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OPERATIONS IN ITALY
(November, 1943)

1. Original unit:
   a. Designation: 443rd Coast Artillery Battalion (Sep) (AWpns)(AA)(SM).
   b. Date of organization: 20 April, 1942.
   c. Place of organization: Fort Sheridan, Illinois.
   d. Authority for organization: General Orders No. 7, Headquarters Antiaircraft Command, Richmond, Va., dated April 16, 1942.
   e. Sources from which personnel was obtained: Enlisted cadre of twenty-four men from Headquarters Battery, Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center, Fort Sheridan, Illinois; remainder from replacement training centers, chiefly Fort Eustis, Virginia.

2. Changes in organization:
   a. Conversion to mobile unit:
      (1) New designation: 443rd Coast Artillery Battalion (Sep)(AWpns) (AA) (M).
      (2) Date of reorganization: 30 August, 1942.
      (3) Place of reorganization: Fort Sheridan, Illinois.
      (4) Authority for reorganization: General Orders Number 17, Headquarters Antiaircraft Artillery Training Center, Fort Sheridan, Illinois, dated 30 August, 1943.
   b. Conversion to self-propelled unit:
      (1) New designation: No change.
      (2) Date of reorganization: September 15, 1942.
      (3) Place of reorganization: Camp Pickett, Virginia.
      (4) Authority for reorganization: Par. 9, Memorandum (Secret) for Commanding General, Task Force "A", War Department General Staff, Operations Division, Washington, D.C., dated October 2, 1942, file OPD 400 TF (10-2-42), authorizing reequipping of 443rd C.A. Bn (Sep)(AA)(M) with eighty (80) multiple gun mounts T28E1, and VOCG, Task Force "A".
      (5) Nature of reorganization; Each lettered battery was organized in five (5) platoons of four (4) gun sections each, each platoon consisting of thirty-eight (38) enlisted men commanded by a lieutenant.
   c. Redesignation as self-propelled unit:
      (1) New designation: 443rd Antiaircraft Artillery Battalion (AWpns) (SP).
      (2) Date of reorganization: 23 September, 1943.

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(3) Place: Bivouac thirteen (13) miles east of Termini Imerese, Sicily.
(4) Authority for reorganization: VOCG, Seventh Army.

3. Strength, commissioned and enlisted:

	Officers	Warrant Officers	Enlisted Men
a. November 1, 1943:	37	2	701
b. November 30, 1943:	35	2	654
c. Net decreases:	2	0	47

4. Narrative of operations during November, 1943:
November 1, 1943. The 443d AA Bn (SP), Lieutenant Colonel WERNER L. LARSON Commanding, assigned to 2626 AAA Brigade (Prov) and attached to 36th Infantry Division, was in bivouac with Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and Batteries "A" and "D" located in the living quarters of a demolished torpedo factory, Silurificio Italiano, near Baia, Italy, at coordinates M-50460, (South Italy Grid map 1/50,000). Battery "B" was in bivouac nearby at N-045447, near Bacoli, Italy, and Battery "C" was in bivouac on the shore of Lake Lucrinus, at N-070470. Normal training was in progress. Batteries had been tentatively attached for operations to field artillery units of the 36th Infantry Division Artillery, as follows:

Battery "A" ..... 132nd F.A. Bn of 142nd RCT.
Battery "B" ..... 155th F.A. Bn and Division Artillery.
Battery "C" ..... 131st F.A. Bn. of 141st RCT.
Battery "D" ..... 133rd F.A. Bn. of 143rd RCT.

On this date Major ATKINS, commanding the 155th F.A. Bn, with members of his staff, visited battalion headquarters and Battery "B" to discuss plans for the forthcoming operations and to coordinate tactical plans with normal procedures of the antiaircraft platoons. This was the final one of a series of scheduled conferences between officers of the battalion and officers of the field artillery units to which the respective batteries were attached.

November 2 brought no action. At 1530 A on November 3, telephonic instructions were received from G1, 36th Infantry Division, to send an officer qualified to act for the C.O. in the selection of a bivouac area, to the road junction four miles northwest of Capua at 1500 on November 4. At 0845 on November 4 a warning order was received from the division instructing units to prepare for movement on twenty-four (24) hours' notice. At 1230 A Capt. LAZUR left for the bivouac reconnaissance mission, with instructions to meet Colonel IVES, division G-1, at the junction above Capua.

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At 1600 A a message from division was received, directing movement of the division and attached units beginning at 0600 A November 6.

Also on November 4, several changes in status of officers occurred. Warrant Officer HAYES having returned to duty, 1st Lt. PRICE was relieved from assignment as Munitions and Ordnance Officer, and was designated Intelligence Officer. 1st Lt. C. PITCHER was relieved from command of Headquarters Battery and assigned to Battery "D", where he assumed command of the First Platoon. 1st Lt. MASTER was transferred to Headquarters Battery and assumed command. 1st Lt. ROBERTS, replaced by Lt. PITCHER, became Executive Officer of Battery "D".

The following day, November 5, Capt. LAZUR returned with location of the new bivouac area in the vicinity of VILLA VOLTURNO. One hundred and thirty-one men of Headquarters Battery, Medical Detachment, and Batteries "B", "C", and "D" were awarded the Good Conduct Medal, in General Order No. 5, Headquarters, 443rd AA Bn (SP). C.O. Battery "A" elected to withhold recommendations for award to men of his command until a later date.

At 1000 A on November 6, Battery "C", having been reorganized in four (4) operating platoons of four (4) multiple mount guns T28E1 each, moved in compliance with Field Order No. 35 (Revised), 36th Infantry Division, to join the 141st Regimental Combat Team and, in compliance with VOCO 141st RCT provided AA protection for the motor column of the 131st F.A. Bn on the march to PIGNATARO, setting up battery C.P. on arrival at coordinates N-128877. Battery administrative echelon under 1st Lt. MOODY remained attached to battalion headquarters. At 1600 A, Battery "A", moved in motor convoy to join the 142nd Regimental Combat Team and to provide AA protection for that unit's motor column on the march and in the new assembly area in the vicinity of Villa Volturno, arriving at 2330 A and establishing C.P. at coordinates N157849. Battery administrative echelon under 1st lt. FRINCKE remained attached to battalion headquarters.

Also on this date (November 6), orders were issued dropping from the rolls Capt. CLAIR LeJEUNE HALL, absent in hospital for more than thirty days.

At 0945 on November 7, Battery "C" moved in convoy with 141st RCT to a new assembly area two miles southwest of PIETRAVAIRANO, at H-117009, arriving at 1230 A and setting up to provide protection for the area. At 1600, the battalion, less Batteries "A" and "C", moved by motor convoy in rear of 36th Division Artillery through Qualiano, Giugliano, and Santa Maria to assembly area, four miles northwest of CAPUA, at N-153852. Move was in

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blackout over roads made difficult by rain, mud, and darkness, but the convoy arrived without incident, Headquarters Battery and the administrative echelons of the lettered batteries clearing the road at 2020A. Battery "B" left the convoy enroute to join the 155th F.A. Bn in assembly area at N-171840, three and one-half miles northwest of CAPUA. Battery "D" proceeded to assembly area in the vicinity of PIGNATARO, at N-138860. All fire units except Battery "D" were thus in position to defend the elements towhich they were respectively assigned.

On November 9 the 143d RCT returned from river-crossing training to its assembly area at N-107868, six miles northwest of CAPUA, and Battery "D" set up its guns to provide AA protection for this area. No further changes occurred, excpet for local readjustments of gun positions to improve AA defense of the areas, until November 15.

At 1800 on November 15, Field Order No. 37, 36th Infantry Division, was received, directing the division and attached troops to move during the period November 15-18 to relieve the 3rd Infantry Division in the lines. This order attached the 443d AA Bn (SP) to Division Artillery for the protection of field artillery units on the move and in new positions. Accordingly, the commanders of the various regimental combat teams by verbal order attached the batteries of the 443d Bn. to their respective field artillery battalions.

On November 16, Capt. BURCHELL E. HORN, O-334608, of Dayton, Ohio, and nine enlisted men were transferred per Par. 13, Special Orders No. 215, Headquarters Fifth Army, to Personnel Center No. 1, Atlantic Bas Section, for return to the United States under the rotation policy laid down in Circular No. 156, NATOUSA, 1943.

Movements projected in F.O. 37 began on November 16 for this battalion. Battery "A" was alerted for movement and First Platoon, Battery "A", moved with Battery "B", 132nd F.A. Bn. to a new position at G-991043, one mile east of CONCA DELLA CAMPANIA, arriving at 2330A. Battery "B" moved its C.P., attached to Bn. Hq., 155th F.A. Bn., at 1930 A, thirty miles to a new position at H-018079, four miles southeast of MIGNANO, arriving at 2300A; at the same time the First Platoon, Battery "B", moved with Battery "C", 155th F.A. Bn., to position at H-012076, four miles southeast of MIGNANO, and the Second Platoon, Battery "B", moved with Battery "A", 155th F.A. Bn., to position at G-999109, one mile east of MIGNANO. Battery "D" moved at 1900A with the 133d F.A. Bn. to vicinity of VENAFRO; the battery C.P. took up position with the field artillery battalion headquarters at

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H-059137, arriving at 2330; the First Platoon set up to protect Battery "A", 133rd F.A. Bn. at H-040046, and the Second Platoon took positions to protect Battery "C", 133d F.A. Bn., at H-042148. All movements were slowed by heavy rain and slick roads, and the movement of guns to positions away from roads was hampered by heavy mud.

At 1430A on 17 November, Lt. Col. LARSON with Lt. COLE, Communications Officer, and Lt. FISHER, S-3, moved from the battalion headquarters to set up an advance C.P. at H-030045, near PICILLI, in direct proximity to the C.P. of Division Artillery. At 1630A, the C.P. and First Platoon of Battery "A" moved with the 132nd F.A. Bn. to a new position at G-989037, near CONCA DELLA CAMPANIA. First Platoon C.P. was located at G-993007, near ROCCAMONTINA, at 2400A. All units were by this time well forward. On the evening of November 17, one multiple gun half-track, T28E1, one dual machine gun turret mount half-track M13, and one one-ton cargo trailer of the Second Platoon, Battery "B", located at G-949109, were hit by enemy shell fragments. Both tracks were damaged and the trailer burned beyond recovery with all its contents. No casualties occurred during this shelling. The half-tracks were salvaged.

On the evening of November 18, Battery "C" with all four platoons moved in convoy with the 131st F.A. Bn. from PIETRAVAIRANO to new positions three and a half miles southeast of MIGNANO, arriving at 2300. Battery C.P. was set up at the position of the Fourth Platoon (G-017074).

On November19, beginning at 1200A, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery and the administrative echelons of the lettered batteries moved by infiltration to N-111994, three miles southwest of PIETRAVAIRANO, arriving at 1330A. The move was accomplished in heavy rain and through a considerable flow of traffic, but was without incident.

All elements of Battery "C" moved forward after sunset with the 155th F.A. Bn. to new positions north of PICILLI; Battery C.P. was established at H-017064, four miles south of MIGNANO. Both platoons of Battery "D" made short moves forward in the vicinity of VENAFRO. At 0715 the Second Platoon, Battery "D", engaged two (2) enemy Messerschmitt 109 aircraft in passing flight at extreme range, without visible effect. This was the first action after arriving on the front.

On November 20 the First Platoon, Battery "B", moved forward with Battery "C", 155th F.A. Bn., to a position three and a half miles southeast of MIGNANO. Heavy enemy fire was encountered: T/5 gr. Billie E. Ballou,

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32213054, of Porter's Corner, N.Y.; T/5 gr. Russell W. Hittle, 35268441, of Dayton, Ohio; and Pvt. Nicholas R. Mammay, 35017798, of McDonald, Ohio, were slightly wounded by shell fragments but returned to duty after treatment. At 1700 the platoon and Battery "C" of the 155th F.A. Bn. returned to the previous position at H-023067.

On the evening of November 21, Sgt. Earl K. Robson, 33177941, Danville, Pa., Fourth Platoon, Battery "C", received slight wounds from shell fragments. Sgt. Robson returned to duty after treatment, but was later hospitalized.

Beginning at 1400 on November 22, Headquarters and Headquarters Battery with the administrative echelons of the lettered batteries moved by infiltration six mile along Highway No. 85 to a new position at coordinates H-078069, two miles southeast of PRESENZANO. At 1600, Lt. Col. LARSON with the elements of the Advance C.P. moved to the same location. This move was carried out in order to facilitate administrative and tactical functions of the headquarters.

On November 23 at 1430 A T/5 gr. Claude W. Roberts, 37368099, of Versailles, Mo., Second Platoon, Battery "B", was lightly wounded by shell fragments but returned to duty after treatment. The Third Platoon, Battery "C", was detached at 1330 from 131st F.A. Bn. and moved to provide AA defense for the landing field of the division's Air O.P.'s (Piper Cubs), one and a half miles south of PRESENZANO.

Enemy air activity was at a standstill during November 23-28, chiefly because of inclement weather, but units were subjected to a considerable amount of counter-battery shelling. On November 26, Sgt. Bernard J. Nowicki, 32036934, of Buffalo, N.Y., Second Platoon, Battery "D", was lightly wounded by shell-fragments and evacuated to hospital. On 27 November, positions of the First Platoon, Battery "B", south of MIGNANO were shelled; Cpl. Edgar C. Polking, 37423455, of Breda, Iowa; T/5 gr. Ralph I. Dickie, 31107125, of Farmington, N.H.; Pvt. Joseph L. Daly, 32221536, of Brooklyn, N.Y.; Pvt. Ralph A. Hair, 14099661, of Shreveport, La. (medical aid man); Pvt. Angil W. Reynolds, 35390905, of Sutton, W. Va.; Pvt. William E. Scott, 37229882, of Great Den, Ken., and Pvt. John K. Suszek, of Brooklyn N.Y., received slight wounds, and were evacuated to hospital. Slight damage to one T28E1 gun track was caused. On November 28, Pvt. Joseph Guggemos, 243470, of Auburn, N.Y., First Platoon, Battery "C", received slight wounds from shell fire but returned to duty. Pvt. Guggemos is a veteran of trench warfare in France in 1918. T/5 gr. Zygmont Z. Gudelski, 31041128, of Mor-

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iden, Conn., Fourth Platoon, Battery "C", received shell-fragment wounds on the same day but returned to duty.

Up to this time some difficulty in administration and supply had been occasioned by confusion over proper channels and a duplication of requests for reports and correspondence from the 36th Infantry Division, to which the battalion was attached, and, the 2626th AAA Brigade (Prov), II Corps AA Headquarters, to which it was assigned. This was clarified by letter, Headquarters II Corps, dated 29 November, 1943, subject "Attachments", routing all administration and all classes of supply except Classes II and IV through 36th Infantry Division.

On the morning of November 29, shells struck in the area of the C.P. of Battery "C" south of MIGNANO, lightly wounding Staff Sgt. John W. Post, 32250689, of Elmira, N.Y., who was hospitalized, and Sgt. Carlton W. Smith, 32254916, of Rochester, N.Y., who returned to duty.

In the same shelling, 1st Lt. IRVING C. MYERS, O-1041910, of Cleveland, Ohio, platoon commander of Fourth Platoon, Battery "C", was slightly wounded by fragments but returned to duty. Sgt. William J. Mahoney, 12007054, of New York, N.Y.; Pfc. William L. Gaulke, 37278896, of St. Cloud, Minnesota, and Pfc. Frederick R. Rizzo, 32188325, of Far Rockaway, N.Y., were slightly wounded and evacuated to hospital.

At 1600 A November 29 the Second Platoon, Battery "D" engaged a single enemy ME 109 aircraft which was strafing, and destroyed it. No further enemy air activity accurred during the month. Platoons and other forward installations continued to be subjected to heavy counter-battery fire, however.

Operations for the period were marked by heavy rains, slick and muddy roads which often became almost impassable and consequently increased wear and tear on vehicles, and by enemy gunfire which, although much weaker than our own, was particularly effective against the large targets provided by our half-track weapons in forward areas. One officer and twenty-one enlisted men were wounded in fourteen days of action. Loss and damage of vehicles were heavier than the battalion has suffered since the early part of the Tunisian campaign. Lack of overshoes and combat uniforms needed in the extremely wet and muddy terrain helped to lower morale and dull the spirits of the men. There was, nevertheless, no noticeable impairment of the unit's fighting efficiency.

For the Commanding Officer:

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

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Unit	Time	Attached	Location	Remarks
			1 NOVEMBER 1943	
B-Btry	1000	443d Bn	Vic.Bacoli (N-045447)	Maj. ATKINS, C.O. 155th FA Bn, 36th Inf. Div., visited Bn and B-Btry to get acquainted and discuss proposed attachment and AA tactics in relation to FA.
	----	443d Bn	Vic.Bacoli (N-045447)	(25)EM awarded Good Conduct Ribbons per G.O. #5, Hq 443d Bn (SP).
			3 NOVEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq	1530	443d Bn	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	G-I, 36th Inf. Div. - telephone message: "Send a qualified officer to act for C.O. in selecting bivouac. Officer will meet Col. IVES at road jct. 4 mi NW Capua at 1500 hours.
A-Btry	----	443d Bn	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	Scheduled field problem with 132d FA 36th Inf. Div., cancelled due to possible move forward.
			4 NOVEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq	0845	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	36th Inf. Div. message - messaged: "Div. will move N. on 24 hr. notice. Movement to be by shuttling. Movement order later."
	----	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	1st Lt. G.S. PITCHER reld as Hq Btry C.O. and transfd to D-Btry per par. 8, SO #74, Hq 443d Bn (SP), dated 4 November 1943.
	----	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	1st Lt. O.M. PRICE reld as Ammo & Ordnance Off and assgnd as Bn S-2 per par. 5, SO #74, Hq 443d Bn (SP) dated 4 November 1943.
	1230	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	Capt LAZUR left as reconnaissance officer to meet Col. IVES at 1500.
	1600	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	36th Inf. Div. message - messanger: "Div. moves 060600A. Order of march: 141 RCT, A-Btry, 443d AA

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Unit	Time	Attached	Location	Remarks
				4 NOVEMBER 1943
				Attchd. Div. Spec. troops. Div. Arty plus 443d AA C-1. 753d Tank Bn.
D-Btry	----	443d Bn.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	1st Lt. E.P. MASTER rel'd fr. D-Btry and assgnd Bn Hq per par. 4, SO #74, Hq. 443d Bn (SP) dated 4 November 1943. Assgnd as Hq Btry C.O..
	----	443d Bn.	Vic.Baia	1st Lt. G.S. PITCHER assgnd as Plat. CO, 1st platoon.
				5 NOVEMBER 1943
Bn Hq	1200	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	36th Inf. Div. Message - messenger "FO #35 revoked. Return all copies this order G-3 by 1500 this date."
Medics	----	443d Bn.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	(3) EM awarded Good Conduct Ribbons per GO #5, Hq, 443d Bn dated 5 Nov. 1943.
C-Btry	0900	443d Bn.	Vic.St.Lucrino (N-070470)	(8) T-28E1 gun-tracks test-fired seaward NW Baia.
	----	443d Bn.	Vic.St.Lucrino (N-070470)	(37) EM awarded Good Conduct Ribbons per GO #5, Hq, 443d Bn dated 5 Nov. 1943.
D-Btry	----	443d Bn.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	(39) EM awarded Good Conduct Ribbons per GO #5, Hq, 443d Bn dated 5 Nov. 1943.
				6 NOVEMBER 1943
Bn Hq	0700	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	(18) 2½ T-trucks & 1-T-trailers loaned to 36th Inf. Div. for shuttling Infantry troops to Pignataro - Villa Volturno area.
	----	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	Capt. C.L. HALL dropped fr rolls per par. 3, SO #76, Hq, 443d Bn dated 6 November 1943 (prior status abs. sk.).
A-Btry	1600	443d Bn.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	Attchd 142d RCT per FO #35 (revised), Hq, 36th Inf. Div. dated 5 Nov. 1943. Protected convoy & new assembly area vic. Villa Volturno

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Unit	Time	Attached	Location	Remarks
			6 NOVEMBER 1943 (cont'd)	
				(N-157849). Arrived 2330 hrs. Hq sect. under 1st Lt. FRINCKE attchd Bn Hq.
C-Btry	----	443d Bn.	Vic.St.Lucrino (N-070470)	Btry reorganized into four platoons of (4) T-28E1 gun-tracks each.
	1000	443d Bn.	Vic.St.Lucrino (N-070470)	Attchd 141 RCT per FO #35, (revised) Hq. 36th Inf. Div. dated 5 November 1943. Moved by motor convoy to Pignataro (N-128877). Assgnd to 131 FA VOCO 141 RCT. Hq sect. under 1st Lt. MOODY attchd Bn Hq.
			7 NOVEMBER 1943	
443d Bn	0730	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	1st Lt. PRICE (S-2) reported to 36th Inf. Div. G-3 as Liaison Officer.
	1600	36th Inf. Div.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	Moved in convoy after Div. Art'y. (less A & C Btries CP & platoons) to assembly area 4 mi NW Capua (N-153852). "A" Hq sect joined "A" Btry. (N-157849). Rain with road slippery & rough. Arrived 2020.
B-Btry	1600	443d Bn.	Vic.Bacoli (N-047440)	Moved in convoy with Bn Hq to 155th FA area 3½ mi NW Capua (N-171840).
C-Btry	0945	141 RCT	Vic.Pignataro (N-128877)	Protected convoy and new assembly area 2 mi SW Pietravairano (H-117009). Arrived 1230A. C-1, 2 mi SW Pietravairano (H-119010) C-2, 2 mi SW Pietravairano (H-118005) C-3, 1½mi SW Pietravairano (H-114015) C-4, 2 mi SW Pietravairano (H-112007)
D-Btry	1600	443d Bn.	Vic.Baia (N-050460)	Moved in convoy with Bn Hq to assembly area vic. Pignataro (N-138860).
			8 NOVEMBER 1943	
Hq Btry	----	443d Bn.	4 mi NW Capua (N-153852)	(31) EM awarded Good Conduct Ribbons per GO #5, Hq 443d Bn dated 5 Nov. 1943.
C-Btry	----	443d Bn.	4 mi NW Capua (N-153852)	Hq Sect. Moved under 1st Lt. MOODY to join C-Btry 2 mi SW Pietravairano (N-117009).

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Unit	Time	Attached	Location	Remarks
			9 NOVEMBER 1943	
A-Btry	----	142 RCT	4 mi NW Capua (N-138860)	(3) gun-sections moved to give better perimeter defense of 36th Inf. Div..
B-Btry	1300	443d Bn	3½ mi NW Capua (N-171840)	Gun-sections moved to give greater perimeter defense of 36th Inf. Div.. Hq. moved 4½ mi NW Capua (N-167853).
D-Btry	----	143 RCT	Vic.Pignataro (N-138860)	Reconnoitered new 143 RCT area for perimeter defense. Gun-tracks moved into position after 143 RCT (returning from river crossing training) entered area. 6 mi NW Capua (N-107868).
			13 NOVEMBER 1943	
C-1	----	141 RCT	2mi SW Pietravairano (H-119010)	Moved 1½ mi SW Pietravairano (H-122012).
C-2	----	141 RCT	2mi SW Pietravairano (H-118005)	Moved 2 mi. SW Pietravairano (H-114002).
C-3	----	141 RCT	1½mi SW Pietravairano(H-114015)	Moved 1 mi S. Pietravairano (H-134 016).
C-4	----	141 RCT	2mi SW Pietravairano (H-112007)	Moved 2 mi SW Pietravairano (H-017 005).
			15 NOVEMBER 1943	
443d Bn	1800	36th Inf Div.	4mi NW Capua (N-153852)	FO #37, Hq 36th Inf. Div. 141200: 36th Inf. Div. relieve 3d Inf. Div. 15-18 Nov. '43 to occupy and defend 3d Inf. Div. Sector. 443d AA Bn (SP) atchd to Div. Arty protecting FA units moving to new positions.
A-Btry	1800	142 RCT	4mi NW Capua (N-157849)	Detchd fr. 142 RCT & atchd 132n FA Bn. VOCO.
B-Btry	1800	443d Bn	4½mi NW Capua (N-167853)	Attchd 155 FA Bn. VOCO.
C-Btry	1800	141 RCT	2mi SW Pietravairano(H-117009)	Detchd fr 141 RCT & atchd 131st FA Bn. VOCO.
D-Btry	1800	143 RCT	Vic.Pignataro (N-138860)	Detchd fr 143 RCT & atchd 133d FA Bn. VOCO.

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			16 NOVEMBER 1943	
443d Bn	----,	36th Inf. Div.	4 mi NW Capua (N-153852)	Capt. B.E. HORN & (9) EM relieved & trfd to Pers. Center #1, ABS, per par. 13, SO #215, Hq 5th Army dated 15 Nov '43 (Rotation).
A-Btry	----	132d FA	4 mi NW Capua (N-157849)	Alerted for movement.
A-1	1845	132d FA	4 mi NW Capua (N-157849)	Atchd B-132d FA. Protected convoy & new position 1 mi E. Conca Della Campantia (G-991043) arr. 2330A.
B-CP	1930	155th FA	4½ mi NW Capua (N-167853)	Moved 30 mi to new position 4 mi SE Mignano (H-018079). Raining & rough roads. Arr. 2300. Hq sect. atchd Bn Hq..
B-1	1930	155th FA	3 mi NW Capua (N-166828)	Atchd C-155 FA. Protected convoy & new position 4 mi SE Mignano (H-012076). Arr. 2300.
B-2	1945	155th FA	3½ mi NW Capua (N-171840)	Atchd A-155 FA. Protected convoy & new position 1 mi E. Mignano (G-999109).
D-CP	1900	133d FA	Vic. Pignataro (N-138860)	Atchd Hq 133d FA & moved in convoy 4 mi SE Venafro (H-059137). Arr. 2230. D-Hq atchd Bn Hq..
D-1	1910	133d FA	Vic. Pignataro (N-138860)	Atchd A-133d FA. Protected convoy & new position 3½ mi S. Venafro, (H-040046).
D-2	1920	133d FA	Vic. Pignataro (N-138860)	Atchd C-133d FA. Protected convoy & new position 3½ mi. S.Venafro (H-042148).
			17 NOVEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq	-----	36th Inf. Div.	4 mi NW Capua (N-153852)	Capt. A.N. COOK promoted to Major per ltr Hq. NATOUSA dated 10 Sept. '43.
Bn Cp	1430A	36th Inf. Div.	4 mi NW Capua (N-153832)	Lt. Col. LARSON, S-3 & Comm. Off with vehicles & personnel moved vic. Div Art'y CP, Picilli(H-030045)arr 1630.
A-CP	1630	132d FA	4 mi NW Capua (N-157849)	Moved with A-2 & bivouaced vic Conca Della Campantia (G-993037).
A-2	1630	132d FA	4 mi NW Capua (N-157849)	Protected convoy & new position 1½ mi NE Roccamonfina (G-993007) arr 2400.

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			17 NOVEMBER 1943 (cont'd)	
B-Hq	----	Bn Hq	4½ mi NW Capua (N-167853)	Moved 2 miles over muddy roads to Bn area 4 mi NW Capua (N-153852).
B-2	----	A-155 FA	1 mi E. Mignano (G-999109)	(1) T-28E1, M-13 gun-tracks damaged & 1 T-Trailer burnt up by artillery shrapnel. Gun-tracks will be salvgd.
			18 NOVEMBER 1943	
C-CP	2100	C*-131 FA	2 mi SW Pietravairano(H-017074)	Moved with C-4 in convoy.
C-1	2000	A-131 FA	1½mi SW Pietravairano(H-122012)	Protected convoy & new position 3½ mi SE Mignano (H-024066 arr. 2300.
C-2	1715	C-131 FA	2mi SW Pietravairano(H-114002)	Protected convoy.
C-3	2200	SU-131 FA	1mi SW Pietravairano(H-134016)	Protected convoy.
C-4	2100	CP-131 FA	2mi SW Pietravairano(H-017074)	Protected convoy.
			19 NOVEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq A-Hq B-Hq	1200	36th Inf. Div.	4 mi NW Capua (H-153852)	Moved by infiltration (3 minutes interval) to new bivouac 3 mi SW Pietravairano (N-111694). Traveled 16 miles, arrived 1330A.
C-Hq	1430	Bn Hq	2 mi SW Pietravairano (H-017005)	Moved to Bn Hq bivouac. Traveled 2½ miles. Raining. Arrived 1510.
D-Hq	1300	Bn Hq	Vic. Pignataro (N-138860)	Moved by infiltration to new Bn Hq bivouac
B-CP	----	155 FA	4mi SE Mignano (H-018079)	Moved to H-026069.
B-1	----	C-155 FA	4 mi SE Mignano (H-012076)	Protected move & new position 3½ mi SE Mignano (H-023067).
C-CP	----	131 FA	Convoy	Moved with C-4 convoy.
C-2	----	C-131 FA	Convoy	Protected convoy & new position 2½mi SE Mignano (H-006076) arr. 0900.
C-3	----	SU-131 FA	Convoy	Protected convoy & new position 1 mi N. Picilli (H-026054) arr. 0900.
C-4	----	CP-131 FA	Convoy	Protected convoy & new position 4 mi SE Mignano (H-017064) arr. 0400.
	----	CP-131 FA	4 mi SE Mignano (H-017064)	Pfc. S.E. GILL - LWA by enemy artillery shrapnel - hosp..

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			19 NOVEMBER 1943(cont'd)	
D-1	----	A-133d FA	3½ mi S. Venafro (H-040046)	Protected move & new position 3 mi. S. Venafro (H-041155).
D-2	0710	C-133d FA	3½ mi S.Venafro (H-042148)	Protected move & new position 3 mi. S. Venafro (H-032153).
	0715	C-133d FA	3½ mi S.Venafro (H-042148)	Engaged (2) ME-109, 3000 ft passing - no damage.
			20 NOVEMBER 1943	
B-1	1400	C-155 FA	3½mi SE Mignano (H-023067)	Protected move 2½ mi SE Mignano (H-009084). Rain and mud.
			21 NOVEMBER 1943	
B-1	1400	C-155 FA	2½mi SE Mignano (H-009084)	T/5 B.E. Ballou, R.W. Hittle & Pvt. N.R. Mammay - LWA by artillery shrapnel - duty. Oak Lead Cluster for T/5 Ballou.
	1700	C-155 FA	2½mi SE Mignano (H-009084)	Protected move bace to former position 3½ mi SE Mignano (H-023067) due to intense counter-battery fire.
B-2	----	A-155 FA	1 mi E. Mignano (G-999109)	M-13 gun-track (# W-4048608) damaged 17 Nov. replaced by M-13 (# W-404 8606) this date.
C-4	----	CP-155 FA	4mi SE Mignano (H-017064)	Sgt. E.K. Robson - LWA by artillery fire - duty (hosp. 1 Dec. '43).
			22 NOVEMBER 1943	
Bn Hq	1400	36th Inf.	3mi SW Pietravairano(H-111994)	Moved by infiltration (3 min. interval) to bivouac 2 mi SE Presenzano (H-078069). Traveled 6 mi. Roads good and clear weather. Arrived 1330-1620.
A-Hq	1515	Div. Art'y.		
B-Hq	1500			
C-Hq	1545			
D-Hq	1530			
Bn CP	1600	Div. Art'y CP	Vic. Picilli (H-030045)	Detchd fr Div. Arty CP & joined Bn Hq 2 mi SE Presenzano (H-078069) arr. 2000.
B-1	1545	C-155 FA	3½mi SE Mignano (H-023067)	(3) ME-109, 100 ft., strafing - withheld fire due to danger to ground troops.
C-2	1545	C-131 FA	2½mi SE Mignano (H-006076)	(3) ME-109, 100 ft., strafing - engaged enemy but no visible damage

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Unit	Time	Attached	Location	Remarks
			22 NOVEMBER 1943 (cont'd)	
D-2	1550	C-133 FA	3mi S. Venafro (H-032153)	Engaged (1) ME-109, 50-100 ft, strafing - Hits seen & plane smoked slightly
			23 NOVEMBER 1943	
B-2	1430	A-155 FA	1mi E. Mignano (G-999109)	T/5 C.M. Roberts - LWA by counter-battery shrapnel - duty.
C-3	1300	SU-131FA	1 mi. N. Picilli (H-026054)	Detchd fr 131 FA & atchd Div. Art'y. "Piper Cub" Airport 1½ mi S. Presenzano (H-051065). Arr. 1600.
			24 NOVEMBER 1943	
C-Hq	0800	Bn Hq	2mi SE Presenzano (H-078069)	1st Lt. S.D. MOODY sent to officers' rest center, Sorrento, Italy for (7) days per ltr. Hq. 36th Inf. Div., dated 23 November 1943.
			26 NOVEMBER 1943	
D-2	----	C-133 FA	3mi S. Venafro (H-032153)	Sgt. B.J. Nowicki, LWA by counter-battery shrapnel - hosp.
			27 NOVEMBER 1943	
B-1	----	C-155 FA	3½mi SE Mignano (H-023067)	Cpl. E. C. Polking, T/5 R.I. Dickie Pvt. J.L. Daly, R.A. Hair, A.A. Reynolds, W.E. Scott & J.K. Suszek - LWA by counter-battery shrapnel Hosp. T-28E1 gun-track's firing cable damaged.
			28 NOVEMBER 1943	
C-1	----	A-131 FA	3½mi SE Mignano (H-024006)	Pvt. J.A. Guggemos - LWA by enemy artillery shrapnel - duty.
C-3	1400	Div. Arty Airport	1½mi S.Presenzano (H-051065)	Moved to protect Div. Art'y "Piper Cub" Airport 2 mi SE Presenzano (H-081060), arr. 1600.
C-4	----	CP-131 FA	4mi SE Mignano (H-017074)	T/5 Z.Z. Gudelski - LWA by enemy artillery shrapnel - duty.

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			29 NOVEMBER 1943	
443d Bn	----	36th Inf. Div.Arty.	2mi SE Presenzano (H-078069)	Ltr. Hq II Corps dated 29 Nov. '43 subject: "Attachment" states that 443d AA Bn (SP) is atchd 36th Inf. Div. for administration & Class I, II & V supply, and to II Corps for Class II & IV supply.
C-CP	1120	CP-131 FA	3½mi SE Mignano (H-017074)	S/Sgt J.W. Post, LWA - hosp. & Sgt. C.W. Smith, LWA - duty by enemy artillery shrapnel.
C-4	1120	CP-131 FA	3½mi SE Mignano (H-017074)	1st Lt. I.C. MYERS, LWA - duty, Sgt. W.J. Mahoney, Pfc. W.L. Gaulke, F.R. Rizzo, LWA - hosp. by enemy artillery shrapnel. T-28E1 gun-track destroyed by shrapnel to be salvaged by ordnance.
D-1	0900	A-133 FA	3mi S. Venafro (H-041145)	Detchd from A-133 FA & atchd SU-133 FA 4 mi S. Venafro (H-060138).
D-2	1600	C-133 FA	3mi S. Venafro (H-032153)	Engaged (1) ME-109, strafing, 200 ft - destroyed (N-042148).
			30 NOVEMBER 1943	
A-CP	----	132nd FA	Vic.Conca Della Campania(G-989137)	Moved to 1½ mi NE Roccamonfina (G-993007) due to intense counter-battery.

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Battery B

Ballou, Billie E.	T/5	32213054	21 Nov.	LWA-Dy	Porters Corner, NY.
Hittle, Russell W.	T/5	35268441	21 Nov.	LWA-Dy	Dayton, Ohio
Mammy, Nicholas R.	Pvt	35047798	21 Nov.	LWA-Dy	McDonald, Ohio
Roberts, Claude W.	T/5	37368099	23 Nov.	LWA-Dy	Versailles, Mo.
Daly, Joseph L.	Pvt	32321586	27 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Brooklyn, New York
Dickie, Ralph I.	T/5	31107125	27 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Farmington, N.H.
Hair, Ralph A.	Pvt	14099661	27 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Shreveport, La.
Polking, Edgar C.	Cpl	37423455	27 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Breda, Iowa
Reynolds, Angil A.	Pvt	35390905	27 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Sutton, W. Va.
Scott, Wm. E.	Pvt	37229882	27 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Great Den, Kan.
Suszek, John K.	Pvt	32220690	27 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Brooklyn, New York

Battery C

MYERS, IRVING C.	1st Lt	O-1041910	29 Nov.	LWA-Dy	Cleveland, Ohio
Gill, Walter E.	Pfc	33346911	19 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Plains, Penna.
Robson, Earl K.	Sgt	33177941	21 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Danville, Penna.
Gudelski, Zygmunt Z.	T/5	31041128	28 Nov.	LWA-Dy	Meridan, Conn.
Guggemos, Joseph	Pvt	243470	28 Nov.	LWA-Dy	Auburn, New York
Gaulke, William L.	Pfc	37278896	29 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	St. Cloud, Minn.
Mahoney, William J.	Sgt	12007054	29 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	New York, N.Y.
Post, John W.	S/Sgt	32250689	29 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Elmira, New York
Rizzo, Frederick R.	Pfc	32188325	29 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Far Rockaway, N.Y.
Smith, Carlton W.	Sgt	32254916	29 Nov.	LWA-Dy	Rochester, N.Y.

Battery D

Nowicki, Bernard J.	Sgt	32036934	26 Nov.	LWA-Hosp	Buffalo, New York

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S-3 - 1st Lt. JOHN R. FISHER
S-4 - Major ALBERT W. COOK
Hq Btry - 1st Lt. EL ROY P. MASTER
MTO - Capt. BURCHELL E. HORN

Comm. - 1st Lt. GORDON T. COLE
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Attached 36th Inf. Division

Assigned 2626 (AA) Brigade

Unit	Position Coordinates	Date Time	Protecting	No. & Type a/c	Alt. (Feet)	Mission E/A	Ammo. 37	Ammo. 50	Fire Control	E/A destroyed, (coord.) Casualties, Mat. damage.
D-2	Vic.Venafro (H-042148)	19 0715	C-133 FA	(2) ME-109	3000	Reconn.	40	450	FAS	Home
B-1	Vic.Mignano (G-028067)	22 1545	C-155 FA	(4) ME-109	100	Strafing	0	30	FAS	Planes flew up valley. Many guns withheld fire because of danger to ground troops.
C-2	Vic.Mignano (H-006076)	22 1545	C-131 FA	(3) ME-109	100	Strafing	120	200	FAS	
D-2	Vic.Venafro (H-032153)	22 1550	C-133 FA	(1) ME-109	100	Strafing	2	570	FAS	
D-2	Vic.Venafro (H-032153)	29 1600	C-133 FA	(1) ME-109	200	Strafing	18	520	FAS	Destroyed - crashed (G-8516).

By order of Lieut. Col. LARSON:

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