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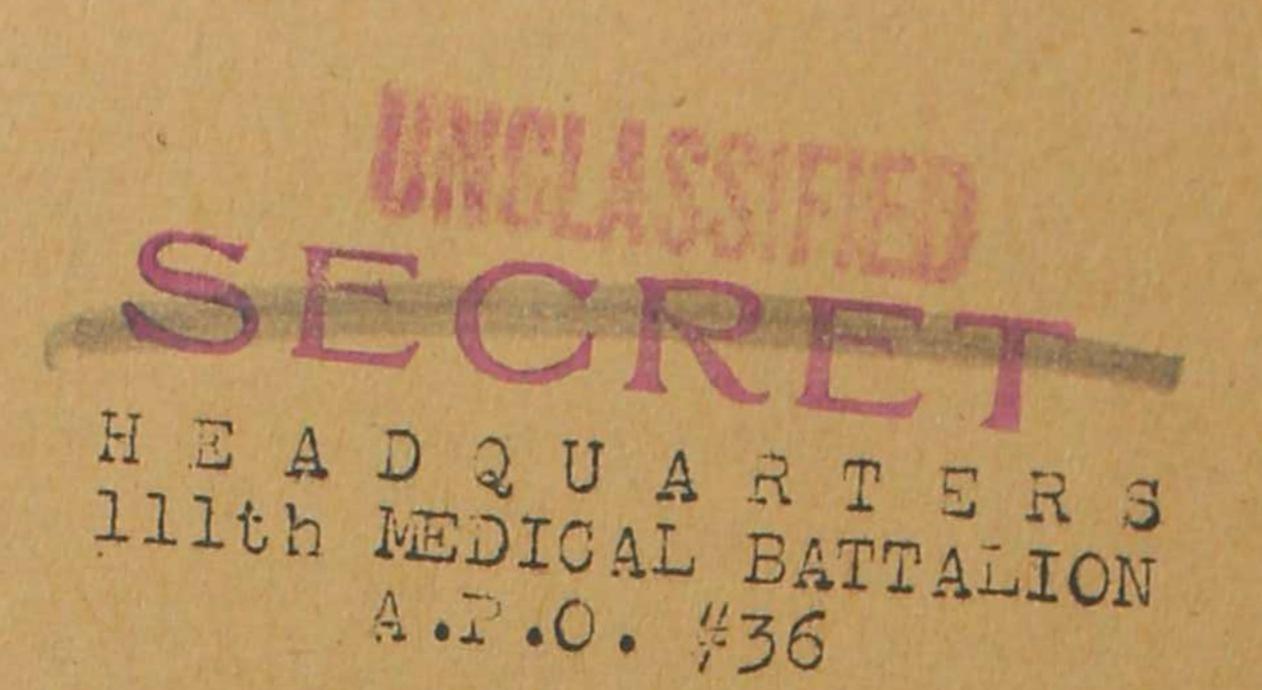
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1 June 1944

SUBJECT: "OPERATIONS IN ITALY."

TO : Commanding General, 36th Infantry Division, APO

1. Transmitted herewith Historical Data of the 111th Medical Battalion for its "OPERATIONS IN ITALY" for the

2. Operations for the month of May consisted primarily of preparations and movement of the battalion into combat. This was greatly simplified due to the favorable Weather conditions for the entire period. On several occasions a hardship was worked on certain units of the battalion during the movement to the Anzio Bridgehead by the failure of the combat teams to furnish sufficient and timely information to their attached Collecting Companies. Although liaison was maintained with the Regimental Surgeons, information for the move was very meager, and usually late in coming down to the unit. This difficulty has been corrected by having the Company Commanders maintain direct liaison with the Combat Team Commanders.

3. It is recommended that a badge be devised for award to Medical Department troops serving in close support of the infantry which would serve the same purpose as the Combat Infantry Badge does for the infantry. This badge could be awarded to Battalion Aid Men, Litter Bearers, and Ambulance Drivers, thereby distinguishing them from Medical Department troops in the rear areas. This badge would contribute greatly to the morale of the Medical Department

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On 3 Larch 1944, Lajor Joe J. Pate transferred from 142 Infantry to the 111th Ledical Dattalion as Cornanding Officer, replacing Lajor Tolbert J. Yater, Executive Officer, who was the Actin Commander of the Dattalion.

On 10 April 1944 the Dattalion oved South of Avellino, near the town of Petrino, Italywhere training was continued. Authorized trips were instituted for the enlisted on to of the troops in the area, each co pany was furnished with a radio and athletic equip ent. In addition sovies were noons and evenings.

On the 5th Lay 1944 the battalion received 101 litter bearers and 2 infantry officers, as an overage to our authorized strength. The litter bearers were divided equally between the three Collecting Co panies. The two Infantry to be used in the same capacity, as the redical Administrative Officers.

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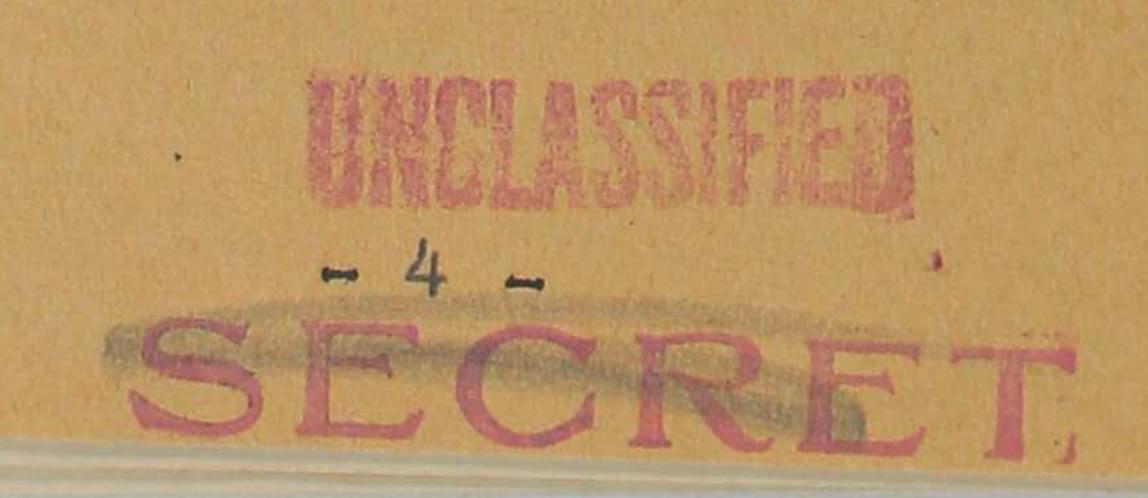
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During the day of the 25 Lay 1944, the Collecting Jompanies moved with their combat teams to assembly areas in vicinity of Cisterna. On the 26th elements of the division were committed to action in the Velletri sector. Che platoon of the Clearing Station and Forward CF were moved to location 2 miles East of Cisterna, Italy. Approximately 240025 ay 1944. During an air raid, a bomb was dropped within 200 yards of the Clearin, Station woundin

Tvacuation of casualties was made by ambulances directly from the Dattalion Aid Stations to the Olearin, Station, except for those casualties which were in immediate need of more definitive medical attention who were liven this attention at the Collectin Stations. The 3rd platoon of the 33rd 'ield Hospital was attached to the Olearin, Station, moving in on the 28 Lay 1944, and taking those cases which were in need of immediate sur ery and all non-transportables. The 33rd Field Hospital had 2 surgical teams attached for

The weather durin these five days of combat has been excellent and although the terrain was not too difficult for the littering of casualties, the additional litter bearers assigned to each Collecing Company have proved their worth. The roads used for evacuation, although very dusty, were in satisfactory condition which contributed greatly in

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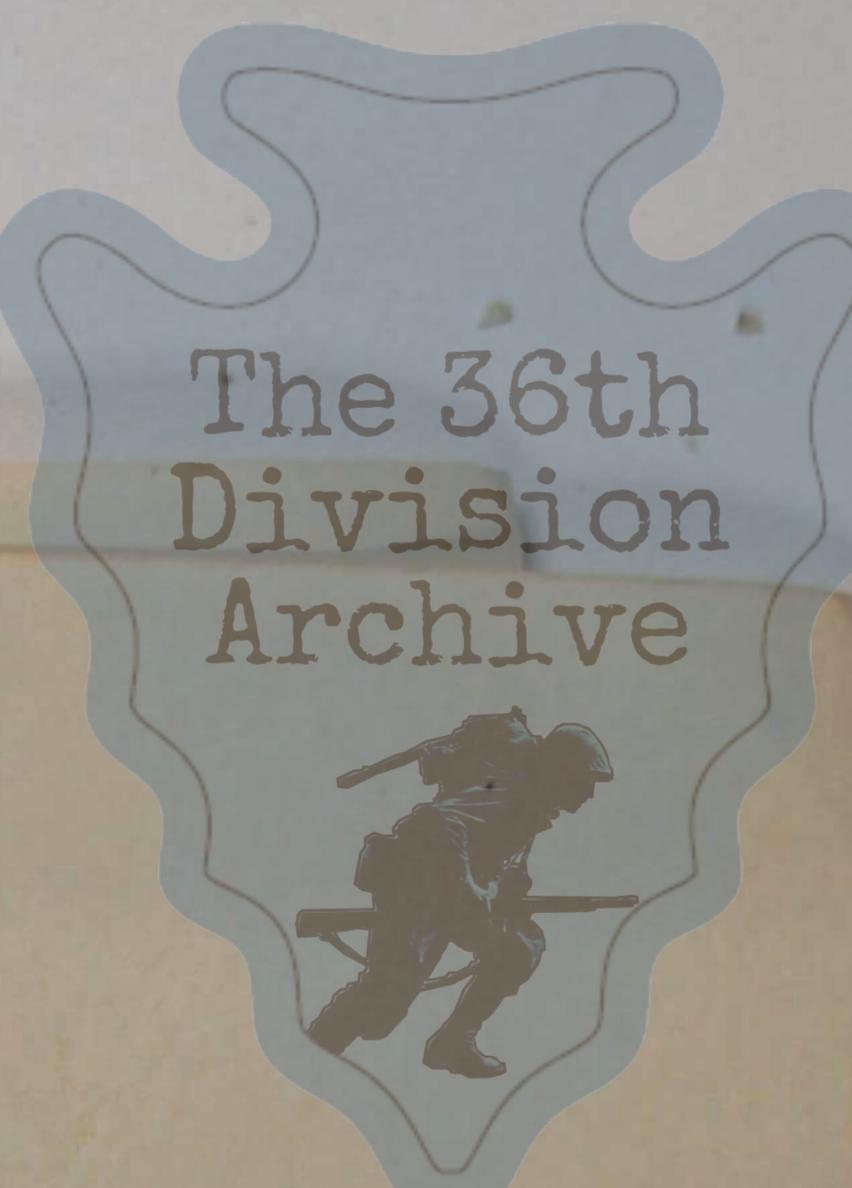
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18 May 1944

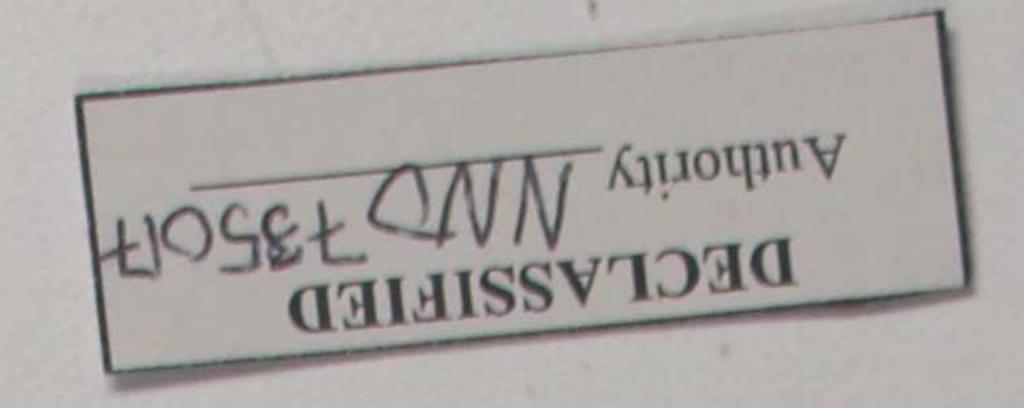
After approximately a two months rest since its last operations, the lllth Medical Battalion has orders to proceed to Anzio by water. Lt. Weddell and seven enlisted men proceeded to Anzio today as the advance quartering party for the lllth Medical Battalion. Collecting Company "B" left for Anzio today leaving only three ambulances and the necessary personnel to do guard duty. Personnel seem to be highly elated over the prospects of seeing the much station - 39, Battle Casualties - 0.

19 May 1944

Collecting Co "B" arrived at Anzio today and moved from the debarkation area to the hospital area location 909189. Collecting Company "C" embarked for Anzio by LST leaving 4 ambulances and the necessary personnel to do guard duty. One platoon of the Clearing Company consisting of approximately 55 enlisted men and 3 officers less clearing station equipment embarked for Anzio. Admissions to Clearing Station - 37, Battle Casualties - 0.

20 May 1944

Collecting Company "C" and the 1st platoon of the Clearing Company arrived at Anzio moving directly to the hospital area from the debarkation point. Collecting Company "A" embarked for Anzio leaving 3 ambulances and the necessary personnel to do guard duty. Admissions to Clearing Company - O.



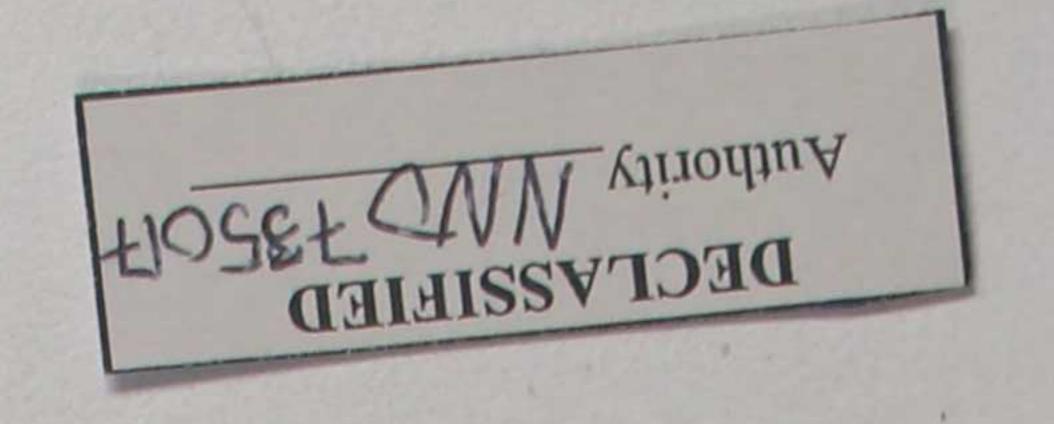
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21 May 1944

Collecting Company "A" arrived at Anzio moving directly to the hospital area from the debarkation point. Hq and Hq Det embarked on LST No. 173 at 1630 leaving the kitchen personnel, motor section and personnel section behind. No admissions to Clearing Company.





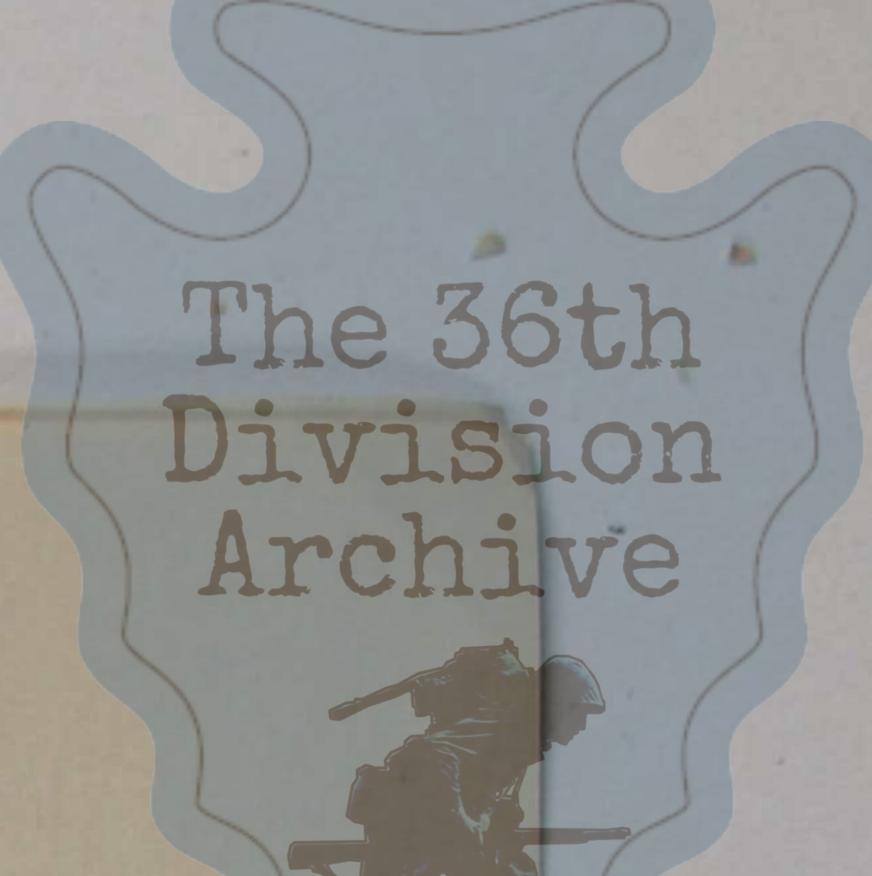
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22 May 1944

Hq and Hq Det arrived at Anzio at 0700 moving directly to the hospital area at 909189 from the debarkation point. No admissions to Clearing Company.

23 May 1944

Clearing Company's equipment arrived, and due to enemy shelling they dug in the ward tents enforced with sand bags. Enemy and friendly activity negligible except for artillery duels. This afternoon three enemy artillery shells landed in our bivouac area. Enlisted man of Company "C" who received a slight SFW in the arm was the only casualty. Clearing Company began operations this morning. Admissions to Clearing Company - 7; of which 2 were Battle Casualties.



24 May 1944

The day was spent digging in. Engineers assisted in digging in all vehicles. Activity limited to artillery duels. Admissions to Clearing Company - 19, of which I was a battle casualty.

25 May 1944

Collecting Company "A" moved from the hospital area to 036334. Collecting Company "C" moved from hospital area to new location 027276. Activity enemy and friendly very light with the exception of artillery duels. Admissions to Clearing Company - 23, of which 2 were Battle Casualties.

26 May 1944

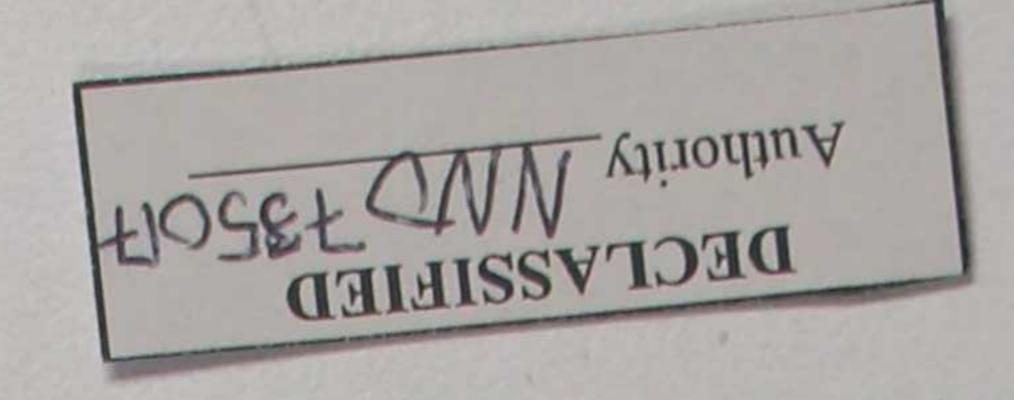
Collecting Company "A" moved from 036334 to new location 039327. Collecting Company "C" moved from 027276 to new location 000360. Company "B" moved from hospital area to 046277. CP and Medical Supply, one platoon of the Clearing Company moved from hospital area to new location 042337. Clearing Company began operations at 2000. The move was made by motor convoy through recently captured territory. The quick retreat of the Germans was evidenced by great quantities of abandoned enemy equipment. Enemy planes were over the area at 2400 hours dropping bomb in immediate vicinity. One enlisted man was slightly wounded by homb fragment. Admissions to Clearing Company - 37, of which 7 were battle casualties.

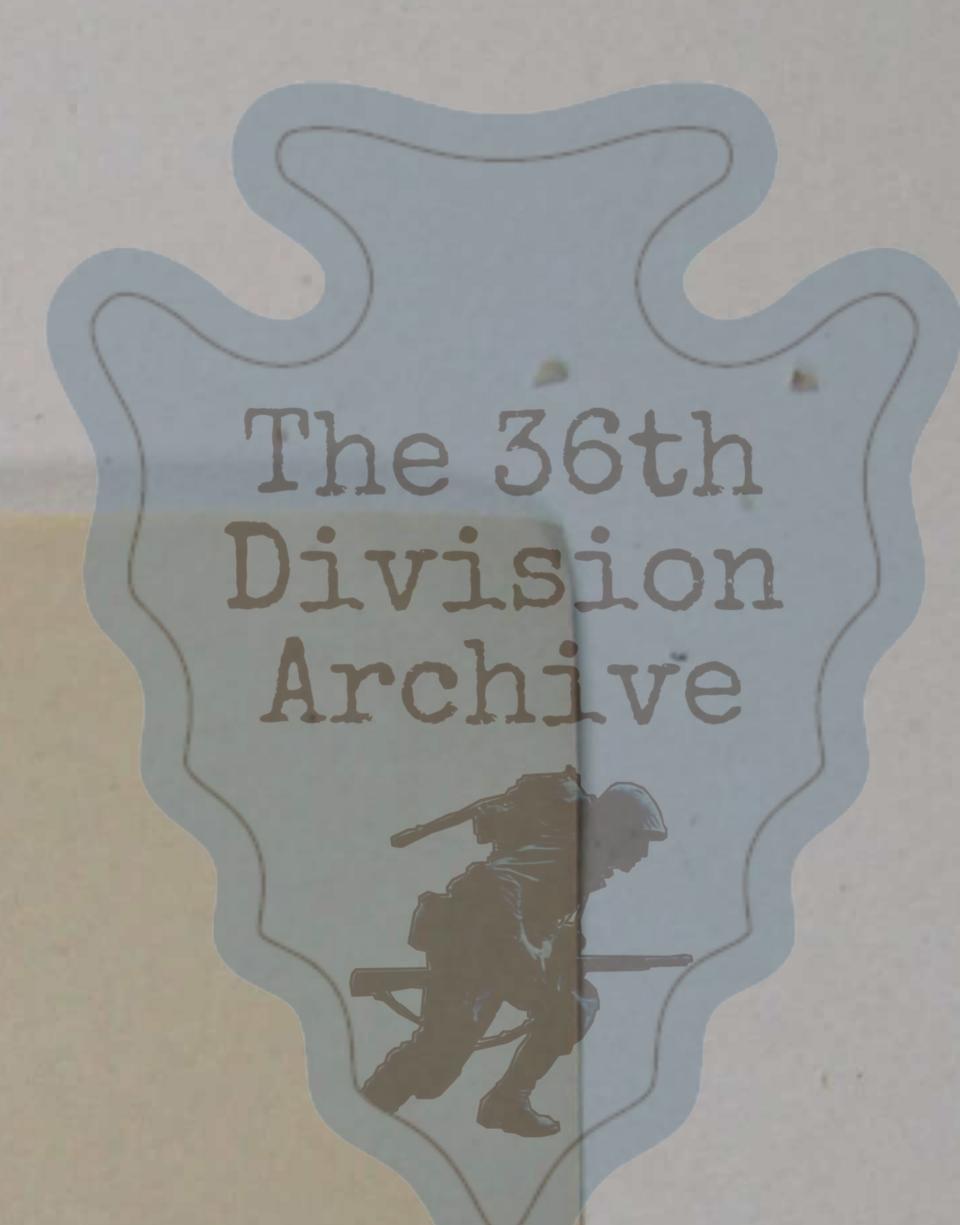


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27 May 1944

Collecting Company "A" moved from 039327 to new location 017339 between the hours 0900-1000. Collecting Company "C" moved from old location 000360 to 002365. Collecting Company "A" moved from 017339 to 039363 between the hours 1700-1730. Enemy aircraft was over our area again last night dropping bombs in city of Cisterna, Italy at approximately 0100. Admissions to Clearing Company - 40, of which 12 were battle casualties (6 of these POW).





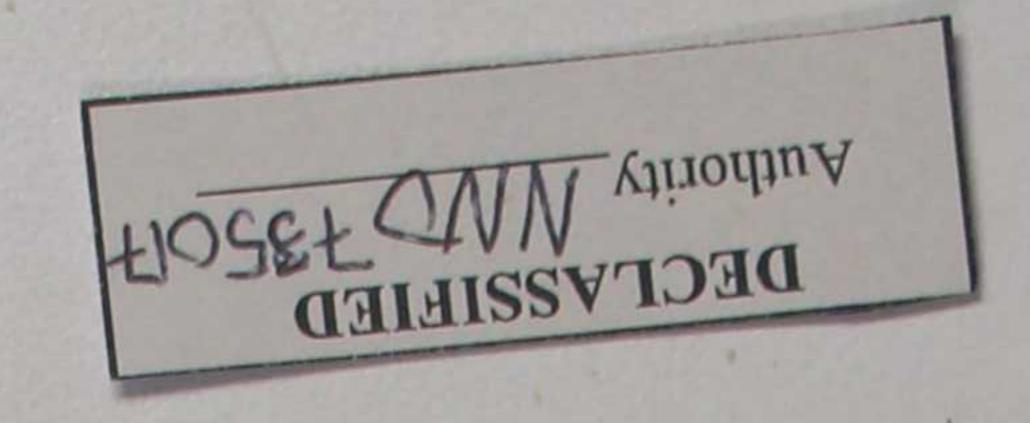
28 May 1944

Hq Det, Bn Supply and 2nd Platoon of Clearing Company moved from hospital area to new location 042337. Collecting Company "A" moved from 039363 to 033398. Collecting Company "A" had one battle casualty wounded in action in vicinity of Velletri, Italy. Collecting Company "C" had two enlisted men killed in action and one wounded in action in vicinity of Velletri, Italy. Admissions to Clearing Company - 196, of which 180 were battle casualties (2 of these POW).

29 May 1944

Collecting Company "A" had two enlisted men wounded in action in vicinity of Velletri, Italy. Enemy plane shot down by AA fire over our area. Two of itsoccupants were killed, another was injured, and one man is unaccounted for. Admissions to Clearing Company - 164, of which 88 were battle casualties (2 of these POW).

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31 May 1944

Collecting Company "C" moved from 002365 to new location 044447. Lt Col Brewster moved in today. Will stay with this Headquarters for an indefinite period. Collecting Company "B" had one of its litter bearers slightly wounded vicinity of Velletri, Italy. Admissions to Clearing Company - 151, of which 88 were battle casualties.

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