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> WHRNER L. LARSON, Lt. Col., C.A.C., Commanding

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### ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (June 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. June 1, 1944 35 671 b. June 30, 1944 676 c. Net increase, June d. Net decrease, Juna

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# NARRATIVE - OPERATIONS IN ITALY (June 1944)

On June 1, 1944, the 443d AAA AW Bn (SP), Lt. Col. WERNER L. LARSON commanding, assigned to Fifth Army and attached to 45th AAA Brigade and IV Corps, was in bivouac five miles southeast of Piperno, Italy, and was preparing for movement to the north to join 71st AAA Brigade and II Corps. On arrival, attachment to 45th AAA Brigade was to be terminated and the battalion attached to 71st AAA Brigade. On the evening of the same day, the battalion moved in convoy to an assembly area four miles south-southeast of Cori.

The following morning, June 2, the battalion was assigned the mission of defending the 88th Infantry Division in operations then in progress. Two batteries were to protect field artillery elements, and two to provide for reserves, road nets, and other elements. Batteries "B" and "C" were assigned the artillery defense mission and moved in the afternoon to positions west of Valmontone, vital road junction on Highway 6 which was then under attack by our infantry. On the following morning Battery "A" took up road-net defense west of Valmontone and northwest of Rocco Massima. Late in the afternoon of this day, June 3, Battery "D" disposed its platoons to protect the command posts of the Division and Division Artillery southwest of Palestrina, and the Division Engineer Dumps south of Cori.

At this stage in the operations of II Corps, the 88th Infantry Division had the mission of breaking across the foothills east of the Colli Laziali (Alban Hills), cutting Highway 6 in the vicinity of San Cesareo, and swinging northwestward along it toward Rome, flanked on the left by the 85th Infantry Division, while the 3d Infantry Division on the right took Valmontone and drove beyond it toward Palestrina. As the 88th Division's drive progressed on June 3, Batteries "B" and "C" moved northward with field artillery elements to positions near the highway.

Enemy tactics during this phase of the operation required an alteration in operating procedure for this battalion. Driven from the sky by day, the enemy air forces resorted to nocturnal strafing and bombing of highways, aimed especially at supply trains between rear and forward dumps. To combat this tactic, batteries assigned to road-defense missions were ordered to concentrate their platoons around vital road nets with instructions to fire on seen targets at night. This was the first authorization of night firing in this battalion except for barrage since the beginning of operations in Tunisia.

On June 4, the Headquarters and Service Echelon moved from the old assembly area south of Cori to a location one-half mile east of Lariano, on the

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### Narrative - Operations In Italy (Cont'd)

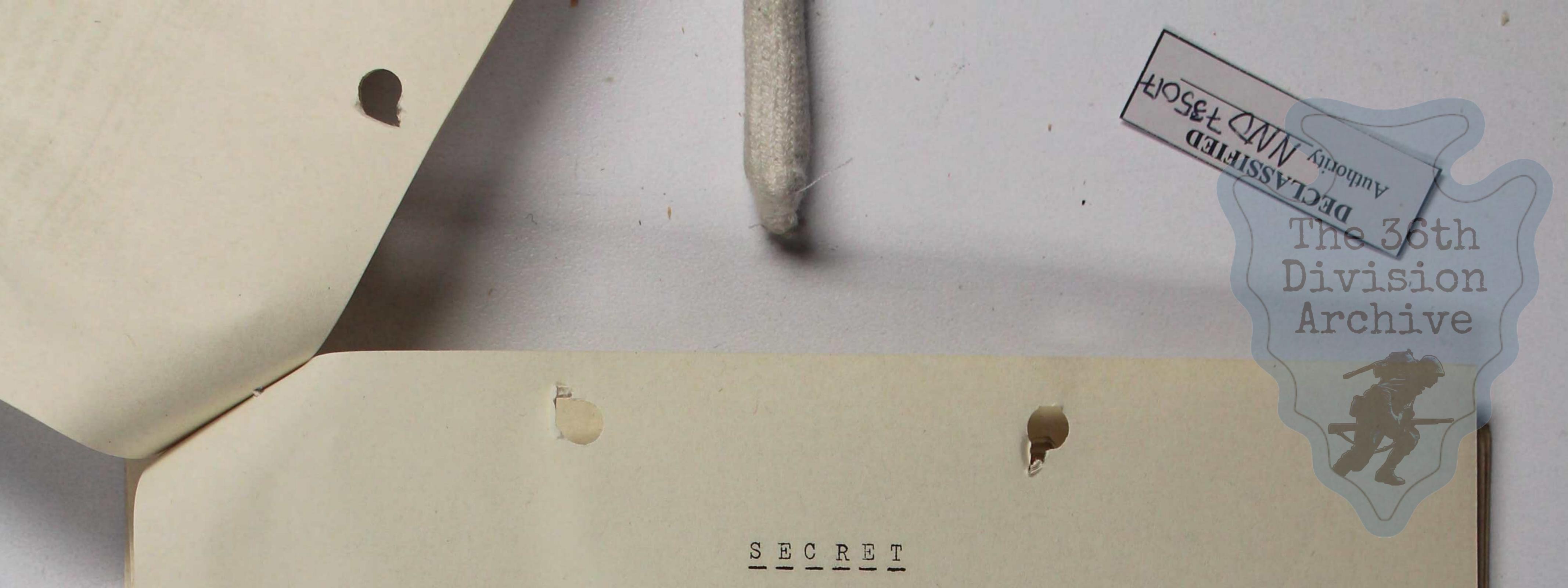
Velletri - Valmontone road. During the night of June 3-4, reconnaissance and infantry elements had driven up Highway 6 to the outskirts of Rome, and on the morning of June 4 the city fell. Batteries "A" and "D" moved at mid-day to positions defending the highway and adjoining roads from Falconi to the city. By nightfall, in successive advances with field artillery units, Battery "B" and the Second Platoon of Battery "C" had entered Rome and taken up positions near the Tiber in the northwestern sector of the city. On the following morning the Forward Command Post moved into Rome, followed by Battery "A", which went into an assembly area in preparation for movement to defend road nets north of the city.

Also on the morning of June 5, Batteries "B" and "C" moved beyond the Tiber with field artillery units. Just beyond the Tiber Battery "C" suffered the first casualties incurred by the battalion in this operation. As the First Platoon, Battery "C", was waiting in convoy on Highway 2 just over the Ponte Milvio, enemy shells struck the road, and one exploded alongside the command half-track of the platoon. Second Lt. WARREN G. STADE, O-1055735, of Brooklyn, New York, assistant platoon leader; Tec 4 Robert L. Ralston, 37181741, of Sarcoxis, Missouri, and Tec 5 Russell K. Grantham, 34290059, of Route 1, Columbia, Louisiana, medical aid man, were killed instantly. Tec 5 Henry Dreyfuss, 35135534, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Tec 5 Raymond L. Stammen, 36321573, of Rock Island, Illinois were seriously wounded, and Tec 5 Anthony P. Farnese, 33053894, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and Pfc Richard W. Linscott, 31098959, of Washington, Maine, were slightly wounded, Linscott for the second time. Lt. STADE was the first officer of this battalion to be killed overseas.

Later in the evening, in positions north of Rome, Battery "B" suffered casualties in a night bombing by enemy aircraft. Sgt. Edgar C. Polking, 37423455, of Breda, Iowa; Pfc. Henry J. Lavallee, 31095821, of Springfield, Massachusetts; Pvt. George W. Lawson, 35268884, of Route 2, Rockholds, Kentucky, and Pvt. Frederick W. Rathbun, 6871113, of Rochester, New York, were slightly wounded.

On the same evening, Battery "D" controyed through Rome to road defense sites north of the city along Highway 2, one platoon being placed in reserve in assembly area. The following morning, Headquarters and Service Echelon moved to a new location at Tor Pignataro, just in the eastern outskirts of Rome. During the morning of this day, June 6, Battery "A" moved from Rome to road defense positions west of Formello. Later in the day Batteries "B" and "C" advanced along Highway 2 with field artillery of the 88th Division.

On June 7 all elements displaced forward along and to the east of Highway 2 as the Division pursued the enemy past Lake Bracciano. By nightfall advance platoons were as far north as Monterosi. The following day a warning order was received from 71st AAA Brigade for relief of all units of the brigade as soon



### Narrative - Operations In Italy (Cont'd)

as II Corps should be relieved in the line by the French Expeditionary Corps. Batteries were instructed to select individual assembly areas for forming batteries before proceeding to the Brigade assembly area, then tentatively set in the area just south of Lake Bracciano. On June 10 all elements of Batteries "A" and "D" were relieved of road defense missions and moved to their respective assembly areas. Efforts were made by S-1 on June 11 to secure road clearance for movement of all batteries on June 12 to the new bivouac area selected in the Royal Forest Preserve near Ostia Lido, southwest of Rome. Before clearances were secured, however, plans were changed and batteries instructed to move with Division elements, turning off at the battalion bivouac. The move was executed as planned on June 12 and 13, and the Headquarters and Service Echelon moved on the morning of the 13th to the new area from Tor Pignataro.

In the new area a training program was set in operation, and efforts were made to permit all personnel of the battalion to visit Rome, the goal toward which for so long they had been struggling. On June 16, however, orders were received detaching the battalion from 71st AAA Brigade and attaching it to 45th Infantry Division for movement to Salerno, there to be relieved from assignment to Fifth Army, assigned to Allied Force Headquarters, attached to SOS, AFHQ, for supply and administration, and to Seventh Army for planning, training, and operations. Contact with 45th Infantry Division was made on June 17, and on June 18 the battalion moved as a serial of five march units in the convoy of the 157th Infantry Regiment to an assembly area two and one-half miles east of Nettuno. In the afternoon, tracked vehicles of the battalion with their personnel moved to the Anzio staging area for water movement to Salerno. On night of June 20, wheeled vehicles moved in convoy by road through Naples to bivouac east of Battipaglia, below Salerno, arriving on the morning of June 21. Tracked vehicles and accompanying personnel, having been loaded on landing craft at Anzio the previous day, arrived at the Battipaglia bivouac on the afternoon of June 21.

Lacking other orders, the battalion, acting on verbal orders of the Commanding General, 45th Infantry Division, on June 22 began training with units of the division, Batteries "A", "B", and "C" being attached for this purpose to the 157th, 179th, and 180th Regimental Combat Teams, respectively, and Battery "D" to Division Artillery. The lettered batteries except "D" moved to bivouac areas adjoining those of the combat teams to which they were attached. The remainder of the month of June was devoted to training.

During May and June the battalion had participated in operations of the type for which it is best suited - namely the protection of forward elements on a moving front. Enemy air activity, except for the occasional weak night raids previously mentioned, had again been negligible.

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| Unit                      | Time                         | Attached Protecting               | TIME TOAA                       | Remarks  |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Bn Hq                     | 1600                         | 45th AAA<br>Bde.                  | 5½ mi SSE Piperno<br>(G-291142) | March Order, VOCO, issued for move to ass'y area. Bn. to be detached fr. 45th AAA Bde, IV Corps, & atchd to 71st AAA Bde, II Corps upon arrival - II Corps area.   |
| Bn Hq<br>A<br>B<br>C<br>D | 1745<br>1730<br>1715<br>1645 | 45th AAA<br>Bde.                  | 5½ mi SSE Piperno (G-291142)    |  |
| Bn Hq                     | 1000                         | 71st AAA<br>Bde.                  | (G-069323)                      | Bn CO & S-3 contacted 71st AAA Bde. Bn assg'd to protection of 88th Inf Div. VOCG, 71st AAA Bde.   |
|                           | 1130                         | 71st AAA<br>Bde.                  | 4 mi SSW Cori<br>(G-069323)     | Msg. S-3, 71st AAA Bde.: "If you fired last night answer immediately". No firing - no answer.  |
|                           | 1300                         | 71st AAA<br>Bde.                  | 4 mi SSV7 Cori<br>(G-069323)    | Bn CO & S-3 contacted 88th Inf Div. CG. 88th Div. agreed that (2) btries be committed to FA Bns as 1st priority. Other priorities in order are: Inf. reserve, fw'd road nets, Engrs construction & dumps, Ammo & QM dumps, Div CP & Air OP fields.   |
| Bn C                      |                              | 0 88th Inf. 5 88th Inf. Div. Div. | (G-069323)                      | Moved to fw'd location 4 mi S. VALMON  TONE (G-057487). Arrived.1830.  TONE (G-057487). Arrived.1830.  Tone Inst. #2, S-3, 71st AAA Bdo - "Ref.  question on use of gun section radios during hours of darkness, the following will be complied with:  a. Bn & Btry CP radios will be on continuous 24 hr. standby for plots & instrs. fr Opns. Det. |

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| Unit       | Time   | Attached<br>Protecting | Location 2 JUNE 1944 (Co         |  |
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|            |        |                        |                                  | b. Individual gun sects. may switch radios during hrs. of darkness but at first indication of hostile air activ  |
|            |        |                        |                                  | they will be switched on. 2. The above instrs. do not in any sense   |
|            |        |                        |                                  | lease Bn CO fr. requirements of promp<br>transmission of reports as req'd by I<br>tel. Instr. #2, Hq., 71st AAA Bde dat  |
|            |        |                        |                                  | 2 June, 1944.  |
|            | 2000   |                        | 4 mi SW Valmontone<br>(G-057487) | Msg., G-3, 88th Div "Could you send liaison officer to 88th Div. CP (G-0] 512) to report to G-3."  |
|            |        |                        |                                  | S-3, 443d Bn reported to Maj. BEGGS v said that Div was protesting uncontes  |
|            |        |                        |                                  | nightly strafing of front line troops  |
|            |        |                        |                                  | asked if anything could be done about  |
|            |        |                        |                                  | S-3 informed him that pltns protecting elements 38th Div would not fire beca   |
|            |        |                        |                                  | it would disclose their positions.   |
|            |        |                        |                                  | rage firing in forward areas are not mitted.   |
|            |        | 88th Inf.<br>Div.      | 4 mi SW Valmontone<br>(G-057487) | Army radio #3592, 31 May '44, 443d Bn detached fr. 45 AAA Bde & atchd 71st Bde effective on arrival in II Corps area. 443d Bn will provide close sup port of 88 Div.". |
| B-C<br>B-1 |        | 443d Bn.               | 4 mi SSW Cori<br>(G-069323)      | Asgd Div Art'y 88th Div & protection 33  FA Bn. Moved by infiltration to tact positions 4 mi SW VALMONTONE (G-04949  Arrived 1700.                                     |
| B-2        | 1400   | 443d Bn.               | 4 mi SSW Cori<br>(G-069323)      | Asg'd protection 913 FA Bn (155). Move by infiltration to tactical positions mi W. VALMONTONE (G-032516).  |
| C-C        | P 1500 | 443d Bn.               | 4 mi SSW Cori<br>(G-069323)      | Asg'd Div Arty, 88th Div. Moved to fw' location 3 miWSW ARTENA (G-051477). A 1800.   |
| C-1        | 1500   | 443d Bn.               | 4 mi SSVI Cori<br>(G-069323)     | Asg'd protection 337 FA Bn. Infiltrate to tactical positions 2 mi W. ARTENA (G-062485). Arrived 1800.  |
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| Unit               | Time | Attached Protecting                      | 2 JUNE 1944 (Cont  |   |
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|                    | 2000 | 337 FA<br>88th Div.                      | 2 mi W. Artena I<br>(G-062485)   | Protected move & new tactical positions 4 mi W. VALMONTONE (G-038524). Arr. 2100.   |
| C-2                | 1500 | 88th Div.                                | (G-069323)   | Asgd protection 338 FA Bn. Infiltrated to tactical positions 2 mi WNW VAL-MONTONE (G=065535). Arr. 1000.  |
|                    | 1800 |  | 2 mi WNW Valmon  | Protected advance & new positions 32 mi W. VALMONTONE (G-046514). Arr. 1915.  |
| Bn CP              | 1000 | 88th Inf.<br>Div.                        | 3 JUNE 1944 4 mi SW Valmontone (G-057487)                                  | Bn CO Contacted 71 AAA Bde in regard 88 Div request for night firing on E/A strafing supply trains fr. Div. Dumps to Regt. dumps in fwd area. VOCG, 71 AAA Bde that platoons on road nets will concentrate around important road junctions or intersectio and fire on seen targets w/o orders |
| A-CP<br>A-1        | 1845 | Div.                                     | (G-057487) 4 mi SSW Cori (G-069323)  | Moved to new position $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi NU ARTENA (G-050535). Arr'd 2045.  Asgd protection road nets fr (G-064432) to (G-070480). Moved to new location 3 mi SW VALMONTONE (G-058503). Arr. 1000.   |
| A-2                | 0800 | 443d Bn.                                 | (G-069323)   | Asgd protection road nets. Moved by infiltration 2 mi N ROCCA MASSIMA (G-070447). Arrived 1000.   |
| B-CP<br>B-1<br>B-2 | 0900 | 88th Div. 913 FA 913 FA 913 FA 88th Div. | (G-049496)  4 mi W. Valmontone (G-032516)  1/2 mi E San Cesareo (G-015581) | Protected move & new tactical positions  E. SAN CESAREO (G-008581). Arr. 1300  Protected advance & new positions \( \frac{1}{2} \) mi  E. SAN CESAREO (G-015581). Arr. 0950.  Protected advance & new positions N.  COLONNA (F-963597). Arr'd 1830.  Moved to new location 3 mi N LAHICO      |
| C-CP<br>C-1        | 0900 | Div. Arty 83th Div. 0 337 FA             | 2 mi W. Artena<br>2 mi W. Artena   | Moved to new location o min (G-031568). Arrid 1030.  Protected advance & new positions NE CARCHITTI (G-026551). Arr. 1030.  |
|                    |      | 83th Div.                                | (G-062485)   |   |

|             |      | Attached                                   |  | Remarks  |
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| Unit        | Time | Protecting                                 | Location (Con                              |  |
| C-2         |      |  | (G-046514)  4 mi WSW Palestrina (G-023573) | Protected advance & new positions 4 min WSW PALESTRINA (G-023573). Arr 0630. Protected advance & new positions 12 min E. MONTE COMPATRI (E-975576).  Arr. 1830.  |
| D-CP<br>D-1 | 0610 |  | (G-069323)                                 | Asg'd protection Div. CP & Div. Art'y.  CP. Moved by infiltration to 4 mi.  SW PALESTRINA (G-057488). Arr'd 0815   |
| D-2         |      | Arty CP                                    | (G-657488) 4 mi SSW Cori (G-069323)        | Protected move & new positions 3 mi S.  SAN CESAREO (G-012534). Arr'd 1700.  Asg'd protection Div. Engr. Dumps.  Moved to 4 mi S. Cori(G-094344).  |
| Bn CP       | 1030 | 88th Inf.<br>Div.                          | (G-050535)                                 | Radio to CO, 350 & 351 Inf. to be relayed by 338 FA Bn. following mesg recd fr Recon troop: "Two SP Guns & Company of Krauts at G-802667.  Lost one car." Sg'd Legion 3."  |
| Bn Hq       | 1400 | 88th Inf.<br>Div.                          | (  | Moved to \(\frac{1}{2}\) mi NE LARIANO (G-036481).  Arr. 1700.   |
| A-CP        | 1230 | 443d Bn                                    | 3 mi SW Valmontone (G-058503)              | FAT.CON (F-935626). ALL G 1000   |
| A-1         | 1230 | 443d Bn                                    | 10 0505071                                 | Infiltrated to road net positions CP<br>1 mi W. FALCONI (G-935628). Arr 1600.  |
| A-2         | 1230 | 443d Bn                                    | 2 mi NW Rocca Mas-                         | Infiltrated to road Inco post 1 1600.  |
| B-CP        |      | Div Arty<br>88th Div.                      | E. San Cesarco<br>(G-008581)               | Moved to 1 mi E. ROME (F-838634). Arr 0630.  Moved to ROME (F-742685). Arr'd 2330.   |
|             | 2125 | Div Arty<br>88th Div.                      | (F-838634)                                 | Protected advance & new tactical posi-   |
| B-1         | 0800 | 339 FA<br>88th Div.                        | E. San Cesareo<br>(G-008581)               | tions 4 mi E. ROME (F- 851000).  |
| B-2         | 1930 | 88th Div.<br>913 FA<br>88th Div.<br>913 FA | N. Colonna<br>(G-963597)<br>1 mi E. Rome   | Protected advance & new positions 2 mi  E. ROME (F-819674).  Protected move to new positions 1 mi E  ROME (F-838634). Arrid 0630.  Protected move & new tactical positions  Protected move & new tactical positions  1 mi E. ROME (F-808660). Arrid. |
|             |      | 88th Div                                   |  | 1940.  |

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| Unit               | Time | Protecting Location  | Remarks  |
|                    | 2125 | 88+h Di 77 (F-808660)  | rotected move & new positions (F-742 655) - Villa Umberto.   |
| C-2                | 0500 | 338 FA \frac{1}{2} mi E. Monto Com- Pr<br>88th Div. patri (F-975546) | rotected advance & new positions N. MONTE PORZIO LANTONE (F-932580). Arr'd 0630.   |
|                    | 1100 | 88+h Div Lantone (F-932580)  | rotected advance & new positions 3 mi<br>E. ROME (F-856655). Arr'd 1215.   |
| D-2                | 1100 | 443d Bn. 4 mi S. Cori R. (G-094344)                                  | el'd of road net F-997586 to F-970602.  Infiltrated to new road positions 3  mi E. ROME (F-838631). Arr'd 2000.  |
|                    |      | 5 JUNE 1944  |  |
| Bn CP              | 1300 | (G-050535)   | loved to new location N. ROME (F-739 702). Arr'd 1700.   |
| A-CP<br>A-1<br>A-2 | 1630 | (F-935628)   | loved to assy area N. end ROME preparatory to taking positions protecting routes to N. Arr'd 1715.   |
| B-CP               | 1630 | 0.0+h Div $(F-742685)$   | Noved to new location 2 mi N. ROME (F-745745). Arrid 1745.   |
| B-1                | 0400 | 88th Div. (F-819674)   | Protected convoy & new tactical posi-<br>tions TIBER R. Bridge, N. ROME (<br>(F-721712). Arr'd 0515.   |
| B-2                | 1630 | 00+1 D:- (F 7/2685)  | Protected advance & new positions 2 mi<br>N. ROME (F-745763). Arrid 1745.  |
| C-CP               | 2000 | Div. Arty. Rome  | Moved to 1 mi N. ROME (F-731743). Arr<br>2115.   |
|                    | 1300 | 0042 0:- (0 037568)  | Moved to new location in ROME (F-729 709). Arrid 1700.   |
| C-1                | 0700 | 88th Div. (G-026551)   | Protected convoy & new positions 3 mi<br>E. ROME (F-833664). Arrid 0845.   |
|                    | 1000 | 337 FA 3 mi E. Rome<br>88th Div. (F-833664)                          | Protected convoy & new positions ROME (F-729709). Pltn Command track hit by enemy shell fire: 2nd Lt. STADE, Tec 5 Grantham (Med. Det.) & Tec 4  |
|                    |      |  | Ralston - KIA; Tec 5 Dreyfuss & Stam- men - SWA; Tec 5 Linscott - LWA(hosp) & Tec 5 Farnese - LWA (hosp). Follow ing equipment destroyed: M-3 half- track, \(\frac{1}{4}\)-T Trailer; SCR-608 & 610 radios. Action occurred just N. bridge crossing TIBER R. N. ROME |
|                    |      | S E C R E  | (F-730717).  |

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|    |        |        | Attached            | Location                                | Remarks  |
|----|--------|--------|---------------------|---|--|
| 1. | Unit   | Time   | Protecting          | E TIME 1944 (Cor                        | nt'd)  |
|    |        | 2000   | 337 FA              | Rome                                    | Drotected advance & new tactical post-   |
|    |        |        | 88th Div.           | (F-729709)                              | tions 1 mi N. ROME (F-731743). Arr.  |
|    |        |        |                     |   | 2110. Protected advance & new positions 12                                     |
|    | C-2    |        | 338 FA              |   | Protected advance & new positions 12<br>mi N. TIBER R. Bridge (F-731736).      |
|    |        |        | 88th Div.           | (F-858655)                              | Moved to new location 3 ml H. RUME   |
|    | D-CP   | 0830   |                     | . / ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ | (F-838631). Arr'd 1030.  |
|    |        | 7010   | 443d Bn.            | areo (G-012001<br>3 mi W. Romo          | Moved to N. edge ROME (F-730720). Arr.   |
|    |        | 1040   |                     | · (F-838631)                            | 1800-  |
|    | D-1    | 1640   | 88th Div.           | 3 mi S. San Ces-                        | Protected move & new positions N. edge   |
|    |        |        | CP & Div.           | areo (F-012534)                         | ROME (F-730720). Arrid 1800.   |
|    |        |        | Arty.               |   | Rel'd of protection Hwy 6 & moved to   |
|    | D-2    | 1640   | 443d Bn.            | 3 mi W. Rome<br>(F-838631)              | protection road net N. ROME (F#73270]  |
|    |        |        |                     | (1, -000001)                            | Arr'd 1800.  |
|    |        |        |                     |   |  |
|    |        |        |                     | 6 JUNE 1944                             |  |
|    | Bn CP  | 2300   | 88th Inf.           | N. Rome                                 | Radio msg., 71st AAA Bde 2300 - "Vehic-<br>les & personnel of this command may |
|    | DIL OI |        | Div.                | (F-739702)                              | les & personnel of this command only enter & pass thru city of ROME only       |
|    |        |        |                     |   | under following conditions:  |
|    |        |        |                     |   | a. When in tactical position therein.  |
|    |        |        |                     |   | h When in convov.  |
|    |        |        |                     |   | Then in possession of pass signed  |
|    |        |        |                     |   | by unit CO, stating in detail na-<br>ture of official business requir-         |
|    |        |        |                     |   | ing entry or passage thru city.  |
|    |        |        |                     |   | Only under 1st condition Will UP   |
|    |        |        |                     |   | he established within city. Im-  |
|    |        |        |                     |   | madiate action will be taken.  |
|    |        | 0000   | 5 88th Inf.         | ½ mi NE Lariano                         | Convoyed to new location TOR PIGNATARE   |
|    | Bn Hq  | 1 0645 | Div.                | (G-036481)                              | 10 705618)   |
|    | A-CP   | 0930   |                     | Rome                                    | Moved fr assy area to tactical position protecting road net (Hwy 2) N. ROME.   |
|    | A-01   |        |                     | (F-731702)                              | protecting road net (MW) 27. Btry & pltn CP's N. ROME (F-719737).              |
|    | Λ-2    |        |                     |   | 112 1010-  |
|    |        |        |                     | 2 mi N. Rome                            | Morred to new location 1 mi S. FURNELLU  |
|    | B-CP   | 184    | 5 Div Arty          | (- TAFFAE)                              | (= crooca) Arrid 2000.   |
|    |        | 000    | 88th Div.<br>339 FA | N. Rome                                 | - Lad morre le new tactical position   |
|    | B-1    | 063    | 8359 FA<br>88th Div | (F-721712)                              | 4 mi NW TIBER R. (F-0997100). III SSE  |
|    |        | 184    | 55 339 FA           | 4 mi NW Tiber                           | Protected move & new position 2230.  FORMELLO (F-690826). Arr'd 2230.          |
|    |        | 100    | 88th Div            | (F-695763)                              |  |
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| Unit        | Time | Protecting              | Location 6 JUNE 1944                | Tromet and  |
|             | 2115 | 339 FA<br>88th Div.     | 3 mi SSE Formello<br>(F-690826)     | Sgt. Polking, Pfc. Lavallee, Pvt. Law-<br>son & Rathbun - LWA (hosp) fr. enemy<br>bombing. (as of 5th June, 1944)   |
| B-2         | 0926 | 913 FA<br>88th Div.     | 2 mi N. Rome<br>(F-745763)          | Protected move & new positions 3 mi W. PICCIRILLI (F-709815). Arr'd 1100.   |
|             | 1845 | 913 FA<br>88th Div.     | 3 mi W. Piccirilli<br>(F-709815)    | s. FORMELLO (F-678860). Arr'd 2330.   |
| C-CP        | 1900 | Div. Arty.<br>88th Div. | 3 mi N. Rome<br>(F-731743)          | Moved to new location 1 mi SW GROCETTA (F-713885). Arr'd 2100,  |
|             | 0915 | 337 FA<br>88th Div.     | 3 mi N. Rome<br>(F-731743)          | Protected convoy & new positions 2 mi<br>W. PICCIRILLI (F-727804) Arr. 1045.  |
|             | 1900 | 337 FA<br>88th Div.     | 2 mi W. Piccirilli<br>(F-727804)    | Protected convoy & new positions 1 mi<br>SN GROCETTA (F-713885). Arr. 2100.   |
| C-2         | 0900 | 338 FA<br>88th Div.     | 1½ mi N. Tiber R. (F-731736)        | tions 5 mi N. TIBER R. Bridge (F-734<br>794). Arr'd 1200.   |
|             | 1730 | 338 FA<br>88th Div.     | 5 mi N. Tiber R. (F-734794)         | Protected move & new tactical position 1½ mi W. PIETRA PERTUSA (F-702829).  Arr'd 1830.   |
| D-CP<br>D-2 | 1400 | 443d Bn.                | N. Rome<br>(F-730720)<br>(F-732701) | Moved to new assy area \frac{1}{2} mi N. TIBER R. bridge (F-730721). Arrid 1630.  |
| Bn CP       | 1000 | 88th Inf.<br>Div.       | N. Rome<br>(F-739702)               | Lt COLE took (2) German soldiers pri-<br>soners & turned them over to proper<br>authorities.  |
|             |      | 88th Inf. Div.          | N. Rome<br>(F-739702)               | Msg, 71st AAA Bde - "AW (SP) pltns disposed at certain road junctions for purpose of breaking up night strafing & bombing attacks may fire (1) directional barrage (6rds) for each target committing hostile act under control of pltn comdr. If plane (unseen) approaches area is determined by sound to be within range, Pltn comdr may order barrage if Opns. Det. has announced: "Mo restriction" whether hostile act has been committed or not Plane which commits hostile act may be fired w/o previous clearance fr Opns Det. Any AW (SP) unit which can see & positively recognize plane at night |
|             |      |                         |                                     | as hostile may immediately engage it.   |

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| Ur  | nit         | Time | Protecting                    | Location 7 JUNE 1944 (Con                          | t'd).  Remarks   |
|     |             | 1515 | 88th Inf. Div.                | N. Rome<br>(F-739702)                              | Msg. 71 AAA Bde - "Bde coordinates F-72 5742."   |
|     |             | 1800 | 88th Inf. Div.                | N. Rome<br>(F-739702)                              | Msg to 71 AAA Bde - "RJ barrage concentration tonight:  E. of RJ (F-633958) - A Btry  (F-660940) "   |
|     |             |      |                               |  | (F-694912) - D Btry<br>(F-677875) - "  |
|     | -CP<br>-2   | 1930 | 443d Bn.                      | (F-719737)   | Convoyed to tactical positions on Hwy 2 road nets $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi SSE MONTEROSA (F-62 6968). Arr'd 2230.   |
| A   | -1          | 1800 | 443d Bn.                      | (F-719737)   | Moved to road junction (Hwy 2) CAMPAGNO (F-661948). Arrid 2230.  |
| ASS | 3-CP<br>3-2 |      | & 913 FA                      | (F-678860)   | Protected move & new positions 3 mi SE MONTEROSI (F-661948). Arr'd 1055.   |
| F   | 3-1         | 1000 |                               | (F-690826)   | Protected convoy & new positions 1 mi W. GENSINI (F-643949). Arr'd 1330.   |
|     | C-CP<br>C-1 |      | 337 FA<br>88th Div.           | 1 mi SW Grocetta<br>(F-713885)                     | Protected convoy & new positions 2 mi WNW M. GROCETTA (F-701909) Arr 1210.   |
|     |             |      | .337 FA<br>88th Div.          | (F-701909)   | Protected convoy & new positions 4 mi NW MAZANO.  Protected convoy & new positions 12 mi   |
| (   | C-2         |      | 88th Div.                     | Pertusa (F-702829)                                 | N. FORMELLO (F-684879). Arr. 0900.   |
|     |             |      | 88th Div.                     | 1월 mi N. Formello<br>(F-684879)<br>월 mi S. M Sarle | SW SARLE (F-631955). Arrid 1400.  Protected convoy & new positions NW  |
|     |             |      | 88th Div.                     | (F-631955)   | MONTEROSI (F-604009). Arrid 1800.  Advanced to new tactical positions de-  |
|     | D-1         | 1100 | 88th Div.<br>& Div Arty<br>CP | (F-732701)   | fending CPs S. FORMELLO (F-6/78/6).  |
|     | D-2         | 1200 | 443d Bn.                      | bridge   | Advanced to new positions protecting fwd road nets W of POSTA DELLA STORTA (F-659788). Arr'd 1300.   |
|     |             | 2300 | 443d Bn.                      | (F-730721) W of Posta Della Storta (F-659788)      | Convoyed to advance positions protecting Hwy 2 road net 2 mi W. M. GROCET- ing Hwy 2 road net 2 mi W. M. GROCET- Arr 0030 18 June.   |
|     | Bn CP       | 1900 | 88th Inf.<br>Div.             | N. Rome<br>(F-739702)                              | 88th Inf Div Directive - "Hq 88 Inf Div 071900 June 1944 in re:relief of Di- visions after reaching certain objec- tives, II Corps units will be relieved by CEF as rapidly as forces can be brought up & will assemble for rest & reorgn'th S&E of LAKE BRACCIANO." |

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| Unit  | Time | Protecting        | Location  8 JUNE 1944                                   | Remarks   |
| Bn CP | 1045 | 88th Inf. Div.    | N. Rome<br>(F-739702)                                   | Advanced to new location of mi S. FORMET.  LO (F-680870). Arr'd 1200.   |
|       | 1400 | 88th Inf.<br>Div. | 1 mi S. Formello (F-680870)                             | Hq 71 AAA Bde Memo providing for assy c btries upon relief of 88th Div elements by CEF as per Warning Order Hq II Corps 7 June 1944. Units protecting Div Arty elements will assemble when relieved, those protecting road nets on Bde order. Btries assemble individually to march to proposed Divarea S. LAKE BRACCIANO.  |
|       | 1600 | 443d Bn.          | N Rome<br>(F-730720)                                    | VOCG, 71 AAA Bde: "A Btry & D-1 protect ing road nets are relieved & will assemble."  |
| C-CP  | 1450 | 443d Bn.          | N Romo<br>(F-730720)                                    | Advanced to new location 2 mi W. M. GRC CETTA to join D-2 F-693905. Arr 1615  |
| Bn CP | 0945 | 88th Inf.<br>Div. | 9 JUNE 1944 \[ \frac{1}{2} mi S. Formello (F-680870) \] | Msg to BC's line Btries, "Select assy area in your vicinity & move into it when rel'd of pres. mission. Send coordinatés of area selected to S-3."  |
| Bn CP | 1000 | 88th Inf. Div.    | ₹ mi S. Formello (F-680870)                             | Bn CO & 105th & 443d Bns. (SP) discussed possibility of firing at night at unseen targets due to straffing & bombing of night supply trains & fwd elements of 85th & 88th Div. with CG 71st AAA Bde. CG's decision that SP units protecting fwd road nets should be used to protect important rd junctions by concentrating one pltn at such places and fire on GOR "No Restriction" when E/A commits hostile act or is identified. |
|       |      | Div.              |   | VOCG 71 Bde: Btries on road net protection are rel'd of mission immediately Rec'd commendation addressed to all officers & men. 71 AAA Bde commending fine work in II Corps operation beginning 11 May & recently completed.  |
|       | 2300 | 88th Inf.<br>Div. | \frac{1}{2} mi S. Formello (F-680870)                   | Rec'd new overlay of Bde proposed biv-<br>ouac area vic. of LIDO on TIBER R.  |
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| Unit        | Time | Protecting        | Location<br>10 JUNE 1944                        | Remarks   |
| Bn CP       | 0730 | 83th Inf.<br>Div. | 1 mi S. Formello (F-680870)                     | Msg to CO "A" & "D-2": "You are relid of mission at once. Assemble in selected area & await orders" S-3.  |
|             | 0735 | 88th Inf.<br>Div. | 1 mi S. Formello (F-680870)                     | Msg to CO "D" Btry: "When unit you are protecting leaves, move pltn involve into your btry assy area with D-2.  |
|             | 1155 | 88th Inf. Div.    | 1 mi S. Formello (F-680870)                     | Msg to S-3 71 Bde: "Units will move 11 & 12 June with Div. convoys". S-3.   |
|             | 1910 | 88th Inf.<br>Div. | ½ mi S. Formello<br>(F-680870)                  | Msg to CO "D" Btry: "Iron of A is not coming to see you - new div. area is changed. You may move alone. Have Lt. HEISLER keep contact with Div. & Div. Arty CPs". S-3.  |
| A-CP<br>A-2 | 0730 | 443d Bn.          | 2½ mi SSE Monte-<br>rosa (F-626908)             | Rel'd of mission protecting fwd rd net<br>in fwd areas, infiltrated to Btry<br>assy area of pltn CP & Btry CP.  |
| A-1         | 0730 | 443d Bn.          | Campagno D'Roma<br>(F-616948)                   | Rel'd of mission protecting road nets in fwd areas, infiltrated to Btry assy area $2\frac{1}{2}$ mi SSE MONTEROSI (F-626 968).  |
| D-CP<br>D-2 | 0700 | 443d Bn.          | 2 mi W. Grocetta<br>(F-693909)                  | Rel'd of mission protecting fwd rd net infiltrated to btry assy area 3 mi S FORMELLO (F-667820).  |
| Bn CP       | 1130 | 88th Inf.<br>Div. | ½ mi S. Formello (F-680870)                     | Msg to BCs line Btries: "You will not move with Div convoys. Remain in assy areas until rd clearance is given tomorrow to asgd bn." S=3.  Msg to S-1 "Obtain clearance for btries to move separately tomorrow". S-3.  |
| Bn CP       | 0930 | 88th Inf.<br>Div. | 12 JUNE 1944<br>12 mi S. Formello<br>(F-680870) | Radio to all Btry COs: "Move with Div. elements as first planned. Contact them for time at once. Move at rear column and turn off to our assy area as on overlay" S-3.  Msg to "C" Btry CO "Movement for unit C-1 is with, will come later. Have Lt. MARLOTTE keep check & move with it. Same as per overlay". S-3. |
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| Unit        | Time | Attached Protecting | Location 12 JUNE 1944 (C                          | Remarks ont'd)   |
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|             |      |                     |   | Msg to S-1: "Btries are moving to new area today - notify S-4 and btrye execs." S-3.   |
|             | 1255 | 88th Inf. Div.      | 1 mi S. Formello (F-680870)                       | Moved to Bn biv area as asg'd by Bde. 6\frac{1}{4}\text{mi E. OSTIA. LIDO (F-668463).}   |
| A           | 1430 |                     | 2½ mi SSE Monte-<br>rosi (F-626968)               | Entire battery moved with 88th Div.  Arty convoy. Closed in Bn assy area  6 mi E. OSTIA LIDO at 1630 (F-668468                             |
| BCP         | 1015 | 443d Bn.            | 3 mi SE Monterosi<br>(F-646981)                   | Moved to Bn ass'y area 6 mi E. OSTIA<br>LIDO (F-665467). Arr'd 1335.   |
| B-1         | 1015 | 339 FA<br>88th Div. | 1½ mi W. Gensini<br>(F-643949)                    | Moved with 339 FA convoy to new Bn assy area $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi E. OSTIA LIDO (F-665467). Arr'd 1620. Relieved of mission on arrival.       |
| B-2         | 1300 | 913 FA<br>88th Div. | 3 mi SE Monterosi<br>(F-646981)                   | Moved to Bn assy area with 913 FA convoy 62 mi E. OSTIA LIDO (F-665467).  Arrid 1620. Relieved of mission on arrival.                      |
| C-2         | 1145 | 338 FA<br>88th Div. | NW Monterosi<br>(F-604009)                        | Relieved of mission. Convoyed to Bn assy area $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi E. OSTIA LIDO (F-665 466). Arr'd 1505.                                     |
| D CP<br>D-2 | 1430 | 443d Bn.            | 3 mi S. Formello<br>(F-667820)                    | Convoyed with A Btry in Div. Arty Hq. Convoy to new Bn area 6 mi E. OSTIA LIDO (F-668463). Arr'd 1630.                                     |
| D-1         | 1500 | 443d Bn.            | S. Formello<br>(F-677872)                         | Protecting 88 Div Hq convoy, moved to new Bn Assy area 62 mi E. OSTIA LIDO (F-668465). Arr'd 1700.   |
| Bn Hq       | 0900 | 71st AAA<br>Bde.    | 13 JUNE 1944 Tor Pignataro (F-795648)             | Rear Ech. moved by infiltration to join Hq Operations elements at new Bn Assy area $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi E. OSTIA LIDO (F-668463). Arr'd 1300. |
| C CP<br>C-1 | 1720 | 337 FA<br>88th Div. | 1/4 mi NW Mazzano<br>(F-679012)                   | Protecting 337 FA convoy moved to Bn assy area $6\frac{1}{2}$ mi E. OSTIA LIDO (F-668 466). Arr'd 2130.                                    |
| Bn Hq       |      | 71st AAA<br>Bde.    | 15 JUNE 1944<br>6월 mi E. Ostia<br>Lido (F-668463) | Lt Col DENSON, Exec., 71st Bde & S-3 visited Bn Hq & discussed maintenance, training, passes etc. with Bn CO.                              |
|             | 1800 | 71st AAA<br>Bde.    | 6½ mi E. Ostia<br>Lido (F-668463)                 | Training memo #17, Hq 443 fr 17 to 23  Juhe issued by S-3.   |

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| Rn Ua                |                              | 77 1                | 16 JUNE 1944  | Remarks   |  |  |  |  |
| Bn Hq                |                              | 71st AAA<br>Bde.    | 6½ mi E. Ostia<br>Lido (F-668463)   | Bn CO contacted Exec & S-3, 71st AAA  Bde as to new 5th Army asgt to 36th Inf. Div. Bn CO & S-3 went to report to CG - 36 Inf Div, but found 45th Inf. Div. instead & went fw'd to CIVITA VECCHIA and learned 36th Inf. Div. was in the line. Bn CO decided there had been a mistake & retn'd to 71 Bde S-3 who will contact 5th Army |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                              |                     | 17 JUNE 1944  |   |  |  |  |  |
| Bn Hq                |                              | 71st AAA<br>Bde.    | 6½ mi E. Ostia<br>Lido (F-668463)   | 71st Bde informed Bn CO that this had been a mistake of code names and tha 443d Bn will be attached to 45th Inf Div   |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                              | 71st AAA<br>Bde.    | 6克 mi E. Ostia<br>Lido (F-668463)   | Hq 71st AAA Bde 17 June 1944 to CO 443 Bn.: "443d rel'd fr attachment to 71 Bde & attached to 45 Div. for move- ment."  |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                              | 71st AAA<br>Bde.    | 6½ mi E. Ostia<br>Lido (F-668463)   | Movement order #2, 17 June 1944, Hq. 45 Inf. Div.: "Movement by motor & water to SALERNO area."   |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                              |                     | 18 JUNE 1944  |   |  |  |  |  |
|                      |                              | Div.                | 6½ mi E. Ostia<br>Lido (F-668463)   | Bn CO contacted CG, 45th Inf. Div. & staff members as to new asgt.  |  |  |  |  |
| Bn Hq<br>A<br>B<br>C | 0700<br>0630<br>0620<br>0640 |                     | 6½ mi E. Ostia<br>Lida (F-668463)<br>(F-668468)<br>(F-668467)<br>(F-668466) |   |  |  |  |  |
| D                    | 0650                         |                     | (F-668465)  | Bn moved as march units in 157th Inf. serial of 45th Div. convoy. Moved to ass'y area 2 mi E. NETTUNO (F-911 192). Arr. 1030.   |  |  |  |  |
| Bn Hq                | 1400                         | 45th Inf.<br>Div.   | 2½ mi E. Nettuno<br>(F-917192)  | All track vehicles of Bn moved to ANZIO staging area (F-910194). Arr'd 1500 hrs for transport by water.   |  |  |  |  |
| 443 Bn               | .1930                        | 45th Inf.<br>Div.   | 20 JUNE 1944<br>2½ mi E. Nettuno<br>(F-917192)                              | Wheeled vehicles moved in convoy with 157th Inf. serial of 45th Div. con-   |  |  |  |  |
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|       |         |                       | 20 JUNE 1944                                  | (Contid)   |
| 443   | Bn 2000 | 45th Inf<br>Div.      | • 2½ mi E. Nettund (F-917192)                 | voy to assy area 4 mi N. BATTIPAGLIA<br>(N-833292). Arr'd 21 June 0530 hrs.<br>Half-tracks loaded on LSTs at ANZIO<br>Port & moved by water to SALERNO.<br>Arr'd 21 June 1600. Motor convoyed<br>to Bn assy area 4 mi N. BATTIPAGLIA<br>(N-833292. Arr'd 2230 21 June.     |
|       |         |                       | 22 JUNE 1944                                  |  |
| Bn Ho | 1 1030  | 45th Inf.<br>Div.     | 4 mi N. Battipag<br>lia(N-833292)             | <ul> <li>VOCG 45th Inf. Div. Bn is asgd for<br/>training with div. elements.</li> <li>VOCO, 443d Bn, following asgts made for<br/>training:</li> </ul>   |
|       |         |                       |   | Btry A - 157 C.T 158 FA Lt Arty Br<br>B - 179 C.T 160 FA " " "<br>C - 180 C.T 171 FA " "   |
| A     |         | 157 C.T.<br>45th Div. | 4 mi N. Battipag-<br>lia (N-833292)           | Moved by convoy to biv area vic 157 CT  5 mi WWW BATTAPAGLIA (N-762265)  |
| C     |         | 180 C.T.<br>45th Div. | 4 mi N. Battipag-<br>lia (N-833292)           |  |
| Bn Hq | 1000    | 45th Inf.<br>Div.     | 23 JUNE 1944 4 mi N. Battipag- lia (N-833292) | S-3 contacted British 94 sub area C.P. to inquire of necessity for AAA protection in new area. Only one bomb has been dropped in 9 months on SALLERNO area, he was told. This information transmitted to 45th Div. VOCG - no protection need be provided for 45th Inf. Div |
| Bn Hq | 0815 1  | 79 RCT                | 1   | Bn CO contacted CO Div Arty to discuss AAA tactics & employment.  Moved in convoy to new biv vic 179 RCT  2 mi W. BATTIPAGLIA (N-790238).  Arr'd 0900.   |
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Bn Hq --- 45th Inf. Div.

26 JUNE 1944 4 mi N Battinaglia (N-833292)

Per SO #178 Hq 2nd Rep:1 Depot, Person nel Center #1, par 50, 1st Lt. CARL O. NEUMANN, 0-1046910, on T.D. with Bn is transferred to 443d Bn., on permanent asgt. Lt. NEUMAIN will continue duties as Pitn Officer of B-2.

Bn Hq 45th Inf. Div.

27 JUNE 1944

4 mi N. Battipag- Training Memo #19 this Hq, issued by

For the Commanding Officer:

PEYTON W. WILLIAMS, Jr., Captain, C.A.C., Adjutant

OFFICIAL:

PEYTON W. WILLIAMS, Fr.,
Captain, C.A.C.,
Adjutant

SECRET HEADQUARTERS, 443RD AAA AW BN (SP) APO #464 U.S. ARMY ITALY CONCLUSIONS - OPERATIONS (May - June 1944) 1. Fast-Moving Situation a. Throughout this last operation the AAA (SP) Bn has proven itself the most effective AAA unit for a fast front-line operation to be followed up by Bofors and 90 mm gun battalions. This is all due to its high speed mobility, immediate emplacement of gun-tracks, speedy, movement out of position when march order is given by FA Bn or for covering newly acquired road nets, and immediate action for all-around fire while protecting convoys, which is not possible with the Bofors. b. This operation was marked by frequently changing assignments, rapidity and frequency of movements and a change in tactics of E/A. As a result it has been necessary to exert the capacities of men and materiel to the utmost. Several changes in procedure had to be effected to enable supply and administrative functions to operate effectively. c. After this operation began to gather momentum, liaison by AAA Brigade with higher headquarters for AAA (SP) Bn was not adequate to insure immediate protection of Corps and Division elements because the Corps and Division Hqs. could not obtain immediate information from combat troops in this extremely fluid situation. As a result it was necessary for AAA (SP) Battalion, Batteries, and Platoons to keep constant liaison with Field Artillery and as to newly acquired road nets needing AAA protection. Direct liaison resulted in complete and constant coverage of Corp and Division units regardless of the amount and rapidity of movement of various elements. 2. Gun-sections. Because FA Batteries would many times leap-frog each other the AAA (SP) Platoons had to be split down to gun sections in protection of each FA Battery. A number of times the Section NCO would reconnoiter and emplace his gun-tracks before the Platoon Commander could get around to each gun-section. In most cases the NCO did an excellent job when checked by Platoon Commander. This as well as other added responsibilities results in strong leadership and initiative on the part of NCO's. The officers and men have become very much camouflage-conscious 3. Camouflage. There was some negligence, but constant inspections remedied the deficien-

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cies. A sharp constrast was evident when other units would come into or no our gun positions and would often fail to camouflage and thus render our own camouflage efforts ineffective. This great interest in camouflage was the direct result of the thoroughly instructive information and demonstrations given by the Engineer Camouflage Platoon while in training areas.

4. Night Harrassing Raids. There were practically no day-time E/A activity except for a few reconnaissance flights at high altitude. At night there were a considerable number of harassing raids by a few E/A. A number of personnel bombs were dropped and there was strafing of supply trains along road nets from Division Dumps to forward Regimental Dumps. Very little damage and few casualties resulted from these raids. However, numerous complaints were made by forward Regimental elements because AAA (SP) guns did not fire at unseen targets. Division registered complaints with higher headquarters and through AAA (SP) Bn requesting night fighters and AAA fire at unseen tar targets. Explanation was made that AAA (SP) Bn could not fire at unseen targets because the results would be practically negligible and ineffectiv FA Battalions definitely do not want any night firing because it would give away their positions. Decision was made that AAA (SP) units in protection of road nets would concentrate a platoon at each vital forward road junction and fire at seen E/A or unseen E/A if hostile act were committed, by leading the sound of the plane by at least 20° (due to sound lag), under command of platoon leader. This new tactical procedure was initiated too late to obtain any definite results from night firing in AAA (SP) units. From the viewpoint of morale and confidence of Division elements, it will tend to promote greater appreciation and cooperative spirit and eliminate the feeling that AAA is so much useless baggage. This is particularly true with new Division with limited combat experience. Searchlights or radar-controlled AAA (SP) gun-tracks for forward elements are the answer to these night harassing raids.

#### 5. Radio Communication.

- a. The rapid movement of AAA (SP) units resulted in an unusual strain on the communication system, proving the only workable means of communication possible in a fast-moving situation is radio. All units from AAA tion possible in a fast-moving situation is radio. All units from AAA Brigade down to Platoons were forced to rely entirely on radio for tactical control, administration and air warning. Wire could not be installed rapidly enough nor be drawn in quantities sufficient to maintain contact with forward elements.
- b. Full reliance on radio communication resulted in overloaded radio nets with resulting delay in transmission of some traffic. This overloaded condition was due also to use of our assigned channels by other units.

SECRET By following to the letter correct radio procedure this load can be relieved to a certain extent. Message texts must be cut to an absolute minimum and all unnecessary traffic eliminated. Communication checks must not be made except in cases where radio reception is less than loud and clear. Radios must be tuned to exact frequencies to avoid unneces. sary interference with stations using channels close by. Unnecessary words and phrases must be eliminated and calls must be answered promptly c. During this operation, radios were forced to remain on 24-hour standby, which resulted in the running down of vehicle batteries and severe strair on the radio equipment. If it is absolutely necessary to maintain 24hour standby for night operations, the voltmeter on vehicle dash boards must be checked once every half hour and, if below 12 volts, the motor should be run. Vehicle generators should be carefully checked to see that the highest charging rate is given; water in batteries should be checked twice per day, and the best batteries in the unit should be installed in the radio tracks. Transmitter should not be turned on unless the operator is ready to transmit. d. Observation has shown that often in a fast moving situation Battalion Forward and Battalion Rear have been separated to such an extent as to be out of radio contact with each other, resulting in late reports and delay in repair and maintenance of vehicles, guns, and radios, Recommen that an additional SCR-193 (or 506) be authorized for Battalion Rear in order to maintain contact with Battalion Forward and for relaying Batter; traffic when out of radio contact with SCR-608 (w 508). e. Experience has proven that the AAAIS radio net did not function at all times due to the GOR not moving forward enough to be in range of AAA (SP) unit whose radios are not as powerful as the GOR. Warnings are picked up but units cannot transmit warning to GOR. f. Several times our unit (using FM-600 series) interferred with the firing problems of the field artillery, who have been assigned the same channels as this unit in many cases. Due to a shortage of FM channels and the great number of artillery units used in this operation, these channels must be shared. Special care must be exercised by all AAA (SP) units to prevent radio interference with FA firing problems. AAA (SP) units should switch to an alternate channel for transmission immediately upon hearing FA firing mission. Use of FM 500 series would eliminate interference from FA nets but would interfere with Armored unit nets. g. It was noticed that the enemy frequently jammed our channels with jamming signal or with music causing difficulty in receiving transmissions. In

the event one channel is jammed, an alternate channel should be used in mediately.

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h. The main lessons learned are that in a rapidly moving situation radios must be able to carry on all traffic on overloaded channels, shared with other units and subject to jamming by the enemy. This can be done if proper radio procedure is carried out by all operators and if the operators use their heads.

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|---|--------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|--|
| Polking, Edgar C. Lavallee, Henry J. Lawson, George, W. Rathbun, Frederick, W.  | Sgt<br>Pfc<br>Pvt<br>Pvt | 37423455<br>31095821<br>35268884<br>6871113                                      | 5 June<br>5 June<br>5 June<br>5 June             | LWA<br>LWA<br>LWA                                  | Breda, Iowa<br>Springfield, Mass.<br>Rockholds, Ky., Rt 2<br>Rochester, N. Y.   |  |  |
|   |                          | Battery "C   | 2"   |  |   |  |  |
| STADE, WARREN G: Ralston, Robert.L. Dreyfuss, Henry Farnese, Anthony P. Grantham, Russell K. Stammen, Raymond L. Linscott, Richard W. | T/4<br>T/5<br>T/5<br>T/5 | 01055735<br>37181741<br>35135534<br>33053894<br>34290059<br>36321573<br>31098959 | 5 June | KIA KIA SWA KIA KIA KIA KIA KIA KIA KIA KIA KIA KI | Brooklyn, N. Y. Sarcoxis, Mo. Cleveland, Ohio Philadelphia, Pa. Columbia, La., Rt 1 Rock Island, Ill. Washington, Me. |  |  |

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