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

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

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

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ORGANIZATIONAL INFORMATION - OPERATIONS IN ITALY
(May 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. May 1, 1944	35	1	670
b. May 31, 1944	35	1	671
c. Net increase, May	--	-	1

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NARRATIVE - OPERATIONS IN ITALY
(May, 1944)

On 1 May, 1944, the 443d AAA AW Bn (SP), Lt. Col. WERNER L. LARSON commanding, assigned to Fifth Army and attached to 71st AAA Brigade with the mission of providing antiaircraft protection for the elements of the 36th Infantry Division, was in bivouac with the Division three-quarters of a mile west of Forino, Italy. Two gun sections from each lettered battery were in position providing perimeter defense for the Division bivouac and training area.

Plans were under way for movement of the Division to a new bivouac just east of Lake Patria, near Aversa. On May 3, Battery "A" moved to the new area in convoy with and protecting the 142nd Regimental Combat Team, placing the First Platoon in defensive positions. Battery "C" followed with the 141st Regimental Combat Team on May 5, placing the Second Platoon in position. On May 6, Battery "B" moved with 36th Division Artillery Headquarters and the 155th FA Bn.

Meanwhile, on May 3, a radio order from Headquarters Fifth Army ordered temporary detachment of this battalion from 71st AAA Brigade and attachment to 107th AAA Group and 45th AAA Brigade for the period May 7 - 13, for training at the Fifth Army AAA Firing Point at Torre Gaveta. At the completion of this training, the battalion was to revert to attachment to 71st AAA Brigade. Accordingly, on May 7 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery moved in convoy from Forino, and Batteries "A", "B", and "C" from Lake Patria, to Torre Gaveta, and set up bivouac in the firing point area south of ancient Cuma. At dawn on May 8 the battalion was relieved of defense of 36th Infantry Division by the 534th AAA AW Bn. On the same day, Battery "D" moved in convoy with and protecting the 143d Regimental Combat Team from Forino to Lake Patria, and thence joined the remainder of the battalion at the firing point. A battalion rear echelon consisting of the elements of Headquarters Battery and of the headquarters of the lettered batteries not needed at the firing point was set up in the 36th Infantry Division's area.

During the following week, a strict schedule of training, firing, drilling, and bivouac duties was followed. All personnel showed very rapid improvement in all respects. All phases of training were inspected daily by Brig. Gen. P. W. RUTLEDGE of 45th AAA Brigade and by his assistant in charge of the firing point. Daily parade formations were held after the completion of firing. At the conclusion of the period, General RUTLEDGE expressed himself as being well pleased with the battalion in all respects, emphasizing especially the earnest and cooperative spirit of all personnel and the extremely rapid improvement manifested.

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On May 15, orders were issued for movement of the battalion to an assembly area five miles northeast of Mondragone. Movement was effected the same evening, the remaining elements of the battalion arriving from Lake Patria the following morning. Immediately on arrival in the assembly area on the evening of May 15, reconnaissance parties from Batteries "A" and "D" were sent forward, and the two batteries were alerted for immediate movement to tactical positions upon their return. At 0830 the following morning, reconnaissance parties were sent out from Batteries "B" and "C" and the batteries ordered to stand by for immediate movement.

At this time the general offensive on the whole southern front along the Hitler Line had been under way for four days, and troops of II Corps, which this battalion was to support, had driven from Minturno to a line beyond Spigno and Formia. Forward troops of the corps were the 85th and 88th Infantry Divisions, attacking on a front extending from the Tyrrhenian to a point east of Spigno.

On the evening of May 16, Battery "C" moved by infiltration and was displaced in defense of road nets southeast of Spigno in the vicinity of San Maria Infante. Battery "B" followed, taking up positions protecting road nets and field artillery units northeast of San Croce. Shortly after midnight, Battery "D" infiltrated forward and relieved Battery "B", 532nd AAA AW Bn., in defense of road nets and field artillery positions southeast of Minturno. In the late afternoon of May 17, Battery "A" took up positions defending road nets and field artillery elements northeast of Minturno. The Battalion Forward C.P. was established one mile east of Spigno on the evening of the same day.

On May 19, the Headquarters Echelon displaced forward to an area just south of Piedmonte Rivoli. Forward elements of the Corps by this time had reached Itri, and at sunset of the 19th Batteries "A" and "D" convoyed to new positions defending forward road nets and field artillery positions south and southeast of the town.

The following day the Headquarters and Service Echelon, in order to maintain radio and service contact with all elements, moved forward from Piedmonte Rivoli across the Garigliano to a point one mile southeast of Spigno.

Also on May 20, it was agreed between Lt. Col. LARSON, Lt. Col. BARKLEY of the 105th AAA AW Bn (SP), and the Executive Officer and S-3 of 71st AAA Brigade, that direct control of all displacements by the Brigade was no longer suitable to the task of protecting forward elements in the rapidly accelerating drive. Accordingly, the commanding officers of the two battalions were jointly charged with the responsibility for protection of forward road nets and field artillery installations. This battalion was assigned to defend the divisional artilleries of the 85th and 88th Infantry Divisions with two batteries, leaving two batteries to cover road nets.

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Batteries "B" and "C" moved forward on the afternoon of May 20 to positions three miles southeast of Fondi. Battery "D" set up in rear of them on the road net just north of Itri the following morning. The Second Platoon, Battery "B", took positions one and a half miles south of Fondi. The Forward C.P. had moved the preceding evening to the vicinity of "B" and "C" Batteries' positions southeast of Fondi.

Orders were now issued assigning responsibility for defense of divisional artillery units to Batteries "A" and "C", Battery "A" taking those of the 85th Division and Battery "C" those of the 88th. On the afternoon of May 21, Battery "C" moved to protect the 88th Infantry Division Artillery one mile northwest of Fondi, and Battery "A" followed, taking up positions slightly farther to the northwest, toward Terracina. Batteries "B" and "D" on May 22 and 23 took up road-net defense on the approaches to and beyond Fondi as far as San Biagio.

With the fall of Terracina on May 24, displacement began beyond the hill mass which ends there, Battery "A" moving forward one mile beyond the town on the evening of the 24th, and Battery "D" proceeding to positions up to five miles northwest of the town the following morning. The advance elements having broken out into the Pontine Marshes and contact having been established with VI Corps in the Anzio beach-head, the main body of II Corps swung east along the mountains overlooking the marshes. On May 25, by command of the Commanding General, 71st AAA Brigade, the battalion was relieved of responsibility for protection of road nets and instructed to utilize all batteries in defense of divisional artillery elements. Battery "B" joined Battery "C" in defense of 88th Division Artillery the same evening, and Battery "D" took up defensive positions with 85th Division Artillery the following morning, May 26. Advance elements moved rapidly northeast on May 26 to positions facing Piperno. The Headquarters and Service Echelon advanced on May 27 to an area four miles northwest of Terracina, in the southern edge of the marshes.

At 1800 May 27, there was received letter, Headquarters 71st AAA Brigade, subject "Attachment of Troops", dated 27 May, ordering detachment of this battalion from 71st AAA Brigade and II Corps and attachment to 45th AAA Brigade and IV Corps, effective upon relief of II Corps by IV Corps. This relief was effected at midnight May 27-28. The 85th Infantry Division was remaining in II Corps and moving to an assembly area near Sabaudia. Battery "A" and the Second Platoon of Battery "D" on May 28 protected this division's convoys to the new area, and set up in perimeter defense there, pending further orders. On May 29, in the morning, elements of Batteries "B" and "D" displaced northward to positions around Sezze, with 88th Division Artillery, now in IV Corps.

On the same day, Headquarters and Service Echelon moved to a new area five and one-half miles southeast of Piperno. In the afternoon, units with 85th Division were relieved and returned to set up defenses for 88th Division Artillery elements and the division command post. Various platoons of all batteries dis-

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placed forward(toward the north and east along the mountain rim) during the next two days. On May 30 and 31, all batteries were relieved from tactical attachments and assembled with Headquarters and Service Echelon and the Forward C.P. five and one-half miles southwest of Piperno. At 1345 on May 31, a message from 45th AAA Brigade announced relief of this battalion, together with other units, from IV Corps, and reversion to Fifth Army control. At 1945, a radio cable arrived from Fifth Army ordering the Commanding Officer to report to Commanding General, 71st AAA Brigade, for instructions as to movement to rejoin this brigade. Upon arrival the unit would be detached from 45th AAA Brigade and attached to 71st AAA Brigade.

The month thus ended had been almost evenly divided between intensive training and intensive combat operations. Enemy air activity had been negligible, and no daylight attacks had occurred.

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			1 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0001	36th Inf. Div.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Entire Bn. in assembly area. Two gun sections from each line btry. are in tactical position in defense of 36th Inf. Div. bivouac & training area.
C-Btry	---	443d Bn.	3/4 mi W. Forino (605515)	GO #10, Hq., 443d Bn, dated 1 May, '44, awards Good Conduct Medals to 21 EM.
			2 MAY 1944	
B-Btry	1000	443d Bn.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	B & D Btries test fired 37mm & cal. .50 MGs at range located 5 mi from Forino (N-577525). Firing conducted by Bn. Exec. & Bn. Ord officers.
D-Btry	1300	443d Bn.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	
			3 MAY 1944	
A-Btry	0730	142 R.C.T.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Moved in protective infiltration of 142 R.C.T. convoy to new area ¼ mi E. Lake Patria (N-037590). 1st Pltn guns emplaced in defense of new 36 Div. area. Closed 1530 hrs.
Bn Hq	1100	36th Inf. Div.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Radiogram 5th Army: "443rd Bn attached to 107 AAA Gp. for training at 5th Army AAA Firing Point CMA Torre Gaveta (N-035450) from 7 to 13 May, both dates inclusive. (5th Army action to II Corps fr 71 Bde, pass to 107 Gp. & info. to 45 Bde, PBS). Upon completion training, unit reverts to attachment 71 Bde. 71st Bde & 107 Gp. coordinate movement of unit. Arrange traffic clearance with 5 Army & PBS. Transportation RPT Transportation Section. 011515 May 1944."

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			5 MAY 1944	
C-Btry	0700	443d Bn.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Moved in protective infiltration of 141 R.C.T. convoy to new Div. area Btry. C.P. 2 mi NE Lake Patria (N-064628). 2nd Pltn took up positions in defense of Div. bivouac & training area. Closed 1715 hrs.
			6 MAY 1944	
B-Btry	0700	443d Bn.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Moved in protective infiltration of 36 Div Arty Hq & 155 FA Bn convoy. Arr. new area 2 mi NE Lake Patria (N-066629) & closed 1130 hrs.
			7 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0930	36th Inf. Div.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Convoyed to 5th Army AAA Firing Point on isthmus W. of Lake Fusaro (N-042 464). Arr. 1430 hrs.
A-Btry	1230	36th Inf. Div.	¼ mi E.Lake Patria (N-037590)	Convoyed to 5th Army AAA Firing Point on isthmus W. of Lake Fusaro (N-040 460). Arr. 1330.
B-Btry	1300	443d Bn.	2 mi NE Lake Patria (N-066629)	Convoyed to 5th Army AAA Firing Point on isthmus W of Lake Fusaro (N-042 464). Arr. 1400.
C-Btry	1330	443d Bn.	2 mi NE Lake Patria (N-066629)	Convoyed to 5th Army AAA Firing Point on isthmus W. Lake Fusaro (N-042 465). Arr. 1430.
			8 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0600	36th Inf. Div.	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	443d Bn rel'd of defense of 36th Inf Div. Area by 534th Bn & assigned to 45 Bde, & 5th Army AAA Firing Point W of Lake Fusaro (N-042464).
D-Btry	0700	443d Bn.	3/4 mi W. Forino (N-605515)	Moved in protective infiltration of 142 RCT convoy to 36 Div Area vic. Lake Patria, & thence to 5th Army AAA Firing Point W of Lake Fusaro (N-042473). Arr. 1900.

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			9 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0800	5th Army AAA Firing Point	W.Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	Gen'l. RUTLEDGE, CG 45 Bde, inspected line Btries & Bn Hq. between 0800 hrs and 1200 hrs. Inspected particularly kitchens and quarters of EM and Officers.
			10 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0800	5th Army AAA Firing Point	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	Gen'l. RUTLEDGE, CG 45 Bde, inspected Bn during IDR period - also line batteries. Inspection conducted between 0800 & 1200 hrs.
			12 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	1430	5th Army AAA Firing Point	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	Gen'l. RUTLEDGE, CG 45 Bde, inspected btries during initial firing practice on 5th Army Firing Point. Also Bn. Retreat Parade. Target flown for 30 courses. 37MM guns only firing.
			13 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	----	5th Army AAA Firing Point	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	Gen'l. RUTLEDGE, CG 45 Bde inspected btries during firing practice. Total courses fired on by 37mm guns. 74.
			14 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	1300 1530	5th Army AAA Firing Point	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	Cal. .50 MGs, M13 & T28, fired on 36 courses of towed sleeves. No firing in the morning.
			15 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0900	5th Army AAA Firing Point	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	Movement order fr Bn movement forwarded, issued by S-3.
Bn Hq	1800	5th Army AAA	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042464)	Msg., 71 Bde "Have S-3 of Bn and COs of A & D Bties with recon parties report to Bde rear C.P. immediately. Have A & D Btries ready for immediate displacement upon return of recon parties. Obtain extra mine detec-

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			15 MAY 1944 (Cont'd)	
				tors if possible, contact 439 Bn for loan." Sgd S-3 1545B Powell -" Msg sent by runner.
Bn Hq	1830	5th Army AAA Firing Point	W. Lake Fusaro (N-042484)	
A-Btry	1830	443d Bn.	(N-042460)	Moved in convoy as 5 march units from 5th Army AAA Firing Point to assembly area 5 mi NE Mondragone (M-972812). Closed at 2100 hrs.
B-Btry	1850	443d Bn.	(N-042464)	
C-Btry	1910	443d Bn.	(N-042465)	
D-Btry	1930	443d Bn.	(N-042473)	
			16 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0830	71st AAA Bde.	5 mi NE Mondragone (M-972812)	
----	1630	- - - -	- - - - - - -	COs and Pltn Commanders of B & C batteries left on recon. Rct'd 1630. Msg 71 Bde "Have S-3 of Bn and COs of A & B Btries with recon parties report to Bde rear C.P. immediately. Have A & D Btries ready for immediate displacement upon return of recon parties. Obtain extra mine detectors if possible, contact 439 Bn for loan."
C-Btry	1725	443d Bn.	5 mi E Mondragone (M-972812)	Moved by infiltration to position in fwd areas protecting road nets $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi SE Spigno (M-774992. Arr. 2025.
B-Btry	1800	- - - -	5 mi E Mondragone (M-972812)	Moved by infiltration to tactical positions in fwd area, protecting road net & F.A. elements $1\frac{1}{4}$ mi NE San Croce (M-748971).
Bn Hq	2330	71st AAA Bde	5 mi E Mondragone (M-972812)	Msg, 71st Bde S-3 "D Btry to move immediately by convoy to relieve B Btry 532 Bn. Special emergency convoy action by traffic control. "A" Btry to move immediately after "D" Btry. "A" Btry to move by infiltration."
				Msg. 71 Bde "Have one staff officer at 71st Bde rear CP to contact our Fwd CP. Keep radio contact with 71st AAA Bde Fwd C.P." S-3.

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location	Remarks
			17 MAY 1944	
D-Btry	0035	443d Bn.	5 mi NE Mondragone (M-972812)	Moved by special convoy to tactical positions in fwd area, protecting road net and F.A. elements, 1 mi SSE Minturno. Arrived 0320.
Bn CP	1100	71st AAA Bde.	5 mi NE Mondragone (M-972812)	Msg., 71st Bde: "Starting at 1330 for 3 hrs, A-20s in groups of six, flying low (200 ft), will come in from sea between Scauria & Formia, to drop supplies to troop on our right" S-3. Batteries notified.
A-Btry	1701	443d Bn.	5 mi NE Mondragone (M-972812)	Moved by infiltration to tactical positions in fwd area protecting road net & F.A. elements. $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi NE Minturno (M-809965). Arr. 0400.
Bn CP	1845	71st AAA Bde.	5 mi NE Mondragone (M-972812)	Fwd C.P. moved to advance location 1 mi E. Spigno (M-776007). Arr 2030B.
			18 MAY 1944	
Bn CP	0945	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi E. Spigno (M-776007)	VO Bde S-3 "All cub safety islands established to date are eliminated. New islands are established as follows: RJ (M-776991) RJ (M-730958) Minturno bridge (M-808934).
	1900	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi E. Spigno (M-776007)	Radio from "B" Btry "935, 936, & 910 FA moving by us". Msg relayed to 71st Bde.
			19 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0800	443d Bn.	5 mi NE Mondragone (M-972812)	Moved in convoy to new area $\frac{1}{4}$ mi S. Piedmonte Rivoli (M-918868).
Bn CP	1345	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi E. Spigno (M-776007)	Radio to A & D Btry COs "Meet Bn CO & S-3 at 71st Bde at M-730958 for recon.
	1725	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi E. Spigno	Radio to B & C Btry COs: "Be ready to move tonight if necessary. Will notify you when recon is necessary."

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location	Remarks
			19 MAY 1944 (Cont'd)	
D-Btry	1800	443d Bn.	1 mi SE Minturna (M-797943)	Moved in convoy to tactical positions protecting road net and F.A. element $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi SE Itri (M-622967). Arr 200500
A-Btry	1830	443d Bn.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ mi NE Minturno (M-809965)	Moved in convoy to tactical positions protecting road nets and & F.A. elements $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi S. Itri (M-622967). Arr. 200530.
			20 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0800	443d Bn.	$\frac{1}{4}$ mi S. Piedmonte Rivoli (M-918868)	Rear echelon moved in convoy to new area 1 mi SSE Spigno (M-767990) Arr. 1130.
Bn CP	1000	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi SE Spigno (M-767990)	Bn CO, 105th & 443d Bn (SP) discussed with Exec & S-3, 71st AAA Bde in regards to this fast-moving operation that AAA (SP) Bn, btries & pltns should keep liaison with Div. and FA Bns, because of impossibility of Bde getting latest information from higher hqs. Decided that 443d Bn. be in support of 85th & 88th Inf. Divisions with two batteries on road defense. 105th Bn will protect Corps Artillery with one battery on road defense.
C-Btry	1200	443d Bn.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ mi SE Spigno (M-774992)	Moved by infiltration to tactical positions in fwd area protecting road net & F.A. elements - $3\frac{1}{2}$ mi SE Fondi (G-569016). Arrived 1500.
B-Btry	1330	443d Bn.	$1\frac{1}{4}$ mi NE Croce (M-748971)	Advanced to new positions protecting road net 3 mi SE Fondi (G-558025). Arrived 1745.
Bn CP	1530	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi SE Spigno (M-776007)	Moved to new fwd location 3 mi SE Fondi (G-558030. Arrived 2100.
			21 MAY 1944	
D-Btry	0530	443d Bn.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ mi. SE Itri (M-647943)	Advanced to new tactical position covering road net $1\frac{1}{2}$ mi NW Itri (M-586999). Arrived 0630.

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			21 MAY 1944 (Cont'd)	
B-2	0700	443d Bn.	3 mi SE Fondi (M-568025)	Moved from reserve to tactical positions protecting road net 1½ mi S. Fondi (G-541045). Arrived 0910.
Bn CP	1200	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi SE Spigno (M-767990)	VOCO to "A" & "C" Btries "Btries will coordinate in area defense of 85 & 88 Divs Arty and protect them continuously."
C-Btry	1345	443d Bn.	3½ mi SE Fondi (G-569016)	Moved to new positions protecting 88th Div Arty elements 1 mi NW Fondi (G-507077). Arrived 1705. C-1 at (G-497084).
Bn CP	1625	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi SE Spigno (M-767990)	Radio from 105th Bn ""C" Btry 105 will relieve "D" Btry, 443d Bn at approx. 1930 hrs."
A-Btry	1830	443d Bn.	1½ mi S. Itri (M-622967)	Moved in convoy to new area protecting FA Bns. 1½ mi W. Fondi (G-488 058). Arrived 2200.
			22 MAY 1944	
D-Btry	0730	443d Bn.	1¼ mi NW Itri (M-586999)	Moved by infiltration to reserve assembly area 3 mi SE Fondi (G-538 031). Arrived 0930.
D-CP	1230	443d Bn.	3 mi SE Fondi (G-558031)	Advanced to new location 2 mi W. Fondi (G-485057). Arrived 1340.
D-1	1230	443d Bn.	3 mi SE Fondi (G-558031)	Moved by infiltration from assy area into tactical defense positions along Hwy. #7. CP 1½ mi SW Fondi (G-500055) Arrived 1330.
D-2	1230	443d Bn.	3 mi SE Fondi (G-558031)	Moved from assy area by infiltration to tactical defense position along Hwy #7 - ready for action at 1330. No. 5 gun went into position at 1700 after having a broken track repaired. CP 1½ mi SW S. Biagio (G-440040).
B-2	1600	443d Bn.	1½ mi S. Fondi (G-541045)	Two gun sections relieved of tactical missions - to reserve assy area 3 mi SE Fondi (G-568025). Arr 1615.

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			23 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0800	443d Bn.	1 mi SSE Spigno (M-767990)	Moved to new location, by convoy, 3 mi SE Fondi (G-559027). Arr. 0930.
Bn CP	0845	71st AAA Bde.	3 mi SE Fondi (G-558050)	Advanced to new location 3/4 mi S S. Biagio (G-455055). Arr. 0930.
			24 MAY 1944	
B-CP B-1	0700	443d Bn.	3 mi SE Fondi (G-568025)	B-CP infiltrated to assy area 2 mi SW S. Biagio (G-423038). Arr. 0805. Also 2 gun sections of B-1 to this location from former res. assy area 3 mi SE Fondi (G-568025).
B-2	0700	443d Bn.	1½ mi S. Fondi (M-541045)	Moved by infiltration to assy area 2 mi SW S. Biagio (G-423038). Arr 0805
C-2	1145	88th Div. Arty.	1 mi NW Fondi (G-507077)	Advanced to new positions 2 mi NW S. Biagio (G-438079). Arr. 1215.
B-1	1330	443d Bn.	2 mi SW S.Biagio (M-423038)	6 guns moved to tactical positions protecting Hwy #7. CP remains at (G-423038). Arrived 1400.
B-CP	1330	443d Bn.	2 mi SW S.Biagio (M-423038)	Moved to tactical positions protecting Hwy #7. 2 mi ENE Terracina (M-398 999). Arrived 1400.
Bn CP	1715	71st AAA Bde.	3/4 mi S.S.Biagio (G-455055)	Msg. to Btry COs "Night firing instructions has been given by GOR. Guns fire at seen targets within range. No cal. .50 MGs to fire at night." S-3.
A-Btry	1930	85th Div. Arty.	1½ mi W. Fondi (G-488058)	Moved in convoy to new tactical positions protecting FA Bns 1 mi NW Terracina (G-362001). Arr. 250001.
Bn CP	2330	71st AAA Bde.	3/4 mi S.S.Biagio (G-455055)	Msg to all btries: "Any barrage ordered tonight does not apply to this unit." S-3.
			25 MAY 1944	
D-CP	0800	443d Bn.	2 mi W. Fondi (G-485057)	Advanced to new location 4 mi NW Terracina (G-313025). Arrived 0900.
D-1	0800	443d Bn.	1 mi W. Fondi (G-500055)	Advanced to new tactical positions in defense of Hwy #7 - CP at 4 mi NW Terracina (G-313025). Arr. 0900.

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			25 MAY 1944 (Cont'd)	
D-2	0800	443d Bn.	1½ mi SW S.Biagio (G-440040)	Advanced to new tactical positions in defense of Hwy #7. CP 5 mi. NW Terracina (G-310032). Arr 0915.
Bn CP	1245	71st AAA Bde.	3/4 mi S S.Biagio	Msg from 71st Bde:"All batteries of your bn released for protection of Div. Arty. Report new locations of elements to Bde as soon as practicable. Coordinate with CO 105 Bn. Report time of closing all present positions immediately. Lt Col., CAC, Exec." CO of "B" & "D" batteries notified of this by S-3. Msg from 71st Bde: "Under no conditions may more than 6 vehicles be on road in convoy at one time during current operation." S-3." Msg relayed to batteries by S-3.
Bn CP	1330	71st AAA Bde.	3/4 mi S S.Biagio	Msg to CO, "C" Btry. "B" Btry is reld from present asg't to join you in defense of 88th Div. Arty. Coordinate movements as soon as possible and keep accurate record of operations until our disrupted communications are restored" S-3.
Bn CP	1500	71st AAA Bde.	3/4 mi S S.Biagio (G-455055)	Advanced to new location 1 mi NW Terracina (M-357995). Arr. 1720.
B-1	1837	339 FA Bn 88th Div	2 mi SW S. Biagio (G-423038)	Protecting FA convoy moved fwd to new positions 2 mi NW S. Biagio (G-435 082). Arrived 1950.
Bn CP	----	71st AAA Bde.	3/4 mi S S.Biagio (G-455055)	SO #34, Hq. 443d Bn 25 May, 1944, par. 1, Capt. WALTER W. HOWIE, 0377657, rel'd of duty with Btry "D" and asgd to Hq. Btry. Par. 2, Capt. EL ROY P. MASTER, O-024743 rel'd of duty with Hq. Btry and asg'd to "D" Btry.

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location 26 MAY 1944	Remarks
A CP A-2	0558	85th Div. Arty.	1 mi NW Terracina (G-362001)	Protecting FA Bns moved fwd to new tactical defense positions 4½ mi S. Piperno (G-332119). Arr. 1130.
A-1	0558	85th Div. Arty.	1 mi NW Terracina (G-362001)	Protecting FA Bns moved to new tactical positions at 3 mi NW Terracina (G-326103). Arrived 1115.
D D-1	0600	443d Bn.	4 mi NW Terracina (G-313025)	Asg'd defense of 85th Div. Arty. moved to positions 5 mi S. Piperno (G-331113). Arrived 0920.
D-2	0600	443d Bn.	5 mi NW Terracina (G-310032)	Asg'd defense of 85th Div. Arty. moved into positions 4½ mi S.Piperno (G-328120). Arrived 0920.
C-CP	0800	443d Bn.	1 mi NW Fondi (G-507077)	Moved to new location 1½ mi S SE Piperno (G-328170). Arrived 1517.
C-1	0800	337 FA Bn 88th Div	1½ mi N. Fondi (G-497084)	Advanced to new positions 2 mi S. Piperno. (G-326158). Arr. 1517.
C-2	0800	338 FA Bn 88th Div	2 mi NW S.Biagio (G-438079)	Protecting FA convoyed to new positions 1½ mi S SE Piperno (G-328170). Arr. 1517.
B-CP	0945	443d Bn.	2 mi E NE Terracina (G-398999)	Advanced to new location 3½ mi S. Piperno (G-333115). Arr. 1200.
B-2	0945	913 FA Bn 88th Div.	2 mi E NE Terracina (G-333115)	Protecting convoy advanced to new tactical positions 3½ mi S. Piperno (G-333115). Arrived 1200.
A-CP A-2	1300	329 FA Bn 85th Div.	2 mi NE Terracina (G-332119)	Guns protecting convoy advanced to new positions in defense of field artillery CPs 3 mi S SW Piperno (G-290145) thence to (G-291143). Arrived 1530.
A-1	1300	328 FA Bn 85th Div.	3 mi NW Terracina (G-326103)	Protecting FA convoy to new positions 3 mi SW Piperno (G-294149). Arr. 1530.
B-1	1330	339 FA Bn 88th Div.	2 mi NW S.Biagio (G-435082)	Protecting FA convoy advanced to new tactical positions 2 mi SE Piperno (G-335160).
B-2	1330	913 FA Bn 88th Div.	3½ mi S.Piperno (G-333115)	Protecting FA convoy moved to new tactical position 1½ mi S. Piperno (G-318167). Arrived 1440.

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			26 MAY 1944 (Cont'd)	
B-CP	1330	443d Bn.	3½ mi S. Piperno (G-333115)	Advanced to location 4 mi S. Piperno (G-329115). Arrived 1440.
Bn CP	1500	71st AAA Bde.	1 mi NW Terracina (M-357995)	Advanced to new location 2 mi SSE Piperno (G-332153). Arrived 1700.
D CP	1800	443d Bn	5 mi S. Piperno (G-331113)	Moved together with FA Bn to new location where guns of D-1 took up defense positions. CP 3 mi S. Piperno (G-299143). Arrived 1945.
D-1	1800	403 FA Bn 85th Div.		
Bn CP	2045	71st AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-332153)	Msg. from S-3, 71st Bde: "Unless it is already covered by some of your elements, provide immediately AA protection for 85 Div. CP (G-325155). Use only elements in reserve to cover road net vic (G-318137) and north thereof."
			27 MAY 1944	
Bn Hq	0800	443d Bn.	3 mi SE Fondi (M-559027)	Convoyed to new area 4 mi NW Terracina (G-314027). Arrived 1200.
C-1	0800	443d Bn.	2 mi S. Piperno (G-326158)	2nd & 3rd gun sections moved to tactical positions covering road net So. of Piperno. Arrived 0820.
D-2	0900	403 FA Bn. 85th Div.	4½ mi S. Piperno (G-328120)	Protecting convoy moved to new tactical positions 3 mi S. Piperno (G-288158). Arrived 1000.
B-CP	1630	443d Bn.	4 mi S. Piperno (G-329115)	Moved to new area 5 mi W. Piperno (G-232207). Arrived 1745.
B-2	1630	913 FA Bn.	2½ mi S. Piperno (G-318167)	Protecting convoy moved to new positions 5 mi W. Piperno (G-232207). Arrived 1745.
Bn CP	1800	71st AAA Bde.	2 mi SE Piperno (G-332153)	Ltr. Hq. 71st AA Bde., dated 27 May '44, subject: "Attachment of Troops rel'd 443d AAA Bn from attachment to 71st AAA Bde, & attached to 45th AAA Bde. effective on relief of II Corps by IV Corps." Word received that IV Corps relieves II Corps 280000 May 1944.

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location 28 MAY 1944	Remarks
Bn CP	0925	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-332153)	Msg #3 to S-3, 71st Bde.: "85th Div. moving to assy area S of Hwy #7. Is II Corps giving AA protection there? Signed: Fisher S-3.
	1235	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-332153)	Msg from 71 Bde S-3: "Ref. your #3, 85 Div., II Corps AA is not covering that. Suggest you dispose your AA now with 85th Div. Arty to cover Div. & report to 45 Bde." Signed: S-3 Galloway.
	1245	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-332153)	Msg from 71 Bde: "Ref. ltr. this Hq, attachment of troops 27 May, relief of II Corps by IV Corps was accomplished at 2400 hrs 27 May. Attachments listed become effective at that time - Denson, Exec."
C-2	1415	338 FA Bn 88th Div.	1½ mi SSE Piperno (G-328176)	Protecting FA convoy advanced to new positions 3 mi NW Piperno (G-276208) Arrived 1500.
A CP	1945	443d Bn.	5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291143)	Moved to new location ½ mi NE Sabaudia. "A" Btry asgd protection of 85th Div. assy area there together with one pltn of "D" Btry at (G-194011). Arrived 2100.
A-1	1945	443d Bn.	3 mi SW Piperno (G-294149)	Convoyed with A CP and A-2 to positions in protection 85th Inf. Div. Assy area. CP ½ mi N. Sabaudia (G-179010). Arrived 2100.
A-2	1945	443d Bn.	3 mi SSW Piperno (G-291143)	Convoyed with "A" CP & A-1 to tactical positions protecting 85th Inf. Div. Assy area. CP set up 2 mi N. Sabaudia (G-189039). Arrived 2100.
D-2	2000	443d Bn.	3 mi SW Piperno (G-288158)	Convoyed to positions in protection of 85th Inf. Div. Assy area. Coordinated with "A" Btry on this mission. CP located 3 mi NE Sabaudia (G-228 022). Arrived 2130.

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location 29 MAY 1944	Remarks
C-2	0800	338 FA Bn. 88th Div.	3 mi NW Piperno (G-276208)	Section #4 moved to new position at (G-281113). Arrived 0930.
B-1	0945	443d Bn.	5 mi W. Peperno (G-232207)	Protecting FA Convoy advanced to new positions ½ mi W Sezze (G-201218). Arrived 1100.
Bn Hq	0945	443d Bn.	4 mi NW Terracina	Rear echelon convoyed to new location 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Arr. 1030.
C-1	1000	337 FA Bn 88th Div.	2 mi S. Piperno (G-326158)	Moved one section from (G-316134) to (G-318145). Arrived 1015.
B CP	1000	443d Bn.	5 mi W. Piperno (G-232207)	Moved to new location 1½ mi W. Sezze (G-187224). Arrived 1100.
B-2	1000	913 FA Bn	5 mi W. Piperno (G-232207)	Protecting FA convoy advanced to new position ½ mi NW Sermoneta (G-144289) Arrived 1100.
Bn CP	1330	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-333153)	VOCG 45 Bde "A" Btry rel'd from mission protecting 85 Div Assy area vic Sabaudia and asgd to protect 173 FA and 935 FA Bns and one Btry of 697 FA Bn. D-2 rel'd from mission protecting 85 Div. CP and 631 & 936 FA Bns. These are in relief of "A" & "D" Btries of 105 Bn.
	1330	45th AAA Bde	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-333153)	Msg to "A" Btry - "your Btry and D-2 rel'd from present mission at once. Assemble guns ready for convoy to move 6 vehicles per ½ hr. Meet Bn CO at Bn Rear immediately for recon" Sgd: S-3 Fisher.
	1340	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-331153)	Msg to BC "D" Btry - "Your pltn with "A" Btry rel'd immediately. Prepare to move Btry. Meet Bn CO at Bn. Rear at once. Sgd S-3 Fisher.
	1415	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-331153)	Msg to BC "C" Btry: "Entire 1st pltn rel'd from protection of Arty when it moves back". Sgd S-3 Fisher.
D-1	1800	443d Bn.	3 mi S. Piperno (G-299143)	D-1 asgd protection 631 FA Bn moved by infiltration to tactical positions 1 mi SE Sezze (G-220207). Arrived 2100.

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			29 MAY 1944 (Cont'd)	
D-CP	1800	443d Bn.	3 mi S. Piperno (G-299143)	Moved to new location with D-1 1 mi SE Sezze (G-220207). Arrived 2100.
D-2	1800	443d Bn.	3 mi NE Sabandia (G-228022)	Asgd protection of 936 FA Bn. Moved to tactical positions ½ mi S. Sezze (G-202213). Arrived 2100.
A CP	2000	443d Bn.	½ mi NE Sabaudia (G-194011)	Btry rel'd of mission protecting 85th Div. Assy area asgd to protect IV Corps Arty - moved to new location 2 mi W. Piperno (G-284196). Arr. 2100.
A-1	2000	443d Bn.	½ mi N. Sabaudia (G-179010)	Asgd to protect 173 FA Bn. Convoyed in march unit to defense positions 1 mi NW Piperno (G-303206). Arr. 2100.
A-2	2000	443d Bn.	2 mi N. Sabaudia (G-182039)	Asgd protection of 935 FA Bn . Convoyed by march units to tactical defense positions 3 mi W. Piperno (G-267203). Arrived 2100.
A CP	2000	443d Bn.	2 mi W. Piperno (G-284196)	Gun sections #5 of A-1 & A-2 temporarily atchd to B.C. to protect 697 FA Btry at (G-285200). Arrived 2100.
Bn CP	----	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-333153)	Written confirmation #59, 45 Bde rec'd providing attachment to 45 Bde from 71 Bde effective 280001 May 1944. Written confirmation #62, 45 Bde rec'd confirming attachment to 45 AAA Bde direct.
			30 MAY 1944	
Bn CP	0830	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-333153)	Msg to C.O. 443d AAA (AW) Bn "If you have been having your full gun crews manning guns during daylight hours, you may use only normal stand-by crews, effective immediately, except during alerts." Sgd Rutledge, CG 45th Bde.
C-1	1000	337 FA Bn 88th Div.	2 mi S. Piperno (G-326158)	Protecting convoy moved to new position 2½ mi W. Piperno (G-276208). Arrived 2100.
C-1	1350	337 FA Bn 88th Div.	2 mi S. Piperno (G-276208)	Rel'd of mission protecting 337 FA Bn. Infiltrated to assy area at Bn rear 5½ mi SSE Piperno. (G-291142. Arrived 1530.

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Unit	Time	Attached Protecting	Location 31 MAY 1944	Remarks
A CP	0700	443d Bn.	2 mi W. Piperno (G-284196)	Relieved of mission protecting II Corps artillery elements. Battery Assembled in Bn assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Closed there at 1100 hrs
A-1	0700	443d Bn.	1 mi NW Piperno (G-303206)	
A-2	0730	443d Bn.	3 mi W. Piperno (G-267203)	
C CP	0800	443d Bn.	1½ mi SSE Piperno (G-238170)	Moved into Bn Assy area 5½ mi SSE Piperno (G-291142). Arrived 0900.
C-2	0800	338 FA Bn. 88th Div.	3 mi NW Piperno (G-276208)	Relieved of mission protecting 338 FA Bn. Infiltrated to Bn Assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Arr. 0900.
D CP	0915	443d Bn.	1 mi SE Sezze (G-221206)	Moved into Bn assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Arrived 1030.
D-2	1030	936 FA Bn II Corps	½ mi S. Sezze (G-202213)	Relieved of mission protecting 936 FA Bn. Infiltrated into Bn Assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Arr. 1130.
B-2	1100	913 FA Bn 88th Div.	½ mi NW Sermoneta (G-144289)	Relieved of mission protecting 913 FA Bn. Infiltrated into Bn Assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142).
B CP	1215	443d Bn.	1½ mi W. Sezze (G-187224)	Relieved of mission moved into Bn Assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Arrived 1330.
B-1	1215	339 FA Bn. 88th Div.	½ mi W. Sezze (G-201218)	Relieved of mission protecting 339 FA Bn. Infiltrated to Bn Assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Arr 1330.
D-1	1345	631 FA Bn.	1 mi SE Sezze (G-220209)	Relieved of mission protecting 631 FA Bn. Infiltrated to Bn Assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142). Arr. 1500.
Bn CP	1345	45th AAA Bde.	2 mi SSE Piperno (G-333153)	Moved into Bn Assy area 5½ mi SE Piperno(G-291142). Arrived 1415.
	----	45th AAA Bde.	5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142)	Hq. 45 Bde #64 this date "PAC 5th Army cable, Ref. #3248, 45 AAA Bde (with 209 AAA Gp, 443, 898 & 900 AAA (AW) Bns & 2nd Pltn CO "A", 84 Engr Com Bn atchd) is detached from IV Corps & reverts to Army control, effective 310001 May 1944 ---- Rutledge, CG 45 AAA Bde.

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			31 MAY 1944 (Cont'd)	
Bn Hq	1945	45th AAA Bde.	5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142)	Radio cable from 5th Army to IV Corps. 45th AAA Bde., 443 AAA Bn: "Move 443 AAA (AW) Bn from present location to II Corps area after remaining elements of 88 Inf Div (are relieved). Action to 45 AAA Bde, Information to II Corps CMA 71 AAA Bde CMA 443 AAA (AW) Bn CMA IV Corps & 5th Army Advance CP. Contact IV Corps to coordinate time of departure. Bn CO report to 71 AAA Bde immediately for instructions. Upon arrival unit detached 45 AAA Bde and attached 71 AAA Bde."
	2000	45th AAA Bde.	5½ mi SE Piperno (G-291142)	Bn CO contacted 71 Bde for instructions.

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