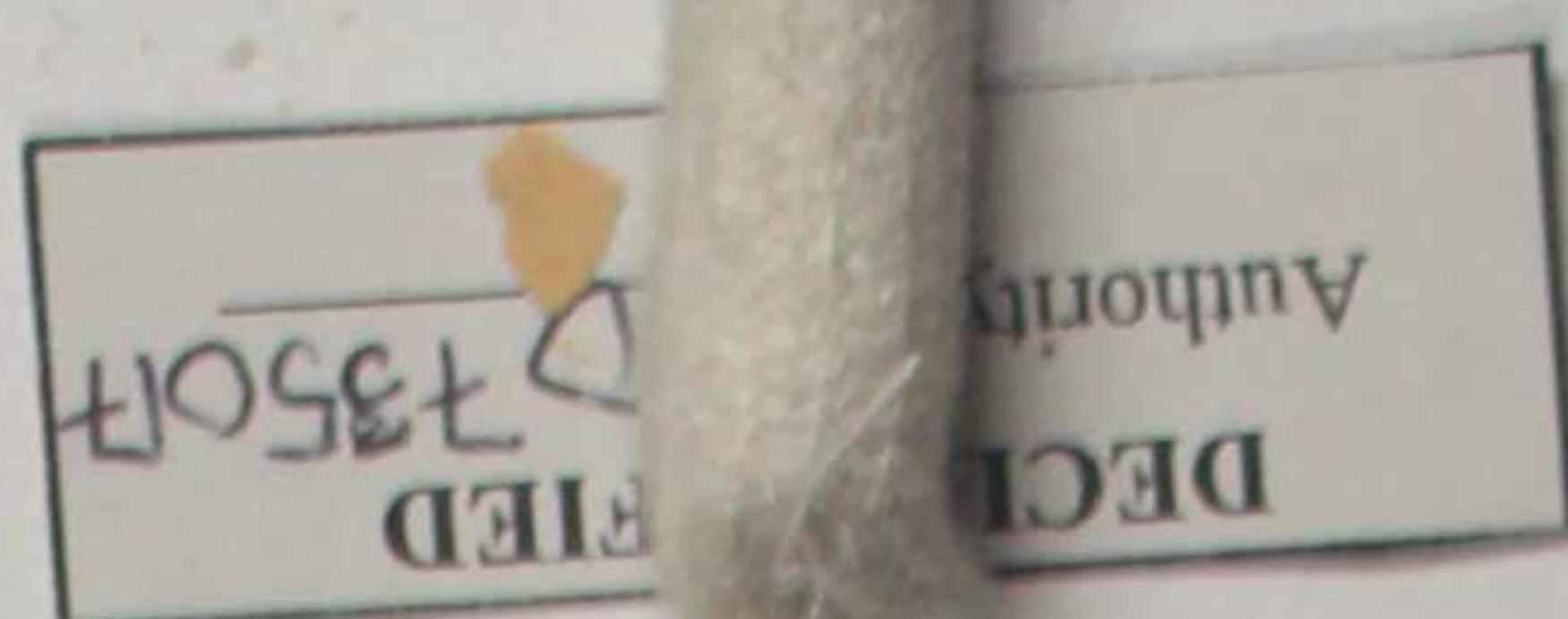
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17 December 1943

SUBJECT: Prisoners of War.

TO : Commanding Officer, 443 AAA AW Bn., THRU: CG, 3d
US Infantry Division, APO 3, US Army.

The following personnel were reported missing in action on organization Battle Casualty Reports, NATOUS Form 6. Information has been received from The Adjutant General, Washington, D.C., that these individuals are prisoners of war of the AXIS. Inform organization concerned; amend records accordingly. The submission of corrected Battle Casualty Reports is not required.

See attached listing.

By command of General EISENHOWER:

1 Incl-
POW list (in dupl)

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1st Lieut., A.G.D.,
Asst. Adjutant General.

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31102677	BELLERIVE EDWARD A	PVT-B
33147797	BLASCHAK ANTHONY J	PFC-P
35268870	BROWN ARNOLD	PFC-P
32250363	CARPENTER EDWARD J	TEC5-P
34174842	CHAPPELL JAMES C	SGT-B
37028604	CHRISTIANSON CLARENCE	PFC-B
12076933	CHOWANIEC EDWARD	PVT-B
13053069	CONOVER JAMES H	PVT-B
32211115	COTTONE GEORGE	PVT-P
31096185	ESTEVEZ FERMINO	PFC-P
34283397	FERRELL JOHN E JR	PVT-B
33362436	FRAZZINI ORLANDO R	PVT-B
36321604	GALUSHA CLARENCE R	CPL-B
36321538	GRIMM LESLIE V	TEC5-B
37275957	GUSA THEODORE G	PVT-P
11052881	GUTTER EUGENE	PVT-P
6397316	JENKINS JULIUS F JR	CPL-P
34136132	JONES WILLIAM R	TEC5-B
38014723	KNOWLTON SIDNEY J	PVT-P
32269262	LURTY ELMER F	PVT-B
32253889	MAZZEO GABRIEL J	CPL-B
31072080	MC CARTHY ROBERT A	PVT-P
6772415	MILLER LUTHER	SGT-P
36506223	MULLINS ERNEST D	TEC5-B
35431516	NIX RAYMOND R	PVT-P
32253892	NOLAN JOHN J	SGT-B
36352862	PACER GENE C	PVT-B
33261268	PFEIFER ANDREW F	PVT-B
12047306	PHILLIPS ALFRED H	PVT-P
12072041	PIEDE FRANK	TEC5-P
35285244	PILLARI FRANK J	SGT-P
35284742	POLLAUF WILLIAM A	CPL-P
34255227	REEVES CHARLES W	TEC5-B
32255225	ROSE DONALD H	PVT-P
32220859	SORRENTINO AGOSTINO J	SGT-P
34259985	STALEY WILLIAM T	PFC-B
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